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International Exchange

Josai Forms Exchange Agreement with the University of Limerick, Hosts Lecture by Irish Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform

International Exchange

Date: March 18, 2015

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On the morning of March 18, 2015, a delegation led by Irish Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Brendan Howlin and Irish Ambassador Anne Barrington visited Josai University Educational Corporation's Tokyo Kioicho Campus. Students and faculty from both Josai University and Josai International University greeted the group, who then proceeded to the 1st building hall where they signed the academic exchange agreement.

Josai University Educational Corporation's academic exchange agreement with the University of Limerick was finalized under the jurisdiction of Minister Brendan Howlin and former Japan Business Federation chairman Hiromasa Yonekura. Beginning with opening remarks and words of thanks from Chancellor Noriko Mizuta as well as University of Limerick director of International Exchange, Dr. Patricia O'Flaherty, the agreement was finalized with the signatures of Chancellor Mizuta, Dr. O'Flaherty, Minister Howlin, and Mr. Yonekura.

The initial idea for this academic exchange agreement came in December 2013, during Irish Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Enda Kenny's visit to Japan. Then Japan Business Federation chairman Hiromasa Yonekura secured a verbal agreement with Mr. Kenny for Japan and Ireland to collaborate in human resource development. The exchange agreement was then drawn up, with the University of Limerick and

Josai selected as representatives for their respective countries. General manager of the Japan Business Federation's International Affairs Bureau, Kazuyuki Kinbara and Irish Ambassador to Japan Anne Barrington were also in attendance for the signing. One special feature of this particular agreement is the inclusion of a Japanese internship program made possible through the support of the Japan Business Federation. This marks Josai's first academic exchange agreement with an Irish university.



Minister Howlin gives his lecture



Finalizing the exchange agreement



Minister Howlin interacts with Josai students

The signing was then followed by a lecture from Minister Howlin. He spoke for nearly thirty minutes on the topic of “The Importance of Reform in Ireland’s Economic Recovery.” Minister Howlin graciously took time out of his busy schedule to answer questions from students in the audience and converse with exchange students.

Given this most recent academic exchange agreement and the opportunity to hear a lecture from a current Irish minister, one

can expect news of Josai’s growing program of exchange with Irish universities in the near future.

Note: The University of Limerick was established in 1972 and is located in the city of Limerick, Ireland. The university is comprised of six schools, including business administration, education, and science, with a total enrollment of approximately 17,000. It is also known to host one of the few Japanese language departments in Ireland.

Josai Completes Academic Exchange Agreement with Université Paris-Est Créteil Val de Marne

Date: October 1, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



On October 1, 2014, Josai University Educational Corporation completed an academic exchange agreement with France’s Université Paris-Est Créteil Val de Marne (formerly université Paris 12-Val de Marne). As part of Josai’s Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has now formed academic exchange agreements with 128 institutions abroad, including three in France.

As part of his trip to Japan, Université Paris-Est Créteil administrator Eric Hertzler paid a visit to the Tokyo Kioicho Campus 3rd building International Conference Room where he applied his seal of approval to the academic exchange agreement. After Chancellor Noriko Mizuta provided her welcome greetings and Mr. Hertzler expressed his gratitude, the meeting proceeded with introductions of the two universities using prerecorded videos. Then, following greetings from Josai University President Yasunori Morimoto, Josai International

University President Hakuo Yanagisawa, and executive faculty, Chancellor Mizuta and Mr. Hertzler apposed their seals to the exchange agreement. Mr. Hertzler also visited JIU’s Chiba Togane and Awa campuses on October 2, returning to the Tokyo Kioicho Campus on the 3rd to give a lecture entitled, “Globalization and France’s Higher Education System.”

Université Paris-Est Créteil, founded in 1970, is one of the Université de Paris: 13 autonomous national universities with institutions situated in Paris, Créteil, or Versailles. The university has an enrollment of roughly 30,000 with departments and research institutes in medicine, international relations, law, literature, linguistics, and economics, among others. The university also hosts nearly 3,000 exchange students per year, and plans with Josai are underway to launch student exchange and joint research programs in the near future.



Mr. Hertzler (left) and Chancellor Mizuta appose their seals to the exchange agreement



Mr. Hertzler during his lecture

The Czech Minister of Industry and Trade Visits Josai, Gives Lecture

Date: November 13, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



On November 13, 2014, The Czech Minister of Industry and Trade, Jan Mládek, visited the Tokyo Kioicho Campus where he gave a lecture and met with students. Minister Mládek studied economics at the University of Economics, Prague and mathematics at Charles University in Prague and has worked as Director of the Czech Institute for Applied Economics, First Deputy Minister of Finance, Minister of Agriculture, and most recently, starting this year, Minister of Industry and Trade.

As part of Josai’s plan of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has formed academic exchange agreements with a number of institutions worldwide, particularly those that are located in the V4 countries of Central Europe—Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia. To even further promote exchange between Josai and the V4, the Josai Institute for Central European studies was established on Josai’s main campus in November 2013.

In the Czech Republic, Josai has formed academic exchange agreements with the University of Economics, Prague; Charles University in Prague; and Masaryk University, with Josai International University hosting Czech exchange students starting last year and Josai University this year. Minister Mládek's visit to Josai is an extension of their exceptional commitment to international exchange.

Minister Mládek arrived with a delegation from the Czech Embassy led by Tomas Dub, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Japan. Czech and Hungarian exchange students and Japanese students studying at Josai greeted the group as they arrived. The group then met with Josai University Educational Corporation Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, JU President Yasunori Morimoto, JIU President Hakuo Yanagisawa, and other university representatives. Chancellor Mizuta gave introductory remarks by saying, "It is a great honor that you would take time to visit our university. We think that your lecture will provide a precious opportunity for students to learn more about the Czech Republic." Minister Mládek replied by saying, "I am very thankful for this opportunity." The meeting then proceeded with greetings of welcome from three Czech exchange students studying at Josai and four former exchange students who became Josai faculty members this year.

The title of Minister Mládek's lecture was "The Czech Republic and Japan." With the Czech Republic as a core member of the EU, Minister



Minister Mládek delivers his lecture

Mládek's speech stressed the importance of a promising entrance by Japan to advance the EU marketplace. During the Q&A, Minister Mládek fielded questions from exchange and graduate students, responding politely to each one. In closing, second year student in the JIU Faculty of International Humanities majoring in International Exchange, Minoru Masumoto, thanked Minister Mládek for his lecture in Czech, drawing a smile from the speaker. The lecture also featured participation from former ambassador to the Czech Republic Tadashi Otaka and his wife, honorary President of the Japan Czech Friendship Association, Setsuko Otaka, with the audience listening in rapt attention.

The lecture concluded with a meet and greet with students based on the strong urging of Minister Mládek. While scheduling permitted just a short twenty-minute session, Minister Mládek was able to meet briefly with all of the students, including Japanese students studying the Czech language and the thirty or so exchange students from the Czech Republic and other V4 nations. The delegation expressed their many thanks and was sent off with a round of applause.

It is our hope that this visit from Minister Mládek will lead to even more productive exchange with the Czech Republic.



Minister Mládek meets with students

A group from Josai University Educational Corporation visits Sweden

Date: October 5-11, 2014

Place: Kingdom of Sweden



A group of Josai University Educational Corporation consisting of 6 members led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta has recently visited Sweden from October 5 to 11, 2014.

