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Honorary Doctoral Degree

Josai International University Holds the 2012 Fall Commencement, Honorary Doctorate Ceremony

Honorary
Doctoral
Degree

Date: September 4, 2012

Place: Josai International University

On September 4, JIU held their 2012 Fall commencement and doctoral degree ceremony at Mizuta Memorial Hall on the Chiba Togane Campus. In addition to awarding degrees to this semester's graduates, the ceremony was used to present Malaysian Minister of Tourism, Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen with an honorary doctoral degree. Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen, who has not only made numerous contributions to the growth of Malaysian tourism while fostering economic development and cultural exchange, is also highly esteemed as groundbreaking female leader in Asian global society. She's also contributed to the development of society by offering ideas for the expansion of a women's

higher education system that emphasizes multiculturalism. In addition, Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen has also devoted much energy to the foundation of an academic exchange program between Josai and her home country. In commemoration of Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen honorary degree, Josai planted some sakura trees in a bright patch of sunlight alongside the Pharmacology building. They are sure to sprout with brilliant flowers this coming spring.

To commemorate JIU's 20th anniversary, the university planted camphor trees donated by local resident in the Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park.



The ceremonial proceedings at Mizuta Memorial Hall



Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen delivers her address



Planting sakura trees in honor of Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen's doctoral degree



Conferring of degrees to undergrads, grad students, and exchange students

Entrance Ceremony/Opening Ceremony/Ceremony Conferring Honorary Doctorate Degrees for 2012 Were Held

Honorary
Doctoral
Degree

Date: April 3, 2012

Place: Josai International University

On April 3, Josai International University's entrance ceremony, the opening ceremony for the Faculty of Nursing, and the ceremony conferring honorary doctorate degrees for 2012 were held concomitantly at the Sport Culture Center on the Togane Campus in Chiba. Many guests and parents participated in these ceremonies to congratulate new students as they set off for bright futures.

In her address, Chancellor Mizuta stated "you are the hopes of Japan and the world. Please nurture broad perspectives for the world and the future, treasure the times to talk to others, and enjoy your youth filled with intelligent stimulations on campus". President Yanagisawa also gave a greeting, saying that "with your bursting energy and burning motivations, I hope that you will cultivate strong human capabilities in your minds and bodies and spend fulfilling student lives without regrets".

The Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Department of Nursing in the Faculty of Nursing were open this year. Dean Kanae Iida of the Faculty of Nursing presented the 120 new students in the Faculty of Nursing with white gowns.

Following the entrance ceremony and the opening ceremony for the Faculty of Nursing, the ceremony conferring honorary doctorate degrees was held in the Sport Culture Center on the Togane Campus in Chiba.

Honorary doctorate degrees were presented by Josai to Dr. E. Ann Kaplan, who made great contributions to Josai's international exchange activities and is an ex-head of the Humanities Institute in the State University of New York at Stony Brook in the United States, and Dr.

Louis Lemkow, who is an ex-head of L'Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals in Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona in Spain.

Dr. Ann Kaplan is not only a pioneering researcher in the field of film criticism in feminist theories but has also devoted herself to the development of visual expressions in the new media generation as the president of the Society for Cinema and Media Studies. She has also made great contributions in the enhancement of Josai's women's studies, such as planning and hosting the first and second World Women University Presidents Forums as well as being a visiting professor in the Women's Studies Department of the Graduate School of Humanities for four years from 1994 on.

Dr. Louis Lemkow devoted himself to expanding and developing Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and made great contributions to this university by promoting cultural and academic exchanges, international cooperation, and international education. In addition he has also worked on a number of international research projects, which are highly regarded on an international scale. He has devoted himself to concluding an exchange agreement between Josai and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and made great contributions in promoting Josai's international education by supporting a number of exchange students and research programs.

During these ceremonies, honorary doctorate degrees, medals, and commemorative trophies were presented by Chancellor Mizuta to these personalities honor their past international academic research activities and great contributions to Josai. Children of faculty members of Josai University presented celebratory bouquets.



Chancellor Mizuta giving an honorary doctorate to Dr. Louis Lemkow



Presenting of white gowns by Dean Kanae Iida of the newly established Faculty of Nursing

Chancellor Mizuta Awarded Honorary Professor from Northeastern University

Honorary
Degree

Date: September 5, 2012

Place: Northeastern University, People's Republic of China

On September 5, during her visit to Shenyang, Josai University Educational Corporation Chancellor Mizuta Noriko received an honorary professor from Northeastern University.

Josai and Northeastern have engaged in numerous fruitful exchanges since their formation of an academic exchange agreement in August 2010. In just June of this year, students from JIU's Faculty of

International Humanities traveled to Northeastern University for training, and in August ten students from Northeastern came to JIU for a course in Japanese culture. In addition, NEU's Vice-President Wang Fu Li attended the World University Presidents Forum held last April at JIU in commemoration of their 20th anniversary. Finally, Josai, in cooperation with Dalian University of Technology and

Dalian University of Foreign Languages, established the Japan-China Joint Graduate Program in 2010 which offers a variety of intensive courses for visiting exchange students.

This honorary professor was presented to Chancellor Mizuta to acknowledge her many contributions and accomplishments in the area of academic exchange between the two schools. Vice-President Wang Fu Li presented Chancellor Mizuta with the degree with faculty members from both universities in attendance.

Upon receiving the award, Chancellor Mizuta said, "It is with great honor that I accept this esteemed honorary professor from Northeastern University. I vow to continue to work hard for the development of our two universities." The conferral of this degree marks Chancellor Mizuta's 4th honorary degree to date, having also received awards from South China Normal University, Korea's Dongseo University, and Hungary's Szent Istvan University.



Chancellor Mizuta speaks at the ceremony

Art

H.I.H. Princess Takamado Visits Josai for the Opening of the H.I.H. Princess Takamado Hisako Special Exhibition

Date: September 18, 2012

Place: Josai University

Art



Princess Takamado performs the ceremonial ribbon cutting

On September 18, 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.

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.

Princess Takamado is also a collector of netsuke and has even been recognized as a scholar in this field. The netsuke is a traditional handicraft that one hangs from the sash of their kimono for the purpose of carrying small items such as a pill box or cigarettes and involves fine



A preview of the special exhibition

craftsmanship to create. The "Netsuke that Travel" series consists of photographs that Princess Takamado took of netsuke in a variety of natural environments in both domestic and international locales. This exhibition collects 28 photos of birds and 23 netsuke, in addition to 69 actual netsuke selected from Princess Takamado's personal collection.

Around 150 people—including locals, university employees, and media members—attended the opening held outside the museum's main entrance.

The ceremony kicked off with a greeting from Chancellor 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. As for the netsuke photographs and exhibition, I believe visitors will discover a new-found charm in this traditional handicraft."

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.

The day's festivities concluded in grand fashion with a reception for all the attendees held on the 1st floor of the Business Administration building. Following a few words from Princess Takamado, attendees were also treated to greetings from Ando Hiroyasu, Director of the Japan Foundation; Hungarian Ambassador Istvan SZERDAHELYI;

and Ooki Takahito, Agency for Cultural Affairs Director of Cultural Affairs.

Josai intends to donate all the proceeds from this exhibition to environmental protection agencies.



