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Josai Announces Foundation of the Josai Institute for Central European Studies

Josai University Educational Corporation established Josai Institute for Central European Studies located at Tokyo Kioicho Campus as one of our academic centers, which promotes Central European Studies as an institution of higher education and research, strives to advance academic exchanges and joint research studies between Central Europe and Japan, and develops global human resources which broadly support the international relationship between Central European Countries and Japan.



Message from the Director
Noriko Mizuta (Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation/ Director of Josai Institute for Central European Studies)

Josai University Educational Corporation has done so while cultivating international exchanges with a variety of universities around the world. This has been done by strengthening international exchange activities that contribute to the development of global human resources. Especially with universities in Central European countries, Josai University Educational Corporation has built a strong record of educational and cultural exchanges across Central Europe through active involvement in student exchanges and human resources development.

We have been exploring new ways to further advance academic exchanges with Central Europe and develop global human resources with internationalism and expertise. To commemorate the visit of H.E. Mr. Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary, to Josai on November 21, 2013, we decided to found the Josai Institute for Central European Studies. Upon the Prime Minister of Hungary, H.E. Mr. Viktor Orbán's visit, he pledged that two scholars from Hungary will be assigned to the Josai Institute for Central European Studies and made a generous donation of many volumes related to Hungarian culture and other subjects to the institute.

For the founding of the institute, we have received support from each embassy of the four Visegrád Group countries. Thus we have obtained permission, from these countries' ambassadors to Japan, to bestow the position of honorary director to the institute. With the support of ambassadors, affiliated schools and affiliated institutions from each country in Central Europe, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, we hope to expand the active programs offered by our institute. The Josai Institute for Central European Studies will begin its active involvement in the field by hosting the Visegrad plus Japan Security Seminar on the 1st building of the Tokyo Kioicho Campus on February 4, 2014 and the V4+Japan Student Conference on the Tokyo

Kioicho Campus 3rd building on February 5. We would like to request your continued support as we begin this new endeavor.



Message from the Honorary Director
István Szerdahelyi (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of Hungary in Japan/ Honorary Director of Josai Institute for Central European Studies)

The establishment of the Josai Institute for Central European Studies in the Josai University Educational Corporation truly holds great significance, and I would like to express my best wishes. I think its significance is especially notable due to the fact that it was none other than Josai University and Josai International University that has continued promoting student exchanges, cultural exchanges, and academic exchanges, etc. with Central European countries for a long time as well as the fact that there has not been a research organization specializing in Central Europe in Japan until now.

Since 1990, connections between Japan and Central European countries, including the Visegrád Group (Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and the Republic of Hungary), have deeply rooted in each field of politics, economy, and culture, etc. and have already developed into mature relationships. The establishment of the Josai Institute for Central European Studies was announced upon the Japan visit by President of the Republic of Hungary last year. Especially due to the fact that this year is a memorable year as the "V4 + Japan Exchange Year", the fact that the institute will be opened in Tokyo in 2014 is not only appropriate for the time but timely.

Upon being appointed as the first honorary director, I hope that this Josai Institute for Central European Studies will ultimately grow into an exchange center for Japan and Europe originating in Tokyo as well as a high profile organization with academic contents of high standards not only in Japan but on a global scale. I intend to make my best efforts to achieve these goals.

About the Josai Institute for Central European Studies

<Purpose of the Josai Institute for Central European Studies>

The institute is to be located at Tokyo Kioicho Campus and will be the academic center of Josai University Educational Corporation. Together with Josai University and Josai International University, it will function as a whole to advance international education and alliances with the other nations. It will remain primarily focused on the countries within the Visegrád Group (V4)—which includes Hungary (with whom Josai commenced its first academic exchange in 2007), the Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia—in addition to other surrounding countries in Central Europe. As an institution of higher education and research, we will be dedicated to promoting Central European Studies. By doing so the institute will strive to advance academic exchanges and joint research studies between Central Europe and Japan, and to develop human resources which broadly support the international relationship between both countries.

