

TASHKENT STATE UNIVERSITY OF LAW EXPANDS INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS WITH KEY PARTNERS

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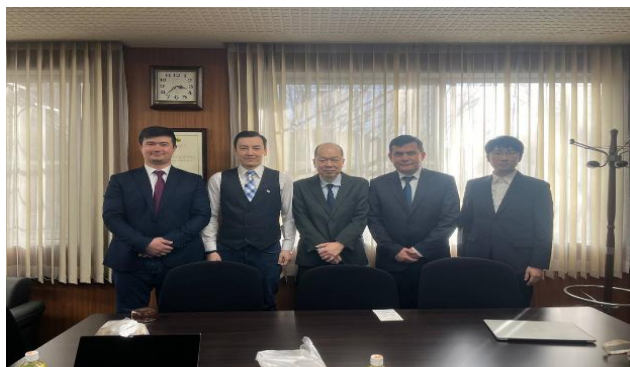
Abstract

Tashkent State University of Law (TSUL) continues to strengthen its global presence by forging new academic partnerships with leading institutions in Japan and South Korea. These collaborations, marked by agreements with Yokohama National University and the establishment of the Korea Law and Research Center, aim to enhance academic mobility, foster international research, and provide students and faculty with broader educational and professional opportunities. This article highlights TSUL's latest initiatives in advancing legal education on an international scale.

Introduction

Strengthening Ties with Yokohama National University

In a significant step toward international cooperation, a TSUL delegation recently visited Yokohama National University (YNU) in Japan. The delegation, comprising Rustam Khursanov, Head of the Business Law Department; Doniyor Abduazizov, Lecturer in Business Law Department; Sayidkomil Ibodullayev, Lecturer in International Private Law department and additional faculty members, engaged in discussions with key representatives from YNU, including Professor Taku Watanabe, Professor Kenji Tanaka, and Dr. Kazuki Mori from the Faculty of Law.



The primary focus of the discussions was on establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate academic exchanges and joint research initiatives between the two institutions. During the visit, both universities identified four key areas of collaboration:

Academic Mobility Program

The universities will implement an exchange program ensuring an equal number of students participate from each institution.

Tuition fees will be paid at students' home universities, reducing financial barriers to international study.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in exchange programs, fostering cross-cultural academic experiences.

Access to Graduate Studies at YNU

TSUL students will have the opportunity to apply for master's and PhD programs at Yokohama National University (YNU).

A Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 level is a prerequisite for entry into YNU's master's programs, as they are conducted in Japanese.

PhD programs may allow online entrance examinations for Uzbek students to facilitate accessibility.

Negotiations are ongoing for potential tuition waivers or financial assistance for TSUL students applying to YNU's programs.

Faculty Internships and Visiting Professorships

Opportunities will be provided for TSUL faculty members to undertake research internships at YNU.

YNU will host one or more visiting researchers per semester, although financial support will not be provided.

Professors and researchers from TSUL will have the chance to engage in academic activities at YNU, enhancing their teaching and research expertise.

Collaborative Research and Academic Publications

Both universities agreed to foster research collaboration in law and related disciplines.

Faculty members will have opportunities to co-author publications and contribute to joint research projects, furthering the academic reach of both institutions.

As a culmination of the visit, TSUL and YNU plan to finalize and sign the MoUs within the next two months, solidifying a mutually beneficial relationship that fosters academic mobility, faculty development, and international research cooperation.





The Inauguration of Korea Law and Research Center at TSUL

Adding to its growing list of international academic initiatives, TSUL celebrated a major achievement with the launch of the Korea Law and Research Center. The inauguration event was attended by distinguished scholars and representatives from prestigious South Korean universities and institutions. The center is poised to play a crucial role in fostering comparative legal studies, advancing international academic exchange, and strengthening legal collaborations between Uzbekistan and Korea.

