



Yezin Agricultural University

International Relations Office

Background

Department of International Relation (DIR) was formally established in YAU starting from 2017 to strengthen cooperation and connectivity with international universities and institutions in order to develop and implement the university internalization strategy. YAU organizational set up and IRO set up are attached in this plan.

Vision

Since Yezin Agricultural University concentrates in the investment of human resource development, main vision of IR office is to foster education and research capabilities by increasing collaboration with other international institutions and universities.

Mission

The main responsibilities of IRO office are:

- (1) Developing Internalization Strategy
- (2) Implementing and supporting the university' internalization strategy
- (3) Giving support to faculty members in teaching and research collaboration with international organizations and encouraging students' participation in study abroad by creating linkages between YAU and partner organizations
- (4) Promoting students and staff mobility programs including reciprocal student exchange programs
- (5) Providing and exchanging the information between YAU and its partners
- (6) Managing and promoting the recent cooperation programs

Activities

- (1) Channeling the international communication
- (2) Strengthening cooperation and connectivity with international collaboration
- (3) Preparation and coordinating the documents related to sign MoU with the partners
- (4) Seeking and distribution the information of scholarship and fellowship programs
- (5) Consulting for the students who want to study abroad for further studies
- (6) Organizing international events such as workshops, conferences, meetings, etc
- (7) Supporting to strengthen research capacity of faculties and students through international cooperation
- (8) Promoting and facilitating the international agreements between faculties and departments of YAU and its prosperous partners
- (9) Developing and exchanging cultural activities with students from partner universities and organizations.

Situation of IRO staff

Recently YAU IRO is headed by a director, Prof. Dr. Tin Tin Aye, and there are a deputy director, an assistant director, two staff officers, two office staff, and two part time assistants. They are handling the all activities of IRO.

How to work with internalization**(a) Set up courses taught with English**

All textbooks used in YAU are in English and medium of teaching is in Myanmar language. But there are few short term programs taught in English for the international students who come from different universities of the world_ especially from Japan, China, and Italy. In addition, one research center which is called “Advanced Center for Agricultural Research and Education (ACARE)” is offering three programs in English.

ACARE is a joint project in collaboration with Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), lecture are being given by Indian professors in three subjects namely Genetics, Postharvest Technology, and Participatory Knowledge Management. Later, YAU plans to receive international students both for undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

(b) Info meetings at departments about international opportunities

Nowadays more and more international opportunities for education and research cooperation, scholarships, fellowships, exchange programs are coming to the university. Such international opportunities are disseminated to all faculties and departments. If the collaboration, for instance, is related with Soil Science, the information is mainly transferred to the Department of Soil and Water Science. They, the departments, also have direct contact with international universities and organizations.

(c) How many hours per week do staff work part-time at IRO

As we explained above, in addition to YAU IRO is systematically established and there are official staff, also there is one part time staff appointed for IRO and one official staff from an academic department in order to support IRO activities. Generally, they are working 30 hours per week.

Future Plans

- (1) To be trained the IR staff to be a professional in internalization
- (2) To create more partners including universities, enterprises, and research institutes
- (3) To increase collaborative activities with designated organizations
- (4) To find more opportunities for the staff and students to get the international experience
- (5) To serve as an active and efficient provider of quality services through IRO programs



