



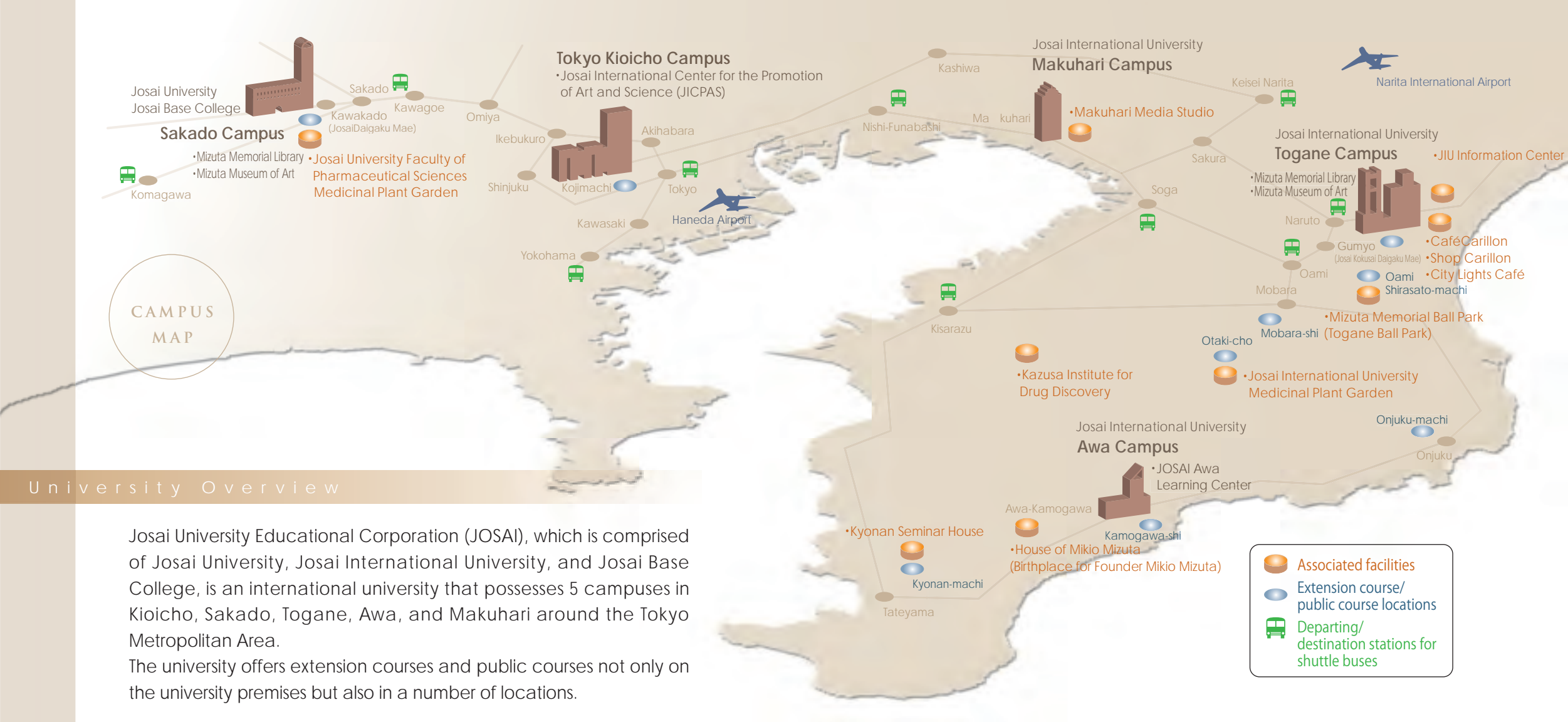
Efforts in education of future leaders, health promotion,
and global education

Fulfilling the Social Responsibilities for the University

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JOSAI UNIVERSITY
JOSAI INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
JOSAI JUNIOR COLLEGE

Josai University Educational Corporation



University Overview

Josai University Educational Corporation (JOSAI), which is comprised of Josai University, Josai International University, and Josai Base College, is an international university that possesses 5 campuses in Kioicho, Sakado, Togane, Awa, and Makuhari around the Tokyo Metropolitan Area. The university offers extension courses and public courses not only on the university premises but also in a number of locations.

Josai University

Sakado Campus

Faculty of Economics	Department of Economics
Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies	Department of Social and Economic Systems
Faculty of Business Administration	Department of Management
Faculty of Science	Department of Mathematics
	Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences [6-year course]
	Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology [4-year course]
	Department of Clinical Dietetics and Human Nutrition
Graduate School of Economics Research	Postgraduate course in Economics Economic Policy [Master's course]
Graduate School of Business Management	Postgraduate course in Business Innovation [Master's course]
Graduate School of Sciences	Department of Mathematics [Master's course]
	Department of Material Sciences [Master's course]
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Pharmaceutical Sciences [Doctor's course] (4 years)
	Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences [Doctor's course] (3 years)
	Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences [Master's course] (2 years)
	Human Nutrition [Master's course] (2 years)

Josai International University

Togane Campus

Faculty of Nursing	Department of Nursing
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Department of Clinical Pharmacy [6-year course]
Faculty of Social Work Studies	Department of Social Work Studies
Faculty of Management and Information Sciences	Department of Social and Environmental Studies
Faculty of Media Studies	Department of Management Sciences
Faculty of International Humanities	Department of Media and Communications
	Department of Intercultural Studies
	Department of International Exchange Studies
School of Japanese Language and Culture	Japanese Culture and Business Administration
	Japanese Language Course
Graduate School of International Administration	International Administration [Master's course]
Graduate School of Humanities	Inter-Cultural Studies [Master's course]
	Women's Studies [Master's course]
	Global Communication [Master's course]
	Comparative Cultures [Doctor's course]
	Management of Entrepreneurial Ventures [M.B.A.]
	Management of Entrepreneurial Ventures [Doctor's course]
Graduate School of Management and Information Science	Business Design [M.B.A.]
	Social Work [Master's course]
Graduate School of Business Design	Pharmaceutical Sciences [Doctor's course]
Graduate School of Social Work Studies	
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	

Awa Campus

Faculty of Tourism	Department of Wellness	Tourism
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Makuhari Campus

Faculty of Media Studies	Department of Media and Co	mmunications
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Josai Junior College [Josai Base College]

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Josai University Educational Corporation
Chancellor
Noriko Mizuta

Efforts in education of future leaders, promotion of health, and global education

Fulfilling the social responsibilities for the university

Josai University Educational Corporation is comprised of Josai University, Josai International University, and Josai Base College. With "education of future leaders, promotion of health, and global education" as the keywords in fulfilling the social responsibilities for the university, Josai University Educational Corporation has been promoting a wide range of activities, including not only the education/research within the universities but also contributions to community/society, contributions to global society, and activities to promote culture and preserve cultural resources, etc., on 5 campuses (Kioicho, Sakado, Togane, Kamogawa, Makuhari) around the Tokyo Metropolitan Area. We have introduced some of the representative activities from the year 2008 through the year 2011 in this brochure.

Contributions to Community/Society On each campus, we promote a wide range of activities to contribute to the community, culture, education, and environmental preservation, etc. We also hold extension programs that utilize the faculties and locations of the universities within and outside of the universities. Many students enjoy these programs every year.

This year, we especially proactively promoted various charity events, volunteer activities, and research/courses/policy recommendations, etc. on disaster prevention in addition to establishing a foundation as a means to support our students who were affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, which caused unprecedented damage.

In terms of activities for cooperation between government, industry, and academia, we have been promoting various practical human resources development programs in cooperation with Nikkatsu Corporation, JTB Business World Tokyo Corp., and Avex Planning & Development Inc.

We have also been active in policy recommendation activities by establishing the Innovation Center, which will serve as a foundation for cooperation between government, industry, and academia, as well as the Josai Center for Graduate Studies, which was established to educate human resources that can provide leadership on a global level, etc. We have also hosted the "Annual Japan-China Financial Management Forum" in connection with the Josai Executive Program for Women's Empowerment and Leadership, etc.

Contributions to Global Society We have been proactively implementing various international education programs by establishing educational networks with universities throughout the world with the aim of developing global human resources with expertise that can perform well globally.

In the year 2011, Chancellor Mizuta was awarded the "Pro Cultura Hungarica" from the Republic of Hungary for our contributions to educational exchanges with Hungary. In China, we have established the Beijing Office as the second educational exchange base in the country, which triggered the establishment of the Josai-Dalian Alumni Association and Tianjin University Alumni Association that have been active. Exchanges have been expanding

further. The effect of the education in the Japanese language has especially been highly praised. In the Annual World Conference on Japanese Education held in Tianjin, not only the keynote address but also our education in Japanese language attracted attention.

Exchanges with other countries and regions have also been promoted, and we have formed new academic exchange agreements with 12 overseas universities. We expect further enhancement/improvement in the global educational exchange network in the future.

Culture Promotion/Preservation Activities Mizuta Museum of Art has been established in both universities, where the general exhibits of the ukiyo-e collection by the founder Mikio Mizuta and special exhibits by local associated artists are offered, and many visitors enjoy the museums. In December of 2011, Josai University Mizuta Museum of Art was newly opened on the Sakado Campus as part of the Josai University's 45th Anniversary. It will host a wide range of shows and events, etc. with the aim of becoming a museum that is loved and enjoyed by the local community.

Moreover, JIU Faculty of Tourism and local people in the community have been growing cherry trees in cooperation with each other since 2006 so that the cherry trees will be connected to Kyonan-machi through the restoration work for the cherry trees along the *Mineoka Rindo*, which is a community road connecting *Sotobo* and *Uchibo*.

We also devote ourselves to the views of each campus as well as facilities and have received a number of architectural awards ("Saitama Landscape Award" in 1992 for Seiko Kaikan, "the 12th Chiba Architectural Culture Award" and "the 32nd Tokyo Architectural Design Excellence Award" for Kyonan Seminar House, "Architectural Institute of Japan Prize" in 1996 and "Japanese Institute of Landscape Architecture Prize" in 2006 for JIU land scape design, "the 10th Chiba Architectural Culture Award" for House of Mikio Mizuta, "the American Institute of Architects Merit Award" in 2008 for Josai University Faculty of Business Administration wing).

Josai International University will celebrate its 20th anniversary in April of 2012 and Josai University will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015. We have laid out the medium-term target <<J-Vision>> to become a leading university in Asia/world by developing global human resources with vast education and profound expertise who can solve problems. We will strive to realize this target and take further leaps forward by cooperating with each other.

We will continue to communicate culture to later generations, develop human resources, make efforts in "returning the knowledge" of the university for healthy and rich lives, and promote cultural/research exchanges domestically and internationally while treasuring the persistent efforts we have been making.

We hope this brochure would help the readers understand the activities by Josai University Educational Corporation.

Josai University Educational Corporation
Chancellor

Noriko Mizuta

JOSAI UNIVERSITY
JOSAI INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
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Museum (Opening)

Josai University Museum opens as part of the 45th Anniversary for the Josai University Educational Corporation

~2012 American Institute of Architects Merit Award~ (Dec, 2011)

Josai University Mizuta Museum of Art, which has been under construction as part of the 45th Anniversary for the Josai University Educational Corporation, opened on December 9, 2011.

Josai University Mizuta Museum of Art was established within the Mizuta Memorial Library in 1979 with a series of ukiyo-e, which were collected by the founder Mikio Mizuta during his life, as the main exhibit. With the aim of enabling a wide range of people, including those in the local community, to enjoy the ukiyo-e and contributing to the development of Japanese culture, the museum has shown the collections, which have been enjoyed by many. Following this idea, the Mizuta Museum of Art has been newly built as an independent building as part of the 45th Anniversary for the Josai University Educational Corporation.

This new museum aims to further rejuvenate community exchanges and contribute to the development of local culture through proactive introductions of culture in the area, such as Sakado-shi and Saitama Prefecture, along with the showing of the Mizuta Collection.