<Specific Activities>

The primary activities of the institute are as follows:

1. Planning and implementing measures in line with our targets
2. Specifically promoting exchange programs and joint research studies with affiliated universities in the same region
3. Collaborating with relevant institutions and embassies from each country
4. Collaborating with groups and organizations which are interested in the same region, obtaining funding for research studies
5. Hosting seminars, symposiums and lectures
6. Issuing newsletters
7. Issuing academic journals

<Founding of the Institute and its Exchanges with Central Europe>

Josai has proactively conducted educational and cultural exchanges with countries in Central Europe over the years. It also maintains various International Academic Exchange Agreements, including those with Eötvös Loránd University and eight other universities in Hungary, the University of Warsaw and three other universities in Poland, Charles University in Prague and two other universities in the Czech Republic, as well as the University of Presov in Presov in Slovakia. Josai has a proactive attitude towards language education. Over the course of the first and second semesters a total of more than 1,000 Japanese students study Hungarian, Czech and Polish at Josai each year. We also established the Noriko Mizuta Hungary, Poland and Czech Scholarships, which commemorate the visit of

H.E. Mr. Sólyom László in December 2009 (then President of the Republic of Hungary). The then president's visit made a positive contribution to the development of human resources for both Hungary and Japan.

The significance of Josai's past contributions to education, studies, and human resource development, for both Hungary and Japan, have been recognized. In May 2011 the Chancellor (Dr. Mizuta) was presented with the Pro Cultura Hungarica (Order of Cultural Merit) by the Republic of Hungary. She was also awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of Hungary in November 2013 by H.E. Mr. Viktor Orbán. Josai has proactively held seminars, symposiums, and lectures related to Central Europe. These include speeches given at Josai by Anna Komorowska, First Lady of Poland in April 2012 and by Vladimír Tomšík, Vice-Governor of the Czech National Bank, in October 2012. Furthermore, in February 2013, the "Visegrad and Japan, together for Eastern Partnership Seminar" was held at Josai's Tokyo Kioicho Campus. The seminar was co-hosted with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, and its performance was credited in the joint statement which followed the official summit of V4 Prime Ministers in June 2013. In November 2013, H.E. Mr. Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary, visited Josai. During this visit a ceremony was held to confer the Prime Minister with an honorary doctoral degree from Josai. The Prime Minister performed a special lecture for us. It was at this time that the founding of the Josai Institute for Central European Studies was also announced.

Members List

Director	Noriko Mizuta (Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation)
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	H.E. Mr. István Szerdahelyi (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of Hungary to Japan)
	H.E. Mr. Cyprian Kozaczewski (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of Poland to Japan)
	H.E. Mr. Michal Kottman (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of Slovakia to Japan)
Vice Director	Nobuhiro Shiba (Visiting Professor of Josai International University)
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	Seiichiro Nanai (Professor of Josai International University)
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	Attila Kiraly (Assistant Professor of Josai International University)

Hungarian Prime Minister Orbán Visits Josai

Date: November 21, 2013

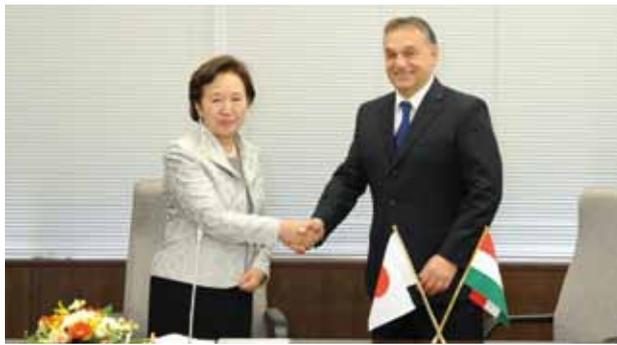
Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



On November 21, 2013, His Excellency Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary, visited Tokyo Kioicho Campus, received an honorary doctoral degree and also gave a special lecture. As part of Josai's Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has formed academic exchange agreements with a number of institutions worldwide, particularly in the Central European country of Hungary. Josai's first academic exchange agreement with a Hungarian institution was formed in 2007 with the Budapest Business School and has since expanded to nine universities total, including Eötvös Loránd University. In 2013, Josai University and Josai International University sent over 150 students to study abroad in Hungary and hosted nearly 100 Hungarian

exchange students in return. In addition, since 2008, a total of 3,000 students have studied the Hungarian language at JU or JIU.

Josai's partnership with Hungarian universities in academic exchange has been highly regarded in Hungary, a fact that was confirmed with Prime Minister Orbán's official visit. During his incredibly busy visit to Japan, which included interviews with the Imperial household and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister Orbán singled-out Josai as the only university he visited. Prime Minister Orbán's visit also marks the second time a Hungarian government leader has visited Josai, following then President László Sólyom's visit in December 2009. Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, JU President Yasunori Morimoto, and JIU President Hakuo Yanagisawa greeted Prime Minister Orbán's



Prime Minister Orbán and Chancellor Mizuta shake hands

delegation of 37, which included Zoltán Balog (Minister for Human Resources), Mihály Varga (Minister for National Economy), Péter Szijjártó (State Secretary for Foreign Affairs & International Trade), Hungarian Ambassador to Japan Istvan Szerdahelyi, and Japanese Ambassador to Hungary Tadamichi Yamamoto.

