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International Exchange

Exchange Students from Around the World Participate in Fall Entrance Ceremonies of JIU and JU



Dates: September 11 & 21, 2013

Places: Josai International University, Chiba Togane Campus; Josai University, Sakado Campus

On September 11 and 21, 2013, entrance ceremonies were held at Josai International University and Josai University, respectively. Using education and human resource development as cornerstones, Josai has made great strides in designing an overseas education program that cultivates global leadership and an international perspective. Having formed alliances with 107 different universities in 21 countries, Josai embarked on new academic exchange programs with four universities in Poland, three in the Czech Republic, as well as universities in

Southeast Asia and Hong Kong within the last year.

The Josai International University entrance ceremony welcomed students from China, Taiwan, South Korea, Norway, Hungary, the United States, Canada, Spain, Brazil, France, India, Thailand, Columbia, Tunisia, and Macao—as well as, for the first time, eleven students from Poland and two from the Czech Republic—making it seventeen countries in all.

The entering class at Josai University included students from seven different universities worldwide, including eight from Hungary's Eötvös Loránd University, two from the University of Warsaw, two from China's Dalian University of Technology, 31 from the Dalian University of Foreign Languages, and three from Dongseo University in Korea.

The nearly one thousand students at Josai who study Hungarian welcomed the arrival of these new exchange students. This academic year will see the beginning of new language courses in Polish and Czech, which will contribute to the international flavor of Josai even further. With each coming entrance and commencement ceremony, one witnesses the progression of Josai's global education program in the number of international students studying here and Josai students studying abroad.



A view of Josai's Fall entrance ceremony



Hungarian exchange students sing at the alumni association meeting after the entrance ceremony



Exchange student participants at the Josai Fall entrance ceremony

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

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Date: September 30, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



Scholarship Recipients

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

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

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

This year's scholarship recipients consist of 15 students from Budapest Business School, Corvinus University of Budapest, Szent István University, Eötvös Loránd University, the College of Nyíregyháza, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, the University of Szeged, and the University of Debrecen in Hungary who will be studying at either JU or JIU; 13 students from the University of Warsaw, the University of Lodz, the Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology in Poland who will be studying at either JU or JIU; and two students from Charles University in Prague and Masaryk University in the Czech Republic who will be studying at JIU—30 students in all.

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

The ceremony continued with three spokespeople (Fehér István from Hungary, Czubek Jowita Agnieszka from Poland, and Rezazgui David from the Czech Republic) from this year's scholarship class



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

giving words of thanks and their personal pledges for the forthcoming scholarship year. The students first thanked Chancellor Mizuta and the other foundation members for providing a scholarship that will allow them to fully dedicate themselves to their studies. They pledged to use this scholarship year to study traditional Japanese culture, economics, and society and to work to facilitate mutual cultural understanding between Japan and their home countries.

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

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

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



Commemorative photo with participants

Kozaczewski.

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

and Japan, but to become a skilled professional who can contribute at a global level."

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



Honorary Degree

Chancellor Mizuta Named Honorary Professor of Dalian University of Technology

Date: May 27, 2013

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

Honorary Degree

On May 27, 2013, during a Josai delegation visit to China, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta was named an honorary faculty member at the Dalian University of Technology.

Josai first formed an academic exchange agreement with Dalian on August 5, 2007. The "Mikio Mizuta Memorial" Noriko Mizuta Scholarship Fund was established the same year in the interest of fostering global human resources in China. To date, nearly one hundred students have received this award, the funds of which have done much to support their studies. In that very same year, the Mikio Mizuta Memorial Book Donation was also established, with over 770 volumes in the fields of economics, culture, history, natural science, dictionary, and others being contributed a total of nine times. In addition, the two universities have been extremely active in collaborating in a variety of programs including internship and in-service training, joint research, conference and symposia, as well as faculty and student exchange. Finally, in 2010 the three universities—along with Dalian University of Technology, Dalian University of Foreign Languages and Northeastern University—established the Japan-China Joint Doctoral Degree, which has brought many Chinese graduate students to Josai for research and to attend intensive seminars. The first students from this program will receive their PhDs this spring. It is to acknowledge her contributions and achievements in the aforementioned areas, that Chancellor Mizuta was named an honorary professor at the Dalian University of Technology. At a ceremony attended by numerous representatives from both universities,

Chancellor Mizuta received her award along with a university badge from Party Secretary Zhang Dexiang of Dalian University of Technology.