The main destinations were the residence of the ambassador of Sweden to Japan, the Museum of Ethnography, Zui-Ki-Tei, Karolinska Institutet and its hospital, Moderna Museet in Stockholm, the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities, European Institute of Japanese Studies in the Stockholm School of Economics, and Uppsala University.

Dr. Lars Vargö, who is a former ambassador to Japan, introduced each destination and accompanied the group. The group met with Ambassador Seiji Morimoto of Japan to Sweden, President Kaj Falkman of Svensk-Japanska Sällskapet, Director Marie Söderberg of

the European Institute of Japanese Studies in the Stockholm School of Economics, Chancellor Eva Åkesson of Uppsala University, etc. and we were able to make significant progresses in the development of academic exchanges between Sweden and Josai University Educational Corporation.

In addition, the Nobel Prize in Physics was attributed while the group was visiting the ambassador's residence, and we were able to celebrate the nomination of a Japanese national with the ambassador and board members of Svensk-Japanska Sällskapet.

We hope to develop the exchanges with each university and institute in the future and promote productive activities in preparation for the 150th anniversary of Swedish – Japanese exchanges in 2018.

[Details of the visit]**Visit to the residence of ambassador of Japan to Sweden from 12pm on October 7 (Tuesday)**

We visited the residence of ambassador of Japan to Sweden from 12pm on October 7 (Tuesday). The Nobel Prize in Physics was announced on the same day, and we had the honor of receiving the newflash about the nomination of a Japanese national from Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Sweden Seiji Morimoto. This was a memorable moment for Chancellor Mizuta, who is the president of the Japan-Sweden Society, and Ambassador Morimoto to meet at the ambassador's residence on the day of the Nobel Prize announcement. This was a memorable day to build a momentum for further international exchanges between the two countries in the future.

Since the Japan-Sweden Society has also asked Japanese people, who were nominated for Nobel Prizes, to become honorable members in order to promote academic and cultural exchanges between Japan and Sweden, this turned out to be a day that enabled us to have more hope for further exchanges between the two countries.

A lunch reception was hosted by Ambassador Morimoto, and board members of Svensk-Japanska Sällskapet in Sweden, including former Ambassador Lars Vargö of Sweden to Japan and former Counsellor Kaj Reinius, participated in the reception to meet Chancellor Mizuta on her trip to Sweden. Opinions were actively exchanged throughout the reception regarding future promotion of cultural exchanges, cultural exchanges for young generations, and academic exchanges, between the two countries that will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Swedish – Japanese exchanges in 2018. We made a promise to make efforts to further deepen the relationship in the future.



With Ambassador Morimoto, holding the press release regarding the Nobel Prize in Physics, which was just announced

Visit to "Zui-Ki-Tei" in the Museum of Ethnography from 3pm on October 7 (Tuesday)

We visited the tea house that was donated to the Swedish National Museum of Ethnography by Ginjiro Fujiwara, who was the president of Swedish-Japanese Association, in 1935. "Zui-Ki-Tei" burned down in 1969 but was re-built with the donation of 4 paper manufacturers in Japan in 1989 and donated to the Museum of Ethnography again. In response to the recent appointment as the president of the Japan-Sweden Society, Chancellor Mizuta visited the tea house to consider its maintenance, utilization methods, etc. in preparation for the 150th anniversary year of Swedish – Japanese exchanges in 2018 in the future. On the day of the visit, Lotten Gustafsson Renius, who is the curator of the Museum of Ethnography, also joined us and guided us through the Japan area. Afterwards, former President Yu Komaki of the Japanese Society and President Yoko Kaneko of the Japanese

Society guided us, and we had the honor of having the tea made by the members of Swedish Uasenke in Zui-Ki-Tei. The tea ceremony, which was held while beautiful autumn leaves fell around us, left a strong impression. This is a valuable tea house, so we hope to consider how we can effectively utilize it to disseminate Japanese culture.

Visit to the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Stockholm Office from 10:00 on October 8 (Wednesday)

Kenji Sugibayashi and Tomoko Sano met Professor Hideo Akutsu (honorary professor of Osaka University), who is the director of the office. This facility is an academic exchange support organization for 5 North European countries, 3 Baltic countries, and Japan. Since it was the announcement date for the Nobel Prize in Chemistry on the day of our visit, other employees were absent. However, Director Akutsu himself gave us thorough explanations on the works of the JSPS Stockholm Office.

The office not only handles researcher exchanges with Japan but also works on promoting student exchanges with Japan. However, he said that the JSPS Stockholm Office still has not been able to establish a foothold for Norway. Due to the fact that JIU hosts 20 students from University of Oslo every year, it is possible that we may be able to establish an alliance with the JSPS Stockholm Office.

Visit to Karolinska Institutet and its hospital from 12:00 on October 8 (Wednesday)

Although it is named an institute, it is actually a medical university where the nomination committee for the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine is located. This beautiful campus is made of bricks, which is suitable for the biggest campus in the world and the institute that represents Europe. Nobel Memorial Hall is located at the entrance, and we were informed that a number of related lectures are held in the hall. This is currently the leading medical university in Sweden.

We also visited Karolinska University Hospital. The comprehensive reception was located inside of the entrance, and a bright restaurant (cafeteria) was behind it. Possibly because we visited around lunch time, there were many people having lunch. The convenience store in the hospital was also bright. The great difference from the first floor of Japanese hospitals left a strong impression on us.

We also visited the pharmacy in front of the hospital. It not only had the prescription reception and the dispensing facility but also had the drugstore section offering general medical goods, cosmetics, etc. Japanese dispensing pharmacies rarely have OTC, etc. (Essentially, it is desirable for pharmacies to be able to dispense medical pharmaceutical products and offer general medical goods and health maintenance-related miscellaneous goods.) There was a lot for us to learn there.

Observation of the School of Japanese in the Department of Oriental Languages in Stockholm University from 14:00 on October 8 (Wednesday)

Visitors: Kenji Sugibayashi, Tomoko Sano

Stockholm University consists of a main campus made of a number of big modern buildings and another campus with brick buildings scattered around the campus. The School of Japanese is located on the latter campus, and approximately 150 students were learning Japanese. The school is of similar size as the School of Japanese in the University of Warsaw, which Professor Sugibayashi visited in June of this year.

Meeting Mr. Kaj Falkman (President of Svensk-Japanska Sällskapet) at Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities from 12:00 on October 8 (Wednesday)

We met President Kaj Falkman of Svensk-Japanska Sällskapet, who is a former ambassador to Japan and President of Swedish Haiku Society, in the beautiful restaurant in the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities that overlooks the lake. He has an extensive knowledge of many different literary cultures including Japanese literature and history and told us many interesting stories. Afterwards, he guided us through the Chinese, Korean, and Japanese exhibition areas in the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities. He then guided us through the Modern Museum, in which contemporary art was displayed.



President Falkman of Svensk-Japanska Sällskapet and Chancellor Mizuta looking at modern paintings

Visit to Stockholm School of Economics from 5pm on October 8 (Wednesday)

We visited the office of Professor Marie Söderberg in the Stockholm School of Economics, which is located in Stockholm. Professor Söderberg currently serves as the director of the European Institute of Japanese Studies. The Stockholm School of Economics was established in 1909 and is a college with a long history. It is also known as the school in which both Heckscher and Ohlin of the Heckscher–Ohlin model, which is well-known in the field of international economy, taught. It is also globally-known as a research institute that greatly affects the attribution of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics.