During Josai's meeting with the delegation, Chancellor Mizuta said, "It's a great honor to welcome Prime Minister Orbán to Josai. We vow to continue to work hard to advance academic exchange between Josai and Hungarian universities and develop human resources who will serve as a liaison between our two nations." Prime Minister Orbán then added, "In this rapidly changing world, the cultivation of the young generation is all the more vital for the development of Hungary. My hope is that our program of academic exchange with Josai will strengthen the bond between our two nations even further."

Following the meeting, a ceremony was held in the basement auditorium to confer Prime Minister Orbán with his honorary doctoral degree. The award was given to acknowledge Prime Minister Orbán's activities and accomplishments over the years that have led to the prosperity that Hungary enjoys today. Prime Minister Orbán was born in 1963 and graduated from Eötvös Loránd University, one of the Hungarian institutions with which Josai enjoys a program of academic exchange, in 1987. Following the formation of the Alliance of Young Democrats, Prime Minister Orbán has worked tirelessly for the promotion of liberty and democracy in Hungary. In the 1990 national elections, which marked the beginning of the demise of the Communist regime, Orbán retained his seat in Parliament and has since played a pivotal role as a guiding leader of the Democratic People's Party and later as Prime Minister.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister Orbán gave a special lecture to commemorate his visit, entitled "Hungary and Europe in a Changing World." In his speech, the Prime Minister addressed Hungarian infrastructure in the modern age, economic change, and the European history that has influenced these developments, as well as his thoughts for the future. He also included messages for the future generation of young leaders, providing his perspective on the last 25 years of Hungarian history based on his own experience as a leader who worked at the front line of political reform. Nearly 150 attendees sat in rapt attention during Prime Minister Orbán's lecture, including



Prime Minister Orbán receives his honorary doctoral degree

guests that share a deep connection with Hungary and our university such as—representing the Visegrád Group (V4)—Polish Ambassador Cyryl Kozaczewski, Slovakian Ambassador Michal Kottman, Czech Vice Minister Jan Juchelka, and EU representative Maeve Collins. Guests also included Junpei Watanabe (Director, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science), representatives from the Japan International Cooperation Agency and Japan Science and Technology, in addition to faculty, students and exchange students from Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Canada, to name a few. Students who could not make it into the capacity-filled auditorium were able to listen to a live broadcast in a separate room. The lecture was also broadcast throughout the JU and JIU campuses.

Following his lecture, Prime Minister Orbán took the time to interact with students who could not make it into the auditorium as well as with exchange students and other attendees. During this time, students who have studied Hungarian at Josai greeted the Prime Minister and expressed thanks for his visit in very fluent Hungarian, while Hungarian exchange students studying at Josai provided reports on their exciting study abroad experience in Japan. With this recent visit from Prime Minister Orbán, Josai anticipates even closer relations with the nation of Hungary and increased academic exchange with Hungarian universities.

Finally, based on Josai's academic achievements in the study of Hungary and other parts of Central Europe, academic exchange, human resource development, and undergraduate and graduate education, the establishment of The Josai Institute for Central European Studies on the Tokyo Kioicho Campus was announced to promote joint research.



Prime Minister Orbán interacts with students

In conjunction with Hungarian President Viktor Orbán's visit to Josai, the Mizuta Museum of Art Gallery, located in the 3rd building of Tokyo Kioicho Campus, held a special photography exhibit entitled, "Josai's Exchange with Hungary." This exhibit featured photographs that introduce Hungary's beautiful urban scenery and depict the Josai delegation's visit to universities in Hungary, as well as those that show the history of Josai-Hungary student exchange and the many Hungary-related symposiums and events that have been held at Josai over the years. The photographs were accompanied by displays that highlight Hungary's unique culture including music, musical instruments, visual art, and literature.



A view of the "Josai's Exchange with Hungary"

Josai's Polish Exchange Students Give Presentation at Prime Minister Hosted "Poland, Ireland Evening Reception"



Date: October 25, 2013

Place: Official Residence of the Prime Minister

On October 25, 2013, Polish exchange students from the University of Warsaw and the Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology who are currently studying at Josai were invited to give a presentation to promote Japan-Poland exchange at the "Poland, Ireland Evening Reception" hosted by the household of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

As part of Josai's Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has formed academic exchange agreements with a number of institutions worldwide. Josai is particularly focused on developing programs of exchange with Central European universities and is currently hosting 13 exchange students from three different Polish universities for a one-year program of study.