The scene during the lecture



JIU Celebrates the Opening of Kósa Ferenc's Photo Exhibition "Pluralistic Space-Time"

Art

Date: September 25, 2012

Place: Josai International University

On September 25, the Mizuta Museum of Art hosted an opening reception in honor of the new exhibition of Kósa Ferenc's photographs, "Pluralistic Space-Time."

Kosa Ferenc is one of Hungary's foreknown and most prolific film directors. He began his career by winning the award for Best Director at the 1967 Cannes Film Festival for his film Ten Thousand Days. Kósa has also received much attention for his work as a photographer and his photos have been displayed at the National Gallery in Budapest. This particular exhibition introduces Kósa's photos from

Europe, Japan, other parts of Asia, Africa, North America, and all over the world.

Among members of the local community, Hungarian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Istvan SZERDAHELYI; Kósa Ferenc's son, Kósa Balint; President of the Japan-Hungary Friendship Association, Tanaka Yoshitomo; and Kawazu Kunihiko Chief of the Eastern European Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who are also sponsors of the event. Hungarian exchange students currently enrolled at JIU also attended the event as a show of support.



Hungarian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Istvan SZERDAHELYI



The diverse display of photos from all over the world



International Exchange

The First Lady of the Republic of Poland Visited Josai

Date: April 12, 2012

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Kioicho Campus

International Exchange

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



The First Lady gives 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.



Commemorative photo with the group of the First Lady

Josai Executive Program for Women's Empowerment and Leadership (JEWEL) Opens Training Program in Dalian, China

Date: May 3-7, 2012

Place: Dalian, People's Republic of China



As part of the commemoration to celebrate Josai's 50th and JIU's 20th anniversary, Josai has established the Women's Empowerment and

Leadership (JEWEL) Opens Training Program to begin this year in Dalian, China. This is a program designed for both working women

and female undergraduate and graduate students from Josai and JIU, with the objective of increasing opportunities for participation in global society through the cultivation of communication skills and an international perspective. JEWEL has adopted women's advancement, social mobility, and work-life balance as the main themes of this program.

This is a three-step program that begins with a month of orientation before travelling to the burgeoning city of Dalian for training, followed by student presentations on their personal growth once they return to Japan.

The training session took place over the course of five days, from May 3 to the 7, in Dalian. The students participated in many activities over the five days including: attended seminars on youth and local culture led by local female entrepreneurs and municipal government executives and co-planned by members of the Dalian municipal government, Dalian Women's League, and Dalian University of Technology; visits to the marketplace analysis bureau, center for cosmetic surgery, and supermarket; and studying the opinions of working women on Dalian politics, culture, and finance. In addition, participants traced modern Chinese-Japanese history by visiting several landmarks such as 203 Hill, the Lushun Museum, and the Manchurian Railway. Through this program, participants received a heartfelt welcome from the local Dalian government and successfully engaged in lively cross-cultural exchanges.



Meeting with members of the Dalian municipal government

The presentations on personal growth took place on May 19. This year's participants came from a diverse range of backgrounds including journalism, law, education, and enterprise. Through this program, both students and professionals were able to transcend their individual positions to attain a common awareness of the issues of being a woman in contemporary society, producing a very productive exchange of ideas.

It is our hope that this program and the personal exchanges involved will contribute to the expansion of female participation in society.

2nd Meeting of the Josai-Dalian Northeastern Alumni Association

Date: May 27, 2012

Place: Dalian, People's Republic of China

International
Exchange

A Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta Noriko attended the 2nd meeting of the Josai-Dalian Northeastern Alumni Association at a hotel in downtown Dalian.

Almost 100 members in all attended the event including current junior faculty and former students in the Japan-China Joint PhD program, recipients of the JMBA scholarship, graduates of the 2+2 Joint Education program, recipients of the Mukaibo Takashi Memorial Murai Takashi and Mizuta Mikio Memorial Mizuta Noriko Scholarships, and other former exchange students, as well as joint scholars and students of former Northeastern University President and renowned scholar of metallurgy and current special advisor to Josai University, Inoue Akihisa.

At the opening of the reception, Chancellor Mizuta, expressing her joy at meeting the alumni again stated, "In this rapidly changing

global society, it's my hope that you'll work that you'll trace a bold path in life and work hard to train your successors." Prof. Chen Yan of the Japan-China Joint PhD program and Prof. Du Feng Gang of Dalian University of Technology professor and President of the Dalian Alumni Association also provided remarks.

Alumni gathered at this event are engaged in a wide variety of vocations such as professors at Chinese or Western universities or executives in Chinese global enterprise, to name a few. Josai University Educational Corporation's human resource program is currently hard at work training the current generation of students to follow in the footsteps of these alumni. We are hoping that, by focusing our energy to extend alumni amity, we may contribute to the advancement of international exchange as well as economic and cultural development.



Chancellor Mizuta greets the audience



Commemorative photo with graduates of the Faculty of Tourism

Dalian University of Technology Holds Ceremony for “Mukaibo Takashi Memorial” Murai Takashi Scholarship, “Mizuta Mikio Memorial” Mizuta Noriko Scholarship, Mizuta Mikio Memorial Book Donation

International Exchange

Date: May 28, 2012

Place: Dalian University of Technology, People's Republic of China

On May 28, 2012, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta Noriko paid a visit to Dalian University of Technology.

That morning, following a meeting with Party Secretary and Chief Administrator Zhang De Xiang, the award ceremony—with Secretary Zhang and other Dalian faculty in attendance—for the “Mukaibo Takashi Memorial” Murai Takashi Scholarship and the “Mizuta Mikio Memorial” Mizuta Noriko Scholarship was held with 37 students awarded in all. Financial Management student He Ping, as spokesperson for this year's fellowship class, gave a brief acceptance speech. “I'm extremely grateful to receive this award. My goal is to study as hard as possible to place myself in a position to make valuable contributions to society,” he said. We can indeed expect great things from these scholarship recipients, both Masters and PhD students who work in a wide variety of fields.

The ceremony continued with Josai Prof. Fukushima's presentation of this year's Mizuta Mikio Memorial Book Donation to Dalian's Prof. Su Jing Qin. The collection already contains an assortment of books (645 titles in all) from the period of post-War economic recovery to rapid

economic growth which Mikio Mizuta believed could be used to trace Japan's economic development. This year's donation (the 8th overall) collects government publications and white papers and Josai and JIU bulletins that focus on issues pertaining to Japanese technology, such as production and quality control, logistics, and supply chain management.



The Mizuta Mikio Memorial Book Donation ceremony

Mizuta Sakura Planting Ceremony Held at Dalian University of Technology

International Exchange

Date: May 28, 2012

Place: Dalian University of Technology, People's Republic of China

On May 28, 2012, a delegation from Josai University Educational Corporation led by Chancellor Mizuta paid a visit to Dalian University of Technology to participate in a ceremony to plant Mizuta sakura. The delegation gathered with Party Secretary and Chief Administrator Zhang De Xiang and Vice-President Ning Gui Ling to celebrate the 40th year of normalized relations between Japan and China and the 5th year of academic exchange between Josai and DUT, planting 20 Mizuta sakura saplings in front of the exchange student dormitory.