The museum made a spectacular opening at 12:00. Approximately 170 involved people, guests, and the press such as TV stations and newspaper companies, who were invited to the occasion, viewed the inside of the brand-new museum. In addition, a total of 650 people, including local people and students, visited the museum and enjoyed the exhibits of each gallery with passion.

The museum is 2 stories above ground, covering 670 m² of floor area with 3 galleries. For the opening, Gallery 1 specially exhibited "Six Tama Rivers" expressed in six sheets by Suzuki Harunobu and "Fishing under the Bridge" by Utamaro Kitagawa among Josai's ukiyo-e collection as "Exquisite Ukiyo-e Works of the Mizuta Collection" for one day to commemorate the opening. Gallery 2 presented the exhibit of Hirohide Hashimoto, who is renowned as a modern Japanese landscape painter, until February. Gallery 3, which allows flexible exhibits, has been presenting a photograph panel exhibit to review the history and footsteps of Josai University as well as a photograph panel exhibit to review the competition from the Hakone collegiate ekiden in 2012, etc. Furthermore, works by Mr. Morihiro Hosokawa, who is a former prime minister and is currently renowned as a ceramic artist, are exhibited here as well.

The museum will continue to plan and host shows on a wide variety of themes with the aim of becoming a museum that is loved by the local community.

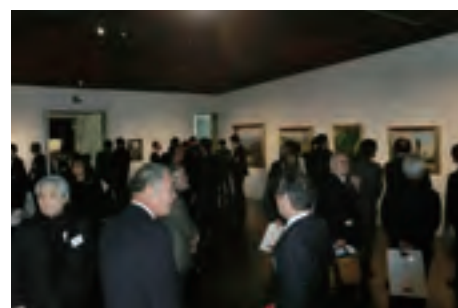
Furthermore, this museum was presented with the "Merit Award" by the American Institute of Architects New York City Chapter in 2012.



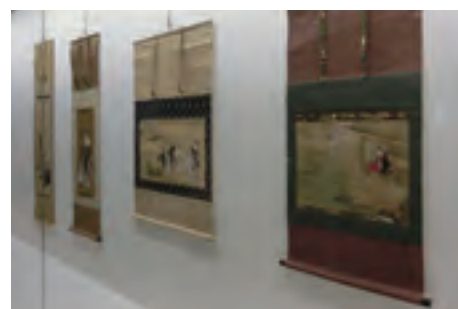
Museum exterior



Tape cutting before the opening



Gallery with many visitors



A number of ukiyo-e that were specially exhibited on the day of the opening

Exhibition

H.I.H. Princess Takamado Visits Josai for the Opening of the H.I.H. Princess Takamado Hisako Special Exhibition (Sep, 2012)

On September 18, 2012, Josai University was honored by the presence of Princess Takamado at the opening ceremony for the Princess Takamado Hisako Special Exhibition, "Birds that Fly and Netsuke that Travel" to open September 19 at Josai University's Mizuta Museum of Art. Around 150 people—including locals, university employees, and media members—attended the opening held outside the museum's main entrance.

The Mizuta Museum of Art opened in December 2011 as part of the activities celebrating Josai's 45th anniversary and in hopes of both furthering Josai education and research and contributing to the well being of local residents. This exhibition is yet another component of these commemorative activities.

Princess Takamado, being a birdwatching enthusiast, has captured the image of birds in the photos from her many birdwatching trips both domestic and international. As president of NGO BirdLife International and protector of endangered birds, her heart-warming photos often depict a variety of birds fighting to survive in an increasingly hostile environment. This exhibition collects 28 photos of birds and 23 netsuke, in addition to 69 actual netsuke selected from Princess Takamado's personal collection.

The ceremony kicked off with a greeting from Chancellor Noriko Mizuta who said, "It is with great honor that we at the Mizuta Museum of Art present the Princess Takamado Hisako Special Exhibition. It is our hope that through this exhibition, you sense Her Majesty's desire to communicate the preciousness and beauty of life to future generations.

And in connection with those sentiments, I hope that those fighting for environmental preservation, members of the community, students, and others from all walks of life will appreciate this exhibition." The ceremony proceeded with Princess Takamado cutting the ribbon, followed by a guided tour of the exhibition led by Chancellor Mizuta. Afterward, a tree planting ceremony led by Princess Takamado was held outside the entrance to the museum.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Princess Takamado held a special lecture titled, "The Charm of Netsuke—A Universe in the Palm of Your Hand" at the Seikou Kaikan later that afternoon. The hall was packed to capacity with students, who listened to the Princess' speech with great interest.



A preview of the special exhibition



The scene during the lecture



Collection of Netsuke and display of photographs

Tokyo Kioicho Campus 3rd Building (Opening)

Opening Tokyo Kioicho Campus 3rd building with the aim of strengthening campus functions (Apr, 2013)

Tokyo Kioicho Campus 3rd building, which had been under construction since January, 2012 was completed and opened in April, 2013.

Tokyo Kioicho Campus was opened in 2005 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Josai University Educational Corporation to connect Sakado Campus of Josai University and Josai Base College and Togane/Awa/Makuhari campuses of Josai International University. Undergraduate students and graduate students belonging to 3 universities study on this campus, which is located at the center of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area.



The exterior of the 3rd building

Then, it was decided that a new 3rd building would be constructed and opened with the aim of further strengthening "the preparation of students with a broad range of general knowledge and advanced expertise to deal effectively with global issues and problems", which we have been promoting.

The 3rd building is 5 stories above ground and 1 floor underground, covering approximately 7,700m² of floor area. It not only has medium classrooms and small classrooms as well as large classrooms that can contain approximately 250 students but also has an international conference room with booths for simultaneous interpreters on the top 5th floor. There is also a spacious outdoor terrace in front of the conference room, where participants can spend relaxing time during conference breaks, surrounded by seasonal plants.

This building is also well-equipped with preparations for disasters. It not only has sufficient aseismic functions but also has internal generators, etc. It also has a reserve warehouse in case of disasters to contain various disaster aid goods, which would be necessary not only for students and faculty members but also when local residents evacuate in case of an accident or disaster.

Furthermore, the basement floor also contains a multi-purpose gallery.

Establishing the "Oishi Fossils Gallery"

The main collections of "Oishi Fossils Gallery" in the basement of the 3rd building are fossils, etc. which have been endowed by Michio Oishi, who is the Kazusa DNA Research Institute Chancellor, molecular biologist, and geneticist, as well as our Chinese sister universities. The gallery will also display a large scale skeletal replica of a carnivorous dinosaur prepared with the cooperation of Paleontological Museum of Liaoning of the Shenyang Normal University, which is also our sister university.



Oishi Fossils Gallery

With the theme of "building a future through fossils", the fossil gallery displays a number of fossils, including aquatic creatures from the Cretaceous Period 100 million years ago, evolution of fish, and a comparative study of the greenhouse effect of the past with today's pattern of global warming using the mysterious and attractive display of fossils as time capsules in a way.

We intend to not only promote international educational cooperation through this fossil gallery but also promote great innovations, such as IT training and workshops, etc. in addition to the exhibit contents in order to encourage children in the community and nearby areas to have intellectual interest in science.

Symposium

Josai University Educational Corporation hosts the Josai University Mizuta Museum of Art Memorial Symposium, "Color and Technique in Early Modern Woodblock Prints" as part of the university's 45th anniversary (June, 2011)

On June 18, 2011, a symposium commemorating the construction of the Josai University Mizuta Museum of Art was held at Tokyo Kioicho Campus. Adopting the theme of "Color and Technique in Early Modern Woodblock Prints," this year's symposium attracted more than 180 scholars and admirers of ukiyo-e.

The symposium featured presentations on the technique and use of color applied in a wide variety of Edo period woodblock prints from four known scholars in the ukiyo-e, early modern woodblock print field, and cultural property research field: professor of Gakushuin University and Chiba City Museum of Art Director Tadashi Kobayashi, Chiba City Museum of Art Chief Curator Masako Tanabe, Shizuoka Prefectural Municipal Art Museum Curator Yuya Fukudo, and professor of Kibi International University Susumu Shimoyama.

In the keynote lecture "Colorful Expression in Ukiyo-e Prints" by Mr. Kobayashi, he explained the history of ukiyo-e through an analysis of the use of color and printing techniques in works by Suzuki Harunobu, Kitagawa Utamaro, and others, while showing slides to illustrate his points.

This was followed by a live demonstration of woodblock printing with commentary from Shu Nakayama of the Adachi Woodblock Studies Institute and woodblock, and artist Noboru Nakata performed a recreation of Sharaku's "Matsumoto Yonesaburo as Shosho of Kewaizaka."



Demonstration of woodblock printing

Josai lent two works from its art collection to the Tokyo National Museum for the Special "Sharaku" Exhibition

Josai University's Mizuta Museum of Art lent two works from its Toshusai Sharaku Collection to the Tokyo National Museum for its special "Sharaku" exhibition that ran from May 1 to June 12.

The first piece is one of 28 splendid mica print bust portraits from when Sharaku debuted as an unknown artist titled, "The Actor Iwai Kiyotaro II as Fujinami, Wife of Sagisaka Sanai and The Actor Bando Zenji as O-zasa, Wife of Washizuka Kandayu," which is one of the few remaining examples of its kind.

The second print is from Sharaku's second period titled, "Arashi Ryuzo in the Role of Yakko Ukiyo Matahei," a masterwork that represents the artist's full range of artistic expression. Despite the artist's vast body of work, these two prints are especially precious commodities. This is why the Tokyo National Museum filed a request to borrow them from Josai University.



"Arashi Ryuzo in the Role of Yakko Ukiyo Matahei"



"The Actor Iwai Kiyotaro II as Fujinami, Wife of Sagisaka Sanai and The Actor Bando Zenji as O-zasa, Wife of Washizuka Kandayu"

The Great East Japan Earthquake: Reconstruction Support Activities

We would like to express our deepest sympathy for those affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011, which caused unprecedented damage.

Josai University Educational Corporation has established a foundation as a means to support our students who were affected by the quake and has also proactively promoted various activities, including a variety of charity events and volunteer activities, as well as various other activities such as research/courses/policy recommendations, etc. regarding disaster prevention.

Comprehensive support for the university's students who were affected (June, 2011)

Josai University Educational Corporation has established the "Foundation to Support the Lives of Affected Students" with the 6 million yen from Chancellor Noriko Mizuta as a core and donations from the corporation's executives, faculty members, alumni, students, and parents with the aim of supporting the studies and lives of the university's students who were affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake.

This foundation has provided comprehensive support for students and new students whose families were affected or evacuated due to the quake, tsunami, or the nuclear power plant accident through the emergency special support system (exemption from the entrance fee/tuition, etc.) and the affected student life support scholarship system (which provides 30,000 yen for 4 months as a life support scholarship) according to the degree of the damage.

On June 3, 2011, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and President Hakuo Yanagisawa presented each student, to whom the scholarship was applied, with the notification of the scholarship on the Togane Campus. Starting with this, Josai University and Josai International University have applied the scholarship to 202 students in total this year.



Presentation of the notification for the support for affected students

"Participated in Volunteer Activities in Asahi City, Chiba Prefecture" (May, 2011)

Volunteers among Josai International University faculty members and the NGO/NPO Support Center promoted volunteer activities for people who were affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake along the coast of Asahi City, Chiba Prefecture, from March to May, 2011.

In response to the request by the disaster volunteer center, which was quickly established in Asahi City that is located close to the Togane Campus, we provided transportation for volunteers' commuting by using the university's microbus, etc. in March immediately after the earthquake.

After this, in response to the request by the Asahi City Council of Social Welfare, it was decided that the NGO/NPO Support Center would lead the activities at the end of March. A volunteer activity team, which consisted of students and faculty members of the Faculty of Social Work Studies, Faculty of Media Studies, and Faculty of Social and Environmental Studies, etc. in addition to the Department of International Exchange Studies in the Faculty of International Humanities. A total of 30 members visited the site 3 times.

