

◆ **Institution:** **Osaka University**

◆ **Country:** **Japan**

◆ **Name of representative:** Prof. Nobuhide SAWAMURA

◆ **Introduction of the institution:**

Osaka University has its roots in the 18th century. In 2007, it merged with the Osaka University of Foreign Languages. Under the motto "Live Locally, Grow Globally," Osaka University provides Japanese society with a great number of talented people and has produced outstanding research, becoming a globally-acknowledged university. Currently, Osaka University consists of 11 schools, 16 graduate schools, 5 research institutes, 2 hospitals, 4 libraries, including other institutions. Osaka University's goal is to become a world-class research institution.

◆ **A-A Dialogue related research or activities in your institution:**

Research:

1) Osaka University is conducting research about the comparative study on education for vulnerable children in Africa and Asia. Field visits for the study include South Africa, Malawi, Kenya, Bangladesh and Laos. Some of the findings were presented at the round table presentation in the 51st Japan Comparative Education Society at Utsunomiya university on June 12, 2015, as well as at the multiple presenters symposium in the 59th International Council on Education for Teaching at Naruto University of Education on June 19-22, 2015.

2) Researchers from Osaka University conducted research in Kibera, Nairobi, in order to explore the way in which unregistered primary schools operated.

3) Researchers from Kenyatta University and Osaka University conducted joint-research in Meru, Kenya, in order to understand the various ways in which secondary schools are coping with the increasing enrolments as a result of the free day secondary education programme policy. In particular, the study examined how secondary schools managed without having to compromise on the quality of instruction.