Dalian University of Technology has acknowledged a number of exceptional scholars in a variety of fields with honorary professor awards including Nobel Prize winners Ryoji Noyori, Akira Suzuki, and Eiichi Negishi, as well as Josai's own Advisor Takashi Murai, and Special Advisor to the Chancellor Akihisa Inoue (formerly of Tohoku University).

After receiving her award, Chancellor Mizuta addressed the audience by saying, "It is a tremendous honor to receive this award and be acknowledged for the efforts that have gone into deepening ties and educational exchange between Josai and Dalian. I will continue to work hard for the sake of fostering global human resources which will in turn contribute to both the development of our universities and the growth of Japan-China relations." Following the ceremony, Chancellor Mizuta gave a lecture entitled "Character Formation and Research in Joint Multicultural Education" for the students and faculty members assembled to commemorate her award.

This honor marks the sixth honorary professorship or doctoral degree that Chancellor Mizuta has received from other universities including South China Normal University (professorship, Dec., 2007), Dongseo University (doctorate, Sep., 2010), Szent István University (doctorate, Jun., 2011), Northeastern University (professorship, Sep., 2012), and Budapest Business School (professorship, Nov., 2012).



Chancellor Mizuta receives her honorary professorship from Party Secretary Zhang Dexiang (left)



A view of the event mid-lecture

Josai Holds Ceremony to Honor Chancellor Mizuta's Honorary Professorship from Dalian University of Technology

Honorary
Degree

Date: June 14, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On June 14, 2013, a ceremony to celebrate Chancellor Noriko Mizuta's honorary professorship from the Dalian University of Technology (DUT) was held at the 3rd building of Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

The honorary professorship was conferred upon Chancellor Mizuta at DUT on May 27. This ceremony, conceived through the work of Josai University Educational Corporation Advisor Takashi Murai, Special Advisor to the Chancellor Akihisa Inoue, Josai University President Yasunori Morimoto, Josai International University President Hakuo Yanagisawa, and Josai University Educational Corporation Director Hiroto Taketomi, among others, was attended by 150 faculty and staff members connected to Josai and other invitees.

DUT was founded as one of National Key Universities in 1949. This university's curriculum is not just limited to technology, but also has programs in economics, commercial science, Chinese literature, foreign literature, and other culture related fields. With an enrollment of 24,000 students, DUT stands as a major representative university in China.

To this point, DUT has awarded many exceptional scholars in a

variety of fields with honorary professorships including—in Japan—Nobel Prize winners Ryoji Noyori, Akira Suzuki, and Eiichi Negishi, as well as Josai's own Advisor Takashi Murai and Special Advisor to the Chancellor, Akihisa Inoue.

A Josai delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta has visited DUT every year since 2007, increasing their program of exchange with each successive year. In 2008, Josai delivered the results of a joint research project with DUT, a research on current situation of Dalian special economic zone in Dalian, to the then mayor of Dalian, Xia Deren. In 2011, Josai collaborated with Saitama prefecture to form a training program in Dalian that seeks to advance the Chinese market through the development of young human resources in the industry and that aims at attracting businesses to the region. In 2012, Josai established the Josai Executive Program for Women's Empowerment and Leadership (JEWEL) and contributed Dalian's economic development, providing training programs such as politics, economics, and industry with Dalian government and DUT. Even in education, Josai has made remarkable achievements in developing high-level economic/marketing education through JMBA in collaboration with faculty of management and economics



Commemorative photo with Japan-China Joint Doctoral Program students



A view of the reception



Speech from visiting Dalian government spokesperson Wang Xin



1st year student in financial management in the JMBA program, DUT Zhang Yanbo

of DUT and promoting the acquisition of doctoral degrees for Japanese language faculty at the DUT, collaborated with DUT, Dalian University of Foreign Language, and Northeastern University in 2010. In addition, Josai has promoted a number of cultural programs by accepting numerous exchange students into their programs, facilitating student training through internships both at home and abroad, founding the Japan-China Short Poetry Association, and donating Mizuta Sakura trees. It is for all the aforementioned contributions and achievements for the promotion of international education, that Chancellor Mizuta was awarded the honorary professorship from DUT.

