Intangible Technology Transfer and Trade Secrets

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1. Hokkaido University







HU main campus resides in Sapproro, Hokkaido



Data as of June 2020



Basic Data of HU



Data as of May 2020 *July 2020

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Organizations *	0	
 12 Undergraduate Schools 21 Graduate Schools 25 Research Institutes / Cer 	iters	
Staff	4	
Executives & Vice President	s 8	
Academic	1,985	
Admin./Technical	1,924	
Total	3,917	
1% of Sapporo City Residents		
Students	66	
Undergraduate	11,462	
Graduate	, 6,579	
Other	65	
Total 18,106		
Overseas students 2,094		

2020 FY ca. 103.7 billion JPY (ca. 943 million USD)

Acreage

Hakodate Campus	0.1 km ²
Other	658.3 km ²
Total	660.2 km ²



Security Export Control Organization of HU

Head of Security Export Control (President)

General Manager of Security Export Control (Director appointed by President)

University Manager of Security Export Control

Security Export Control Committee

Chairman = University Manager, Security Export Control

Committee Members

 Several number of staff members from Center for Innovation and Business Promotion
 Deputy head of International Department (to be appointed by President)
 Head of Research Promotion Department
 Other person(s) deemed necessary by Committee Secondary Examination Office



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2. ITT for Academia





ITT for Academia



ITT (Intangible Technology Transfer)

Security Export Control deals with goods and technologies As for technology, it is intangible, not-aging and easy to transfer Unauthorized ITT, including know-how, should be prohibited especially for universities dealing with cutting edge technologies

Academic Freedom vs. ITT Find balance between openness and security Critical to defend important values such as free speech, academic freedom and research integrity on top of regulatory compliance Drawing clear lines between what is controlled and what should be openly shared and publicly accessible at the outset of the research is critical to international security

Research fields so diverse

WA (all categories): all sort of engineering NSG : nuclear engineering MTCR : space engineering AG: pharmacy, veterinary



Despite of critical task, not enough manpower assigned in reality!

Implementation of ITT in HU

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 Faculty Development (FD) is done every year for faculty members dealing with sensitive technologies such as Graduate School of Space Engineering, etc.

List control and Catch-all (CA) rules

How to understand Combined Matrix Tables

Relationship between the Foreign End Users List and highly concerned goods.

- Checking and correction of reporting from faculties
- Application for Individual Validated License and management of Bulk License
- University-wide audit

Identify issues by university-wide audit and implement **PDCA** cycle. Presentation on amendments to law and regulations as well.

3. Tools for ITT





Tools surrounding ITT



List Control	Catch-all Control	
Combined Matrix https://www.meti.go.jp/pol icy/anpo/matrix_intro.html	Foreign End User List https://www.meti.go.jp/polic y/anpo/law05.html#user-list The Commodity Watch List for WMD/Conventional Weapon Catch-All	Advisor for voluntary security export control
Faculty Development	ICP of HU	project by
Faculty Development (FD) inside HU Due to Civid-19, FD is done by online	Internal Compliance Program of HU <u>https://www.hokudai.ac.jp/ji</u> <u>muk/reiki/reiki_honbun/u01</u> <u>0RG00000727.html</u>	METI

Guidance for the Control of Sensitive Technologies

Self assessment Check List

Guideline for Classification

4. Expansion of Security Export Control

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Expansion of Security Export Control WHOKKAIDO 13

Emerging Technology/Foundational Technology 14 fields of Emerging Technology (1)Biotechnology (8)Logistics technology (2)Artificial intelligence (AI) (9)Additive manufacturing (3)PNT technology (10)Robotics (4)Microprocessor technology (11)Brain-computer interfaces (5)Advanced computing technology (12)Hypersonics (6)Data analytics technology (13)Advanced Materials (7)Quantum information and sensing (14)Advanced surveillance technologies technology The concept of Economic Security introduced

- Human Rights to be included in addition to the control of traditional WMD and conventional weapons
- CISTEC* Journal : the useful tool to follow the trends mentioned above

https://www.cistec.or.jp/journal/journal.html

*Center for Information on Security Trade Controls

Various Activities



(i) Regional initiative to promote security trade control for academia There are several initiatives in Japan

Hokkaido area is unique in inclusion of technical colleges



(ii) Export Control Day for Academia Annual event for universities across the nation, concerning security export control, originated in 2013 https://efa.ken-shin.net/



(iii) Interaction with foreign universities for sharing information

5. Trade Secrets





Trade Secrets



In the context of technology outflow, trade secrets also constitute integral part of risk management in universities. Though the major part of trade secrets comes from domestic companies at present, the trend of globalization accelerates the necessity of adequate control of trade secrets with global companies.

Comparatively new compared with Security Export Control

To promote joint research with companies, the adequate control of trade secrets indispensable for protecting their IPR

Governing law different:

Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Security Export Control)

Unfair Competition Prevention Act (trade secrets)

In universities, the same organization tend to deal with both functions NDA: first step

Three level classification

Informed consent for students

Thank you for your attention.



Beautiful Seasonal Scenes from the Campus