The invitation was extended by the wife of Prime Minister Abe, who had the occasion to tour the University of Warsaw and the Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology during the Prime Minister's visit to Warsaw in June, 2013. She requested that the exchange students "give a presentation at the 'Poland, Ireland Evening Reception' that introduces the charm of Poland and provides suggestions—from an exchange student perspective—as to how Japan and Poland can build even stronger relations."

Eight Polish exchange students currently studying at Josai gave their presentation on the growth of exchange between Japan and Poland

before an audience that included the Poland Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Janusz Piechociński, Ambassadors and their spouses from both Poland and Ireland, and Diet members from both the Japan-Poland and Japan-Ireland Friendship Parliamentarians' Union. During their presentation, the students explained how each of them became interested in Japan and used a bus as a model for their "mobile cultural center" to illustrate their proposal for the further advancement of Japan-Poland cultural exchange, receiving an enthusiastic round of applause from the audience.



Gathered around Prime Minister Abe

The Hungarian President's visit to Josai

Date: December 3, 2009

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



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

Arrived at three P.M., 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 Japanese sweets in Hungarian, with smile.

Chancellor Mizuta gave a welcoming speech, explaining the history

of mutual exchanges between the University and the Republic of Hungary. 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 visit of the President. 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 transitional period, looking for a new direction.



Greeting the Hungarian President Sólyom



The Announcement of Mizuta Hungary Scholarship



President Sólyom during his lecture

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.

Academic Exchange Agreement with Szent István University

The Chancellor Mizuta and the Rector Solti László signed an academic exchange agreement between Josai and Szent István University of Hungary with the President's attendance. Szent István University is Hungary's leading university in the areas of Agriculture and Tourism Studies and also famous for its Faculty of Social Sciences.

Mizuta Hungary Scholarship

The signing ceremony was followed by the announcement of Mizuta Hungary Scholarship. The Scholarship whose details were conveyed to Mr. Bohar Erno, Hungarian Ambassador to Japan, was established to commemorate the President's visit to the University. The Scholarship covers tuition, travel and living expenses of students who wish to study at Josai, especially in the areas of Business Management, Tourism, Environment, International Culture and Information-Technology,



Conversation with the President

and thus aims to encourage students from Hungary to come to Japan and study at Josai.

Special Lecture by the President

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.

After the lecture, the President moved to the café in order to attend a reception to which, the President said earlier, he eagerly looked forward. Over twenty students, including Hungarian-majors, students who did their internship on Japanese language education in Hungary, and Hungarian students studying at Josai, attended the reception and had conversation with the President about Hungary under comfortable atmosphere. After the reception which lasted longer than scheduled, the President donated Hungarian textbooks to the University library, while Josai students presented mementos to the President. Gladly accepting students' request, lastly, the President signed his book that was donated to the library.

Josai is currently running a number of exchange programs with Hungary such as short term study in Budapest, interchanges between students through remote relay, lectures by Hungarian writers, and more. As a result, over 230 students have taken Hungarian language courses. The President's visitation to Josai will further accelerate these exchange activities of the University and hold up its dedication to educate and produce those who would play vital roles in developing relationships between Japan and Hungary.



The President signs his book

Josai Co-Hosts "Visegrad Group and Japan, together for Eastern Partnership"

Date: February 5, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



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, Republic of Poland, and Slovakia Republic 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 the following words in her opening speech: "I consider it a great honor to host this year's seminar for Eastern partnership. As our university strives to develop human resources that can contribute on a global scale, I believe this seminar to be a valuable opportunity for our students in their growth as the next generation of leaders."

This was followed by individual keynote speeches from Mr. Minoru Kiuchi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs 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 (listed below) on different topics with expert panelists from both Japan and members of the



Chancellor Mizuta's opening speech



Keynote speech from Mr. Minoru Kiuchi



Keynote Speech from Mrs. Grażyna Bernatowicz



Keynote speech from Mr. Hans-Dietmar Schweisgut



Participants from 22 different foreign embassies



A view of the seminar

Eastern Partnership giving presentations, followed by lively rounds of discussion.

Josai Professor Kenichi Matsuno served as commentator for each session, making many contributions to the discussion. Josai International University President Hakuo Yanagisawa then gave his closing speech to conclude the seminar.

The seminar was followed by a reception that assembled both panelists and audience members who exchanged opinions on Japan's role and the future development of the V4 and Eastern Partnership.

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.

Ms. Balint Anna Ersebet, graduate of Hungary's Eötvös Loránd University and former exchange student at JU and JIU, also participated in the seminar as a diplomat from the Hungarian Embassy of Japan where she has worked since her graduation. She was just one of many reminders of the undeniable success of Josai's program for global human resources.

