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The importance of international collaboration for Santo Tomas institutions

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- **The Santo Tomas Educational System, with over 37 years, is the fourth largest system of higher education in Chile, encompassing all levels of higher education:**
 - ✓ **University,**
 - ✓ **Professional Institute**
 - ✓ **Technical Vocational Center**
- **With territorial coverage from Arica (North) to Punta Arenas (Patagonia)**
- **23 campuses**
- **More than 70.000 students in 2012**



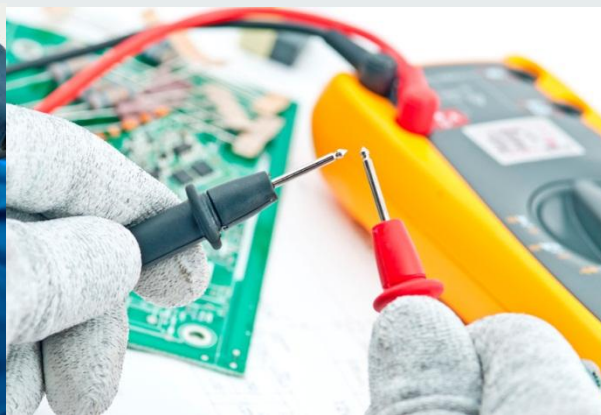
The Santo Tomas Educational System offers more than 80 careers and programs in different areas such as:

- ✓ **Management**
- ✓ **Health**
- ✓ **Education**
- ✓ **Tourism and Cuisine**
- ✓ **Law**
- ✓ **Sports**
- ✓ **Communication**
- ✓ **Design**
- ✓ **Social Sciences**
- ✓ **Engineering**
- ✓ **Information Tech**



The present need to relate to different cultures improves competitive conditions in the international higher education.

Internationalization thus now plays a role in higher education institutions policies, leading to a growing exchange of students and faculty, joint programs and transfer of information.



From its beginnings Santo Tomas Institutions declared the importance of internationalization.

In 1993 Santo Tomás founded the International Council of Universities of Saint Thomas Aquinas, a network of 25 higher education institutions.

The goal..

To establish a mutual enrichment system among all members through programs, research works, publications and faculty and students exchange.



Showing the high priority of the internationalization for Santo Tomas higher education Institutions, we helped in the set up and managing of:

- Santo Tomas University in Mozambique (2003)



- Ethiopian Catholic University of Saint Thomas (2007)



As well as managing advisory of:

- Universidade do Sagrado Coracao, Baurú, Brasil



- Saint Thomas University, Amagasaki, Japan



Santo Tomas institutions have more than 124 agreements with different higher education institutions worldwide.

However, one of the issues of international collaboration is how to concrete specific projects with the partners institutions and not have only agreements in papers.

We focus in specific educational areas with ours partners

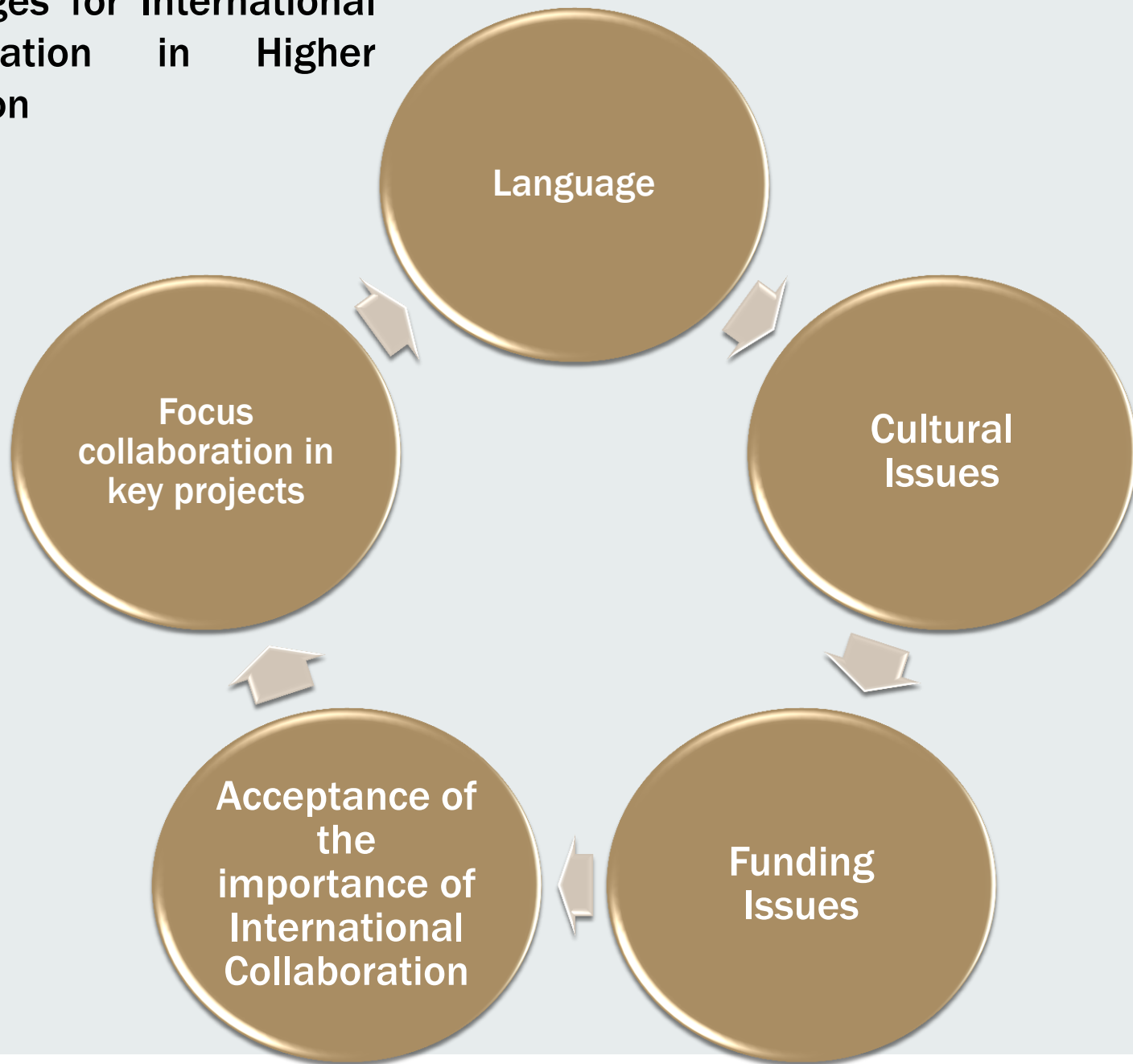


The importance of international collaboration in our institutions has been highlighted with some specific projects:

- To develop the new area of Mining, we established contacts and settled up specific projects with some Australian TAFE's of Queensland and Western Australia.
- With the People's Republic of China, after 10 years of close and friendly relations with many higher education institutions, we have developed many joint projects in Management, Education, Sports and Health areas.
- Furthermore, we house a Confucius Institute in our Viña del Mar campus.



Challenges for International Collaboration in Higher Education



Santo Tomas Higher Education Institutions are very interested in establishing new collaboration with worldwide institutions in specific areas to be determined by both sides and set up a concrete joint projects.

WFCP is a great opportunity for us to share with you our experiences and learn about yours.