Aside from the Josai delegation, students and faculty from DUT's graduate school, international center, and economics department were also in attendance. We look forward to the growth of these sakura trees along with the growth of our academic exchange program with Dalian University of Technology.



The delegation helps plant the trees

Chancellor Mizuta Participates in Tree Planting Ceremony at Dalian Business Executive Academy

International Exchange

Date: May 28, 2012

Place: Dalian Business Executive Academy, People's Republic of China

On May 28, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta visited Dalian Business Executive Academy, where Josai honorary doctoral degree recipient Lin An Xi serves as academy president, to participate in a tree planting ceremony of twenty Mizuta sakura trees.

The Josai group found the Academy hard at work preparing for the school's opening this September. The tree planting ceremony took

place in the garden immediately inside of the school's front gates. At the ceremony, President Lin An Xi gave a few words by saying, “We are extremely happy to receive these sakura trees from our good friends at Josai. We've decided to plant them in a place where they will stand out, so that people can appreciate them as soon as they enter the school's gates. We hope to make further plans for exchange with Josai

following our school's opening in September.”

Dalian Business Executive Academy is an institution founded to provide training for special business leaders in China. The campus



President Lin An Xi and Chancellor Mizuta

facilities are beautifully and elegantly designed to cater to business people and entrepreneurs. It is our hope that students coming from all parts of the globe will take pleasure at the sight of these sakura trees.



The Tree Planting Ceremony

Josai Donates Mizuta Sakura Trees to Dalian University of Foreign Languages

Date: May 29, 2012

Place: Dalian University of Foreign Languages, People's Republic of China

International Exchange

Last year, in conjunction with the festivities celebrating Party Secretary Liu Zhen Wan with an honorary doctoral degree, Josai was supposed to donate 200 Mizuta sakura sapling trees to Dalian University of Foreign Languages. This time, however, a delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta paid a visit to the DLUFL campus on May 29 for a tree planting ceremony donating 60 more of the sakura trees.

The trees were planted around a large pond located in the center of DLUFL's 1.16 million square meter Lüshun campus. Chancellor Mizuta and Advisor Murai along with Secretary Liu and President Sun Yu Hua of DLUFL took part in the tree planting ceremony, extending their best wishes that the trees blossom to their fullest in the coming year. Beside the trees a nameplate had been placed bearing the words "Friendship Sakura," as an acknowledgment of the Josai-DLUFL relationship. Under Secretary Liu's direction, a small boat drifted across the surface of the pond, giving

the impression that one was gazing at a beautiful landscape painting.



Planting the sakura saplings

University of Tennessee Students Participate in "Workshop on Japanese Cultural Tradition"

Date: May 30, 2012

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Kioicho Campus

International Exchange

As a part of the JIU Summer program that ran May 12-31, 15 students from the University of Tennessee participated in the "Workshop on Japanese Tradition-Focusing on Tea Ceremony" held at Tokyo's Kioicho Campus.

Under the direction of JIU International Education Center's Yoshiko Plutschow (tea ceremony name: Sōjun), the Tennessee students donned Japanese traditional clothing to enjoy a taste of maccha (powdered green tea). The objective of this workshop is to allow students to experience aspects of traditional Japanese culture first-hand (such as flower arranging and traditional clothing) through the art of the tea ceremony.

The tea that the Tennessee students enjoyed was personally prepared by undergrad and grad students who were enrolled in the workshop last year. Seeing the exchange between the visiting Tennessee and Josai students, illustrated how Japanese traditional culture can serve as

a fertile ground for meaningful international exchange.



The scene at the workshop

Josai Meets with Vice-Dean of Charles University, Czech Republic at the Japanese Embassy

Date: June 19, 2012

Place: Embassy of Japan in the Czech Republic

International
Exchange

From June 16 to the 24, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta Noriko paid a visit to the Eastern European nations of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland.

Josai has been seeking to expand its network of academic exchange internationally, with this trip focused on strengthening ties with universities located in Eastern Europe specifically.

After arriving at the Japanese embassy in Prague, the delegation met with Ambassador Kunikata Toshio, followed by a meeting with Director of International Relations and Vice-Dean Jan Škrha and Chair of the Japanese Language Department Jan Sýkora to discuss the possibility of academic exchange in the area of Japanese language studies.

Founded in 1348, Charles University is the oldest active university in the Czech Republic. Having the distinction of being the oldest university in all of Europe as well, Charles University is highly esteemed as one of the top universities on the continent.



A commemorative photo with Ambassador Kunikata and Charles University leadership

Josai Visits the University of Economics in Prague

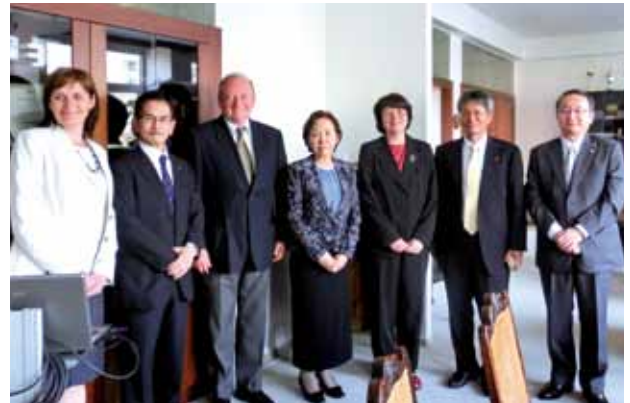
Date: June 19, 2012

Place: Prague University of Economics, Czech Republic

International
Exchange

On June 19, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta Noriko paid a courtesy visit to Prague's University of Economics in the Czech Republic. Having formed an academic exchange agreement with the University of Economics in March, this visit served as a formal acknowledgment of the partnership. The Josai delegation met with Vice-Dean Hana Machková and Chair of the Faculty of International Relations Štěpán Muller to discuss concrete plans for the implementation of an academic exchange program based in the social sciences.

Prague's University of Economics was founded in 1919 and has an enrollment of roughly 20,000 students. The university emphasizes social sciences as its primary field of study. The university figures as an influential presence in the Czech political and financial worlds, having produced numerous leaders in these fields.



With Prague University of Economics Vice-Dean Hana Machková and others

Josai Visits Masaryk University in the Czech Republic

Date: June 20, 2012

Place: Masaryk University, Czech Republic

International
Exchange

On June 20, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta Noriko paid a visit to Masaryk University located in the Czech Republic city of Brno.


Masaryk University was founded in 1919 and stands today as the representative university of the Czech Republic's Moravia region. With an enrollment of 45,000 students, Masaryk University stands as the second-largest university in the country. Rich in Japanese studies, the university opened its Japanese Studies Institute in 2008.

On this day the delegation met with Vice-Dean Ladislav Rabušic and Director of the International Education Center Dana Petrova to discuss the possibility of academic exchange with Josai.