During the meeting with Professor Söderberg, opinions were exchanged over a wide range of topics, such as the roles of the European Institute of Japanese Studies in the EU, recent Japanese economic society, etc. Chancellor Mizuta introduced issues of women's advancement into Japanese society, roles of women in households, etc. Professor Söderberg introduced cases in which fewer women are still appointed as corporate officers in companies in Sweden, in which women's advancement into society has developed socially, etc.

It was decided that we will continue to exchange opinions and hold discussions regarding exchanges between the universities in the



Meeting at the European Institute of Japanese Studies in the Stockholm School of Economics

future in order to promote the exchanges between Josai University Educational Corporation and Stockholm School of Economics. Josai University and Josai International University have as many as 3 departments in the fields of economy/management with a number of students and faculty members. We concluded the visit after confirming that we will discuss specifics of academic exchanges with Stockholm School of Economics in the future and promote the exchanges.

Meeting with the chancellor of Uppsala University Visit to Uppsala University from 9:30am on October 9 (Thursday)

We headed to Uppsala, which is the 4th biggest city (population of slightly over 200,000) in Sweden located 70km from Stockholm and visited Uppsala University. Uppsala University was established in 1477 and is the oldest university in North Europe with over 40,000 students, offering 9 faculties of theology, law, medicine, pharmacy, science, languages, educational sciences, social sciences, and art.

We met Chancellor Eva Åkesson in the "Linnaeus's Room". We introduced our school and discussed the possibility of exchanges between the two universities. Due to the fact that the meeting was between two female top persons, Chancellor Åkesson expressed strong interests toward the recent development of women's studies and women's active roles in Japan. This conversation was followed by a friendly discussion regarding exchanges of faculty members/students in the medical/welfare fields and language/art fields, etc. over lunch.



In Linnaeus's Room with the chancellor of Uppsala University and former Ambassador Vargö of Sweden

Visit to Uppsala University library

There are 12 libraries in the oldest university in Northern Europe. We were guided to the oldest library area, which is the main library area. A museum is located on the first floor of the building, exhibiting a number of valuable pieces, including a bible made of silver, a musical score of "Die Zauberflöte" by Mozart, etc. Other areas are modern browsing rooms for students, and many students were entering and leaving the areas.



With writings of Harry Martinson's in hand at the CAROLINA REDIVIVA of Uppsala University

When we went to the 6th floor, book shelves were filled with beautiful manuscripts which have been collected since the establishment of the university in 1477. Since Uppsala University is renowned as Linnaeus's university, a number of old biology/plant/flower-related materials have also been collected from all over the world. On this visit, they made an exception and showed us Harry Martinson's drawings, letters, journals, etc. to celebrate the fact that Chancellor Mizuta is an awardee of the Cikada Prize. There was also a part of the journal where he was inspired with an image for the work, for which he received the Nobel Prize in Literature, and we were deeply moved.

Lunch meeting at Uppsala University October 9 (Thursday) at restaurant OX

Five members from Uppsala University: Professor Ann Öhrberg (chair of the Department of Literature), Professor Anna Williams (professor in the Department of Literature) Ms. Erika Dabhikar (section director in the Student Affairs and Academic Registry Division, International Office), Mr. Thomas Fredengren, accompanied by former Ambassador Lars Vargö of Sweden to Japan. A lunch meeting was held regarding specific exchanges between the two universities, and was attended by the Chair at the Department of Literature, professor at the Department of Literature, and section director at Student Affairs and Academic Registry Division, International Office. First, Josai University Educational Corporation introduced the past relationship between Josai University Educational Corporation and Sweden with examples of the Mai Zetterling-project, tree planting ceremony in honor of Raoul Wallenberg, lecture by the former Ambassador Vargö, International Symposium Commemorating Winning of the Cikada Prize, etc. and deepened mutual understanding. Uppsala University told us that there are many students in Sweden who wish to learn Japanese due to the influence of Japanese pop culture. We explained the exceptional Japanese education and exchange program in Josai University Educational Corporation. At the same time, we also mentioned student's opportunities to learn about Japanese culture in the Faculty of Media Studies the Faculty of International Humanities as well as our "Global College" program, in which classes are taught in English. Uppsala University also asked us about the possibility of internships for

students. We explained that we have implemented internships on Japanese teaching method in the University of Oslo, and they expressed great interests. In addition, Chancellor Mizuta also made proposals regarding student exchanges, Swedish classes, and dispatching of faculty members. We look forward to future exchanges.

Visit to Uppsala University Hospital from 3:30pm on October 9 (Thursday)

When we entered the hospital, there were an open café and convenience store in a bright atmosphere just like Karolinska University Hospital, and many people were utilizing the facilities.

Dr. Mikael Köhler, who is the head of the Department of Cardiology, guided us through the hospital wings. We visited the emergency care wing, rheumatology wing, and the nephrology wing. Especially in the emergency care wing, there were only curtains separating the hallway and rooms, providing an environment in which the medical team can easily attend to patients. This left a strong impression on us.

Afterwards, we listened to the overview in the seminar room. They explained how each building has different departments and that this hospital especially excels at plastic surgery treatment, etc. After the explanations, a Q&A session was held in connection to the difference of the insurance system between two countries, including differences in medical cost and medical systems in Japan and Sweden, etc.



At the Uppsala University Hospital

Josai Delegation Pays a Visit to Malaysia, Vietnam

Date: January 1-23, 2015

Place: Management and Science University, Malaysia;

Ho Chi Minh University of Transport, Ho Chi Minh University of Technology and Education,

Ho Chi Minh University of Technology, Foreign Trade University, Vietnam



Chancellor Mizuta Awarded Honorary Doctoral Degree from Management and Science University, Malaysia

From January 23 to 31, 2015, a Josai University Educational Corporation delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and consisting of Yukihisa Kitamura (Chancellor's Office Manager), Masumi Ishida (Vice President, Professor in the Faculty of Tourism), Kenji Sugibayashi (Vice President, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Supervisor), Yuka Kawano (Associate Professor, Department of International Exchange Studies), Jordan Smith (Associate Professor in the Faculty of International Humanities), and Romain Duchesnes (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Media Studies) paid a visit to Malaysia and Vietnam.



Chancellor Mizuta receives her honorary doctorate from the Queen

On the 24th, the delegation visited Josai's sister institution, Management and Science University (MSU), located in the Kuala Lumpur suburb of Shah Alam. Chancellor Mizuta received an honorary doctoral degree from MSU to acknowledge her numerous academic accomplishments as well as her work to elevate the status of women in a ceremony that took place on that day. The honorary degree was conferred to Chancellor Mizuta by Her Majesty, Queen Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajjah Haminah who also serves as MSU Chancellor.

During the ceremony, Chancellor Mizuta expressed her joy at receiving the award. "By assembling a humanities department that emphasizes practical skills in finance, management, and tourism as well as a health sciences department centered on health and medicine, MSU shares very similar academic goals to Josai University and Josai International Universities. The MSU-Josai exchange began with the common idea of working together to foster human resources that can assume leadership positions and guide society in not just Malaysia and Japan, but Asia and the world as well. Our student exchange program began in 2012, with 65 Josai students presently studying at MSU. In addition, Josai is currently hosting 34 students from MSU, 12 of whom are studying at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Receiving this honorary degree from MSU is, for me, a tremendous honor and I would like to express my gratitude to everyone involved. Since, from this day forward, I am now a member of MSU, I hope that we can develop our program of exchange even further," she said.