While over 2,000 students at JU and JIU have studied the Hungarian language since the program's launch in 2008, we will be adding courses in both Polish and Czech starting this April, moving even further toward our goal of global education.

Session1: Democracy, Good Governance, Stability

Session2: Economic Integration and Cooperation

Session3: Energy Security

Session4: Direction of Eastern Partnership and Japanese Diplomacy

The Visegrad Group (V4) plus Japan Summit Meeting, the first discussion by the V4 with an Asian country at this level, was successfully held in Warsaw on 16 June 2013. The participating countries were represented by: Prime Minister Petr Nečas of the Czech Republic, Prime Minister Viktor Orbán of Hungary, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan, Prime Minister Donald Tusk of the Republic of Poland, and Prime Minister Robert Fico of the Slovak Republic. Following the Meeting, a joint proclamation was issued that summarized the content of the proceedings. Within that summary, "Both the V4 and Japan recognized that the 'Visegrad Group and Japan, together for Eastern Partnership' seminar and the Open Discussion held jointly with the Josai University Educational Corporation in Tokyo in February 2013, contributed to strengthening cooperation between the V4 and Japan on the Eastern Partnership."

Chancellor Mizuta Receives Medal of Honor from Hungary

Date: November 21, 2013

Place: Embassy of Hungary in Japan



On November 21, 2013, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta was awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of Hungary (civil division) from Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán at the Hungarian Embassy in Japan.

This award acknowledges Chancellor Mizuta's significant contributions to education, research, and human resource development in both Japan and Hungary.

The Order of Merit of Hungary was first established in 1991 and is the highest honor within Hungary's decoration system. The award is divided into two categories—military and civilian—the Commander's

Cross being the highest award available to foreigner civilians. Among Japanese to have received this award in the past are Hiromasa Yonekura (Chairperson of the Federation of Economic Organizations) and Toshiki Kaifu (former Prime Minister).

In addition to this award, Chancellor Mizuta received the Pro Cultura Hungarica (Latin for "For Hungarian Culture") from the Hungarian government in May 2011. This award honors foreigners who have made vital contributions in promoting Hungarian culture and facilitated cultural exchange abroad.



Chancellor Mizuta receives Medal of Honor from the Hungarian Prime Minister



Awarding of the Pro Cultura Hungarica of the Republic of Hungary

The First Lady of the Republic of Poland Visited Josai

Date: April 12, 2012

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



On April 12, 2012, Anna Komorowska, First Lady of the Republic of Poland, visited Tokyo Kioicho Campus of the Josai University Educational Corporation and met Chancellor Mizuta.

Josai has been proactively promoting academic exchanges with several countries in Central Europe, including Hungary and Poland with the aim of enhancing international exchange activities to develop global human resource, one of Josai University Educational Corporation's 《7 J-Vision》. The Ambassador of Poland also visited the school this February. This was the first official visit of the First Lady to Japan. During this trip, not only the First Lady but also Janina Ochojska, the founder and chairperson of Polish Humanitarian Action, and the Vice Chairman of the Polish President's office, visited Josai University. During the meeting, Chancellor Mizuta stated that "we are truly grateful for the kind support and encouraging words that Poland gave Japan at the time of the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake. Josai University has actively promoted exchanges with Poland for a long time, and it has been decided that we will accept exchange students from Poland in October. We hope to further deepen our exchanges because of this visit by the First Lady."

The First Lady also stated "I am very glad to hear that the exchanges between Josai University and universities in Poland have been actively promoted. I hope that the exchanges between the two countries will become even more active, including exchange students from Josai University to Poland in the future."

After the meeting, the First Lady and Chairperson Ochojska gave speeches in the underground hall.

First, the First Lady gave a speech regarding Poland's "Dr. Janusz Korczak – an activist for children's rights" in Poland, whose activism inspired the foundation of the "Convention on the Rights of the Child" by the United Nations. The First Lady introduced the philosophy and activities of Dr. Korczak, and also discussed the activities of the "Solidarity Bridge" Project that she promotes, in which organizations from both Japan and Poland support those affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. She stated "I hope that you will take this opportunity to learn a lot about Dr. Korczak and Poland."