With Masaryk University Vice-Dean Rabušic

Josai Visits Hungary's University of Szeged, Forms Academic Exchange


 International Exchange

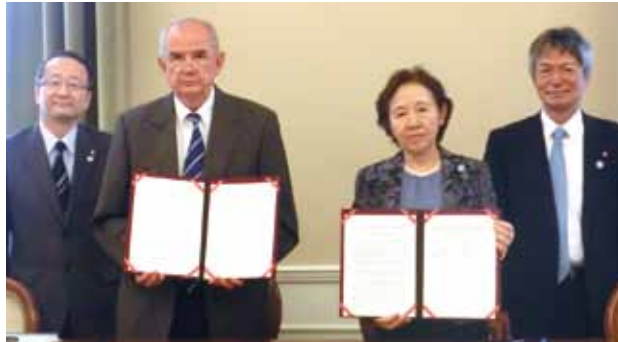
Date: June 21, 2012

Place: University of Szeged, Hungary

On June 21, a delegation from Josai led by Chancellor Mizuta visited Hungary's University of Szeged and formed an academic exchange agreement after meeting with Szeged Vice-Dean Béla Rácz.


The University of Szeged, founded in 1872 and with an enrollment of 30,000 students, is, along with Eötvös Loránd University, one of the most distinguished universities in Hungary.

Szeged has been channeling much energy into the development of its Japanese language program, and it is with this in mind that they forged the most recent academic exchange with Josai. The delegation was also able to meet prospective exchange students who hope to enroll in Josai this fall.



Finalizing the academic exchange agreement

Hungarian Prospective Exchange Students Pay Chancellor Mizuta a Courtesy Call


 International Exchange

Date: June 21, 2012

Place: Hungary

On June 21, Hungarian students scheduled to study abroad at either Josai University or Josai International University paid a courtesy call to Chancellor Mizuta and the Josai delegation during their visit to Hungary. The ten members of the group consisted of prospective exchange students from the Budapest Business School, Eötvös Loránd University, and Corvinus University of Budapest, institutions with whom Josai shares deep ties. These students plan to study abroad at either Josai University or JIU beginning this fall and will take courses in Japanese language and culture, among various other topics.

The students, after articulating their hopes and aspirations for their forthcoming study abroad, treated the delegation to a brief overview of Hungarian history and culture along with some hand-made gifts to serve as mementos of the occasion.



With prospective exchange students from Eötvös Loránd University and Corvinus University of Budapest

Josai Visits the University of Łódź, Forms Academic Exchange Agreement


 International Exchange

Date: June 22, 2012

Place: University of Łódź, Republic of Poland

On June 22, a delegation from Josai University Educational Corporation paid a visit to Poland's University of Łódź.

This visit served as a continuation of the talks that took place between the two universities at Josai last May. The meeting this time with Vice-Dean Zofia Wysokińska resulted in an academic exchange agreement. With Japanese language education as the central focus, this agreement aims to actively extend the scope of academic exchange between the two universities.

University of Łódź, one of Poland's premier national institutions, was founded in 1945 and boasts an enrollment of 42,000 students. The university has actively expanded its international exchange and offers a Japanese language course in their International and Political Science department's East Asian Studies Center.

That same day, the delegation also visited Warsaw University of Technology and were given a guided tour of campus by International Center Director Urszula Deblessem. Established in 1826, Warsaw

University of Technology is widely known as the alma mater of Madame Curie and possesses a magnificent campus that blends both classical and contemporary elements. This visit to the Warsaw University of Technology was also actualized by the latter's visit to Josai last May.



Signing of the academic exchange agreement

Josai Visits Malaysia's Management and Science University

Date: July 18, 2012

Place: Management and Science University, Malaysia

International
Exchange

On July 18, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta Noriko visited Malaysia's Management and Science University located in Shah Alam, a suburb of Kuala Lumpur.

An academic exchange agreement was formed between Josai and MSU on January 27, 2010 following a visit from university president and founder Mohd Shukri Abd Yajid and the two schools have enjoyed close relations ever since. MSU, founded in 2001, contains many departments that specialize in applied sciences with marvelous facilities in the schools of medicine and pharmacy. They've also channeled much energy into the areas of health and nutrition, with the day's



The delegation meets with MSU administration

lunch menu designed and prepared by the students.

As a result of Josai's visit in December of 2011, Josai and Malaysia's Management and Science University have engaged in a faculty exchange in the field of Pharmacy. This year marks the start of the student exchange program, which will bring students from MSU to Josai's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The two schools have also arranged for Josai students to come to MSU this September and one can expect numerous other exchanges and alliances to come in such areas as pharmacology, business, and media studies.



A photo with meeting participants

Malaysian Minister of Tourism Held a Dinner Reception for members of Josai University Educational Corporation

Date: July 18, 2012

Place: Putrajaya, Malaysia

International
Exchange

On July 18, the visiting Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta, attended a dinner reception hosted by Malaysian Minister of Tourism Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen at hotel in the Kuala Lumpur suburb of Putrajaya.

At the introduction of the Malaysian Ministry of Tourism, Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen visited Josai's Kioicho Campus on November 25, 2011, holding an interview with Chancellor Mizuta and meeting with Josai students. Since then, the Minister has facilitated several academic exchanges between Josai and Malaysian institutions of higher education, including one with Tunku Abdul Rahman College, which Josai has had the occasion to visit twice. Beginning this year, the exchange program agreed to in their first meeting will finally be realized, with Josai sending over 50 students to Tunku Abdul Rahman for study and 20 students from the Malaysian university coming to Josai.

At the dinner reception, the delegation pledged their dedication to deepening relations with Malaysia even further and were introduced to numerous top academics and entrepreneurs from the Malaysian community. It was later announced that, in recognition of her many accomplishments

for the expansion of Malaysian tourism and as a female leader, as well as her persistent support of Josai University, Josai will be awarding Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen an honorary doctoral degree. The ceremony conferring the degree is scheduled to take place during JIU's Fall commencement, on September 4 of this year.



The participants gather around Dr. Ng for a commemorative photo

Josai Visits Malaysia's Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman

Date: July 19, 2012

Place: Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia

International
Exchange

On July 19, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta visited

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman Kampar campus, located 140 km

northwest of Kuala Lumpur.

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman is an interdisciplinary college founded in 2002 to spread higher education to the ethnic Chinese community. Despite its relative newness, thanks to the support it received on a national scale, it has already yielded many successful results.

Upon Josai's visit to Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman in December 2011, the two schools finalized an academic exchange agreement. In April of this year, as part of JIU's 20th anniversary festivities, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman Vice-President Ewe Hong Tat participated in the World University Presidents Forum as a representative of Josai's



Meeting with President Chuah Hean Teik and faculty

ASEAN sister schools.

During this visit, the Josai delegation met with college President Chuah Hean Teik and other top faculty and voiced their support for Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman's recently opened Japanese language program, while discussing concrete plans for their collaborative project program. Also, with Josai exchange students arriving at UTAR for the first time this September, the group inspected student accommodations and facilities. After this meeting it is clear that we can expect many more constructive exchanges in the areas of language, culture, and business between Josai and UTAR.



The substantial UTAR student dormitory facilities

Josai Visits Universiti Teknologi Mara in Malaysia

Date: July 20, 2012

Place: Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Malaysia

International
Exchange

On July 20, the visiting Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta travelled to Malaysia's Universiti Teknologi Mara, located in the Kuala Lumpur suburb of Shah Alam.

Founded in 1956 as an institution of higher learning for Malaysian nationals, UiTM is the largest university network in Malaysia with 20 campuses, 21 affiliated universities, and 17,000 faculty members.