Josai Invites Former Prime Minister Mahathir to Give Lecture

On January 25, Chancellor Mizuta's delegation visited the residence of Mahathir bin Mohamad, who served as Malaysia's Prime Minister for 25 years. As Prime Minister, Mahathir bin Mohamad worked as an ASEAN leader to revitalize the region, instituting the Look East Policy which looked to Japan's economic growth as a model, and helping the national power of Malaysia grow exponentially.

This year marks the 50th year anniversary of Josai's founding in 1965 by former finance minister Mikio Mizuta. As part of the 50th anniversary festivities, Josai has planned the "Mikio Mizuta Global Lecture Series," an event aimed at the promotion of global human resource development which invites distinguished speakers from both Japan and abroad who have made significant social and cultural contributions in the late 20th century, to begin in April of 2015. As lecture series chair, Chancellor Mizuta extended an official invitation to Mr. Mahathir, which he accepted.



At Mr. Mahathir's residence

Josai Forms Exchange Agreements with Four Universities in Vietnam

As the second leg of their trip, the Josai delegation next visited Vietnam. The primary goals of their visit to Vietnam was to establish academic exchange agreements with four different universities and to introduce high school students and other members of the young generation to the appeal of Japan and Josai in an effort to instill the importance of "learning from Japan."



Signing the exchange agreement with UT-HCMC



Commemorative photo at the signing with HCMUTE



Exchange agreement signing at HUTECH



With FTU president

The delegation first traveled to Ho Chi Minh City where they visited the Ho Chi Minh City University of Transport (UT-HCMC), Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology and Education (HCMUTE), and Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology (HUTECH) before moving to Hanoi where they visited one of Vietnam's preeminent institutions, Foreign Trade University (FTU).

Chancellor Mizuta, on behalf of Josai, signed academic and student exchange agreements with each of the four universities. Members of each university expressed their desires to host Japanese language lecturers and students from Josai as well as to dispatch their own students for study at JU and JIU.

Josai Visits Vietnamese High Schools, Tuoitre Newspaper Corporation

The Josai delegation continued the trip with visits to Vietnamese high schools and Japanese language schools as well as to the Tuoitre Newspaper Corporation. In Ho Chi Minh City, the delegation visited Ngoi Sao High School, Le Quy Don High School, and the Dong Du Japanese Language School and in Hanoi visited six high schools, including Viet Duc High School, Gia Binh First High School, Luong

Tai First High School, and Ky Thuat Viat Tri High School, in addition to the Japanese language schools Akira Language Education and the Thang Long College of Technology. In some cases, the delegation met with upwards of 500 students, who listened to the Josai group's presentation with great interest.

Josai Visits Ambassador Fukada and Consul General Nakajima

During their visit, the Josai delegation also visited Japan's consular offices. In Ho Chi Minh City, they visited consul general Satoshi Nakajima and in Hanoi ambassador extraordinaire and plenipotentiary Hiroshi Fukada. Ambassador Fukada said, "The number of Vietnamese students studying abroad in Japan has increased rapidly, with more than 8,000 at present. I would like to do my best to facilitate exchange between the young people of Vietnam and Josai." Also, in Ho Chi Minh City, the newspaper Tuoitre, which boasts the largest circulation in the country, conducted an interview with Chancellor Mizuta.



Presentation at Gia Binh First High School



Visiting with Ambassador Fukada

Josai Hires Temporary Scholars for the Institute for Central European Studies



Date: October 1, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

As the first center in Japan devoted to studying Central Europe, the Josai Institute for Central European Studies is working to further strengthen its activity in the field since its 2013 founding and recently hired two visiting scholars.

During Hungarian Prime Minister Orbán's visit to Josai in November 2013, an agreement was made to hire two visiting Hungarian scholars for the institute to promote friendship between Hungary and Japan. This is the first time that such a temporary hire has been made by a Japanese university. The search was performed through the Hungarian Ministry of Human Resources on behalf of the Institute for Central European Studies. Starting in October, these new faculties will work for six months as both researchers and lecturers for undergraduate and graduate courses.



From left: Dr. Gal, Zoltanne Schmidt Andrea and Dr. Prebuk Aniko

Dr. Aniko Prebuk is an associate professor in History for the Department of Humanities at the University of Debrecen. Debrecen, located in the eastern part of the country, is the second largest city in Hungary. Dr. Prebuk, whose study *Jewish History in Russia and Central Europe* (Sairyusha) was translated into Japanese and published in 2004, specializes in Central European Jewish history. Her most recent research interests focus on Hungary's role during the Jewish Holocaust.

Dr. Gal, Andrea Zoltanne Schmidt is assistant professor of Humanities for the University of Pécs and specializes in International Relations. Located in the southwest region, the University of Pécs is Hungary's oldest university. As a scholar of the V4 (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia), Dr. Gal is currently working to develop a joint masters program in V4 literature. As a university that promotes

internationalization, Dr. Gal's hire is an excellent opportunity to learn strategies for developing cooperative programs.

In September 2014, Josai University hired Dr. Boštjan Bertalanič, a Slovenian scholar in International Relations, as an associate professor in the Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies. Dr. Boštjan Bertalanič's research focuses on UN and Japanese diplomacy, specifically on the POWs who were taken to Japan under the Habsburg Empire during WWI.

With these new faculty hires, the Josai Institute for Central European Studies hopes to extend its programs even further through the planning of international symposia, publication of an academic journal, and recruitment of students at both the undergrad and graduate levels.

Josai Launches Global Business Leadership Training Program

Date: October 18-December 8, 2014

Place: California State University, Long Beach, USA

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As part of the Faculty of Management and Information Sciences' core curriculum, Josai International University launched the Global Business Leadership Training Program for exchange students studying at California State University, Long Beach. This is a special program designed for students in the Faculty of Management and Information Sciences to provide both language and business training abroad, while cultivating global perspectives and connections. This program could be opened because JIU is an international university.

The program began by soliciting student applications and holding an orientation session in September 2014. Applicants then started the process of applying for visas and interviewing at the embassy, the completion of which was a big step for these students who will be studying abroad for the first time.

In the end, forty-two students were selected for the inaugural session of the program. The program will consist of a seven-week course, with English classes divided by skill level. Those students focusing on business or sports will take a special course directed toward those specific skills. Students will also have the opportunity to experience hands-on training at American corporations, allowing them to think about the Japanese business world from a foreign perspective. Lastly, to encourage students interested in becoming future global leaders, the department has provided a fellowship specifically for the Faculty of Management and Information Sciences students.

On October 17, a ceremony was held at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus announcing the fellowship award, which Chancellor Noriko Mizuta presented to the four representatives of the study abroad class. After



Program orientation at the Togane campus (9/26)

presenting the fellowship award, which is designed to defer the tuition costs of studying abroad at Cal State, Long Beach, to 4th year Management and Information Sciences student, Ms. Fujimoto, the recipient spoke on behalf of the class, expressing her strong ambitions for the future: "I'm very excited by the opportunity to study abroad in the United States both for my future career plans and to attain the necessary skills for becoming a global leader. I plan to continue to develop and improve my business skills through the Global College even after the conclusion of this program."