Following the First Lady's speech, Chairperson Ochojska gave a speech titled "Female Leadership and the Activities of Polish Humanitarian Action". "Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH)" is an organization that promotes activities in various countries in the world that require humanitarian support due to conflicts, natural disasters, and poverty, among other reasons. Ever since the organization's founding in 1992, they have been involved in the Kosovo Conflict and Chechen war as well as Afghanistan and provided various humanitarian support. Ms. Ochojska proactively promotes activities as the chairperson. In her speech, she introduced the objectives of the organization's establishment, history, and contents of past activities throughout the world and also introduced specific examples of activities, such as the reconstruction of a kindergarten in Kesenuma that was affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake last year.

Many students from both universities, including students of the Faculty of Social Work Studies in Josai International University participated and listened to the speeches with great enthusiasm. They asked many questions during the Q&A time as well.

In the following reception, students from both universities, including overseas exchange students, enjoyed talking to the First Lady, Chairperson Ochojska, and the Ambassador in a friendly atmosphere and deepened understanding between the two countries in an international atmosphere.

Since the year 2009 marked the 90th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Poland, interests for Polish history/culture/scholarship and art are growing recently in Japan. Josai University and Josai International University are also scheduled to host a panel exhibition of Madame Curie, a great Polish figure who is extremely well-known in Japan.

Josai established an academic exchange agreement with the Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology of Poland in September 2011. The first exchange students from the institute are scheduled to come to study at Josai starting in October.

We hope that this official visit by the First Lady will lead to more active exchanges between Josai and universities in Poland in the future.



The First Lady greeting the audience



Commemorative photo with the group of the First Lady

Josai Launches Occupational Training Program at Budapest Business School —Japan within the World, Noriko Mizuta Scholarship for Women Leaders—



Date: March 5-13, 2013

Place: Budapest Business School, Hungary

“Japan within the World”

From March 5 to 13, 2013, 30 selected undergraduates from Josai and Josai International University participated in an occupational training program at Budapest Business School in Hungary. This program was designed with the goal of fostering human resources that can contribute to society at a global level. It places a particular emphasis on acquiring the ability to view Japanese culture from a broad outside perspective of the rest of the world. This year’s program was conducted as two separate programs: Josai’s “Japan within the World” lecture series and a global internship associated with mentioned program. Also this program was jointly conducted as part of the Noriko Mizuta Scholarship for Women Leaders founded in 2006. Of the 30 participants in this year’s program, nine are recipients of the Noriko Mizuta Scholarship.

For the duration of the program, mornings were spent attending lectures at the Budapest Business School and afternoons devoted to visiting famous historical sites and doing fieldwork around the city. The group also studied Hungarian receptivity to Japanese culture by visiting museums in the Budapest area. Through their fieldwork, the students interviewed Japanese nationals living in Hungary and were able to alter their perceptions of Japanese culture through the personal testaments of Hungarian subjects, many of who hold a deep connection with Japan. In so doing, the students were able to engage in a form of intercultural communication by asking such fundamental questions as, “What is Japan?” and “What is Japanese identity?” We

are all eagerly anticipating the opportunity to witness the students’ growth after grappling with these important questions.

The lectures were given almost entirely in English (and occasional Japanese), with the program utilizing the valuable cooperation of Hungarian students studying the Japanese language. As English is a foreign language for Hungarian students as well, the visit was an opportunity to converse in the “global language” with other non-native speakers, in addition to speaking Japanese with those Hungarian students studying the Japanese language. For students, this program provided an invaluable opportunity for exchange in multiple languages with others from a variety of cultural backgrounds. Students demonstrated their commitment to making the most of this rare learning opportunity by staying up late into the night on the last day of the program in preparation for final presentations which took place the following day.

“Noriko Mizuta Scholarship for Women Leaders”

Recipients of the Noriko Mizuta Scholarship for Women Leaders, in addition to participating in the above program, interviewed Budapest Business School Rector Éva Sándor-kriszt, and paid a visit to Hungarian Ambassador at Large for Emergency Security Anita Orbárn. Much like Japan, in Hungary the percentage of leadership positions (members of the National Diet, business executives) occupied by women is just 10%, a number that is extremely low compared to other advanced



Opening day orientation at Budapest Business School



Tour of National Diet building



Opening remarks from BBS Rector Sándor-kriszt at final student presentations (BBS Professor Judit Hidasí (L), Japanese Ambassador to Hungary Tadamichi Yamamoto (R))



Recipients of the Noriko Mizuta Scholarship for Women Leaders surround Rector Sándor-kriszt for an interview

nations. Rector Sándor-kriszt and Ambassador Orbárn are two examples of this rare female leadership in contemporary Hungarian society. Scholarship recipients listened intently to stories of the two women's experiences and growth process, thereby gaining a sense of their awareness and ambition as female leaders.