The delegation met with university Director of Academic Affairs and International Relations Azni Zain Ahmed and other International Relations staff to discuss the possibility of student exchange, a Faculty of Tourism joint double-degree program, collaboration in the field of

media studies, and other cooperative activities.

As UiTM is channeling much energy into their Japanese language program—having established a preparatory course for Malaysian students who have completed their secondary education and plan to study abroad in Japan—the delegation pledged the support of JIU's Japanese language program and discussed the potential for academic exchange in a variety of other fields.

It's our hope that these talks will result in an academic exchange agreement with UiTM and the beginning of many fruitful collaborations.



Meeting with Director Azni Zain Ahmed (far left) and other faculty



Post-meeting commemorative photo

Ambassador of Sweden to Japan, Lars Vargö Delivers Address

Date: July 19, 2012

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Kioicho Campus

International
Exchange

On July 19, Ambassador of Sweden to Japan Lars Vargö visited Josai's Kioicho Campus in Tokyo. As inaugural chair of the Department

of International Administration's Executive Program: New Global Society and the Future of Japan, Ambassador Vargö delivered a lecture



Ambassador Lars Vargö delivers his address

entitled, “Sweden’s Globalization.”

Including students, around 60 people from fields such as economics, administration, and education attended Ambassador Vargö’s lecture, which encompassed wide-ranging topics like politics, economics, society, culture, and history. The Q&A session also addressed a diverse number of issues concerning Sweden (often known as “EU’s Japan”) such as gender equality, welfare, and tax administration. There were also many



A view of the auditorium during the lecture

questions regarding comparisons to Sweden’s neighboring country of Norway in which cultural and social comparisons were made with the participation of Norwegian exchange students from the audience.

The auditorium was often filled with the sounds of laughter, making this a very refreshing environment indeed for the Executive Program’s inaugural lecture. With the content truly embodying the theme of its title “New Global Society,” the lecture concluded with a resounding round of applause.

Malaysian Minister of Tourism Visits Josai, Gives Lecture

Date: September 3, 2012

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Kioicho Campus



Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen's opening remarks

On September 3, Malaysian Minister of Tourism Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen paid a visit to Tokyo’s Kioicho Campus. Having come to Josai just last November, this marks Dr. Ng’s second visit in the span of a year. In commemoration of her honorary doctoral degree, Dr. Ng was scheduled to deliver an address at Josai’s Kioicho Campus the following day, September 4.

Dr. Ng was also accompanied by Ambassador of Malaysia to Japan H.E. Dato' Shahrudin bin Md Som, among other dignitaries and officials from the Ministry of Tourism. The reception that preceded the lecture provided the opportunity to interact with these individuals and to discuss Josai’s plan for strengthening academic exchange with Malaysia. Following the reception, Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen delivered her lecture entitled, “Prospects for Malaysian Tourism in the 21st Century.” There were more than 170 people in attendance, including students, faculty, government officials, and entrepreneurs. Chancellor Mizuta introduced Dr. Ng by saying, “Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen is the first Malaysian Chinese Woman to hold a cabinet position, having been named the minister in charge of the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development in 2008 and the Minister of Tourism the following year. She has devoted immense energy into

the development of Malaysian tourism and it is my hope that Josai students will learn much from her lecture this evening.”

During her lecture, Dr. Ng introduced the audience to the plan to establish Malaysia—a country blessed by rich natural surroundings—as a major tourist destination, including the development of ecotourism and the many events planned by the Ministry of Tourism that linked gourmet cuisine, the arts, shopping, medicine, and education. She also introduced the major role that the Ministry of Tourism plays in the plan to bolster the Malaysian tourism industry by the year 2020. Dr. Ng said, “Tourism is something that is only available in countries where peace and harmony has been firmly established and, when successful, can even serve as the catalyst for change to those who visit. For the sake of further strengthening the Malaysian tourist industry and attracting even more visitors, a stronger education system to train tourist professionals is necessary. Josai International University, being a school that truly understands the importance of tourism, has had the foresight to establish a Faculty of Tourism, and it is for this reason that I anticipate many productive exchanges in the future.”

After the lecture, Josai held a dinner reception to celebrate Dr. Ng’s honorary doctoral degree at a nearby hotel, drawing more than 200 people from the Japanese and Malaysian communities.

Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen, who has not only made numerous contributions to the growth of Malaysian tourism while fostering economic development and cultural exchange, is also highly regarded as a groundbreaking female leader in Asian global society. Dr. Ng has also made great contributions to the development of society by offering ideas for the expansion of a women’s higher education system that emphasizes multiculturalism and encourages the diversification of women’s involvement in the business world. Beyond that, Dr. Ng has also devoted much energy to fostering international exchange between Malaysia and Japan, facilitating Josai’s recent academic exchange agreement with Malaysia’s Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR),

which commenced this year with Josai sending 100 exchange students to UTAR. It is in recognition of the aforementioned achievements and accomplishments that JIU chose to award Dr. Ng with an honorary



Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen delivers her address

doctoral degree.

With the conferral of Dr. Ng's doctoral degree, one can expect even more academic exchanges between Josai and Malaysian institutions in the future.



A look at the auditorium during lecture

Chancellor Mizuta Delivers Keynote Address at JIU Cosponsored Symposium at Northeastern University



Date: September 6, 2012

Place: Northeastern University, People's Republic of China

On September 6, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta attended the JIU cosponsored 3rd Annual Comparative Studies International Symposium titled, "Unity, Coexistence, Interaction," hosted at Northeastern University where Chancellor Mizuta delivered the keynote address.

This year's symposium, hosted by NEU and cosponsored by JIU's Japan Studies Center, Soai University, Dalian University of Technology's Japan Studies Center, and Dalian University of Foreign Language's Comparative Linguistics and Culture Institute, attempts to draw attention to "the influence of science, technology, and culture and, through the interdisciplinary study of philosophy, literature, history, and engineering, aims to reconsider the merits of the particular brand of modernity that fostered economic growth. In this 3rd annual symposium, Korean universities participated for the first time alongside Chinese and Japanese universities over the course of two days, September 6-7. In light of the reconsideration of the social implications of technological innovation that has taken place in the wake of the 2011 Tohoku earthquake, this year's conference was particularly dedicated to cultural exchange in East Asia by fostering mutual understanding amongst scholars from the three representative nations.

The symposium opened with greetings from Chief Consul Kato Eiji of the Japanese Consulate-General of Shenyang, President Liaoning Province of the China-Japan Friendship Alliance, and Northeastern

University President Ding Liefun, and proceeded into Chancellor Mizuta's keynote address, "Memory and Literature: Memory as Trauma and Memoirs as Post-memory—Oba Minako's *Urashimasö*." Taking Oba Minako's *Urashimasö*, a work that takes a survivor of the atomic bombing as its protagonist, as her subject matter, Chancellor Mizuta explores possible strategies for the author as "other" to express or represent the personal trauma of a victim, when the trauma or traces of memory that rise to the surface are not a shared experience and contain no social or collective social component but are something deeply imbedded in the individual—requiring the author not to express this trauma, but rather represent it by leaving it unexpressed. Members of the audience listened in rapt attention to Chancellor Mizuta's lecture. Professor Miki Sumito, director of JIU's Japan Studies Center also gave a keynote speech later that afternoon entitled, "Morokoshi' and 'Ga': The Waka Poetry of Saigyö—From the Point of View of the Head." The following day of the symposium featured presentations from participating scholars, which served as a timely opportunity for scholars from the three countries to interact. Many insightful papers were presented and opinions exchanged over the course of the symposium, making it a highly significant two days. Students enrolled in the Japan-China Joint PhD program were also given the opportunity to participate and presented very compelling papers that demonstrated their growth as scholars.