At the site, members cleaned up houses and warehouses, which were flooded, and removed the soil that had accumulated under the floor, etc. while collaborating with the personnel in charge of the Council of Social Welfare. The Student Affairs has also been taking the lead and continually promoting dispatching of volunteer students since then.



Students who participate in volunteer activities

The Great East Japan Earthquake: Reconstruction Support Activities

Hosted a "Clothes Donation Event" for People Who Had Evacuated to the Old Grand Prince Hotel Akasaka (June, 2011)

On June 25, a support bazaar was held at Tokyo Kioicho Campus for those who were affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. This bazaar was hosted by the local Chiyoda Ward Social Welfare Council, and Josai University Educational Corporation provided the venue as a means of collaboration. The targets of the support were those who had evacuated to the old Grand Prince Hotel Akasaka, which is close to the campus, from Fukushima Prefecture, etc. Approximately 300 people visited the venue.

At the venue, the clothes, etc., which were donated by customers to the "Marui" Group in good faith, were arranged. This bazaar was held after many affected people had expressed wishes for mainly summer clothes.

In addition, a number of group support message panels "Ganbaro (Let's not give up), Japan. Team JOSAI," which were written by the university's students in an attempt of encouraging the affected people, were displayed along the aisle in the venue. Affected people were looking at the group message panels of encouragement, which read "Let's not give up as the same Tohoku people" and "Iwaki, let's never give up!!," etc., with great focus.



Look of a bazaar

"Conducted Earthquake Reconstruction Support Field Investigation in Collaboration with JTB" (Sep, 2011)

From September 30 to October 2, 2011, 21 students from the Josai International University Faculty of Tourism visited Miyagi Prefecture for a field investigation for earthquake reconstruction support as part of the collaboration activities with JTB Corporation Tokyo. The investigation team of 8 people, including 4 exchange students from China, conducted detailed interviews with the tourism association of Matsushima-machi, NPO personnel in Ishinomaki City, and hotel personnel in Minamisanriku-cho, etc. regarding the current status of restoration/reconstruction, current status of tourism

facilities, harmful rumors, and how tourism businesses should be in the future along with employees of JTB Corporation Tokyo. They not only conducted the investigation but also promoted volunteer activities near the Oshika Community Hall in Ishinomaki, etc. They acknowledged various problems and issues of affected areas in preparation for the future reconstruction not only with information that was reported by the press, such as news and newspapers, etc., but also by witnessing the reality of the areas 6 months after the earthquake.

The students considered what should be done to have tourists return to the Kamogawa area, in which the Faculty of Tourism is located, with reduced tourists through the prior studies/field investigation/post studies in collaboration with JTB Corporation Tokyo and presented the results at the "Wellness Exchange DAY," which was held in the Awa Campus on October 16.



Students who shovel dirt in Ishinomaki city

Rejuvenation of the Saitama and Sakado regions

Developing young human resources to move into the Chinese market
~Dalian Training Program~ (Nov, 2011)

Josai University and Dalian University of Technology have jointly hosted the China – Dalian Training Program, targeting young employees of companies in Saitama Prefecture from October 31 – November 25, 2011. This training was realized with the support of Saitama Prefecture, which promotes the development of global human resources as one of the major policies, and Saitama Industrial Development Corporation with the aim of understanding China, learning the overall businesses in China, investigating the possibility of their companies' advancement in China, and establishing a wide network of connections in China, etc.

9 people in the manufacturing industry and service industry in the prefecture attended the 4-week training program and took courses on Chinese industries and management and an elementary Chinese course by the faculty members of Dalian University of Technology's Department of Industry and Business Administration as well as special courses by lecturers from Dalian's business industry.

Furthermore, a social gathering with graduate students, who are in the MBA course at the Dalian University of Technology while working for companies, and the Josai-Dalian Northeastern Alumni Association was also held. On the last day, the certificates signed by Dalian University of Technology and Josai University were presented to all participants.



Participants holding the certificates

Concluded Collaboration Agreements with Moroyama-machi and Ogose-machi
(Sep, 2012)

Josai University proactively promotes local contribution activities through collaboration with Saitama Prefecture and nearby municipalities. In 2012, we newly concluded collaboration agreements with Moroyama-machi and Ogose-machi.

We concluded the local collaboration agreement with Moroyama-machi and held the signing ceremony on September 28.

As part of the specific activities after the agreement conclusion, we have promoted these specific activities, such as Josai University's students participating in the disaster drill in Moroyama-machi on October 14, 2012, and Josai University's faculty member being appointed as an administrative reform promotion committee member of Moroyama-machi, etc. We will continue to make efforts in order to mutually develop through collaborative measures between Moroyama-machi and the university in many fields, such as industry, culture, tradition, and entertainment, etc. in the future.

In addition, we also concluded the basic agreement on mutual collaboration with Ogose-machi and held the signing ceremony on November 2.

In addition, Josai University is scheduled to conclude a comprehensive agreement with the purpose of mutual collaboration with Tsurugashima City in April, 2013. We will continue to make efforts to enhance collaborative activities and exchanges with nearby communities in the future.



Conclusion of an agreement with Moroyama town, Saitama

Rejuvenation of the Togane, Kamogawa and Chiba regions

Josai Completes Construction on Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park
(May, 2012)

On May 22, 2012, Josai held a ceremony to mark the completion of the Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park, a new state-of-the-art sports facility with a soccer field designed to host professional sporting events, as part of JIU's 20th anniversary.

The facility takes its name after the late Prince Takamado, a tireless contributor to international exchange. In so naming the park, Josai hopes to honor the Prince's accomplishments and inspire the next generation to do the same. The ceremony was attended by Princess Takamado who performed the ceremonial ribbon cutting of the sports park's memorial gate.

The new Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park is located next to JIU's Togane Campus. With an area of 33,000 square meters, the stadium is replete with top-line facilities to accommodate major sporting events, including all-purpose grass turf. The total area of the clubhouse is 450 square meters. There are coach's rooms, meeting rooms, and a locker room and even 60 spectator seats on the clubhouse roof. The area of the soccer field grounds is 10,750 square meters. In consideration of the health of athletes, the grounds have been equipped with an artificial grass designed to maintain an optimal temperature. The stadium is also equipped to support night matches, with 300 seats located at field level.

While serving as a facility for JIU's soccer team, it's Josai's hope that the sports park will both work to foster youth and regional sports and serve as a foundation for international exchange activities.



A full view of sports park

Faculty of Tourism Cooperates with the Kamogawa-shi PR in conjunction with anime
set in Kamogawa-shi (Jan, 2012)

The Faculty of Tourism has been cooperating with the city's PR in conjunction with the anime "Flower declaration of your heart *Rinne no Lagrange*." This anime is set in Kamogawa-shi, where Josai International University's Faculty of Tourism is located, and has been broadcasted since January of 2012 on Chiba Television and Yomiuri Telecasting, etc.

Kamogawa-shi has established " 'Rinne no Lagrange' Kamogawa Promotion Committee" with the aim of promoting community rejuvenation by linking the new commodity "anime" and local resources possessed by Kamogawa-shi based on the "All Kamogawa" system, which promotes cooperation between public bodies and private personnel such as various organizations, educational organizations, and administrative organizations that act as the core of the local economy. Students of the Faculty of Tourism have also been proposing various plans, such as the anime's promotion activities, establishment of a system in order to attract anime fans, development of local specialties, and execution of customer attraction events, etc., as members of the committee.



Rinne no Lagrange
Copyright Lagrange Project

Social contributions through policy recommendations

Chancellor Mizuta Delivers the Keynote Address at the World Women University President's Forum (Sep, 2009)

On September 16, 2009, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, serving as the director of the Asia region, was invited to give keynote addresses in participation with the fourth World Women University President's Forum by the Communication University of China, Nanjing College.

In the morning session, Chancellor Mizuta gave her address before more than a thousand audience including members of Chinese university administrators, the Communication University of China, senior officials of the Chinese Government, representatives of UNESCO, forty-four university presidents from all around the world, and many members of the press. The Chancellor's speech, "The Task of Women's Higher Education in the Aging Society," which addresses one of the most pressing issues in Asia, was delivered in English; the speech detailed the problems, discussed how these can be resolved, and described the efforts made by Josai to tackle them, particularly emphasizing how research conducted at Josai has been put into practice as a project with Good Practice. The speech received a very favorable response from a number of top members of the audience; the audience members showed their deep interest in the speech, commenting that the Chancellor offered a very enlightening opinion regarding the issue at hand. In fact, many of the participants asked for the manuscript of the Chancellor's speech.

In the afternoon, during the panel discussion on "University Administration and Environmental Problems," Chancellor Mizuta delivered an English keynote address entitled, "Contending with University Management and Environmental Problems in Response to the Changing Times: for the Attainment of the University's Social Responsibility." The Chancellor highlighted that contending with environmental problems is an imperative task faced not only by Chinese universities but also all the universities across the globe. She also discussed how this matter should be tackled in relation to the public welfare. Here too, Chancellor Mizuta as a representative of Japan garnered tremendous attention for addressing these pressing subjects.



Keynote Address by Chancellor Mizuta

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology in Japan -Good Practice Program In preparation for the international standards of care and development of professional training programs (Sep, 2010)

Josai International University Faculty of Social Work Studies had a study tour in Norway and Finland to learn about welfare policies/ services for the elderly as well as programs to train caregivers, etc. from September 7 to 16, 2010.

In Norway, we visited a care specialist training school and listened to the plan for future caregiver training at NIFU STEP (Norsk institutt for Studier av Innovation, Forskning og Utdanning), which is an independent research institute involved with formulating long-term plans for welfare. In addition, we also observed the work of care specialists at the Cathinka Guldberg Senteret, which is a facility for the elderly located in Oslo.

In Vihti, Finland, medical facilities and welfare facilities, such as hospitals, pharmacies, and facilities for the elderly, are coordinated with each other. We observed the practice for 2 days at the professional training center.

University of Oslo (Norway) and North Karelia University of Applied Sciences (Finland) are our sister universities. During our study tour, they showed a lot of interests in the establishment of international standards of care and professional training programs, which are the objectives of the Good Practice Program.



At the library of University of Oslo

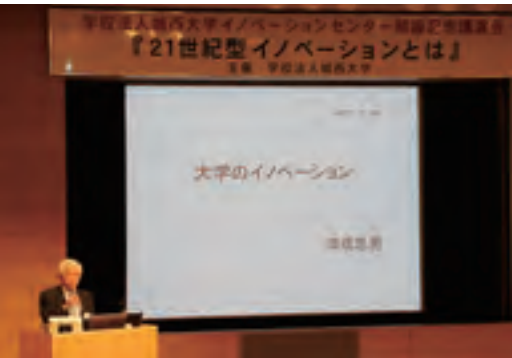
Social contributions through policy recommendations

Promotion of research groups through the establishment of the "Innovation Center" (July, 2011)

On July 22, 2011, Josai University Educational Corporation opened the "Innovation Center," a facility intended to serve as a foundation for cooperation between government, industry, and academia and facilitate joint research with universities abroad.

This center was established in order to further develop human resources and make social contributions by further promoting the "development of human resources that contribute to society" and "contributions to society through cooperation with the community and companies," which Josai University Educational Corporation has been promoting for many years, and realizing new innovations through domestic and international projects regarding cooperation between government, industry, and academia, projects regarding the university's intellectual properties and introduction of external funding, various cooperation projects regarding local rejuvenation, and joint projects with overseas universities, etc.

To commemorate the establishment of the center, Josai hosted a lecture with the theme of "What is the Model of Innovation in the 21st Century?" at Tokyo Kioicho Campus on the same day. Innovation Center Consultant Tadao Kiyonari and Innovation Center manager Yukio Doi gave lectures titled "The Role of Innovation and Development in the University" and "The Terms of 21st Century Innovation."



