Global interests in eleven international programs in eight different countries of Asia and Latin America have made Michigan State University one on which the sun never sets. M.S.U. having been a leader in international educational programs for many years, and as a means of co-ordinating these activities and stimulating relevant study, teaching and research on the campus, established in 1956, an Office and Dean of International Programs, the first such administrative agency on the campus of any American University. With the third largest number of faculty members in foreign lands, M.S.U. is carrying on Advisory Programs at the University of the Ryukyus on Okinawa, in Viet-Nam, in both East and West Pakistan, in the Philippines, in Bogota, Medellin and Palmira in Columbia, South America, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in Costa Rica, and in Mexico.

In 1855, Michigan State University was the first institution to be established as a Land-Grant College with a broad interpretation to the role of higher education, serving the needs of all the people through the scientific and technical fields as well as the arts, and with emphasis not only on academic teaching, but also on research and extension, and public service. Today, little over a century after its founding, M.S.U. ranks as the 10th largest university in the United States.

What has succeeded so well in America, is now being tried successfully in many other countries, as Michigan State University carries this Land-Grant university philosophy of serving the needs of all the people, into other lands. In order to improve public administration, business and engineering techniques, train better teachers, and help increase food production and nutritional standards, Michigan State University has been asked by different
nations to help establish and/or increase the usefulness of higher educational institutions in order to satisfy the demand for trained technical and scientific minds, for educators, and for cultural, business, and governmental leaders, thereby helping as many people as possible help themselves in improving their standard of living.

These M.S.U. overseas projects are financed by contracts with the United States International Cooperation Administration, the U.S. Department of the Army, or the Ford or Rockefeller Foundations and the various foreign governments.

The 80 M.S.U. faculty members on foreign assignments in these various parts of the world are specialists who provide advisory assistance in administration, organization, and academic fields of teaching, research, extension, and public service. Their advice is not confined to the class-rooms and laboratories alone, but includes advice on research, dissemination of new scientific knowledge among the people, suggestions for special courses and community programs, and countless other ways of helping each University reach the largest number of people.

Among MSU's significant contributions, with an Advisory Group of five specialists in Administration, Agriculture, English, Home Economics, Science, and Vocational Education, can be counted the administrative, organizational and academic sponsorship of the University of the Ryukyus on Okinawa. Established in 1950 and under the able leadership of Presidents Shikiya, 1950-52, Goya, 1952-55, and Dr. Jensau Asato since 1955, and with the financial assistance of the Government of the United States and the Government of the Ryukyus, the University of the Ryukyus already has 2000 Alumni. Another 2000 (approximately 1500 men and 500 women) presently attend the University. A total of 750 are courses/offered by 300 faculty members, one-third of the teaching staff having received advanced training in the U.S., while construction
There are now 10 concrete permanent typhoon-proof buildings, 7 temporary wooden structures, a new classroom building is under construction, and a women's dormitory to be started this year.

This University, built on the historical site of the former Shuri Castle, is one of the outstanding achievements of post-war Ryukyu, and is a "deep-rooted satisfaction" of all concerned. Dr. Karl T. Wright, present Director of the Michigan State University Advisory Group recently stated, "It is doubtful if any other university in the world has developed as fast."

The largest of MSU's overseas programs, in fact the largest of any by any U.S. University, is in South Viet-Nam in the field of Civil operations. Fifty-three faculty specialists are advising in the areas of public administration, public finance, police administration and training, political science and economics.

The Latin American projects to which the University is devoting itself include the development of 2 agricultural colleges in Columbia, South America at Palmira and Medellin, as branches of the National University of Columbia, begun in 1951, and an Economic Research Institute at the University of the Andes in Bogota. Also, in South America, is the School of Business Administration of Sao Paulo, Brazil, which MSU helped establish in 1953. Likewise projects are underway in Turrialba, Costa Rica and in Mexico.

The newest MSU overseas project was begun in 1958 in Pakistan, where Michigan State University is helping develop two college-level institutions with primary emphasis on the social sciences, one in Comilla, East Pakistan and the other in Peshawar, West Pakistan. Recently, the University of the Philippines has been receiving help along the lines of academic administration.

Other segments of the foreign program of Michigan State University include a foreign participant training program on the MSU campus in
the United States and many visitations by officials and scholars for observation of the Land-Grant philosophy in action.

Michigan State University's 20,000 students prepare for their future through a broad curriculum in nine colleges: Agriculture, Business and Public Service, Education, Engineering, Home Economics, Science and Arts, Veterinary Medicine, Graduate Studies and Basic College. There are 126 different curricula available, 65 of these on the graduate level, with actual courses numbering approximately 3000, taught by a faculty of more than 2,000 including teaching, research, extension and adult education personnel. Today, the modern East Lansing, Michigan campus covers 570 acres, plus adjacent experimental farmland totaling 3200 acres. The physical plant which includes 130 permanent buildings and nearly 1,000 temporary structures is valued at more than $70 million. Under the leadership of President John A. Hannah, the University has gained national recognition for being "lusty, ambitious and progressive."

Knowledge through Research has been a basic cornerstone of the Michigan State University program since its early days, and today thousands of research projects dealing with virtually every field are in progress in the University's laboratories and farms. Some studies have direct application for man's benefit; others are "pure" research, the benefits of which may not come for many years.

In fulfilling its heritage as the pioneer Land-Grant University, M.S.U. has an extensive program designed to put results of this research and other knowledge to work for practical everyday solutions. Chief agencies in this undertaking are the University's Cooperative Extension Service and its Continuing Education Service. Working in parallel, these two units carry the University's services to every section of the State of Michigan, to millions of people each year in every walk of life.
Michigan State University is proud of the role it plays at home in satisfying the demand for trained technical and scientific minds, for educators, for cultural and business leaders, and for an informed citizenry. It likewise is proud of the opportunity offered through its International Programs to help other nations develop their educational systems, so that they too can achieve similar results.