Chancellor Mizuta delivers her keynote address



A view of the hall during the keynote speech

Josai Visits Shenyang Normal University

Date: September 8, 2012

Place: Shenyang Normal University, People's Republic of China

International
Exchange

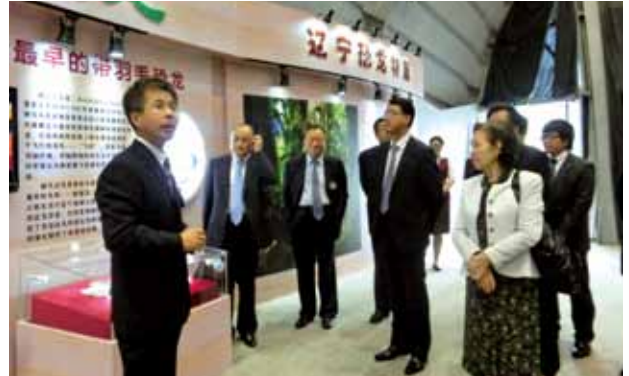
On September 8, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta Noriko paid a courtesy visit to Shenyang Normal University. Shenyang Normal University is an interdisciplinary national university founded in 1951 with eight academic departments: philosophy, economics, education, law, literature, physical science, engineering, and management.

This is Josai's second visit to SYNU in the last year, following the establishment of their academic exchange agreement last October. The delegation met with university Vice-President Xia Min to discuss their growing



Meeting with Vice-President Xia Min

academic exchange, beginning with the "2+2" study abroad program. Afterward, with the construction of a fossil gallery in Kioicho Campus' building #3 scheduled for next spring, the delegation was given an extended tour of SYNU's Museum of Paleontology by museum director Sun Ge as a continuation of their tour last fall. While the gallery is under construction, the Josai group received many precious bits of advice regarding the display of replicas and moving images, among other information that is sure to prove helpful during the planning process.



Visiting the Museum of Paleontology

Josai Attends Ceremony Celebrating 20th Anniversary of Dongseo University

Date: September 20, 2012

Place: Dongseo University, South Korea

International
Exchange

On September 20, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta was invited to attend a ceremony celebrating the anniversary of Dongseo University, located in Pusan, South Korea. Of the numerous universities worldwide with which Dongseo shares a sister relationship, only Josai, the USA's Hope College, and China's Wuhan University were fortunate enough to be invited to this event. Considering their long-standing policy of academic exchange with Dongseo, Josai was very thankful for this opportunity.

The 20th anniversary reception was a grand affair held at Dongseo's newly constructed media studies building located in the heart of Pusan. The reception opened with university founder Chang Sungman giving a speech, followed by a video presentation reflecting on the 20 years of Dongseo. Current university president Chang Jekuk then gave a speech regarding his vision for the university's future. The reception also included a welcome performance from Dongseo media studies

students as well as an unveiling of the new university logo.

Chancellor Mizuta, who has worked closely with Dongseo University



Chancellor Mizuta accepts a memento from Dongseo president Chang Jekuk



The anniversary ceremony



President Chang Jekuk's speech

since its inception, expressed her praise and congratulations at the university's splendid development.

In the reception that followed, Dongseo gave commemorative gifts to Josai as an expression of their gratitude. Josai returned the favor by presenting Dongseo with a Morita Chieko woodblock print titled "Oborozuki" (or "Hazy Moon"), a piece associated with Mizuta sakura. Dongseo University is a private Christian university founded in 1992 with an enrollment of 11,000 and 18 academic departments including

economics, civil engineering, social welfare, tourism, digital content, design, sports, and others.

Since the signing of their academic exchange agreement in 1999, Josai and Dongseo have been highly active with a diverse range of joint programs such as study abroad, dual degree programs, summer seminars, and courses in regional culture. To this point, Josai and JIU have hosted over 300 Dongseo exchange students, while also sending Josai students to study at Dongseo.

Josai Visits Hannam University in Korea

Date: September 21, 2012

Place: Hannam University, South Korea

International
Exchange

On September 21, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta visited the Hannam University campus in Daejeon, South Korea to meet with university president Kim Hyungtae.

JIU and Hannam University have been engaged in many collaborative activities—including study abroad programs, international cultural seminars, and internships—since the signing of their joint academic exchange agreement in 2009.

In addition, to further expand exchange between the two universities, we have made plans to hold a soccer friendly at Josai's new Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park, which was constructed as part of JIU's 20th anniversary celebration. The meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the details of this event. The group decided to schedule the friendly for December 11 with President Kim and other school officials promising their attendance. The two schools

will remain in close consultation as the date of the soccer friendly approaches.

Hannam University's soccer team is known as being one of the best in Korea, having finished 2nd in the Korean university soccer league this season. Many of their graduates have also gone on to play in the J-league. JIU's soccer team, on the other hand, under the coaching of Koyama Tetsuji, former team coordinator for the Japanese national team, are working hard to be promoted to Chiba prefecture's A league from the B league where they currently stand.

The new Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park is located next to JIU's Togane Campus. With a size of 33,000 square meters, the stadium is replete with top-line facilities to accommodate major sporting events, including all-purpose grass turf.

Both universities eagerly anticipate the soccer friendly this December.



President Kim Hyungtae and Chancellor Mizuta



Soccer friendly planning meeting

Josai Cofounds Post-Production Center with Nikkatsu

Date: September 10, 2012

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Kioicho Campus

International
Exchange

On September 10, 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 Josai's 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 their Media Studies department. With the cooperation of Nikkatsu Visual Arts Academy—an institution that has been producing talented individuals for 37 years—Josai's goal is to foster the next generation of visionaries in the cinematic arts, while incorporating the latest in digital media technology.



Chancellor Mizuta and Nikkatsu President Sato at the press conference

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.

Nikkatsu celebrated the 100th anniversary of their foundation on the same day as the press conference, which preceded the reception. At the press conference, Chancellor Mizuta said, "Last year Josai was fortunate enough to have parts of the Nikkatsu award-winning film *"Youkame no semi"* filmed on our campus. To our media studies students, many of whom aspire to enter the film industry, this was a great thrill. It is Josai's intention to

extend our alliances with other worldwide institutions known for their media studies programs, such as Communication University of China, the Beijing Film Academy, and the University of Southern California. The establishment of the Josai-Nikkatsu Post-Production Center will be a splendid opportunity for students as it will enable them to learn the most up-to-date methods of practical application on the grounds of their own university. In the 100 years of Nikkatsu's existence, they have accumulated a truly prodigious number of films and knowledge regarding film. It is our hope that, by joining with Nikkatsu, we can help people realize their dreams in the next 100 years to come."

