

Establishment of Grameen Technology Lab

Outline

Grameen Technology Lab (GTL), a Japanese foundation, is established on the Hakozaki Campus of Kyushu University, one of the biggest national universities in Japan, on December 24th, 2010.

The mission of Grameen Technology Lab is to support corporations, NPOs/NGO and government that promote social business domestically and internationally by utilizing Japanese technology in various fields.

The other missions of GTL are;

1. Support to establish joint ventures between/among corporations and Grameen family.
2. Incubation to create Social Business
3. Promotion and enlightenment of Social Business
4. Provide other services such as consulting, PR and networking

GTL collaborates with Grameen Creative Lab @ Kyushu University (GCL@ Kyushu Univ) and transmits information regarding Social Business as a Social Business hub in Asia.

Prof. Muhammad Yunus, founder of Grameen Bank, who is also a distinguished university professor of Kyushu University, is assumed a Trustee of GTL.

Dr. Setsuo Arikawa, President of Kyushu University, is assumed a trustee of GTL, and both Dr. Hiroto Yasuura, Vice President of Kyushu University and Mr. Masaharu Okada, executive director of GCL @ Kyushu Univ, are assigned director of GTL.

■ Details

1. Name of Organization : Grameen Technology Lab
2. Date of establishment : December 24th, 2010
3. Office address : 6-10-1 Hakozaki Higashi-ku Fukuoka 812-8581, Japan
4. Mission: Promote the concept and practice of Social Business based on seven principles of Social Business defined by Prof. Muhammad Yunus utilizing technologies in various areas of industries.
5. Trustees:
 - Prof. Muhammad YUNUS, Founder of Grameen Bank
 - Mr. Susumu ISHIHARA, Chairman, Kyushu Railway Company
 - Dr. Setsuo ARIKAWA, President, Kyushu University

■ Activities of Kyushu University to promote Social Business

Kyushu University has signed MOU with Grameen Communications, one of Grameen Family, in 2007, and both jointly carried out projects towards the computerization of microcredit operated by Grameen Bank in Bangladesh.

Kyushu University promotes other projects with Grameen Group, One Village On Portal (OVOP), and it allows Bangladesh people in village to share the information of their villages and connect through to the world. This is a good example that Kyushu University utilizes the University possessed knowledge and technology depending on the needs of developing countries and it corresponds to the idea of Kyushu University's Asia oriented-mind.

■ URL (Grameen Creative Lab WEB site) :

<http://imaq.kyushu-u.ac.jp/~gcl/japanese/index.html>