

About JUSTEC

The Japan-U.S. Teacher Education Consortium (JUSTEC) was established in the late 1980s by deans of education at several universities in the United States and in Japan. The purpose of the Consortium was to foster joint research into teacher education issues of mutual interest. The organization was established under the aegis of AACTE (American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education), and has evolved from being dean-centered to being faculty/researcher-centered. For more than two decades, JUSTEC has continued to hold annual conferences of teacher education professionals in alternate locations in the U.S. and Japan. For much of its history, the annual meetings were sponsored by AACTE and supported by AACTE staff. AACTE's longtime Executive Director, Dr. David Imig played a key role in the establishment and continuing operation of JUSTEC by publishing notices of the annual meetings, dedicating staff to support the planning, and participating in the meetings every year until his retirement. Since 2007, JUSTEC has continued as an independent organization of interested faculty and universities.

The objectives of JUSTEC are to:

- provide opportunities for colleges and graduate schools of education to examine their study and practice;
- serve as an incubator for new ideas, to provide opportunities to give presentations and to engage in discussion and cultural exchange for scholars, graduate students, in-service teachers, policy makers and others who are involved in education;
- facilitate joint study and collaborative projects between US and Japanese scholars/educators and to support scholars' and practitioners' efforts towards better education.; and
- enhance academic networks between Japan and US scholars, educators, and practitioners.

JUSTEC 2010 was a special convocation, as it marked the beginning of a renewal for JUSTEC. With support of their Presidents, Tamagawa University (Tokyo) and University of Puget Sound (Tacoma) became designated as the official hub universities for JUSTEC in Japan and the U.S. These universities have agreed to take the lead in ensuring continuation of JUSTEC. Since 2010, JUSTEC has gained the support of the U.S. Embassy, Tokyo and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology, Japan (MEXT) as well as AACTE, thereby providing particular educational benefits for Japan-U.S. educators.

The 23rd JUSTEC Seminar continues the tradition of Japanese and U.S. teacher educators convening to promote understanding and collaborative research into education issues of interest in both Japan and the U.S. The conference includes 21 interactive presentations by Japanese and American educators, a keynote address and panel discussion with prominent educators, visits to area schools, formal and informal discussions among seminar participants, and cultural activities. The University of Massachusetts Lowell is pleased to host the first JUSTEC conference on the east coast of the United States.

Host Universities for JUSTEC Conferences

Year	University
2011	University of Massachusetts Lowell
2010	Tamagawa University
2009	University of Hawaii at Manoa
2008	Bukkyo University
2007	University of Hawaii at Manoa
2006	Tokyo Gakugei University
2005	Portland State University
2004	Waseda University
2003	California State University-Dominguez Hills
2002	Naruto University of Education
2001	University of Puget Sound
2000	Tamagawa University
1999	University of Hawaii at Manoa
1998	Bukkyo University
1997	San Diego State University
1996	Naruto University of Education
1995	(Canceled)
1994	Hiroshima University
1993	University of Hawaii at Manoa
1992	Tamagawa University
1991	Stanford University
1990	Tokyo University
1989	University of Hawaii at Manoa
1988	Kyoto University

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