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.



Project to Celebrate the University's 20th Anniversary

The Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Founding of JIU

Date: April 28, 2012

Place: Josai International University

Celebration
of the
University's
20th
Anniversary



A view of the ceremony



Presentation of the movie "Winter Firework" that was made jointly by the Faculty of Media Studies and the Korea/Dongseo University

On April 28, the "Josai International University 20th anniversary ceremony," which was attended by people from the local government and from overseas sister schools was held on the Togane Campus.

On that day, there were many events held on campus, including theatrical representation for children organized by the Faculty of Social Work Studies, a stamp rally with exchange students held by the Faculty of Management and Information Sciences, and in the *Manyo no Mori*, which is located inside the school premises, a short walking tour around the *Manyo no Mori* and stone monuments was organized by the Japan Research Center.

At lunch, we welcomed visitors, and had a grand celebration in the Sport Culture Center. To practice hospitality, a total of 55 first and second year students from the Faculty of Tourism came to this celebration and served foods from countries around the world.

Also, after the celebration in the afternoon, the Hungary Culture Center gave a Great Eastern Japan Earthquake recovery prayer concert in the Mizuta Memorial Hall, and a film entitled "Winter Fireworks." made jointly by the Faculty of Media Studies and the Korea/Dongseo University was shown.

Other events included a celebratory rice cake tossing in which Ozeki

Kotooushu participated and was held on an outdoor stage, as well as a Chubachuba Wonderland Captain☆C Character Show by Chiba Television Broadcasting, a Japanese drum performance by the Shirako Taiko group "RAKU," a charity bazaar, a national product exhibition by the parents support club, and food sales by local businesses. It was a grand 20-year anniversary celebrated with the local people.



A view of the celebration

The “World University Presidents Forum” Was Held on the 20th Anniversary of Josai International University’s Founding.

Date: April 29, 2012

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Kioicho Campus

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.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta opened the forum saying “now, as we reach a great turning point on a global level, starting with the great earthquake in Japan last year and including the world’s financial, societal, and environmental, status, the role of universities is extremely vital. I would like all of us university presidents and representatives who have joined here today to deepen the discussion regarding future global human resource development and cooperation.”

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.”

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.

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. They were all listening intently to the speeches of the participating universities.

The forum was followed by reception held at another site, where participants exchanged their impressions regarding the forum Yutaka Tokiwa, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology Assistant Vice-Minister, Minister’s Secretariat gave a speech regarding expectations of future international exchange activities at this university. At the reception, there was a lively exchange of ideas among the participants regarding human resource cultivation and how universities should be in the future, as well as globalization.

“I hope that this forum will lead to a much deeper discussions regarding the role of universities and human resource cultivation in the global era, and to a further strengthening of international cooperation among universities in the future,” said senior staff from Josai.

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

Session 1	Josai International University	President Hakuo Yanagisawa
	Szent István University [Hungary]	Rector László Solti
	Camosun College [Canada]	President Kathryn Laurin
	Busitema University [Uganda]	Vice-Chancellor Mary Jossy Nakandha Okwakol
	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies [Korea]	President Park Chul
Session 2	University of Cologne [Germany]	Director Wolfgang Jagodzinski
	Northeastern University [China]	Vice-President Wang Fuli
	Josai University	President Yasunori Morimoto
	Dongseo University [Korea]	President Chang Jekuk
	Tianjin Foreign Studies University [China]	President Xiu Gang
	Budapest Business School [Hungary]	Rector Éva Sándor-Kriszt
	North Karelia University of Applied Sciences [Finland]	President Petri Raivo
Tamkang University [Taiwan]	Vice-President Tai Wan-chin	
Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman [Malaysia]	Vice-President Ewe Hong Tat	



Chancellor Mizuta gives a greeting before the forum



Lively discussion held in two separate sessions



All of the participants in the same room



A view of session 2

Josai Completes Construction on Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park

Date: May 22, 2012

Place: Josai International University

Celebration
of the
University's
20th
Anniversary

On May 22, 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. Honorary Chairman Kawabuchi Saburo and other members of the Japan Football Association were also in attendance. There was also a ceremonial game between members of the JFA Fukushima Academy featuring female high school students who were evacuated to Shizuoka Prefecture following the 2011 Tohoku earthquake.

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 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. 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.

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.



The completion of the Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park



Memorial Gate

Josai Hosts Herbert Plutchow Memorial Symposium and Oba Minako International Symposium—"Travels and Tales from Foreign Lands"

Date: June 29 and 30, 2012

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Kioicho Campus

Celebration
of the
University's
20th
Anniversary

On June 29 and 30, JIU's Faculty of International Humanities' Comparative Cultures Center hosted the Herbert Plutchow Memorial Symposium and the Oba Minako International Symposium under the theme "travels and tales from foreign lands" at Josai University Educational Corporation's Kioicho Campus.

This symposium, organized as part of JIU's 20th anniversary festivities, was so named to honor the lives of Japanese literary scholar Herbert Plutchow (1939-2010, former Chair of JIU's Faculty of International

Humanities and Director of the Comparative Cultures Center) and Japanese novelist Oba Minako (1930-2007).

Professor Plutchow was a diligent reader of Japanese travel journals and used his own unique perspective to articulate the significance of Japanese travels during the Edo period as seen in these works. Oba Minako, on the other hand, used her many experiences abroad as material for her literature, developing her own "foreign land" theory from a Japanese female perspective.



Keynote speech delivered by Chancellress Mizuta



Donald Keene (right) speaks during the reception; Oda Toshio at his left

Taking “travels to foreign lands” as its concept, this symposium aimed to celebrate the accomplishments of these two thinkers through presentations from both Japanese and foreign scholars, panel discussion, and a diverse array of other activities.

The opening day of the symposium began with opening remarks from the current chair of JIU’s Faculty of International Humanities Paul Schalow, followed by a greeting from Chancellor and President of JIU’s graduate school Mizuta Noriko. This was followed by a keynote address from Kazuhiko Kasaya of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies, which reflected on the research and accomplishments of Professor Plutchow. The keynote address continued with Indiana University-Bloomington Professor Sumie Jones who used “travels to foreign lands” as a theoretical framework for viewing Professor Plutchow’s work. Toshie Marra of UCLA closed out the keynote speech by relating several episodes of her time teaching alongside the late Professor Plutchow. The afternoon session, coordinated by UCLA’s Seiji Mizuta Lippit, featured presentations from five different scholars whose research centers on the spirited travels both home and abroad of Herbert Plutchow and Oba Minako.

Following closing remarks from Miki Sumito of JIU’s Faculty of International Humanities, Josai held a reception where renowned scholar Donald Keene—a former teacher of Plutchow, Yoshiko Plutchow, and Oba Toshio gave speeches, relating their memories of the two great literary figures.

●Oba Minako International Symposium

The Oba Minako International Symposium began on the following day with a keynote speech delivered by Chancellor Mizuta and continued by Professor Egusa Mitsuko, who spoke about the influence of Chinese literature on Oba’s writing, and Toyoeiwa University Professor Yonaha



Symposium presenters from both days



A view of the roundtable discussion

Keiko who spoke about her work on Oba Minako’s Complete Works, drawing attention to particular aspects of the collection.

