

Becoming a Member

Membership applications can be made on our website.

The Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center aims to help develop and promote Hokkaido along with its culture, and industry through international exchanges and international cooperation. It is operated with funds raised through membership fees.

We welcome membership applications from those who understand and endorse its objectives and activities.

- Annual corporate and organizational membership fees: ¥10,000 per share
 - Annual individual membership fees: ¥5,000 per share
 - Annual membership fees for students, homemakers and senior citizens: ¥2,000 per share
- *For more information, please contact the Center.

Membership Benefits

- We offer a membership pin bearing the Center's logo.
- Free subscription to the Hoppoken quarterly magazine, and free access to back number issues.
- Free subscription to annual reports.

Membership applications are accepted on the website, FAX and Email. Download the application on the "Membership Information" page on our website (<http://www.hiecc.or.jp>).



International Exchange Salon



Exchange programs held in the salon.



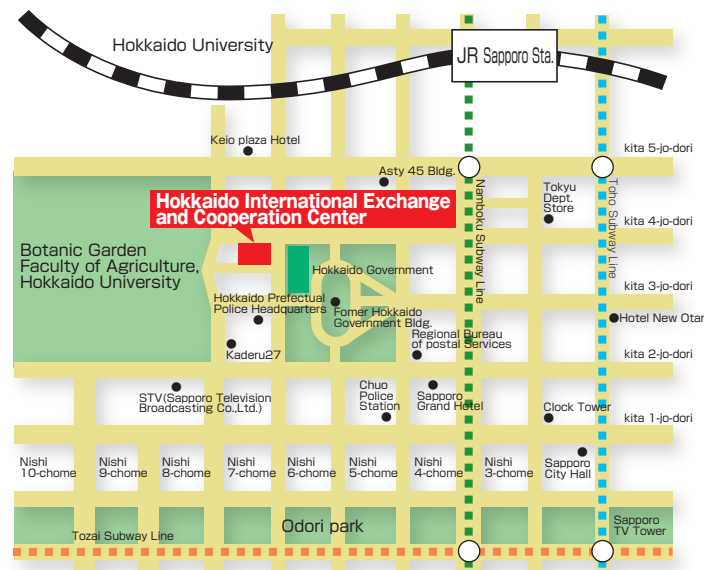
Display of periodicals issued by international exchange organizations



Special Conference Room

Objectives

The Northern Regions Center, currently HIECC (Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center), was established to actively promote the economy, culture and academic exchange between Hokkaido and other northern areas and to facilitate appropriate exchanges with other regions. By so doing, it aimed to contribute to the country's economic, cultural and academic development, as well as the development and prosperity of northern regions in general. Following its transition into HIECC, the organization has been committed to taking a more active role as the base for comprehensive, international exchange in Hokkaido, which aims to further develop Hokkaido, by creating affluent and vibrant local communities, through global exchange and cooperation.



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Comprehensive base for international activity

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Abridged Chronology

The Northern Regions Center changed its status to a public interest incorporated association in August of 2011. Accordingly, the Center also changed its name to Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center = HIECC.

Abridged Chronology of the Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center (Abbreviated version)

April, 1971	The Northern Regions Study Council is established.
January, 1972	Permission for the Council's status as an incorporated association is granted by the Prime Minister of Japan.
April, 1978	The Council is reorganized into the Northern Regions Center.
April, 1996	The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) entrusts the Center with the operation and management of its international centers. (Through March, 2012)
March, 1998	The Ministry of Home Affairs (now the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications) grants the Center the status of a Recognized Local International Exchange Association.
April, 1998	The Center integrates the Hokkaido International Exchange Center for Youths and Women.
July, 2004	The Center integrates the Northern Regions Exchange Fund.
July, 2006	The Center integrates the Hokkaido Overseas Association.
April, 2010	The Center succeeds to the business of the North Pacific Region Advanced Research Center.
August, 2011	The Center changes its status to a public interest incorporated association, and its name to the Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center.



HIECC promotes regional internationalization in collaboration with local governments, international exchange organizations and other Institutions by encouraging interaction between locals and students from other countries and other foreign nationals in Hokkaido.

Developing People with a Global Perspective



HIECC seeks to develop people with an global perspective to build bridges to the world, by dispatching young locals who play significant roles in various parts of Hokkaido to other countries for exchange activities and training.



Contributing to Human Resource Development and Community Building

HIECC supports foreign students financially and offers various activities for foreigners to understand Japanese culture. And we also accept Japanese descent in Latin American countries as technical trainees acting as liaison between those trainees and respective areas of their study interest.



As a Hub for Information Collection/Distribution

Our website provides timely information on various international events around Hokkaido. We also issue periodical magazine called HOPPOKEN (Northern Region) to disseminate international information and to raise awareness of international issues which surrounds Hokkaido.

<http://www.hiecc.or.jp>



Human Resource Development and Community Building Prompted by International Exchanges



HIECC hosts lecturers and various other awareness-raising events to promote regional internationalization to promote regional internationalization and develop a cosmopolitan sensibility in local residents.

Thinking Globally



Internationalization for the Future of Hokkaido

HIECC helps revitalize Hokkaido's economy, by utilizing its strengths, such as excellent cold-climate technology, and implementing investigative studies that will encourage economic exchanges with regions in Northeast Asia.



Creating a Livable Environment for Both Locals and Foreign Nationals

Recognizing that foreign nationals residing in Hokkaido are also important local community members, HIECC to promote multicultural symbiosis to create livable communities for both locals and foreign nationals.

