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## **KYOTO UNIVERSITY POLICY ON INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT-ACADEMIA COLLABORATION**

Reflecting its mission statement to “generate world-class knowledge through freedom and autonomy in research that conforms with high ethical standards” and to “deepen collaboration with local communities, strengthen international exchange, disseminate knowledge informed by the ideals of freedom and peaceful coexistence, and contribute to the well-being of the world as a university committed to broad social engagement,” Kyoto University believes that two key duties of a university are to generate knowledge and to pass on to society the benefits of its intellectual assets. To these may now be added a third duty demanded of national universities, that of contributing to society by “disseminating the results of research and promoting their use.” Kyoto University is committed to preserving and developing its mission statement while pursuing collaboration with other universities and the public and private sectors as one element of its strategy to contribute to society so as to promote the spread and use of the research that it generates in the form of intellectual property. To further it in its mission of contributing to Japan and the global community while assisting the further development of research and learning at the university and the development of world-class, internationally minded individuals by partnering with other institutions and sectors, Kyoto University hereby adopts the following Policy on Industry-Government-Academia Collaboration.

- Placing a premium on the basic research from which knowledge ultimately derives, the University will promote cutting-edge, original research based on these foundations, enhance its capabilities as a center for world-class research, promote the generation of world-class knowledge, and actively promote the generation of innovation and contributions to society through industry-government-academia collaboration.
- The University will follow high standards of internal and external transparency and accountability led by a university-wide organization for promoting industry-government-academia collaboration and facilitating use of intellectual property generated as a result.
- Practicing swift and flexible integrated management, the University will actively promote joint industry-government-academia research, technology transfers, and related activities to enable society to enjoy the benefits of the University’s intellectual property. Through these activities, the University will set in motion a cycle of real knowledge creation with the aim of strengthening the foundations of education and research at the University.
- The University will place a premium on quality and take into proper consideration future potential and the characteristics of the disciplines concerned when deciding whether to succeed to inventions and other intellectual property generated by research. The

University will acquire rights in intellectual property flexibly, effectively, and efficiently in partnership with corporations, TLOs, outside support agencies, and other organizations, and taking into consideration their spin-off benefits.

- The University will effectively promote the use of inventions and other intellectual property to which it has succeeded, technology licensing activities, the incubation of technological “seeds,” and the development of highly creative, entrepreneurial individuals in order to contribute to the development of both society and the University by assembling expertise and human resources within and beyond the University in collaboration with local communities, industry, central and local governments, and other partners.
- By pursuing international industry-government-academia collaboration activities, the University will strengthen its own education and research, foster the development of individuals with a global outlook, and contribute to enhancing Japan’s international competitiveness.
- The University will develop and operationalize effective arrangements for promoting industry-government-academia collaboration and acquiring and exploiting intellectual property in joined-up collaboration with related organizations in Japan and around the world while paying proper attention to cost effectiveness, legal compliance, and dispute avoidance.
- Detailed matters necessary for the promotion of industry-government-academia collaboration and the acquisition and use of intellectual property will be determined by separate regulations and other arrangements taking into consideration the contemporary demands of society and other relevant factors.