The lecture was followed by a roundtable discussion with editor Miyata Marie, Honorary Professor Sumie Jones, and the panel of scholars from the previous day’s presentations in which participants shared their thoughts on the works of Oba’s that left them with the deepest impression.

In addition, the symposium held an exhibition on the 1st floor gallery of Oba Minako’s personal items including handwritten manuscripts, first edition books, oil paintings, drawings, as well as her collection of Alaskan portraits. And the foyer of the basement hall featured a display of the works Professor Plutchow had collected over the years as well as a panel of photographs that looked back on his life. More than 250 people including relatives of Oba and Plutchow, Japanese and foreign scholars, students, and members of the media gathered for the event, perusing the exhibition with great interest.

Overall, the 2-day symposium was a rousing success with a diverse number of presentations and lively discussions that allowed participants to reflect upon the great literary accomplishments of Oba and Plutchow.



1st floor Oba Minako exhibition

Monuments Installed on Mineoka Forest Path for Mizuta Sakura, Advisor Murai Takashi’s Haiku

Date: July 11, 2012

Place: Mineoka Forest Path, Kamogawa, Chiba

Celebration
of the
University's
20th
Anniversary

On July 11, two monuments were installed along Mineoka Forest Path in Kamogawa, Chiba memorializing Mizuta sakura and one of Advisor Murai Takashi’s haiku poems, respectively.

The Mizuta Sakura Monument commemorates Josai founder Mizuta Mikio’s project of 36 years ago when, in an attempt to contribute to the local community and beautify the Mineoka Forest Path, he planted 500 sakura trees which came to be fondly known as “Mizuta sakura.”

Then, in 2006, at the ardent request of the city of Kamogawa and with the establishment of JIU’s Faculty of Tourism, with the support of

the local community Chancellor Mizuta launched the Mineoka Forest Sakura Restoration Project which includes the continued planting of sakura every year, sakura festivals, and, above all else, protection of the original grove of sakura planted by our founder at Mineoka. These festivities hope to communicate the love of sakura to the next generation, even attracting tourists from overseas.

With JIU’s 20th anniversary and now the monument commemorating the origin of Mizuta sakura, the hope is to highlight this accomplishment for the next generation. And, in hopes of making the lush natural surroundings of



The Mizuta Sakura Monument along the Mineoka Forest Path

Mineoka Forest Path a place where poets can derive inspiration, a second monument with a haiku from Advisor Murai Takashi was also installed. Hopefully Mineoka Forest Path will help to establish Kamogawa city as a major tourist destination to which many visitors will flock each year. Advisor Murai studied under Josai founder Mizuta Mikio served as Minister of Finance for six consecutive terms and has played a tremendous role in making Japan both an economic superpower and a member of the international community. Advisor Murai is a lifetime contributor post-War Japanese diplomatic activity.



Josai Advisor Murai Takashi speaking before his haiku monument

Advisor Murai has particularly deep ties with China, contributing much to the development of Japan-China relations. His great accomplishments have been acknowledged by his being named honorary citizens of China's Dalian and Zhuhai.

The plaque bearing Advisor Murai's poem reads: "Whatever path you take: Dalian Acacias"

This poem was inspired by the experience of walking Dalian's streets and seeing acacias trees in every direction. The warmth of this poem particularly conveys Advisor Murai's great love for the city of Dalian.

Talks and Symposia

A Symposium to Commemorate the Publication of Noriko Mizuta's Critical Essay Collection

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Date: April 14, 2012

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Kioicho Campus

On April 14, 2012, Noriko Mizuta's critical essay collection "Modernism and the Expansion of Post-War Female Poetry" was published by Shichosha. To commemorate this publication, a symposium sponsored by Shichosha on the theme of "Poetry and Gender: Things Handed Over by Chika Sagawa" was held in Josai University Educational Corporation's Tokyo Kioicho Campus. Chika Sagawa, was born in February 1911 in Hokkaido and died at the young age of 24, is a female poet who represents modernism. Last year, in the first part of a symposium marking the 100th anniversary of her birth, Noriko Mizuta (poet, comparative literary scholar, and chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation) gave a keynote speech entitled "From 'Talking about Myself to Self-Representation—The Sensitivity of Modern Female Poetry After the Disaster," in which she analyzed the works of post-war female poets such as Noriko Ibaragi and Kazuko Shiraishi, explaining how they are connected to the poems of Sagawa.

In the second part, Mr. Sadakazu Fujii (poet and Japanese literary scholar), Youko Isaka (poet), and Kiryu Minashita (poet) joined Ms. Mizuta to discuss modern gender and poetry, and gender-free poetic expression, based on the poems of Sagawa and Mizuta's critical essay collection. With Chika Sagawa as a starting point, the topic which stood out was, reading about the sense of being a survivor of a "disaster" in recent years and the "imagination along the way of returning" of those who lived through it in the expressions of Noriko Ibaragi, Rin Ishigaki, Sachiko Yoshihara, Rumiko Koura, and Kazuko Shiraishi, et al., in the modern era as the sense of existing moves from "woman" to "person," from "person" to "individual," and from "me" to "an indefinite self," the issues of self-representation undertaken by female poets who aimed at the manifestation of gender. About 160 people including students, citizens, and the media gathered and were listening intently.



Chancellor Mizuta giving the keynote speech

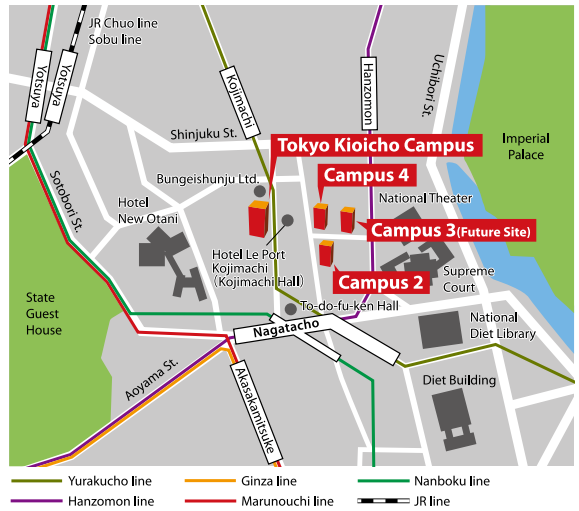


Discussion in part 2



View of the symposium

● Access Map



Access Information

- Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Line 3-minute walk from Exit 1 of Kojimachi Station
- Tokyo Metro Nanboku Line / Hanzomon Line 5-minute walk from Exit 9 of Nagatacho Station
- Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line / Ginza Line 8-minute walk from Benkei Entrance of Akasaka Mitsuke Station
- JR Chuo Line / Sobu Line 10-minute walk from Yotsuya Station

Publications

First Issue of JIU Times Published in Collaboration with The Japan Times

Josai would like to announce the publication of the first issue of the *JIU Times*, a newspaper published in collaboration with *The Japan Times*, the largest English language newspaper in Japan.

Vol. 1 (Summer 2012) will feature news regarding JIU's 20th anniversary activities, international education, and other items. We hope that you take a look.



Volume 1 (Summer 2012) of the *JIU Times*



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