The ceremony began with one of the event founders, Professor Kazunobu Fukushima of Josai University, who provided a brief introduction. Advisor Murai who outlined the history of exchange between Josai and Dalian followed him. JIU Vice President Masato Kurabayashi then explained the overviews and achievements of the Japan-China Joint Doctoral and JMBA programs.

This was followed by congratulatory words from visiting Dalian government official Wang Xin and introductions of industry officials who have collaborated with Josai.

Later, between sessions of lively banter, students from the Japan-China Joint Doctoral Program—the first student in the program to receive their PhD, Dalian University of Foreign Languages' Assistant Professor Wang Mei; JMBA student spokesperson, Zhang Yanbo of DUT; and Vice President of the Josai-Dalian Friendship Association, Li Hongdi—delivered words of thanks to Chancellor Mizuta.

Finally, Chancellor Mizuta gave a brief address, saying, "It is a great honor to be recognized with an honorary professorship from the Dalian University of Technology for all the effort that has gone into developing ties and joint education between the Dalian University of Technology and the Josai University Educational Corporation. I'm also deeply honored to see so many people assembled here today in celebration. I vow to continue to do my best in promoting the development of human resources who can serve as links for the continued growth of both universities and Japan-China relations."

The ceremony concluded with Chancellor Mizuta receiving a commemorative gift from President Morimoto and a bouquet from Josai, DUT, and Joint Doctoral program students, with JIU President Yanagisawa providing the rousing final words.

Chancellor Mizuta Accepts Honorary Professorship from Shenyang Normal University, Gives Commemorative Lecture

Date: September 16, 2013

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

Honorary Degree

On September 16, 2013, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta was awarded an honorary professorship from Shenyang Normal University and delivered a special lecture to commemorate the occasion.

Josai and Shenyang Normal University first formed an agreement of academic exchange in October 2011 and have since been extremely active in a variety of collaborative programs, including student and faculty exchange. This month's visit also saw the formation of the 2+2 Japan-China Joint Education Program, with which one can expect even more opportunities for exchange.

In addition, Shenyang's Museum of Natural History provided vital assistance in constructing a full-scale, eight meter-long model of a carnivorous dinosaur for display in Josai's fossil gallery which recently opened in the new building of the Tokyo Kioicho Campus. Museum of Natural History director Sun Ge also serves as an advisor to the Mizuta Memorial Museum.

The honorary professorship was given to Chancellor Mizuta in recognition of her outstanding contributions and achievements in working to build academic exchange between the two universities. Representatives from both universities attended the ceremony that was held at the Museum of Natural History lecture hall in which Chancellor Mizuta was presented with a certificate and badge in honor of her award from university president Lin Qun.

Chancellor Mizuta gave some brief words of acceptance by saying, "It is a great honor to be awarded the title of honorary professor from this university. I pledge to continue to contribute to the development of our two universities and the fostering of global human resources."

Following the ceremony, Chancellor Mizuta delivered a lecture to commemorate the event titled, "Character Building and Multicultural Education and Research." In this lecture, Chancellor Mizuta

touched on her personal experience as an exchange student abroad and faculty member to illustrate both the necessity and difficulty of understanding foreign cultures. She also discussed the shape of university education in the 21st century and the importance of continuing to promote multicultural education and research, while about 120 faculty members and graduate students in attendance listened in rapt attention.