Innovation Center Consultant Kiyonari delivers his lecture



Yukio Doi, manager of the Innovation Center delivers his lecture

Lecture to commemorate the establishment of Josai Center for Graduate Studies (Nov, 2011)

Josai University Educational Corporation hosted a lecture to commemorate the establishment of Josai Center for Graduate Studies on November 25, 2011.

Josai Center for Graduate Studies was established in order to further enhance the education/research in the graduate school programs in Josai University (4 courses and 8 specialties) and Josai International University (5 courses and 9 specialties) with the aim of developing human resources who can display leadership in Japan/Asia as well as the world.

Before the lecture, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta gave a speech, saying "We have established the Innovation Center in July and now the Josai Center for Graduate Studies in order to promote education programs that would contribute to the development of domestic and international human resources. We hope to educate as many specialists with great abilities who can display leadership in global society through mutual efforts between the two graduate schools and cooperation with overseas universities."



Lecture by Chancellor Yuichiro Anzai of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science



Lecture by Director Motoyuki Ono of the Josai Center for Graduate Studies

Social contributions through policy recommendations

Workshop on “Disaster and Gender” ~presentation at a symposium~ (Apr, 2011)

On April 11, 2011, which was 1 month after the Great East Japan Earthquake, a workshop on “Disaster and Gender” was jointly held by the “6.11 Symposium Executive Committee” and Josai International University’s Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies on Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

A number of female researchers gathered in this workshop, including the ex-governor of Chiba Akiko Domoto, Dr. Keiko Amano assistant director of Chiba Prefectural Togane Hospital, Professor Keiko Higuchi who represents the “Women’s Association for the Better Aging Society,” Professor Teruko Ono who is the head of the National Council of Women’s Centers, and Professor Hiroko Hara of Josai International University, etc., and discussed gender issues which emerge in times of disaster.

This workshop was held in order to consider specific measures to provide support for the damage caused by the recent quake from women’s perspective, due to the fact that ex-governor Domoto, who is one of the initiators, is the representative for WHJ (Woman and Health Network), which is an international organization that works on women’s health, rights, and physical issues from the perspective of gender-specific medicine.

In the workshop, various researchers reported gender equality measures in disaster prevention and support issues from the perspective of female activists in affected areas, etc. We were able to confirm that gender difference in daily lives cause more obvious issues in a time of emergency such as disaster. JIU students also asked questions in an active manner, and this was a great opportunity for us to deeply acknowledge the issue of “disaster and gender.”

The discussions from this workshop were also presented in the symposium held at the Science Council of Japan on June 11 after further considerations. The workshop has led to further active policy recommendation activities, as seen in the example of the follow-up workshop titled “the 1st Workshop on Gender Equality and Disaster/Reconstruction,” which was held in January, 2012, on the same campus, etc.



Speech by Domoto ex-governor of Chiba

“English Master’s Program” allows learning in English

The International Administration program in Graduate School of Humanities at JIU has started the special education course “English Master’s Program,” in which students can take classes in English, write the master’s thesis in English, and acquire the master’s degree in English, in April, 2011.

This program is comprised of 5 career and qualification-oriented special tracks, including “Policy Studies,” “International Studies,” “International Corporate Management,” “International Communication,” and “Hospitality Management and Tourism.” We will further promote the development of human resources who can display leadership in global society with international expertise and education.



English Master’s Program

Local collaboration project

Conclusion of an agreement on recurrent education with Saitama Prefecture (Mar, 2007)

Josai University has concluded an agreement on recurrent education with Saitama Prefecture in 2007. Many citizens of Saitama are studying in the department of their preference.

Comment by Mr. Katsuyuki Kurosaki, a recurrent education student:

I decided to apply for the Saitama Prefecture’s “recurrent education by universities” and take some courses at Josai University in order to inject my brain with “studies” and take on the challenge of “brain rejuvenation” in hopes of stimulating my opportunistic lifestyle.

Josai University’s campus is vast with a lot of trees. I can also stroll through the campus, so I think this is the optimal environment for me to rejuvenate my brain.

I took “general natural science” during the first semester and am taking “herbalism” in the second semester at Josai University. I was completely lost in both subjects in the beginning, but I began being able to understand the lectures as time passed. I think what I’m learning in the classes at the university is knowledge and studies that allow me to repay to society. I hope to continue taking recurrent education as long as I live.



Conclusion of an agreement on recurrent education with Governor Ueda of Saitama Prefecture



Mr. Katsuyuki Kurosaki

Chiba Area Consortium (Mar, 2009)

On March 30, 2009, the chancellors of the 4 participating universities (Josai International University, Chiba University, Kanda University of International Studies, and Keiai University) of the Chiba Area Consortium gathered at Chiba University and conducted the Credit Transfer Agreement Signing Ceremony.

This agreement enables students to take specified reciprocal courses in these 4 universities. The agreement was made in hopes of educating human resources with extensive knowledge and communication capability by using the strengths of each university. Furthermore, this will further enhance the development foundation for the education program, which has been promoted jointly. Through this program, we will make efforts in promoting student exchanges, e-learning, research on study supporting methods for exchange students and impaired persons, symposiums, etc. Upon the agreement, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta stated their aspiration to “be able to contribute to community rejuvenation and the improvement of education capacity”.



Cooperation between 4 Universities

Academic-industrial collaboration project

“Film Art Course” is newly established in cooperation with Nikkatsu (Apr, 2011)

On June 10, 2010, Josai University Educational Corporation and Nikkatsu Corporation concluded the “comprehensive agreement on collaboration.” Its signing ceremony was held at Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

With this agreement, the “Film Art Course” will be newly established with the aim of educating professionals of digital image production, such as films and videos, in the Josai International University Faculty of Media Studies in April, 2011. This course will utilize “Nikkatsu Studio in Chofu,” which is a production site, as a place of education for the first time for universities in the Tokyo Metropolitan Area.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta stated “It is a great step to establish a connection between a university and films. We will strive to educate human resources that can be internationally active in cooperation with Nikkatsu.” to the many reporters there. President Naoki Sato of Nikkatsu stated “Nikkatsu will celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2012, but today has great historical significance for Nikkatsu as well.”

To commemorate this collaboration, Nikkatsu donated a large camera for filming, which was manufactured in 1952. The camera is displayed in Tokyo Kioicho Campus.



Chancellor Mizuta and President Sato

Josai Cofounds Post-Production Center with Nikkatsu (Sep, 2012)

On September 10, 2012, Josai University Educational Corporation held a press conference announcing the construction of a new post-production facility (the Josai-Nikkatsu Post-Production Center) in cooperation with Nikkatsu Studios at Tokyo Kioicho Campus. The motivation behind this facility is to train the next generation of visual media specialists.

Josai and Nikkatsu first established a strategic partnership agreement in June 2010, and in April 2011 JIU added a cinematic arts course to its Faculty of Media Studies. With the cooperation of Nikkatsu Visual Arts Academy, Josai’s goal is to foster the next generation of visionaries in the cinematic arts, while incorporating the latest in digital media technology.

The establishment of this facility, which will open in July 2013, hopes to advance Josai’s plan even further. The center will be co-run by JIU’s Faculty of Media Studies and Nikkatsu and will be equipped with top-of-the-line professional post-production facilities.

The center will have online and offline editing rooms and MA rooms, among other specialized areas. It will be used not only for the study of post-production but also by Nikkatsu’s post-production staff to edit the studio’s latest films. The fact that Josai media students will be able to study post-production at the same state-of-the-art facility as Nikkatsu professionals makes this a splendid opportunity to boost their practical knowledge of production methods.

With the foundation of the Post-Production Center and the deepening of their relationship with Nikkatsu Studios, Josai hopes to convey its dedication to the cultivation of expert knowledge and visual media studies within the interdisciplinary arts field known as “cinema.” In the process, Josai strives to enrich the Japanese content industry and produce talented visual media professionals who are able to participate at a global level.



Chancellor Mizuta and President Sato at the press conference

Academic-industrial collaboration project

Academic-industrial collaboration with Hanno-Shinkin Bank (June, 2010)

On June 8, 2010, Hanno-Shinkin Bank and Josai University held a signing ceremony for the comprehensive agreement on academic-industrial collaboration. The objective of this agreement is mutual collaboration and contribution to the local community in order to promote academic-industrial collaboration activities in the community.

On July 14, 2010, a special lecture was held at the Josai University Faculty of Economics with Director Satoshi Uchida of Hanno-Shinkin Bank as a lecturer to commemorate the conclusion of the academic-industrial collaboration agreement. Josai University will continue to proactively make efforts in local collaborations and promote academic-industrial collaboration activities.



After signing the agreement

Collaboration with JTB Business World Tokyo Corp.

Enhancing the education of human resources in the tourism industry (Mar, 2010)

On March 7, 2011, Josai University Educational Corporation and JTB Business World Tokyo Corp. concluded a comprehensive agreement on collaboration.

JTB, which leads the tourism industry, and Josai International University Faculty of Tourism, which was established with the hope of developing the tourism industry in Kamogawa, Chiba, will strive to mutually exchange and utilize human/intellectual resources and educate valuable human resources who will be active in the tourism industry through collaborations between the community, university, and companies based on comprehensive academic cooperation.

We will start promoting the education of human resources that can make contributions in the field of tourism through the synergetic effect of the promotion of joint projects that contribute to the development of the tourism industry, business training by JTB (study of company examples, conducting work, internship, etc.), and tourism education by Josai International University Faculty of Tourism in 2011.



Shaking hands with CEO Masuyuki Kawamura of JTB Business World Tokyo Corp. after signing the agreement.

Collaboration with Avex Planning & Development Inc.

Nurturing human resources in the field of entertainment (Apr, 2010)

On January 27, 2011, Josai University Educational Corporation concluded a comprehensive collaboration agreement on the education of human resources in the field of entertainment with President Yoshihito Aoki of Avex Planning & Development Inc., which is an affiliate company of Avex Group Holdings Inc.

The Film Art Course by Josai International University Faculty of Media Studies was newly established in April, 2011, with its campus in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, with the aim of nurturing human resources in the field of entertainment, including films, images, performing arts and music, etc. With this collaboration, the “Avex Dance Master” program will be incorporated in the curriculum for the course. In this program, dance instructors, including currently active dancers, who are dispatched by Avex, will provide instructions on dance performance.

For healthy and rich life

Establishment of “Wellness College” and “Senior Wellness College”

Josai University Educational Corporation has established the “Wellness College” in Josai University and “Senior Wellness College” in Josai International University as joint projects with the local communities in order to respond to the “National Health Promotion Movement in the 21st Century (Healthy Japan 21),” which is one of the government’s policies.

The four basic policies of “Healthy Japan 21” are as follows: (1) the importance of primary prevention; (2) creation of a supportive environment for the enhancement of health; (3) goalsetting and assessment based on scientific basis; and (4) the promotion of effective, well-coordinated activities by various implementing bodies.

Josai University Educational Corporation promotes these activities with the objectives of establishing healthy living that focuses on optimization of nutrients/diet, which is promoted by Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, supporting sport activities, providing our intellectual assets to local communities, and contributing to community rejuvenation in accordance with founder’s school motto, “character-building through learning.”

Josai University offers programs including cooking classes utilizing the know-how of the Department of Clinical Dietetics and Human Nutrition in Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, as well as programs in which the achievements of the Male Ekiden Club, who have been participating in the Hakone Ekiden for 10 consecutive years since the third year of the establishment of the team, are passed along. Josai International University offers lectures on utilization of supplement by Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, practical classes by Health/Sports and Life Management Course lecturers in Faculties of Management & Information Sciences, and tours in the Medicinal Plant Garden, etc. Both universities offer curriculums that utilize the strengths of each university.



Training by Ekiden Club members

Donated course
Growell HD Total Healthcare Course offered (2011)

Josai International University Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences has been enhancing the academic-industrial collaboration with Growell Holdings Co.Ltd., which operates a chain of drugstores which are attached to pharmacies, and offering the “Growell HD Total Healthcare Course” since 2011. This course educates and promotes studies on the shifts of pharmacies and drugstore industries due to social environmental changes and expansion of functions of pharmacists. In addition, Growell HD Co.Ltd dispatches pharmacists who are currently active in the field, who provide practical education of sales/customer communication, consultation responses, and product selection, etc. for OTC drugs.

