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Key Activities:

1.Study on recovery of East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami (EJET) of 2011

The year 2021 marked 10 years from the EJET of 2011. A collaborative project with India was developed to share the experiences from Onagawa, a city in Miyagi where Indian NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) did search and rescue activities. More than 35 students from Keio University joined with Mayor of Onagawa, community members in the city and NDRF team from India. The report was published online.
The report can be downloaded from:
https://indiajapanlab.org/wpIJ/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Onagawa.pdf

2.Establishement of Collaborative network

An innovative collaborative network was established to foster youth participation between India and Japan. The network was termed as INJAN Puliya (India Japan Bridge), where puliya is a Hindi word for small bridge. This platform will be used for future collaboration of Indian and Japanese youth.

3. Interaction with Indian embassy

An interaction session was organized with Embassy of India, in the presence of HE Ambassador S K Verma. Other participants were several company executives who are interested in India, as well as Senior Vice President of JETRO.

4. Strategic partnership with TCS

Following the meeting with the Indian Embassy, a strategic cooperation with TATA consulting Services (TCS) was initiated. TCS is third largest IT firm of the world, having a Japan office with 4000+ employee, and globally 550,000+ employees. Discussion are ongoing for internship, possibly employment and joint flagship projects with TCS Japan and Keio SFC.