This award marks the 7th honorary title that Chancellor Mizuta has received from another university. These universities include South China Normal University (honorary professorship), Korea's Dongseo University (honorary doctoral degree), Hungary's Szent István University (honorary doctoral degree), China's Northeastern University (honorary professorship), Hungary's Budapest Business School (honorary professorship), and China's Dalian University of Technology (honorary professorship).



President Lin Qun presents Chancellor Mizuta with the honorary professorship certificate

Josai Forms Academic Exchange Agreement with Thailand's Rangsit University

Date: April 5, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



On April 5, 2013, Josai established an academic exchange agreement with Thailand's Rangsit University.

As part of Josai's Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has formed academic exchange programs with a variety of institutions worldwide, focusing recently on universities in Central Europe and other parts of Asia.

On the day of the signing, Professor Piyasuda Mawai, Ph.D., Director of the Faculty of Liberal Arts, arrived with his delegation, and, after meeting with Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and other executives from Josai, finalized the agreement.

Rangsit University is a private institution located in Thailand's Pathum Thani prefecture, which neighbors the capital of Bangkok. It was first founded as a single-subject college in 1988 before becoming a full-fledged university in 1990. At present, Rangsit University offers 82 different bachelor's degrees, 31 master's degrees and seven doctoral degrees, and counts an enrollment of approximately 14,000 students in all. With their emphasis on the five different fields of Health-Science, Social Humanities, Engineering Technology, Business-Economics, and Fine Art, Rangsit University offers a wide-range of possibilities for academic exchange with our university.

After finalizing the exchange agreement, the Rangsit delegation



Photo commemorating the exchange agreement signing with Professor Piyasuda Mawai (front row, right) and Chancellor Mizuta (left)

proceeded to Josai International University's Chiba Togane Campus where they were given a tour of the premises and met with JIU Vice President Masato Kurabayashi, the Acting Chair of International Humanities, and Language Education Center Director Maria Shiguemi Ichiyama to discuss concrete measures for a student exchange program, focusing particularly on Japanese language education. Considering Rangsit University's comprehensive English language program, one can expect many fruitful exchanges that incorporate this and other subjects in the near future.

Josai Forms Academic Exchange Agreement with the Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology

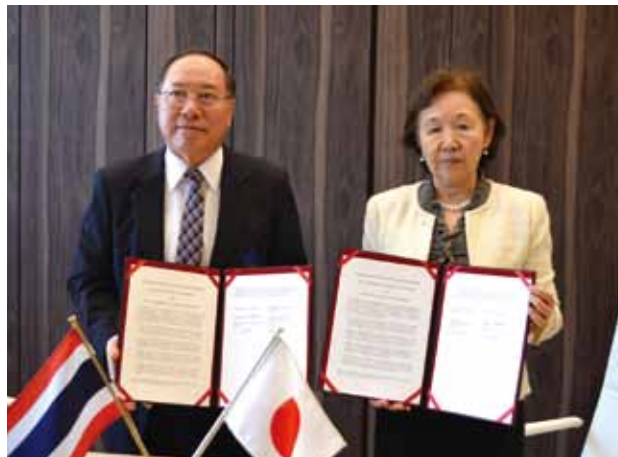
Date: May 8, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



On May 8, 2013, Josai formed an academic exchange agreement with the Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology.

As part of Josai University Educational Corporation's Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has been very proactive in forming academic exchange agreements with a variety of institutions worldwide, focusing specifically on universities in Central Europe and other parts of Asia. Following Technology Promotion Association (Thailand-Japan) President Prayoon



Signing the academic exchange agreement

Shiowattana's visit to Josai in October of last year and the subsequent signing of an agreement of alliance between Josai and the TPA, Josai has had the opportunity to form academic exchange agreements with the two Thai institutes of higher learning—Bangkok University in January and Rangsit University in April of this year. In addition, on the day before the signing with Thai-Nichi (5/7), Josai had the privilege of hosting the 2nd annual ASEAN Forum Josai, inviting Professor Prayoon to give the keynote speech, just another example of how Josai is deepening its relations with Thailand. This most recent agreement with the Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology is another such example.