Now that the depopulation of local healthcare has become a concern, we must make sure to educate pharmacists who can be active in the field and to establish the social structure in a physical manner. Growell HD Co.Ltd promotes to develop nation-wide “personal pharmacies” that can contribute to local communities as total healthcare stations, in which “nursing care business” has been added to the unique business model of proactive promotion of attached pharmacies, late business hours, and counseling cosmetics, with the aim of responding to diverse customer needs by local communities accurately and swiftly. Since this corporate strategy coincides with the educational philosophy of Josai International University Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences to “educate pharmacists to contribute to local healthcare” with extensive knowledge of a wide range of fields including nutrients, welfare, nursing/care, medical care for the elderly, and self-medication, etc., it was decided to establish this donated course.

Furthermore, Growell HD Co. Ltd has also established the “Growell HD Educational Scholarship,” targeting pharmacy students in Josai International University. This is to grant scholarship to students with motivation toward contributing to local healthcare. We will utilize the collaboration with the company to strive for extensive pharmacist education.

For healthy and rich life

Medicinal Plant Gardens in both Universities

•Josai University Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Medicinal Plant Garden (Sakado-shi)

Josai University and Josai International University both possess Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and maintain medicinal plant gardens in order to educate students and grow medicinal plants required as research materials.

Medical use of plants can be regarded as wisdom of living, which has been established through accumulations of experiences by people who wished to be healthy over a long period of time. Medicinal plants are still utilized in a number of areas, such as folk medicines, Chinese medicines, and medical supplies.

Josai University also focuses on test growth and preservation of especially important medicinal plants. The university participates in the joint growth research by the Japan Association of Botanical Gardens Fourth Division and conducts growth research on peonies and Baikal Skullcap, etc. It also conducts preservation growth of “Caloscordum inutile,” which is a natural monument designated by Saitama Prefecture.

•Josai International University Medicinal Plant Garden (Otakicho)

Josai International University has been appointed as the designated administrator for the Medicinal Plant Garden by Otakicho, and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences manages and operates the garden. Approximately 350 breeds of medicinal plants have been collected in the garden, which covers approximately 16,000 square meters and is surrounded by greens. The plants are categorized and planted in each garden depending on their uses, etc.

The museum display room contains materials related to medicinal plants, such as samples of crude drugs, etc., as well as explanatory equipment for medicinal plants. The training center, which was completed in 1995, holds periodical public courses hosted by the university and is used for various internal/external seminars (by reservation), etc.

The Medicinal Plant Garden is utilized as an educational base for the university and hosts public lectures by the university for local citizens, observation classes for the students in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, project education for faculty members and students in other departments, and Senior Wellness University Visits, etc. It is also utilized as a base to transmit information to local citizens.

Relaxing herb tea

In the Medicinal Plant Garden, visitors are encouraged to try herb tea. This herb tea made with the chamomile, peppermint, and bergamot, etc. from the garden not only provides benefits from each herb but also relaxes your mind and body with its fragrance.



Observing the garden confirming the benefits



<Josai International University Medicinal Plant Garden (Otakicho)>

Exchanges with Hungary

President Sólyom László visits the University (Dec, 2009)

On December 3, 2009, President Sólyom László of the Republic of Hungary paid a visit to Tokyo Kioicho Campus, delivered a special lecture, and spent time with students.

After arriving at the university, the President first had an informal gathering with Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, directors of the University, and faculty members. At the gathering, the President greeted the students of the Faculty of Tourism, who served him Japanese tea and Hungarian sweets in Hungarian, with a smile.

Chancellor Mizuta gave a welcoming speech for the President's visit, explaining the history of mutual exchanges between the University and the Republic of Hungary. The Chancellor said that two former Hungarian ambassadors are affiliated with the University as visiting faculty members, teaching courses on Hungarian history and culture, and then announced the introduction of a new scholarship as a way to honor the President's visit. She also introduced the special lecture by the President, saying that its topic is especially relevant and timely for the current situation of Japan as the nation is in the middle of a transitional period, looking for a new direction.

The President started his speech by stating that university is a place where he feels like home. The President continued that the scholarship from the University is certainly an unforgettable present, especially because this year marks the 140th anniversary of Japan-Hungary amity. The President hoped that Josai would provide a role model for mutual exchanges between Japan and Hungary and also added that he would personally support exchange activities between Josai and Hungary from now on.

Entitled "A Revolution based on Law: Twenty Years after Hungary's Democratization," the President's special lecture recounts the President's personal involvement with Hungary's democratization process in a compelling fashion, from his active participation in people's movements as a jurist to the establishment of the Constitutional Court and his time as a first cabinet member. After the lecture, the President took a number of questions from students from both universities and addressed each of them attentively.



With President Sólyom László



President answering questions from students

•Establishment of the Mizuta Noriko Hungary Scholarship (Dec,2009)

The Mizuta Noriko Hungary Scholarship, commemorating Hungarian President Sólyom László's visit to the university, is an award that provides support to Hungarian students studying abroad in Josai in areas such as business administration, tourism, environment, inter-culture studies, and IT, etc. through means of tuition, airfare, and living expenses, etc. The scholarship was established in hopes of encouraging as many Hungarian students to study in Josai as possible.

On December 3, 2009, the first announcement for the Mizuta Noriko Hungary Scholarship establishment was made, and the catalogue was presented from Chancellor Mizuta to Ambassador Bohar.



Presentation of the Mizuta Noriko Hungary Scholarship

Exchanges with Hungary

Award ceremony for the Mizuta Noriko Hungary Scholarship, commemorating Hungarian President Sólyom László's visit (Oct, 2010)

The Mizuta Noriko Hungary Scholarship, commemorating Hungarian President (at the time) Sólyom László's visit to Tokyo Kioicho Campus in December 2009, is an award for Hungarian exchange students as a means of promoting relations between Japan and Hungary.

◎Josai University: 2 students

Eötvös Loránd University: 1 female

Szent István University: 1 male

◎Josai International University: 4 students

Budapest University of Technology and Economics: 1 female

Eötvös Loránd University: 3 females

The first students came to Japan with this scholarship in 2010. On October 7, 2010, the "award ceremony for the Mizuta Noriko Hungary Scholarship" was held at Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

To the six scholarship recipients from Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Szent István University, and Eötvös Loránd University in attendance, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta stated, "I would like to express my joy at your decision to study abroad in Japan. By living in Japan, I'm sure that you will discover many sides of the culture that could not be seen from the outside. Having many different experiences while you're young is an extremely good thing. My hope is that you will both transcend national borders and help form a bridge between Hungary and Japan."

Awardee Spokesperson Patkó Ágnes Anna (JIU Faculty of Tourism major) expressed her gratitude in Japanese by saying, "I'm extremely thankful for my year of experience studying at JIU's Faculty of Tourism. It is my goal to continue my study of both the Japanese language and the field of tourism, while considering what I can do to promote exchange between Japan and Hungary. In addition, I hope to continue to pursue my dream of becoming a teacher of the Japanese language."



Hungary Scholarship Students

A Visit from Vice-President Márton Atilla of the Hungary-Japan Friendship League (Dec, 2010)

On December 17, 2010, Márton Atilla, Vice-President of the Hungary-Japan Friendship League paid a visit to the Kioicho campus to participate in an exchange with students. Based on Josai's distinction as a university where more than 250 students study the Hungarian language, Vice-President Márton expressed his ardent wish to speak with students directly.

"It is a great honor to be a guest at the same Japanese university that the Hungarian president visited. It is my duty to strengthen economic, cultural, as well as human connections between Japan and Hungary. This is why I'm greatly looking forward to today's exchange," said Vice-President Márton.

He praised the students on their excellent Hungarian pronunciation and answered each question with great courtesy.



Rep. Márton interacts with students

Exchanges with Hungary

Chancellor Mizuta was awarded the “Pro Cultura Hungaria” from the Republic of Hungary (May, 2011)

Mr. Erno Bohar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Republic of Hungary in Japan, presented the Pro Cultura Hungarica to JIU Chancellor Noriko Mizuta at the Hungarian Embassy in Tokyo on May 18, 2011. The Pro Cultura Hungarica is the Hungarian equivalent to the Japanese Order of Cultural Merit, and past awardees include Mr. Hiromasa Yonekura, Chairman of the Nippon Keidanren (The Japan Business Federation), and Mr. Kenichiro Kobayashi, conductor.

About 45 people, including Josai University/Josai International University faculty members, students from Hungary, and Japanese students who had studied in Hungary were invited by the Hungarian Embassy to celebrate the awarding of the order to the Chancellor.

Ambassador Bohar stated that the award was to recognize the positive work undertaken by Josai University Educational Corporation for the educational and cultural exchanges between Hungary and Japan, the setting up of the “Mizuta Hungary Scholarship” to commemorate the visit by former President Sólyom László of the Republic of Hungary to the Corporation, and its contribution to the student exchange and human resource development of the two countries.

Chancellor Mizuta expressed her thanks, saying, “I am pleased to receive this award today, but I fully understand that the award is for the Josai University Educational Corporation. We will continue our efforts toward student exchange and human resource development of the two countries now and in the future.”

Ms. Maki Ide, Josai International University Graduate School student, gave a congratulatory speech, saying that she was lucky to be able to study at Budapest Business School College of International Management and Business where she learned not only the Hungarian language but also many others thanks to the student exchange.



Chancellor Mizuta receives the award

Presentation of Honorary Doctorate from Szent István University (June, 2011)

On June 17, 2011, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta was presented an honorary doctoral degree (business administration) from Chancellor Rector Solti at Szent István University's graduation ceremony. At present Josai is involved in a number of academic exchanges with Szent István, including student, faculty, and training in the field of tourism.

In the ceremony, Dean Villányi cited Chancellor Mizuta's contributions to Japan-Hungary relations and her outstanding achievements as both a scholar and university administrator as reasons for the award.

Chancellor Mizuta expressed her gratitude at receiving the honor and, having been exposed to the rich history of the relations between Josai University and Hungary, pledged to work even harder to build this relationship in the name of human welfare. In closing, Chancellor Mizuta gave her heartfelt thanks to the people of Hungary for their support during the recent disaster in Japan. She then presented to Szent István University a Japanese doll from Josai, made in commemoration of the occasion.

The previous evening the Josai delegation was received by Dean Villányi, Vice President László Guth, and Professor László Vasa along with their spouses for the Honorary Doctoral Degree Dinner Ceremony.



Presentation of Honorary Doctorate from Szent István University

Exchanges with Hungary

Academic exchange agreements reached with Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church and Corvinus University (June, 2011)

On June 15, 2011, a seven-member delegation from Josai led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta visited Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church of Budapest to finalize an academic exchange agreement. Chancellor Mizuta expressed her mutual delight at Josai's relations with Hungary, adding that as the Josai program offers instruction in not only Japanese language, but tradition and culture as well, she hopes that many exchange students will come to the university to learn.

Károli Gáspár University was originally founded in 1855 as the Reformed Church Academy of Theology. In 1993, the school shifted to the standard university format. Numerous national scholarship students from Károli Gáspár have studied at JIU and there are several Ph.D. candidates in the humanities enrolled at present. However, this September will mark the first time a recipient of the Mizuta-Hungary Human Resources Scholarship will be enrolled in the JIU Media Studies program.

On June 15, Josai visited Corvinus University, which is located in the center of Budapest, to finalize an academic exchange agreement. This is the 6th school, with which Josai has finalized academic agreements. Corvinus University President Tamás Mészáros expressed his satisfaction with the agreement, thanking Josai for inviting his students to enroll. He also stated that as they are working hard to strengthen English education as well, they are hoping that many Josai students will consider enrolling in their program as well.