For more information about student experience in the Global Business Leadership Training Program, please visit the following website:
<http://csulbjiu.blogspot.jp/>

Josai Kioi Club Hosts Christmas Concert from Theotokos Youth Choir

Date: December 2, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

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On December 2, 2014, the Josai University Educational Corporation (Chancellor: Noriko Mizuta) hosted a Christmas concert with the Romanian youth choir Theotokos on the Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

The Theotokos Youth Choir consists of 37 members between the ages of 11

and 18 and is affiliated with the Romanian Orthodox church located in the town of Alba Iulia in Romania's Transylvanian region. This was their first visit to Japan as cultural ambassadors. This event was made possible through the support of the Embassy of Romania and the Japan Romania Society.

Before the concert, Radu Serban, Ambassador of Romania in Japan, provided opening remarks, saying, “The song is an expression of their religious faith. And their voices recall the voices of angels.” The choir performed roughly twenty songs in all, including Romanian Christmas carols, international Christmas songs, and Japanese folk songs such as “*Akatombo*” and “*Hana wa saku*,” sung in a sublime harmony. More than 160 audience members crammed into the performance hall, including Josai University President Yasunori Morimoto, members of the Japan Romania Society, local residents, and extension students, giving resounding applause after each song.

At the reception that followed the concert, Japan Romania Society Chancellor Akiko Igaya said, “I would like to thank Chancellor Mizuta and everyone at Josai for making this splendid opportunity possible. It’s my hope that some of the children who sang for you today will become future exchange students at Josai.”



Ambassador Serban provides opening remarks

Josai Holds Opening Ceremony for Eva Vargö Exhibition: Fibers & Fragments—Selected Works 1998-2014



Date: February 17, 2015

Place: Mizuta Museum of Art, Josai University

On February 17, 2015, Josai held an opening ceremony for the exhibit “Fibers & Fragments Eva Vargö Selected works 1998 - 2014.” During the ribbon cutting ceremony, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta gave a few words. “We are overjoyed to present the Eva Vargö exhibit at the Mizuta Museum of Art. Please enjoy these works of art and all the feeling that was poured into their creation,” she said. The artist herself also gave a few words. “I am very grateful to the Mizuta Museum of Art for putting on this exhibition. I hope that everyone who comes to see it will greatly enjoy the display,” Ms. Vargö said.

The Vargö exhibit runs until March 14 (Saturday). The exhibit spans work from 1998 to 2014, including a piece that uses a book of Japanese folk songs. We hope that you will enjoy the world of Eva Vargö’s artwork, whose twisting lines and torn fragments disclose new forms and meanings to the viewer.



Chancellor Mizuta, Eva Vargö, and others perform the ribbon cutting

Mykolas Romeris University’s Vice President Inga Žalėnienė visited JIU



Date: March 31 and April 2, 2015

Place: Josai International University, Togane campus

On March 31, 2015, Mykolas Romeris University’s Vice President Inga Žalėnienė (Republic of Lithuania), came to Josai International University to discuss plans to promote international exchanges and attend the student entrance ceremony on April 2.

Josai International University signed an exchange agreement with Mykolas Romeris University in December 2012. Our university, along with other universities in eight countries from Asia and Europe, is participating in the ‘Knowledge Consortium Social Technologies for Smart and Inclusive Society’ (SOCTECH) which seeks to develop a society in which each individual can live safely and comfortably through technological innovation.

The aim of Inga Žalėnienė’s visit was to develop exchange programs centered on students and faculty members. During her stay, she also had the opportunity to meet faculty staff and discuss opportunities.



Mykolas Romeris University’s vice president Inga Žalėnienė congratulating students at JIU’s student entrance ceremony

On April 2, she gave a congratulatory speech, encouraging students in their academic study: “the globalization of higher education is a splendid opportunity for every student to enlarge his or her views and grow up through new experiences. Using this chance, I wish to nurture

students who can contribute to our global society.”

From now on, one can expect our universities to reinforce their cooperation.

Talks and Symposia

Josai Hosts Tripartite Talk “Modern Poetry Event II: The Sound that Soaks the Earth—Looking Back on a Century of Women and Poetry”

Talks
and
Symposia

Date: November 7, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On November 7, 2014, the Josai University Educational Corporation hosted the tripartite talk “Modern Poetry Event II: The Sound that Soaks the Earth” with the theme “Looking Back on a Century of Women and Poetry” at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus. The talk was held by three renowned female poets—Ms. Moon Chung-hee from Korea, Ms. Hiromi Ito, and Ms. Noriko Mizuta—who discussed issues of pregnancy, childbirth, and life abroad, among other topics.

This event was a continuation of the International Symposium Commemorating Winners of the Cikada Prize held at Josai on June 7, 2014. The Cikada Prize is awarded by the Swedish government to exceptional Asian poets who are able to express the majesty of life through their work. December, 2013, Ms. Mizuta, a poet and scholar in comparative literature, was the third Japanese and sixth overall to receive the Cikada Prize. The June symposium was organized to commemorate this award, with Ms. Moon, recipient of the 5th Cikada Prize, appearing as one of the panelists and promising to appear again alongside Chancellor Mizuta at this event. With Ms. Moon and Ms. Mizuta, two leaders of the women’s poetry boom in the 1980s, and Ms. Hiromi Ito, whose work revolutionizes notions of female poetry, the panel was very well rounded.

The talk opened with each poet discussing their first encounters with poetry. Ms. Ito said that, “I first experienced the emotional power of poetry when I was afflicted with an eating disorder at 18. I learned that my poetry was not oriented toward society, but toward my own body.” Ms. Moon then related her own experience by saying, “When I first married, I was haunted by the specter of tradition. I discovered that writing cute verse just wasn’t enough for me.” Ms. Mizuta followed

by saying, “It’s very interesting to consider generational difference in terms of female expression. When I listen to the words of the two of you, they are both refreshing and devastating.” The three then proceeded with discussion of childbirth, motherhood, patriarchy, life abroad, and other topics. Nearly 170 people were in attendance, including poets, university faculty, and students, and listened with great interest to the discussion, posing provocative questions during the Q&A.

During the free conversation portion, Mr. Mutsuo Takahashi dove into the discussion, eliciting much excitement from the audience.

After the talk, a friendly reception was held, joining participants and audience members, during which the three panel members also gave readings of their work.



From left: Hiromi Ito, Moon Chung-hee, and Noriko Mizuta

Josai Hosts Joint Symposium with Uppsala University as Part of 50th Anniversary

Talks
and
Symposia

Date: March 30, 2015

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On March 30, 2015, Josai hosted a joint symposium with Sweden’s Uppsala University, “Women’s Studies and Literatures in Sweden and Japan,” as part of the 50th anniversary of their founding in the 1st building’s underground hall on the Tokyo Kioicho Campus. The panelists for the symposium consisted of four members from Josai, led by poet and scholar of comparative literature, Chancellor Mizuta, and four members from Uppsala University, led by Department of Literature chair, Ann Öhrberg.

Taking gender as its topic, the symposium also featured contributions from Slovenian ambassador to Japan, Helena Drnovsek Zorko, and drew an audience of about 160, including faculty and students—both domestic and international—from Josai University and Josai International University (both of which offer courses in women’s studies), visiting scholars, and members of the Japan-Sweden Association (for which Chancellor Mizuta serves as President).