Tashkent State University of Law (TSUL) marked a significant milestone in its international academic collaboration with the inauguration of the Korea Law and Research Center. The opening ceremony was attended by esteemed dignitaries, including the leadership of TSUL, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Uzbekistan, His Excellency Do Yeon Won, as well as distinguished scholars and representatives from leading Korean universities and institutions.



Among the honored guests were Dr. Oh Seung Kwon, Honorary Professor of the Faculty of Law at Seoul National University, Dr. Byung Chun So, Dean of the Faculty of Law at Ajou University, and Dr. Young Hoa Son, Dean of the Faculty of Law at Inha University. Also in attendance were representatives from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), foreign dignitaries, faculty members, and students of TSUL.



Strengthening Bilateral Academic Collaboration

As part of the inauguration, a high-level meeting was convened with the Korean delegation to explore opportunities for expanding academic and research partnerships between TSUL and leading higher education institutions in Korea. These discussions culminated in the signing of memorandums of understanding (MoUs) between TSUL and the law faculties of Ajou University and Inha University, as well as an agreement between the Korea Law and Research Center and Inha University's AI-DATA Legal Center.

Under these agreements, TSUL and its Korean counterparts will engage in student exchange programs, collaborative educational initiatives, and joint research projects. The partnership will also facilitate the organization of international scientific conferences, masterclasses, and seminars, as well as the co-publication of scholarly articles, textbooks, and academic manuals.

Commemorative Presentation and Academic Recognition

A highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the Uzbek translation of Economic Law, a seminal textbook authored by Dr. Oh Seung Kwon. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to legal academia and his role in fostering international legal scholarship, Dr. Oh Seung Kwon was conferred the title of Honorary Professor at TSUL.



Roundtable on Legal Sciences Cooperation

The latter part of the ceremony featured a roundtable discussion dedicated to the enhancement of legal academic cooperation between Uzbekistan and Korea. The session included keynote addresses by prominent academics and legal experts, including TSUL's Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Continuous Education, Dr. Akhtam Yakubov, Head of the Cyber Law Department, Dr. Said Gulyamov, Dean of Ajou University School of Law, Dr. Byung Chun So, and Director of Inha University's AI-DATA Legal Center, Dr. Won Oh Kim.

The roundtable facilitated in-depth discussions on key legal issues and collaborative research prospects, reinforcing the commitment of both Uzbek and Korean institutions to fostering an enriched academic and professional exchange in the field of law. The establishment of the Korea Law and Research Center at TSUL marks a pivotal step toward the internationalization of legal education in Uzbekistan and the strengthening of bilateral academic ties with Korea. Through this center, scholars, students, and legal practitioners from both nations will have an



invaluable platform for advancing legal scholarship and fostering a deeper understanding of comparative legal systems.

Conclusion: A New Era of International Legal Cooperation

Through its partnerships with Yokohama National University and leading Korean law institutions, TSUL has reinforced its commitment to enhancing legal education, fostering global research, and facilitating student and faculty mobility. The agreements signed and programs launched under these collaborations will provide unparalleled opportunities for TSUL students and faculty members, allowing them to engage in world-class legal research, academic exchange, and professional development.

The official signing of the TSUL-YNU agreements is set to take place within the next two months, further formalizing this milestone in legal education and research collaboration. Similarly, the Korea Law and Research Center is expected to act as a pivotal hub for academic exchange between legal scholars in Uzbekistan and Korea, paving the way for a deeper, more comprehensive understanding of legal systems and practices across these two nations.

These partnerships mark a significant step in TSUL's journey toward becoming a globally recognized institution, providing its students and faculty with expanded opportunities for professional growth, knowledge sharing, and international networking.

The inauguration of the Korea Law and Research Center at TSUL signifies a new chapter in legal academic collaboration between Uzbekistan and Korea. By facilitating knowledge exchange, joint research, and international partnerships, the center is set to become a hub for legal innovation and academic excellence, contributing to the broader development of legal education and practice in both countries.

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