Both Rector Sándor-kriszt and Ambassador Orbárn are members of a network of female leaders organized by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta called L-WIN (Leaders-Women International Network). L-WIN has provided much support over the years in fostering female leadership

among Josai's student body, never failing to produce concrete results or increase their membership every year. It is through L-WIN's support that the Noriko Mizuta Scholarship for Women Leaders was able to realize an overseas occupational training program such as this. In addition, many female faculty members at Budapest Business School were kind enough to contribute to the study by providing candid accounts of their experiences as workingwomen in Hungarian society. Based on the success of these exchanges, we can expect the formation of a new network, this time between Japanese and Hungarian women.

The 19th Annual Czech Debate Contest is held at Josai

Date: May 25, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



Ms. Utsuda shakes hands with Ambassador Fialková during the award ceremony

On May 25, 2013, the 19th Annual Czech Debate Contest was held under the auspice of the Embassy of the Czech Republic at Tokyo Kioicho Campus of Josai University Educational Corporation.

Until this year, the contest was held annually at the Czech Embassy, but with the embassy currently undergoing renovation, Josai provide a venue for the contest. As a part of Josai's Mid-term Target, our university has actively conducted exchanges with universities from Central European countries such as the Czech Republic. Josai also began offering a course on the Czech language for the first time this year.

Ambassador Kateřina Fialková provided opening remarks before the debate, saying, "With each year, the positive reputation of this event continues to grow. I believe that this debate contest is partially responsible for the increased number of Czech speaking Japanese who will serve as links for Japanese-Czech amnest. This is the first time that the debate will take place outside the Czech Embassy, at Josai University. I would like to express my deep gratitude to Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and all those involved in making this event possible." Chancellor Mizuta also gave a brief greeting by saying, "It is a great honor for Josai to host the Czech Debate Contest. It is my hope that Josai students who have started studying the Czech language will compete in the context next year."

There were ten participants, both male and female, in this year's contest. The proceedings began with each contestant giving a self-introduction in Czech. They then each gave a five-minute speech on one of two set topics, either "food and household customs" or "personal plans for the future." While each contestant differed in age, grade, learning experience, and environment, all demonstrated the fruits of their hard work before a large audience.

Based on the scrupulous assessment of the five judge panel of



Recipient of the Chancellor's Award, Ôe (center)

Ambassador Fialková, Professor Kenichi Abe (Rikkyo University), Professor Markéta Gebhartová (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies), Kôhei Tsukamoto (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Central and South Eastern Europe Division), and Ryôko Yamamoto (Czech Center), Hikari Utsuda was given first prize, receiving her certificate and prize of a one-month study abroad stay at a Czech university including airfare from Prague to other European cities, from Ambassador Fialková. Contestant Tomoko Ôe received honorable mention with the—special to this year's contest—Noriko Mizuta Chancellor's Award along with a certificate and memento from Chancellor Mizuta.

To close the event, three Josai student representatives who began studying the Czech language last April took the stage to give greetings and announce their aspirations for the future in Czech. We have great expectations for these students in terms of their improvement in the Czech language and ability to promote global communication.



A commemorative photo with contestants and judges

In addition, the Mizuta Art Gallery located in the 3rd building of our campus held a special photography exhibition entitled “Josai and Czech Exchange,” coordinated in conjunction with the debate contest. As part of Josai’s Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has formed academic exchange programs with a number of institutions worldwide, with a particular emphasis on universities in Central Europe. During Chancellor Mizuta’s visit to the Czech Republic in March, 2012, Josai was able to form an academic exchange agreement with the University of Economics, Prague thanks to the gracious introduction of Ambassador Fialková. This agreement will be followed by another Josai visit to the Czech Republic in June, 2012, with stops at the aforementioned University of Economics, Charles University in Prague, and Masaryk University. The exhibition featured numerous photos of the beautiful Czech landscape, Josai’s visit to the Czech Republic last June, various symposia and events related to the Czech Republic that have been held at Josai, and other photos that introduce Czech music, literature, animation, puppet theater, and other products of their unique culture.



Ambassadors view the photography exhibition at the 3rd building art gallery

Josai Hosts Ceremony for Noriko Mizuta Hungary, Poland, Czech Scholarship; Pays Visit to Polish Embassy



Date: September 30, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On September 30, 2013, Josai hosted the award ceremony for this year’s Noriko Mizuta Hungary, Poland, Czech Scholarship at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

The Noriko Mizuta Hungary Scholarship was established to commemorate the visit of Hungarian President Sólyom László to Tokyo Kioicho Campus in December 2009. With the goal of serving as a bridge between Japan and Hungary through the development of human resources, this scholarship funds the tuition of outstanding Hungarian exchange students to Josai.