Discussion with all panel members



Enjoying Japanese tea during intermission

Uppsala University was founded in 1477 and is the oldest university in Northern Europe. Uppsala is one of the most influential European institutions in higher learning and research, boasting fifteen affiliates (either faculty or alumni) who have received the Nobel Prize. Uppsala is also known as the university where the father of botany, Carl von Linné, pursued his studies. This joint symposium was made possible by former Swedish ambassador to Japan and Uppsala graduate Lars Vargö (currently working as special lecturer for Josai following his retirement from the embassy) who introduced Josai to his alma mater. Josai paid a visit to Uppsala in October 2014, during which the joint symposium was planned.

Chancellor Mizuta provided opening remarks at the symposium, saying, “The greatest honor for me was to be able to meet all of you as soon as I did. It’s my hope that this event will serve as a point of departure for future communication between Sweden and Japan.” The symposium was divided into two sessions, with Mr. Vargö also participating, featuring discussion and debate on the state of women’s literature and expression in both Sweden and Japan as well as regarding

Sweden’s position as a forerunner in gender studies. The session closed with a panel discussion with all the participants. In closing, Professor Öhrberg offered her opinion stating, “Sweden is often declared the forerunner in gender studies, but we cannot become complacent with this idea. We must continue to progress.” She also expressed her gratitude for the event saying, “With today’s symposium I learned so much about Japanese literature and culture, as well as Josai University.” In conjunction with the symposium, an “*Ukiyo-e* Special Exhibition” was held in the 1st floor gallery featuring pieces from the art museum collection. The Faculty of Social Work Studies also put up a display about their activities, which the Uppsala University delegation and other visitors browsed with great interest. During intermission, participants were treated to Japanese tea made by Josai’s tea ceremony club and the symposium was followed by a reception, giving participants a chance to engage in casual conversation. With this joint symposium, one can expect even more programs of exchange and joint research projects with Uppsala and other Swedish universities in the near future.

Professor Marie Söderberg Gives Lecture Entitled, “Economic Relationship between Japan and Europe”

Date: October 28, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

Talks
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Symposia

On October 28, 2014, in the International Conference Room in the 3rd Building of Tokyo Kioicho Campus, Josai University Educational Corporation facilitated a lecture entitled “Economic Relationship between Japan and Europe”, by Professor Marie Söderberg of Stockholm School of Economics. Stockholm School of Economics has a long history and was established in 1909. It is internationally famous as a research institute and is able to exert a significant degree of influence on the Noble Prize for Economics. Professor Söderberg’s research is on Japan in Asia, the relationship between Japan and China, the relationship between Japan and Korea, and the Japan-EU relationship. A special field of her research is Japan’s Development Assistance. She also serves as the Director of European Institute of Japanese Studies, which is an important hub for Japanese studies in Sweden.

A delegation from Josai University Educational Corporation visited Professor Söderberg at Stockholm School of Economics during a study trip to Sweden between October 5 -11, 2014. The two parties

discussed the work of the European Institute of Japanese Studies in the EU and recent Japanese economic developments. Both sides plan to maintain and strengthen their relationship in the future.



Prof. Marie Söderberg gives her lecture

In her lecture, Professor Söderberg analyzed the multipolar relationship between the EU, Sweden and Japan on the basis of her own data. She also outlined the main features of Japan's overseas development work. Some 100 students and faculty from Josai University and Josai International University listened to her lecture with great interest and participation.

Josai University and Josai International University, together, have three departments of economics and management. Students and faculty members in these departments will now be encouraged to take part in academic exchanges between Josai University, Josai International University and Stockholm School of Economics.

Josai Hosts Special Cooperative Lecture with Sweden, “From Non-Issue to Global Summit—Stopping Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: International Response and Future Challenges”

Talks
and
Symposia

Date: November 28, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On November 28, 2014, Josai invited Chancellor Kaj Reinius of the Sweden-Japan Friendship Association to give a keynote lecture in the 3rd building international conference room of Josai's Tokyo Kioicho Campus. More than 80 participants (including 3rd and 4th year students from the Faculty of Social Work Studies, graduate students, faculty and staff) came together for this important event to study and discuss this serious international social issue.

Kaj Reinius has, since 1990, been a vocal leader in the movement to eradicate the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) and youth human rights violations, an issue that has not been brought to the forefront until recently. Mr. Reinius spoke passionately about his experiences as an activist in the field and about the contribution each nation made to organize a global summit. He also spoke about the current state of the sexual exploitation of children.

Mr. Reinius also discussed the work of the ECPAT (End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism) campaign, while observing that, to date, only 52 countries worldwide have developed concrete policies to combat CSEC. He argued that the problem has only worsened with the growth of Internet, poverty, and regional conflict and pointed to the necessity for multidisciplinary universities with departments in tourism, environmental studies, media studies, and other fields to raise



Mr. Reinius during his keynote lecture

social awareness and address this issue from both a legal and academic perspective.

The reception that followed featured a lively discussion between Mr. Reinius and student participants who expressed their great interest in the subject providing such feedback as, “This talk really heightened my awareness of the human rights violations of children which is happening internationally,” and “The issue of child welfare is one that people of every country need to consider.”

Josai Hosts Lecture by Kojin Karatani “Mountain People and Mountain Witches (*Yamabito* and *Yamamba*)” as Part of 50th Anniversary

Talks
and
Symposia

Date: December 10, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On December 10, 2014, the Josai University Educational Corporation (Noriko Mizuta, Chancellor) hosted a lecture by philosopher and critic Kojin Karatani entitled “Mountain People and Mountain Witches (*Yamabito* and *Yamamba*)” at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus auditorium. The event was organized as part of the 50th anniversary of Josai University Educational Corporation's foundation, which happens next year, and was sponsored by the Center for Inter-Cultural Studies and cosponsored by Josai International University's Institute for Gender and Women's Studies.

Mr. Karatani began his career as a literary critic. He also wrote on the work of such thinkers as Karl Marx and Immanuel Kant, before developing his own theoretical frame of thought. In January 2014, Mr. Karatani published his most recent volume *Theory of Nomads: Kunio Yanagita and Mountain People* (Chikuma Publishing) which analyzes the work of Kunio Yanagita and his movement from “mountain people” to “settled people.” A public speaking appearance

by Mr. Karatani is extremely rare, but with a personal invitation from Chancellor Mizuta—with whom Mr. Karatani is acquainted through past literary discussions on gender and expression—this special lecture could be organized.



Mr. Karatani during his lecture

Citing Zeami's *Mountain Witch* and Ms. Akiko Baba's *Demon Studies* (Chikuma Publishing), Mr. Karatani presented his theories on this particular subject. "Unlike the mountainfolk or the lowland folk, the mountain people have no interest in permanent settlement. According to Yanagita, their existence is akin to that of a *tengu* (mountain spirit). The mountain witch too is distinct from the field woman or the village woman in that she is a mountain person, as I learned from the theories of Ms. Mizuta," he said. Elsewhere Karatani said, "The mountain witch has no resistance to sexual difference; it is an existence that transcends gender." Faculty, students, and campus visitors who filled the near-capacity auditorium listened with great interest to Mr. Karatani's compelling theories.