Corvinus University is an elite academy founded in 1920 under the name University of Hungary, School of Economics. At present, it boasts approximately 17,000 students. Two students from Corvinus have been selected for the Mizuta Noriko Hungary Scholarship to begin a year of study at Josai's Faculty of Business Management and JIU's Faculty of Tourism, respectively, in September.



Károli Gáspár Affixes their Seal

Chancellor Mizuta Awarded Professor Honoris Causa from Budapest Business School (Nov, 2012)

On November 8, during the Josai delegation's visit to Hungary, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta was named Professor Honoris Causa from Budapest Business School.

Budapest Business School and Josai have enjoyed an active partnership, including student and research exchange programs, since the signing of their academic exchange agreement in January 2007. This honorary degree was awarded to Chancellor Mizuta to acknowledge her many accomplishments in this area. The Professor Honoris Causa is in fact the highest honor issued by Budapest Business School, having only been bestowed upon three distinguished individuals until this point.

After receiving her award, Chancellor Mizuta opened a lecture to commemorate the occasion, entitled, “Women's Changing Role in 21st Century Global Society,” drawing participation from students and faculty from both universities.



Chancellor Mizuta accepts degree and award

Exchanges with China

Mizuta Mikio Memorial Library Donation (May, 2008)

The founder Mikio Mizuta devoted himself to the restructuring of Japan after the War and also made great efforts in restoring the relationship between China and Japan. He is also known for promoting cultural exchanges through a Hokusai exhibition in Beijing, in which he played the group leader, as part of a preliminary step before the official relationship restoration.

"Mizuta Mikio Memorial Library Donation" was started in hopes of helping students who study Japan and international relations in Dalian University of Technology. In May, 2008, the unveiling ceremony for Mizuta Mikio Memorial Library was held in Dalian University of Technology. 124 books on June 28, 2007, as the first donation, 22 books on July 30, 2007, as the second donation, 16 books on January 27, 2008, as the third donation, and 137 books on May 20, 2008, as the fourth donation, were donated, including government publication materials, books on economics, culture, history, and natural science, as well as dictionaries, etc.

Dalian University of Technology expresses the delight for the donations of "Mizuta Mikio Memorial Library," which consist of valuable materials and books, saying that they would like to utilize them in educating students, educating global human resources, enhancing the understanding of Japan, and developing Japan-China exchanges.



Unveiling ceremony for Mizuta Mikio Memorial Library

Establishment of the Japan-China Association for Short Poetry (May, 2008)

Josai University Educational Corporation established the Japan-China Association for Short Poetry in cooperation with two universities in Dalian. Short poetry, such as haiku and Chinese poetry, is literature that expresses society and the spiritual world of people through sophisticated words, delicate emotions, and rich imagination.

It is also the oldest literature style. The association focuses on short poetry-style literature in China and Japan, especially free-verse contemporary poetry. Its objective is to further enhance the understanding of each other's culture and promote exchanges through composition, appreciation, translation, and research activities.

The anniversary conference was held in Dalian University of Foreign Languages.

Professor Du Feng Gang, Director of the Department of Japanese Language Studies at Dalian University of Technology, professor Chen Yan, who was the head of Dalian University of Foreign Languages and is also a Japanese contemporary literature scholar who represents China, and Dalian University of Foreign Languages faculty members, graduate students, students, and members of JIU Haiku Association, who were instructed by Seiko Mizuta, School Corporation Honored Chief Director of Josai University, attended the first poetry meeting. Many fine poems with the seasonal word of acacia were composed under instruction by Advisor Murai, and it was a pleasant time for friendly exchanges.



Anniversary conference

Exchanges with China

The "Mizuta Mikio Memorial" Mizuta Noriko Scholarship presented to Dalian University of Technology (June, 2009)

On June 3rd, 2009, the "Mizuta Mikio Memorial" Mizuta Noriko Scholarship Award Ceremony took place at the Dalian University of Technology in China where the selected students from Dalian University of Technology received their scholarship awards from Chancellor Noriko Mizuta.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta seeks to foster talented students that will make great efforts to actively promote friendship between Japan and China in the future by encouraging their scholastic achievements. She expressed her wish to confer this scholarship in anticipation of everlasting friendship between both universities.

Following the scholarship award ceremony, the Mizuta Mikio Memorial Library's Fifth Donation Ceremony was conducted. This year, forty volumes of works related to Mizuta Mikio, the most recent government white papers, and the newest published bulletins of Josai and Josai International University were donated, and Dalian University of Technology's College of Management President Su Jing Qin was presented the donated catalogue.

Chancellor Mizuta made the first courtesy visit with Party Secretary and Chief Administrator Zhang De Xiang during this visit. At the outset of their discussions, Secretary Zhang expressed his gratitude to Chancellor Mizuta for the "Mizuta Mikio Memorial" Mizuta Noriko Scholarship and the Mizuta Mikio Memorial Library Donations, in its fifth year this year. Then, they affirmed the strengthening of their tightly-knit and productive exchange efforts in the JMBA (Dual Degree) Program, the reciprocal short-term study of students, the reciprocal visits of research staff, and their joint-research activities and more.



Awarding the "Mizuta Mikio Memorial" Mizuta Noriko Scholarship

The Josai University JMBA scholarship student award ceremony (May, 2009)

The Josai University JMBA scholarship student award ceremony was held at Tokyo Kioicho Campus on May 19, 2009.

This scholarship student system was established to provide financial support for exchange students (five annually), who are participating in the JMBA Program, from Dalian University of Technology's College of Management, encouraging their year of study at Josai University's Graduate School of Business Administration.

Those who attended the award ceremony include Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, the president, the department heads, the graduate school heads and others, to award these scholarships to five exchange students. Xu Yao, as representative of the five students who were the first to receive this scholarship, made an acceptance speech, expressing their determination and enthusiasm for the future.

"We intend to refine ourselves as the pioneers of the JMBA program so that we will not betray the expectations of our professors. We will never forget the honor of receiving this scholarship. We will do our best so that after one year, we can report what we have learned with confidence."

This JMBA program was initiated in February of 2009 as the result of an agreement between Josai University Educational Corporation and Dalian University of Technology's School of Management Program establishing a "one plus one" dual degree program. This program allows participating graduate students to get a master's degree from both Josai University and Dalian University of Technology. It is hoped that those with an interest in Chinese business from Japan as well will participate in this program.



Awarding the scholarship

Exchanges with China

Japan China Joint Ph.D. Program starts (Aug, 2010)

Josai University Educational Corporation has established a Ph.D. program in cooperation with three universities in China, including Dalian University of Technology, Dalian University of Foreign Languages, and Northeastern University.

On May 28, 2010, the opening ceremony was held at Dalian University of Technology in China. About one hundred twenty people, including Mr. Toyama Shigeru, Chief of Japanese Consulate's Dalian Office, guests, faculty members, and students attended the ceremony. Chancellor Mizuta presented letters of admission to all the incoming students, and the students received the letters with nervous expressions.

An intensive course was held at Tokyo Kioicho Campus from August 23 through 31 with 19 students of the inaugural class from Dalian. They received lectures on Japanese culture and comparative literature studies and individual research guidance for composing a doctoral thesis. They also utilized their opportunity to visit Japan and visited the National Diet Library to collect materials and received guidance. They also visited the Tokyo National Museum in order to familiarize themselves with Japanese culture. A social gathering was held in the cafeteria on the campus on the last day, in which the students deepened exchanges with faculty members who would provide the guidance in the Ph.D. program, including Chancellor Mizuta.

On behalf of students, three of them, including Professor Mang Qing of Dalian University of Technology, stated, "It was a wonderful intensive course. We are truly grateful that we were able to come to Josai International University. The classes were high-level and extensive. We were so busy that we didn't even have time to research materials during the course, but we are filled with content now. We will brace ourselves again to make our best efforts when we return to Dalian again."

Chancellor Mizuta gives keynote address at World Conference on Japanese Education (Aug, 2011)

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta of Josai University was invited to give the keynote address at the 10th Annual World Conference on Japanese Education which took place at Tianjin Foreign Studies University on August 20-21, 2011.

The conference, adopting "Japanese Education for Communication with Other Cultures" as its topic, attracted 2,030 participants—the most to date—from many different countries and invited individuals such as former Senior Vice Minister of Education Nakagawa Masaharu, the Tianjin Board of Education, Japanese Embassy, and Hirata Oriza, making one of the most significant conferences, which have made important contributions to the field of Japanese education, aiming for further improvement.

Chancellor Mizuta began her address entitled "The Subjective Expression 'I' in Contemporary Women's Poetry." Chancellor Mizuta explained that whereas in the past poetry was read and enjoyed, it was seldom treated as a proper subject of criticism or literary analysis. Through the analysis of works by prewar authors such as Fumiko Hayashi, Chika Sagawa, and Kiyoko Nagase and postwar authors such as Rin Ishigaki, Noriko Ibaragi, Kazuko Shiraishi, and Sachiko Yoshiwara, Chancellor Mizuta contended that poetry does not merely express the thoughts and imagery of an individual "I" but transcends the notion of an unmediated authorial voice by employing a variety of literary devices and modes of expression to create relations between complex fictional world and "the female self" in a fictional world. Following the address, audience members said that they were impressed by the fresh and compelling approach that Chancellor Mizuta's speech took and felt inspired to work even harder in their academic field.



Intensive course in Kioicho Campus



Chancellor's keynote address

Exchanges with China

Intensive courses and social gathering for the Japan-China Joint Ph.D Program (Sep, 2011)

5 students from the 2nd year of the Japan-China Joint Ph.D. Program visited Japan from August 23 through September 2, 2011, and received intensive courses on Togane Campus and Tokyo Kioicho Campus. This seemed to have presented a great opportunity for students studying Japanese linguistics and Japanese education to study the latest research status in Japan and flexible and vast perspectives regarding Japanese linguistics. Students observed the special exhibition "Kukai's World: The Arts of Esoteric Buddhism" at the Tokyo National Museum while being greatly inspired by the commentary by Professor Motoaki Kono, who is an honorary professor of the University of Tokyo and Director of Akita Museum of Art, in his intensive course on Japanese art history.

And on August 30, social gathering was held with almost 50 participants, including Guest Professor Motoaki Kono, Professor Yoshiaki Shimizu who is also a guest and honorary professor at Princeton University, Guest Professor Kazutsugu Fujii, and Professor Vasa of Szent István University, which is Josai's sister school in Hungary, etc. A speech was given, stating "The importance of Japan's future and Japanese education in China has been growing more than ever. We sincerely hope that those of you studying in the Japan-China Joint Ph.D. Program would also learn about Japanese culture and become the kind of human resources that can bring Japan and China closer together."



Social gathering for the Japan-China Joint Ph.D. Program

Establishment of the Beijing Office

Josai University Educational Corporation has established the Beijing Office within the Beijing research and liaison center for the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science as the second educational exchange base in China next to the Dalian Office. Beijing is the center of science technology and higher education in China. We will actively utilize the Beijing Office as the exchange base and window for education and research. Josai has been especially active in developing global human resources through global education and has been promoting a number of global education programs with 87 universities throughout the world. We also currently have academic agreements with 36 universities in China and have been promoting various joint research, establishment of joint Ph.D. Program, and exchange programs, etc.

We will further promote Japan-China academic exchanges through cooperation with universities, research institutes, organizations, and companies throughout China by using this Beijing Office as the base.



Inside of the Beijing Office



Building in which the Beijing Office will be placed

Hosting academic conferences/symposiums

Establishment of the “Japan/East Asia Film Research Center” (May, 2009)

In May, 2009, the “International Film and Media Workshop” was held, hosted by Josai International University for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of SCMS (Society for Cinema and Media Studies). Researchers on films and media in the Japan/East Asian region gathered from around the world and achieved a great research result. The “Josai University Educational Corporation Japan/East Asia Film Research Center” was established to be a center that can serve as a site of international media study activities and exchanges as a base of future Japanese and Asian film research in Japan, rich with a unique media culture.