As part of Josai’s Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our universities have formed academic exchange agreements with a number of institutions worldwide, with a particular emphasis on universities in the V4 and other parts of Central Europe. This year’s scholarship, now in its 4th year, also awarded students from Poland and the Czech Republic who will be studying at Josai or Josai International University, thus extending the scholarship to include students from three countries.

This year’s scholarship recipients consist of 15 students from Budapest Business School, Corvinus University of Budapest, Szent István University, Eötvös Loránd University, the College of Nyíregyháza,

Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, the University of Szeged, and the University of Debrecen in Hungary who will be studying at either JU or JIU; 13 students from the University of Warsaw, the University of Lodz, the Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology in Poland who will be studying at either JU or JIU; and two students from Charles University in Prague and Masaryk University in the Czech Republic who will be studying at JIU—30 students in all.

At the ceremony, after presenting award certificates to each scholarship student, Chancellor Mizuta named two ambassadors from each country for the student friendship association, presenting each student with a sash. Much will be expected from these six ambassadors in building cultural exchange between Japan and their home countries.

The ceremony continued with three spokespeople (Fehér István from Hungary, Czubek Jowita Agnieszka from Poland, and Rezazgui David from the Czech Republic) from this year’s scholarship class giving words of thanks and their personal pledges for the forthcoming scholarship year. The students first thanked Chancellor Mizuta and the other foundation members for providing a scholarship that will allow them to fully dedicate themselves to their studies. They pledged to use this



Scholarship Recipients



The six ambassadors from this year’s Friendship Association pose alongside Chancellor Mizuta, JU President Yasunori Morimoto, and JIU Vice President Masumi Ishida

scholarship year to study traditional Japanese culture, economics, and society and to work to facilitate mutual cultural understanding between Japan and their home countries.

The ceremony concluded with Chancellor Mizuta providing words of encouragement to the students. She said, "To become global professionals, please do your best to actively study the culture, history, and arts of countries other than your own. I strongly believe that the precious experience you will have studying here in Japan will positively contribute to the development of your future career. I also hope that your presence will provide a good stimulus to the Japanese students at our universities."

Since 2008, nearly 2,000 students at Josai and Josai International University have studied Hungarian. With the addition of language courses in Polish and Czech beginning April, 2013, Josai will become an even richer place for global education.

In addition, on September 26, the thirteen Polish recipients of the Mizuta Scholarship, along with a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta, visited the Polish Embassy in Japan to meet Ambassador Cyryl Kozaczewski.

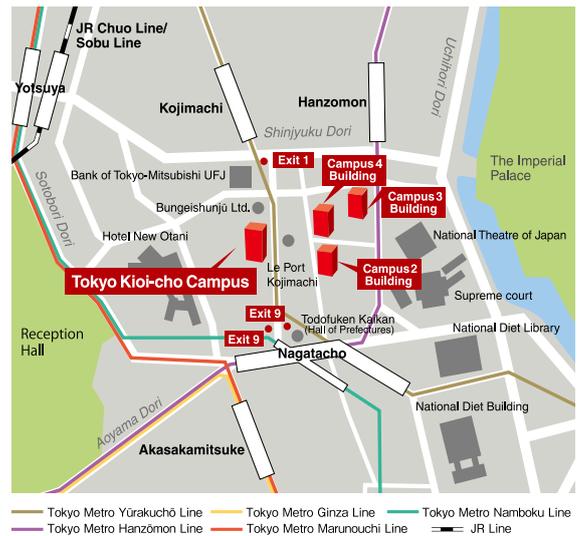
The ambassador warmly greeted the first time exchange students, giving them words of encouragement by saying, "The possibilities for your future are infinite. Please make the most of this valuable opportunity at Josai to study and experience many things and in turn use this experience to not only serve as a mediator between Poland and Japan, but to become a skilled professional who can contribute at a global level."

The scholarship students then gave self-introductions one-by-one in fluent Japanese, expressing their personal goals for the year abroad. Ambassador Kozaczewski also indicated that he has great expectations for the growth of these students during their scholarship year.



Commemorative photo with participants

● Access Map



Access Information

- Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Line | Kojimachi Station | 3-min. walk from Exit 1
- Tokyo Metro Namboku Line/Hanzomon Line | Nagata-cho Station | 5-min. walk from Exit 9
- Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line/Ginza Line | Akasakamitsuke Station | 8-min. walk from Exit D
- JR Chuo Line/Sobu Line | Yotsuya Station | 10-min. walk



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