The lecture was followed by a friendly reception in Mr. Karatani's honor. Poet and JIU faculty member, Yoshimasu Gozo, who is a good friend of Mr. Karatani, raised his glass in the guest's honor, saying, "Today's lecture was both revolutionary and compelling, on a subject matter that I never grow tired of. That Josai could host such a great lecture by such an amazing thinker, brings me great joy."

In addition, the volume of joint dialogues *Mizuta Noriko Dialogues and Symposia Collection 1: Patriarchy and Gender* (Ed. Noriko Mizuta, Josai University Educational Corporation University Press, 2014) that feature Mr. Karatani, Chancellor Mizuta, and others was published by Josai last February.

A special lecture to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Josai University, delivered by Professor Seiichi Makino titled "Opening a new door in Japanese language teaching: rebuilding Japanese language education according to *uchi* and *soto* linguistic culture"

Talks
and
Symposia

Date: February 23, 2015

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

As part of the Josai University 50th anniversary celebrations, Josai International University's specially appointed, Professor Seiichi Makino, was invited by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta to deliver a lecture on Japanese language education with a focus on *uchi* and *soto* linguistic culture. The lecture took place in the underground hall of the 1st building, Tokyo Kioicho Campus, and was attended by JIU faculty staff and more than 160 students.

Professor Makino taught for a long time Japanese language, Japanese linguistics and Japanese culture, at the University of Illinois as well as Princeton University. He has thus made a great contribution to the growth of Japanese language education. Since 2014 he has been teaching in JIU's Global College program and graduate level doctoral programs in the Faculty of International Humanities' Comparative Culture Studies Department.

Many exchange students at Josai International University are learning Japanese. Our teaching faculty members come from many different horizons, reflecting our diversified student body and our staff are able to work in close cooperation with our partner universities abroad to help develop new ways of teaching Japanese. This special event was

organized to help improve our Japanese language education program. In the lecture, Professor Makino exposed his rich achievements and peculiar point of view gained over many years spent in the United States. He also gave suggestions for a renewal of Japanese language education.



A view of Prof. Makino's special lecture

Josai Hosts Special Lecture by Yoshiaki Shimizu on "The Works of Jakuchū Itō and *Hongaku* Thought in Buddhism"

Talks
and
Symposia

Date: February 24, 2015

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On February 24, 2015, as part of their 50th anniversary festivities, the Josai University Educational Corporation hosted a special lecture by Yoshiaki Shimizu on "The Works of Jakuchū Itō and *Hongaku* Thought in Buddhism" in the 3rd building of the Tokyo Kioicho Campus. Mr. Shimizu, Professor Emeritus of Art and Archeology at Princeton University and the foremost scholar in Japanese art history, gave a talk on the art of Jakuchū Itō, who was active during the mid-Edo period, analyzing his work from a religious perspective.

Jakuchū Itō (1716-1800) was born the eldest son of a grocer whose

shop was located in the Nishiki district of Kyoto. Jakuchū ran the shop until age 40 when he turned it over to one of his younger brothers to pursue a career in painting. By incorporating elements of the Kōrin School of ornamental painting, Jakuchū developed his own unique approach to art. For his numerous paintings containing realistic depictions of plants and animals, Jakuchū became known as the "uncanny artist." "*Hongaku* thought" is often translated as "innate enlightenment" and is based on the idea that all sentient beings are already enlightened a notion that proliferated as a central dogma of Tendai Buddhism.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta provided opening remarks at the lecture that was held in Josai's International Conference Room. "It is a great honor to introduce this special lecture by Mr. Shimizu to commemorate Josai's 50th anniversary," she said. Prof. Emeritus Shimizu showed many slides of Jakuchū's work alongside paintings of the Buddha achieving enlightenment to demonstrate the "incorporation of religious connotations in the artistic work of Jakuchū. This is one of the great merits of Jakuchū's paintings, thereby linking them with *Hongaku* thought."

More than one hundred attendees, including Josai University and Josai International University faculty and extension students, listened with great attention to Prof. Shimizu's fascinating lecture.



Prof. Shimizu explains Jakuchū's work

Josai Hosts Guest Lecture "*Haiku* in the World" by Lars Vargö as Part of 50th Anniversary

Talks
and
Symposia

Date: March 3, 2015

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On March 27, 2015, Josai University Educational Corporation (Noriko Mizuta, Chancellor) hosted a guest lecture entitled "*Haiku* in the World" by former Swedish ambassador to Japan, Lars Vargö, which was held in the 3rd building of Josai's Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

Mr. Vargö graduated from Sweden's Uppsala University with a degree in Asian Studies. During his work at the Swedish embassy in Japan, he studied Japanese history at Kyoto University's Faculty of Letters. He went on to receive his PhD in Japanese ancient history from the University of Stockholm. After working as Swedish ambassador to Korea, Mr. Vargö served as Swedish ambassador to Japan from 2011 to 2014, receiving the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun in 2014. Mr. Vargö has published numerous translations and collections of *haiku* and has worked as a specially appointed professor at Josai since his retirement from the Swedish embassy. Chancellor Mizuta, who has served as president of the Japan-Sweden Association since 2014, provided opening remarks, introducing Mr. Vargö as "someone who has spread Japanese and East Asian culture to the world." Mr. Vargö, giving his lecture in Japanese, gave several examples of how—as exemplified by English writer and scholar of Japanese culture Reginald Horace Blyth (1898-1964)—multiple Western writers were introduced to Japanese poetic forms such as *haiku* and *senryū* and stated that, "one can sense the influence of *haiku* even in Western poetic works." He also gave several examples of *haiku* composed by Western writers and children. Mr. Vargö stated, "*Haiku* is often taught in Western schools, and through the verse of children one can really feel the spirit and humor of *haikai*."



Mr. Lars Vargö giving his lecture

More than one hundred people attended the lecture including Josai University and Josai International University faculty, members of the *Haiku* International Association, and extension students. All participants listened with great interest as Mr. Vargö gave his lecture. In December 2013, Chancellor Mizuta had the great honor to receive the Cikada Prize from the Swedish government, a prize awarded to poets who are able to express the majesty of life in East Asia through poetry. To commemorate this award, an international symposium entitled "Expressing the inviolability of Life," in which Mr. Vargö and *Haiku* International Association President Akito Arima participated, was held in June 2014. The material from this symposium was published by Josai University Educational Corporation University Press as *International Symposium Commemorating Winning of the Cikada Prize: Giving World to the Inviolability of Life* in January 2015.

Josai Hosts the Second V4 Plus Japan Student Conference

Talks
and
Symposia

Date: February 10, 2015

Place: Josai University Education Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On February 10, 2015, Josai hosted the Second V4 Plus Japan Student Conference in the International Conference Room in the 3rd Building of the Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

Following Chancellor Noriko Mizuta's opening speech, Slovakian Ambassador to Japan Mr. Michal Kottman gave a speech as the chair of the Visegrad Group (V4). This conference was attended by Ambassador Viorel Isticioaia-Budura of the Delegation of the

European Commission to Japan, Czech Ambassador to Japan Tomas Dub, Hungarian Ambassador to Japan István Szerdahelyi, Slovenian Ambassador to Japan Helena Drnovsek Zorko, Director of Polish Institute Tokyo Ms. Miroslaw Blaszcak. In addition, approximately 100 of Josai students, V4 university students, exchange students, members of the industry, and other attendees participated in this conference.