On the day of the signing, a delegation from the Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology led by President Krisada Visavateeranon met with Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and other Josai University Educational Corporation board members at the international conference room in the 3rd building of Tokyo Kioicho Campus where they finalized the agreement. President Krisada remarked, in fluent Japanese, that, "While our university is a young one, our enrollment is increasing with each year and, with our engineering department as the focal point, we are rapidly developing our education program. All the students at our university are studying the Japanese language with great enthusiasm, and we are devoting much energy to cultivating professionals who are fluent in Japanese. With this agreement with Josai, I hope to continue

to strengthen our alliance and exchange with Japanese universities.” During the meeting that followed, representatives discussed concrete measures for developing an exchange program centered primarily on Japanese language education.

In addition, with this agreement, Josai has the pleasure of adding Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology Vice President Pornanong Niyomka Horikawa as the latest of L-WIN (Leaders-Women International Network), an international network comprised of female leader of presidents and vice presidents from Josai and foreign sister universities. The Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology is a private university

located in the Thai capital of Bangkok, founded in 2007 under the motto, “Expanding learning, cultivating industry, and contributing to economics and society.” The university consists of three schools with four fields of study and an enrollment of 4,200. Technology Promotion Association (Thailand-Japan) (TPA), the university’s parent organization, is a group devoted to the development of Thai human resources, the advancement and dissemination of information technology, and the growth of Japan-Thai relations, among other endeavors.

We are all expecting great things to come out of this most recent exchange agreement with the Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology.

The 19th Annual Czech Debate Contest is held at Josai

Date: May 25, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



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

Until this year, the contest was held annually at the Czech Embassy, but with the embassy currently undergoing renovation, Josai provide a venue for the contest. As a part of Josai’s Mid-term Target, our university has actively conducted exchanges with universities from Central European countries such as the Czech Republic. Josai also began offering a course on the Czech language for the first time this year. Ambassador Kateřina Fialková provided opening remarks before the debate, saying, “With each year, the positive reputation of this event continues to grow. I believe that this debate contest is partially responsible for the increased number of Czech speaking Japanese who will serve as links for Japanese-Czech amnesty. This is the first time that the debate will take place outside the Czech Embassy, at Josai

University. I would like to express my deep gratitude to Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and all those involved in making this event possible.” Chancellor Mizuta also gave a brief greeting by saying, “It is a great honor for Josai to host the Czech Debate Contest. It is my hope that Josai students who have started studying the Czech language will compete in the context next year.”

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

Based on the scrupulous assessment of the five judge panel of Ambassador Fialková, Professor Kenichi Abe (Rikkyo University),



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



A commemorative photo with contestants and judges



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



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

Professor Markéta Gebhartová (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies), Kôhei Tsukamoto (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Central and South Eastern Europe Division), and Ryôko Yamamoto (Czech Center), Hikari Utsuda was given first prize, receiving her certificate and prize of a one-month study abroad stay at a Czech university including airfare from Prague to other European cities, from Ambassador Fialková.

Contestant Tomoko Ôe received honorable mention with the—special to this year's contest—Noriko Mizuta Chancellor's Award along with a certificate and memento from Chancellor Mizuta.

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

In addition, the Mizuta Art Gallery located in the 3rd building of campus held a special photography exhibition entitled "Josai and

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

3rd Meeting of the Josai Dalian-Northeastern University Alumni Association Held

Date: May 26, 2013

Place: Shangri-La Hotel, Dalian, People's Republic of China



On May 26, 2013, a visiting Josai delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta participated in the 3rd Meeting of the Josai Dalian-Northeastern University Alumni Association at a hotel in downtown Dalian, China.

Nearly 120 participants attended this meeting including graduates of the Japan-China Joint Doctoral Program who studied at Josai or Josai International University, graduates from the JMBA scholarship or joint education program, past recipients of the "Takashi Mukaibo Memorial" Takashi Murai scholarship and "Mikio Mizuta Memorial" Noriko Mizuta scholarships, as well as graduates by privately funded studying, and visiting professors from Dalian University of Foreign Languages, Dalian University of Technology, Dalian Maritime University, and Northeastern University. It's with great pleasure that we've seen the alumni association grow in both attendance and content each year.