This center will conduct research on films, media, and theater culture in the Japanese/East Asian region and host international symposium in order to proactively promote exchanges among international media researchers. The center will periodically host sessions by domestic and international researchers on Japanese films and plan and host cinemathèque, making efforts as a research base in Japan for Japanese/East Asian film researchers.

This center will also plan and host public lectures in order to share our research assets on Japanese/Asian films with the local community. Furthermore, the center will strive to contribute to the development of media culture in the Japanese/East Asian region through original and unique activities, including joint research with external organizations such as the film industry and public offices, etc., production and releasing of films/theater works through Academic-industrial collaboration, and mutual exchanges with domestic/overseas film centers, etc., as well as to educate human resources who can contribute to such activities.



Japan / East Asia Film Research Center

Reality and outlook for Japan/East Asia
~On the Film “Spy Sorge”~ (Nov, 2009)

On November 20, 2009, a symposium to commemorate the establishment of the “Japan/East Asia Film Research Center” was held at Tokyo Kioicho Campus with a number of guests.

In the hall, which was the main venue, “Spy Sorge” (by Director Masahiro Shinoda) was screened during the first part. During the second part, Honorary Director Masahiro Shinoda, who had just published his book “Kawaramono no susume: shie to shura no kioku”, took the stage. He began his speech with the question of “Do we take the Western perspective or Eastern perspective to look at Asia?” and discussed the meaning of the establishment of the “Japan/East Asia Film Research Center”. Director Katsuo Naruse (a professor of Faculty of Media Studies) announced the base for media culture research and the future activity policy for the center as the production base for media works.

The focus of the third part was the discussion between Director Masahiro Shinoda and Mr. Tadao Sato, who met for the first time in person. Director Katsuo Naruse and Researcher Hide Murakawa (Faculty of Media Studies) moderated the discussion. The discussion was held on Asia and films with the theme of “reality and outlook for Japan/East Asian films”, using the film “Spy Sorge” as a text.

15 students from the Faculty of Media Studies were involved in the production of this film as actors and part of the production, shooting, lighting, and recording staff. This symposium enabled us to understand the activities of this brand new center.



Discussion between Director Shinoda and Mr. Tadao Sato

Hosting academic conferences/symposiums

The “World University Presidents Forum” Was Held (Apr. 2012)

On Sunday April 29, 2012, the World University Presidents Forum was held in the underground hall of the Tokyo Kioicho Campus to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the founding of Josai International University.

This forum, grouped university presidents and representatives from 12 partner universities from nine countries and regions in Europe, America and Asia. The main theme was Global Education in a Changing World - The Role of the University in the Development of Human Resources. During this forum, participating universities split into two sessions and gave their opinions from the point of view of their respective countries’ economies and cultures, their respective universities, their field of expertise, regarding various problems faced by higher educational institutions across the world, such as “human resources in order to cut through this era and overcome the dangers and issues” “efforts in global education, future coordination and cooperation between universities,” and “education bringing together the global and regional.”

This forum attracted about 200 people, including overseas officials such as ambassadors from Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Bulgaria, countries with long-lasting ties with this university, as well as people from government and financial organizations, business, the media, and people from other universities. Participating university presidents were all able to deepen their mutual understanding of the importance of global communication and the importance of detailed goals and actions designed to fit each country’s circumstances.



Lively discussion held in two separate sessions



All of the participants in the same room

“World University Presidents Forum attendees” (in order of sessions)

Session 1

Josai International University
Szent István University (Hungary)
Camosun College (Canada)
Busitema University (Uganda)
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (Korea)
University of Cologne (Germany)
Northeastern University (China)

President Hakuo Yanagisawa
Rector László Solti
President Kathryn Laurin
Vice-Chancellor Mary Jossy Nakandha Okwakol
President Park Chul
Director Wolfgang Jagodzinski
Vice-President Wang Fuli

Session 2

Josai University
Dongseo University (Korea)
Tianjin Foreign Studies University (China)
Budapest Business School (Hungary)
North Karelia University of Applied Sciences (Finland)
Tamkang University (Taiwan)
Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Malaysia)

President Yasunori Morimoto
President Chang Jekuk
President Xiu Gang
Rector Éva Sándor-Kriszt
President Petri Raivo
Vice-President Tai Wan-chin
Vice-President Ewe Hong Tat

Hosting academic conferences/symposiums

Josai Co-Hosts “Visegrad Group and Japan, together for Eastern Partnership”
(Feb, 2013)

On February 5, 2013, Josai co-hosted “Visegrad Group and Japan, together for Eastern Partnership” with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Polish Embassy in Tokyo in collaboration with V4 Embassies in Tokyo at their Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

The Visegrad Group (V4) is an alliance formed by the four Eastern European nations of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia to promote goodwill and cooperation between their countries. For their part, Japan has remained in close dialogue with the V4, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs holding seminars on a variety of topics including economics, environmental issues, and efficient energy use and development.

The seminar also serves as a part of Josai’s mid-term target of strengthening relations with foreign universities—particularly those in Central Europe—by forging academic exchange agreements, with the ultimate goal of contributing to the growth of global human resources. With Poland serving as chair, this year’s seminar, by taking the highly discussed Eastern Partnership (the EU’s plan to strengthen regional relations between the six neighboring countries of Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Armenia, and Belarus) as its topic, hoped to promote recognition and understanding of the European nations involved. For this reason, our university, having good relations and academic exchange with Central European universities, was chosen as the site of the seminar.

The seminar featured 150 participants in all, including representatives from the Japanese government, ambassadors from nations in the Eastern Partnership, as well as foreign diplomats from 22 different countries, university faculty and staff, students, experts in the field, and business people demonstrating their support for Josai’s global education program.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta gave a word of greeting in her opening speech. This was followed by individual keynote speeches from Mr. Minoru Kiuchi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mrs. Grażyna Bernatowicz, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland, and Mr. Hans-Dietmar Schweisgut, Ambassador of the EU.

The seminar itself consisted of four sessions (Democracy, Good Governance, Stability; Economic Integration and Cooperation; Energy Security; and Direction of Eastern Partnership and Japanese Diplomacy) on different topics with expert panelists from both Japan and members of the Eastern Partnership giving presentations, followed by lively rounds of discussion. This year’s seminar, by combining dialogue on topics for the organization and maintenance of the V4 and Eastern Partnership as well as possible directions for the future, proved a valuable opportunity for students that participated, enabling them to enhance their understanding of regional issues and obtain a global perspective through direct exposure to voices from these nations.



A commemorative photo taken after the seminar



Participants from 22 different foreign embassies

Expanding International Exchanges

Lecture at the 1st Taiwan-Japan University Presidents’ Forum hosted by the Taiwanese government (Dec, 2011)

Josai University Educational Corporation delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta participated in the “1st Taiwan-Japan University Presidents’ Forum,” which was held in Tamkang University in Taiwan on December 19, 2011.

This forum was hosted by the Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations of the Ministry of Education in Taiwan with the aim of providing new learning opportunities to students in both countries by enhancing international cooperation between Taiwanese and Japanese universities. In this first forum, a number of people from over 60 public and private universities, including Tamkang University (which was where the forum was held), Yunlin University of Science & Technology, and Shih Hsin University, etc., as well as people from the Ministry of Education participated from Taiwan. People from 9 universities, including Josai, Doshisha University, Asia University, and J. F. Oberlin University, etc., Japan Network for International Education, and the Association of Private Universities of Japan, etc., were specially invited and participated in the forum from Japan.

The forum hosted sessions with the three themes of “development of universities and school management,” “international cooperation and acceptance of exchange students,” and “development of universities and cooperation between industry and academia.” From Josai, Chancellor Mizuta gave a lecture titled “Development of Global Human Resources and the Importance of Global Cooperative Education and Research” in Session 1 “development of universities and school management.”



Chancellor Mizuta’s lecture during the session

Further Developing International Education Exchange Network (2012)

Josai University Educational Corporation concluded new academic exchange agreements with 11 overseas universities in FY2012, aiming to further develop global human resources. Academic exchanges with these universities in various fields related to education and research as well as development of active exchanges among students and faculty members are greatly expected in the future.

The total number of overseas universities with which we have concluded academic exchange agreements is 99 schools. It means that the international education exchange network has got further enhanced.

<List of schools with which academic exchange agreements were concluded in FY2012>

- Apr. The State University of New York at Stony Brook (U.S.A)
- Jun. University of Szeged (Hungary)
- Jul. Petra Christian University (Indonesia)
- Jul. Universiti Malaysia Perlis (Malaysia)
- Oct. City University of Hong Kong (China)
- Oct. Universiti Teknologi MARA (Malaysia)
- Nov. University of Łódź (Poland)
- Dec. University of Bergen (Norway)
- Jan. Bangkok University (Thailand)
- Feb. Taipei Chengshih University of Science & Technology (Taiwan)
- Mar. Institut Teknologi Bandung (Indonesia)



Signing ceremony with University of Łódź, Poland

Expanding International Exchanges

Joint film making project with Donseo University of Korea (Jan, 2011)

Josai University Educational Corporation has conducted a joint film making project by students with Dongseo University in Korea, with which we have an academic exchange agreement. They have recently completed the film titled "Winter Fireworks."

This project was realized when Josai University Educational Corporation granted the production cost for both universities' joint film making program to commemorate the awarding of an honorary doctoral degree (business administration) to Chancellor Noriko Mizuta by Dongseo University in September, 2010. The program's objective was to promote the two universities' exchanges and pursue new potentials for Japan-Korea joint research.

In this project, students from Film Art Course of the Faculty of Media Studies in Josai International University and students from Dongseo University's College of Film & Performing Arts began the preparation for the film making by collaborating as same young generation people in Asia with the theme of "New Generation of Asia" based on the two countries' culture and history. In November of 2011, Professor Lee Chong Chan of Dongseo University's Im Kwon Taek College of Film & Performing Arts visited Japan and visited Josai University, Josai International University, and nearby areas that are associated with Korea. Based on the visit, the scenario draft was written by Kim Ju Hyun, who is a senior student in Dongseo University. In response to this, students from both schools held a number of online meetings between Tokyo and Busan and shot the film on Josai University campus as well as the nearby Komagawa and Koma Shrine, etc. in the beginning of January, 2012.

Students from Josai International University were mainly freshmen from the "Film Art Course," which was newly established in 2011 within Faculty of Media Studies, so they were taken aback by the first film shooting experience from time to time. However, they were able to overcome the barriers of language and history and deepen the understanding of each other's culture through film making. This was a great opportunity for deep international exchanges in the true meaning.



Scene from the film shooting

Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park Hosts 1st International Friendly as Part of JIU's 20th Anniversary (Dec, 2012)

On December 11, the recently opened Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park on Josai International University's Togane, Chiba Campus hosted its first international friendly, inviting the men's team from Korean sister school, Hannam University to play against JIU.

The friendly kicked off with an acknowledgment of JFA Honorary President Princess Takamado Hisako and JFA Chief Advisor Saburo Kawabuchi who served as co-hosts for the event. The match was officiated by distinguished referee Yuichi Nishimura who served as official for four 2010 World Cup matches. JIU sustained a fierce counterattack by Hannam in the closing minutes of the game, but were ultimately able to protect their lead, resulting in a 2-1 final score.

With the success of this friendly, JIU plans to host similar events to further promote international goodwill through athletics.



Both teams put their best effort on display

Expanding International Exchanges

90 Students Participated in the Malaysia Intensive English Program (Sep, 2012)

Josai University and Josai International University held an intensive English program in Malaysia for approximately 2 weeks from September 1 to 16, 2012.

This English-filled intensive training was held in Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), with whom we have concluded an academic exchange agreement, with the aim of improving the English capabilities and understanding of different cultures among students of both universities as part of the international exchanges.

As many as approximately 90 students in total from Josai University and Josai International University participated in this training, and the training was led by English faculty members of UTAR. The classes included hard and intensive lectures of 6 hours per day x 10 days, in which students were divided into 5 classes by English level, but the students were able to enhance their English capabilities while having fun with games and discussions, etc. using English.