Speech from Ambassador Kottman

This year, Josai invited 6 students from our sister universities in Visegrad Group, Masaryk University (Czech Republic), Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary), Warsaw School of Economics (Poland), Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovakia). As a whole, “Multicultural Coexistence in the Globalization Era” was set up as universal theme for any regions or countries. The conference was divided into three sessions, (1. Economic Implications of Regional Integration: Contrasting Responses to Increased Contacts and Exchanges. 2. Individual and Group in an Era of Cross-Border Migration. 3. The Challenge of Globalization to National Identity). This conference was the only event happening outside of the V4 countries that was recognized as promoting international relations and solving environmental issues by the International Visegrad Fund (IVF). Thus the IFV, which is administered by the V4 countries and which



Lively Q&A session

headquarter is located in Bratislava accepted Josai’s demand for subsidies. Student participated in the conference, through learning and discussing about the actual conditions and current issues in V4, and by developing their thinking on Japan’s present situation and future perspective regarding the establishment of a multicultural community.

Session 1	Economic Implications of Regional Integration: Contrasting Responses to Increased Contacts and Exchanges
Session 2	Individual and Group in an Era of Cross-Border Migration
Session 3	The Challenge of Globalization to National Identity

Josai hosts a V4+Japan technology seminar

Date: March 11, 2015

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

Talks and Symposia

On March 11, 2015, Josai hosted a V4+Japan technology seminar cosponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and V4 countries in the underground hall of our Tokyo Kioicho Campus. In order to promote friendship and international cooperation, four countries from central Europe (Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) created the Visegrád Group, an entity which is also commonly referred to as the Visegrád four (V4). In Japan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organizes seminars between Japan and the V4 countries (V4+Japan) covering topics such as economy, environment, development cooperation and energy efficiency.

Since one of Josai’s Mid-term Targets is the reinforcement of international exchanges to nurture globalized human resources, our university is actively developing exchanges with various university across the globe, especially in the central European area. It is the third time this year that Josai cosponsors a V4+Japan seminar, but this time, to honor Slovakia’s request, the theme was set on technology. During the third session, Professor Sugibayashi (who is Vice-President of Josai University) gave a lecture entitled: Global Communication and Collaboration in Pharmaceutical Education and Sciences.



Vice-President Sugibayashi presenting as a panelist



Picture of the panelists

About 150 people listened to the presentations including members from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ambassadors from the V4 countries, members from the Japan Society for the Promotion of

Science, members from the Japan Science and Technology Agency, Josai affiliates, students as well as industrials who support our university's efforts to promote globalized education.

Campus Information

Josai Breaks Ground on Future Site of International Student Dormitory “Awa Global Village”

Campus Information

Date: December 1, 2014

Place: Josai International University, International Student Dormitory “Awa Global Village”

On December 1, 2014, Josai International University held a groundbreaking ceremony on the site of the new international student dormitory, Awa Global Village (henceforth, AGV).

AGV will mainly house international students, with a capacity of roughly 100 residents. An inner garden enclosed by the wings of the building will be the dormitory's special feature. The dormitory will also include meeting spaces designed to facilitate interactions between students and members of the local community. The building is scheduled for completion by July 2015. Once completed, preparations will be made to enable international students to move in by the start of the fall semester in September.

With the construction of the AGV, Josai hopes to foster human resources in the field of tourism that possess a global worldview, while encouraging greater interaction with members of the local community.



Groundbreaking of the Awa Global Village

Josai Opens Tokyo Kioicho Campus's 5th Building

Campus Information

Date: February 12, 2015

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

The Josai University Educational Corporation, as part of the 50th anniversary of its founding, just opened the newly completed 5th building of the Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

On February 12, 2015, members of Josai faculty, board of directors, and alumni assembled for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta gave opening remarks, saying, “It is thanks to all of your great efforts that so many undergraduate and graduate students flock to our campus to study. We have many symposia and other events scheduled here as part of our university's 50th anniversary festivities. We also have numerous events planned around the entrance

examination and job placement activities. I believe that our new 5th building will be of great use for these sorts of events, in addition to a home base for alumni activities.”

Fumio Suzuki, president of the Josai Alumni Association, also gave a few words. “It is here, in what might be called the heart of Japan, that we hope to dispatch and receive information about Josai alumni. By making this building our office and home base, we would like to support the development of Josai University,” he said.

The 5th building consists of one below ground and five above ground floors with a total area of 1,400 square meters. The first floor houses the enrollment and public relations office and the parental support and alumni office. The 2nd through 4th floors will house a mini theater, seminar rooms, and study rooms. The 5th floor will consist of guest rooms for mid and long-term visitors from our sister institutions abroad. The Tokyo Kioicho Campus was first opened in 2005. Other Josai University campuses include the Josai Junior College campus in Sakado and the Josai International University campuses in Togane and Awa. The Tokyo Kioicho Campus has many facilities to support student learning and job placement such as the Josai International Center for the Promotion of Arts and Sciences and the International Conference Room which function as a place for research and international exchange. At present there are approximately 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at Josai.



The ribbon cutting ceremony

Honorary Award

Chancellor Mizuta Receives Honor from Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Honorary Award

Date: February 10, 2015

On February 10, 2015, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta received an honor from the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This honor was given to recognize Josai International University's broad range of contributions to the accounting and finance fields and their support of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, including their work in organizing the 1st-10th High School Accounting Competitions and their advanced studies of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), which the Japanese industry hopes to incorporate into their system in the near future.

To pay homage to Josai International University's consistent excellence of foresight and corresponding educational ideals, from their founding to the present day, and to thank Chancellor Mizuta for her leadership, the JCCI chose to award her this honor.

With this award, Josai intends to make even more contributions to the field while continuing to cultivate student abilities.

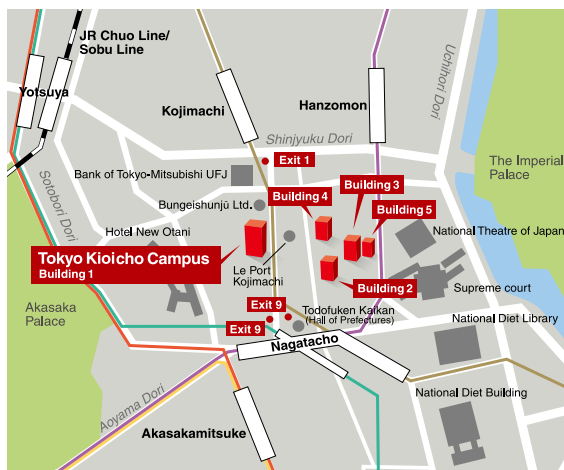
"What is the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry?"

The Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry is an organization created by and for the people working in the commercial and industrial fields with deep historical roots tracing back to Marseille, France in 1599 when the first such organization was formed. At present, as stipulated by JCCI law, there are 514 local CCI offices and more than 1.26 million members across Japan. The JCCI represents the local chambers by presenting their suggestions to the government and other bodies and helping to implement them. And while JCCI's undertakings span a wide range from individual policy proposals and the strengthening of small and mid-range businesses to the revitalization of local communities, its primary goal is to foster human resources, which it does through its qualifying examination and other programs.



Chancellor Mizuta displays her award from the JCCI

Access Map



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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
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