Outcome

The AC21 constantly strives for the betterment of its activities by recruiting new members and addressing global challenges, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to demonstrate a firm unified alliance. The AC21 General Secretariat publishes biannual newsletters and monthly reports to share its activities to the member universities, as well as to the public.

*The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice (cited from United Nations HP <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>)

Nagoya University international offices

Double degree programs

Tongji Univ. and North Carolina State Univ.
Agriculture 2014

Univ. of Minnesota and Tongji Univ.
Medical Industry MBA 2018

Joint degree programs

Univ. of Adelaide and Nagoya Univ.
Comprehensive Medical Science 2015

Nagoya Univ. and Univ. of Freiburg
Comprehensive Medical Science 2018

Univ. of Freiburg and Univ. of Adelaide
Molec. and Biology 2015

Kaatsaart Univ. and Nagoya Univ.
Agricultural Sciences 2018

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Established in 2002

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