English intensive course in Malaysia

Josai Joins Asia Summer Program in Indonesia (July, 2012)

Josai University Educational Corporation participated in the joint-sponsored Asia Summer Program 2012 alongside Indonesia's Petra Christian University, Korea's Dongseo University, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), and Bangkok University.

The program (in its inaugural year), held from July 16 to August 3 at Petra Christian University, located in Indonesia's second largest city of Surabaya, differs from traditional intensive language programs in that it uses English to study the economic, agricultural, environmental, and engineering structures of Southeast Asian nations. Josai and Josai International University sent 18 students to participate in the program with six universities and around 150 students participating in all.

The participating students were able to study in English such wide ranging topics as "Small and Medium Indonesian Enterprise," "Business in Surabaya," "Economic Study of Rice and Foodstuffs," "Innovation and Economics," "Possible Extension of Natural Resources," and "The Indonesian Language."

The last three days of the program allowed students to experience Indonesian culture directly through the dying of cotton dress (or "batik") and traditional dance and martial arts. The students were also able to experience foreign cultures during the weekend through events that encouraged the sampling and exchange of new and exciting ethnic cuisine.



After class of textile dyeing

Contributions through culture/publications

Establishment of the Hungary Culture Center (June, 2007)

Josai University Educational Corporation and the Hokkaido University Slavic Research Center have established the "Hungary Culture Center" within the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary building in accordance with the purpose of the "Japan-Hungary Cooperation Forum" in cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary, Japan-Hungary Friendship Association, and Sumitomo Chemicals, etc.

The "Hungary Culture Center" aims at contributing to the mutual understanding, exchanges, and development of the culture and studies of Japan and Hungary through the collaboration of these establishment bodies according to the mutual objective. Through the cooperation of a wide range of experts from both countries, the "Hungary Culture Center" accumulates, consolidates and publishes materials and information related to Hungary and transmits information through its website, as well as plans and holds various kinds of events.

The center has already hosted the "Art Exhibition by Two Hungarian Artists" from September 25 – 27, 2007 (Josai University Sakado Campus) and October 4-5 (Josai International University Togane Campus) and "Franz Liszt Academy of Music Master Concert – meeting the great artists" on July 28, 2008.



Hungary Culture Center Opening Ceremony

Publication activities for U.S. – JAPAN WOMEN'S JOURNAL/ Review of Japanese Culture and Society

U.S.-JAPAN WOMEN'S JOURNAL was published in 1988 with the aims to exchange scholarship on gender studies and information with a global perspective among Japan, U.S. and other regions. Since then, the journal has covered a wide range of areas, including women's issues, men's issues, families, labor, social issues, and cultural studies, etc., and has been publishing academic articles, current issues, interviews, and materials, etc. The journal is published in English and aims to introduce Japan's gender studies and information to overseas, permeate Japanese studies overseas, and promote comparative studies of Japan and the U.S.

The Review of Japanese Culture and Society has also been published in English since 1986. These two English journals play major roles in introducing Japanese culture and studies to overseas.



Costumes and stage art for a chamber music concert (Jan, 2012)

Students of Josai International University's Faculty of Media Studies worked on the production of the costume and installation for the concert "Nakajima's selection II: Nordic Romance" in the "JT Art Hall Chamber Music" concert series on January 19, 2012.

The costumes/installation works produced by the students highlighted the Nordic music by the opera singer Akiko Nakajima.



Scene from the concert



Costume being worked on by the students

Repairing/preserving cultural assets

Mizuta Museum of Art in both Universities

•Josai University's Mizuta Museum of Art

Mizuta Museum of Art opened in March, 1979, with the collection of ukiyo-e works collected by the founder and the first chancellor, Mikio Mizuta.

Mizuta Collection possesses both original drawings and prints of ukiyo-e. The museum allows visitors to observe its development process from the beginning of the Edo Period, when ukiyo-e began, to modern Japanese paintings with exquisite works, which are also in great condition.

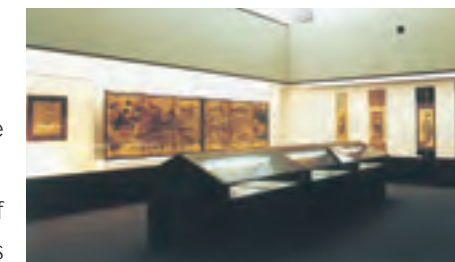
The collection contains over 200 works, including original drawings of "beautiful women pictures" by Hishikawa Moronobu, Kaigetsudo Ando, Katsukawa Shunsho, Kitagawa Utamaro, and Katsushika Hokusai, etc. on the theme of portraits of people, as well as ukiyo-e prints by Torii Kiyomasu, Ishikawa Toyonobu, Torii Kiyonaga, Kitagawa Utamaro, and Toshusai Sharaku, etc. The 9 works by Toshusai Sharaku, including rare prints such as "Matsumoto Yonesaburo in the Role of Shinobu Disguised as Courtesan Kewaizaka no Shosho," etc. are especially to be noted. Furthermore, the exquisite "Six Tama Rivers" by Suzuki Harunobu, donated by the founding family, were newly added to the Mizuta Collection. The general public can see the works in special exhibitions on the occasions of entrance ceremonies, graduation ceremonies, and Koma Festival.

•Josai International University's Mizuta Museum of Art

The museum opened, in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the university's founding, on the 1st floor of the three-story Mizuta Memorial Library in April, 2001. It has been making efforts in collecting great works in addition to the Mizuta Collection, which belongs to the museum.

The museum has been holding, in conjunction with university events, a "Mizuta Collection exhibition" in the spring and the autumn, as well as exhibitions with themes related to ukiyo-e, the university, and the surrounding area since its opening. Lectures, informal talks, and gallery talks conducted by the museum's curatorial staff also are offered. Alongside the exhibitions and the talks, visitors can make use of the digital archive corner where they may enjoy a slide show or search the Mizuta Collection.

The Mizuta Museum of Art strives to be a place where students may further their studies, as well as a cultural institution where locals may spend their time.



Josai International University's Mizuta Museum of Art



Toshusai Sharaku, "Segawa Tomisaburo II as Ogishi's wife Yadorigi," oban-size, nishiki-e



The Mizuta family has donated the fine "The Six Tama Rivers" by Suzuki Harunobu to Mizuta Museum of Art, and a special exhibition was held for these prints.

This recently donated set is one of the only two complete sets for all 6 prints of "The Six Tama Rivers." The other set is possessed by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Furthermore, "The Six Tama Rivers" of the Mizuta Family are extremely well-preserved. Many people in the art industry praise the prints, in which the original colors remain bright. The visitors who came to the special exhibition were truly excited to observe the beautiful colors.

Suzuki Harunobu (1724? – 1770)

Around 1767

<The Six Tama Rivers – Koya no Tama River>

Restoration and preservation of cultural properties (education of future leaders/community rejuvenation)

Restoring and preserving the birthplace of Mikio Mizuta – registration as cultural properties

•Origin of the Mizuta family

The old Soro-mura (Kamogawa-shi), where the old Mizuta house stands, is a mountain village with approximately 500 houses scattered along the road that runs from east to west on the south side of the Mineoka Range. The Mineoka Mountain is known as the birthplace of Japan's dairy farming.

Since the Edo period, they had the tradition of horse catching every May around the area, where a great number of people gathered. An official from the feudal government came and named the place to judge cattle and horses "jinya" (administrative headquarters of a small domain). The premises of the Mizuta family, who played the village's headperson-like role and was in the leader-like position for the village, was connected to this jinya. This house, which was built towards the end of the Edo period, remained intact even when most of the nearby buildings collapsed in the Great Kanto Earthquake in 1923.

•Features of the old Mizuta house

Mr. Tatsuo Inoue, who was the head of Mizuta Memorial Library in Josai International University, has commented on the house:

"The yosemune-zukuri (hipped roof) style structured main house with a thatched roof can be seen through the heavy "Nagayamon" (long warehouse with a gate) gate as the frame. It is built with characteristics of Boso local houses with the veranda on the west side and a lower house with a tiled roof on the south side.

A cattle shed is placed on either side of the "Nagayamon," indicating the fact that they used to practice dairy farming involving the Mineoka Farm.

These main house and "Nagayamon" have stood here for over a hundred years plus several decades and are registered as valuable cultural properties by the Agency for Cultural Affairs. We can consider them to be true crystallization of the exemplary farming and innovative enterprise that is unique to Awa. A promising young man once flew the nest from the study room in this house, dreaming of the sound of far surf. It was Mikio Mizuta, the founder of Josai University. His great work in Japanese economic reconstruction after the War continued to become the philosophy of "character-building through academia." It all started in this house."

•Restoration work

Alumni called for cooperation in restoring and preserving this house in order to praise the great work by the founder and to communicate the achievement and diligent spirit of Josai University to future generations as a project to commemorate the 30th anniversary of alumni association of Josai University.

The house has been restored with the appearance of when the founder spent his time here. Visitors can see the lifestyle of old dairy farmers and ingenuities of old buildings. A number of visitors, including alumni, students, exchange students, and local children, have visited the house. Approximately 400 visitors have been visiting the house every month since it was made open to public in 2002.

•Value as cultural properties

In 2002, the "Nagayamon" and the main house were registered as national tangible cultural properties.

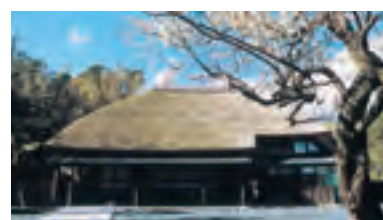
Furthermore, the site has received the 10th Chiba Architectural Culture Award for the sufficient considerations for local properties and surrounding environment and the creation of attractive scenery incorporating the buildings and the outside space as one.



Nagayamon after restoration (long warehouse with a gate)



Main house interior



Main house



Map

Architectural awards

We have been presented with a number of architectural awards

❖ Seiko Kaikan

1992: Saitama Landscape Award

Seiko Kaikan, completed in 1992, is a symbolic building as a core of Josai University to respond to internationalization and informatization, which are required in new universities.



❖ Seiko Kaikan

❖ Kyonan Seminar House

2005: The 12th Chiba Architecture and Culture Award "Building with Considerations for the Scenery"

2006: The 32nd Tokyo Architectural Design "Excellence Award"

Kyonan Seminar House was established in 2004 with the support from Josai University alumni to commemorate the 35th anniversary for the university. The building received the Chiba Architecture and Culture Award and Tokyo Architectural Design "Excellence Award" for its comfort and the fact that it matches the surrounding scenery.



❖ Kyonan Seminar House

❖ Josai University Faculty of Business Administration wing

2008: The American Institute of Architects Merit Award

Josai University Faculty of Business Administration wing was presented with the Merit Award from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) New York City Chapter in 2008.



❖ Josai University Faculty of Business Administration wing

❖ JIU landscape design

1996: Prize of Architectural Institute of Japan

2006: Prize of Japanese Institute of Landscape Architecture

Josai International University has strived to create a campus that is in harmony with the surrounding natural scenery. That landscape design has received the Prize of Architectural Institute of Japan and Prize of Japanese Institute of Landscape Architecture as a "growing campus" which is "fine-looking with clarity and flexibility."



❖ JIU landscape design

❖ House of Mikio Mizuta

2003: The 10th Chiba Architecture and Culture Award

The site received the 10th Chiba Architecture and Culture Award for the sufficient considerations for local properties and surrounding environment and the creation of attractive scenery incorporating the buildings and the outside space as one.

❖ Josai University Mizuta Museum of Art

2012: The American Institute of Architects Merit Award

2013: Architizer A+ Awards Special Award

Josai University Mizuta Museum of Art was presented with the Merit Award in the AIA NY Design Awards 2012 from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) New York City Chapter. The museum was also presented with the 2013 Architizer A+ Awards Special Award from "Architizer", which is the world's largest competition for architectural structures on the internet. This museum was built as a Josai University Educational Corporation's 45th anniversary commemoration project.

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