Chancellor Mizuta kicked off the meeting by expressing her pleasure at being able to meet alumni again, saying, "This marks the 3rd meeting of the alumni association, and today we are pleased to be joined by former graduates from as far away as Shanghai, Shenyang, and Tianjin. It gives me great pleasure to see all the alumni gathered today, many of who have gone on to start businesses, work in the mass media, or serve as industry leaders. I'm also pleased at the strides that the Japan-China

Doctoral Program has made, which will graduate its first class of PhD recipients this spring." Chancellor Mizuta later added, "Your home institution, Josai University, will soon pass its 50th anniversary, and we would like to request your continued support in the future." The alumni association then presented Chancellor Mizuta with a generous donation to commemorate Josai's 50th anniversary. Afterward, Dalian University of Technology professor and President of the Dalian China-Japan Alumni Association Du Fenggang, Professor Chen Yan of the Dalian University of Foreign Languages, and others provided a few words.

In addition, Professor Zhang Wei of Dalian University of Technology led a ceremony to name faculty for JIU's Global Institute for Green Materials.

This meeting assembled alumni working as leaders in a wide variety of fields, such as university faculty at European, American or Chinese institutions and business executives in China's global industry. Their spirit and dedication to human resource development has spread to the current generation of Josai students who have expressed a similar will to excellence. With the combined efforts and contributions of members of the alumni association, we can expect continued growth of Japan-China relations and development in the economic and cultural realms.



Chancellor Mizuta takes commemorative photo with the alumni association, donation in hand



Commemorative photo with all participants

Josai Visits China Business Executives Academy, Dalian

Date: May 27, 2013

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

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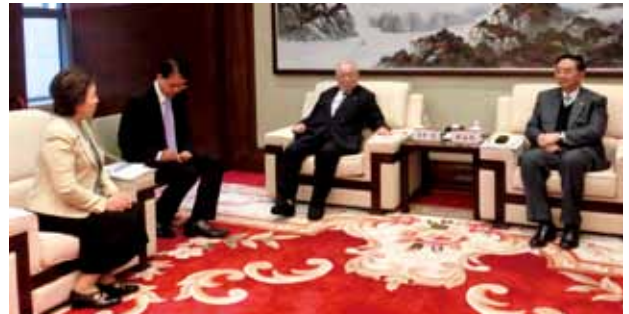
On May 27, 2013, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta visited China Business Executives Academy, Dalian, meeting with academy president Lin Anxi.

The Business Executives Academy, Dalian opened its doors in September of last year as a learning institution dedicated to the education and training of business and industry executives across China while forming alliances with other business schools around the globe. As enrollees from all over China mostly undergo a program at seminar house, the inside of the campus has facilities such as restaurant and hotel accommodation.

After serving as party secretary for the Dalian University of Technology for many years, Professor Lin was named president of China Business Executives Academy, Dalian. Professor Lin has also made invaluable contributions in establishing the Josai University Educational Corporation offices in Dalian as well as the Japan-China Joint PhD Program.

During the meeting, Professor Lin enlightened the group with the many trials and tribulations of building the academy, while the Josai group

provided reports on the progress of Josai's academic exchange with the Dalian University of Technology and the Japan-China Joint PhD Program. Afterward, Professor Lin led the delegation on a guided tour of their glorious new campus and facilities, also giving the group a glimpse of the grove of beautiful *Mizuta Sakura* trees that were donated by Josai in a tree planting ceremony in May 2012.



Chancellor Mizuta (left) and Advisor Takashi Murai (center) meet with President Lin (right)

Dalian University of Technology Holds Ceremony for "Takashi Mukaibo Memorial" Takashi Murai Scholarship, "Mikio Mizuta Memorial" Noriko Mizuta Scholarship, 9th Annual Mikio Mizuta Book Donation

Date: May 27, 2013

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

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A shot of Chancellor Mizuta and Party Secretary Zhang Dexiang's meeting

On May 27, 2013, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta paid a visit to the Dalian University of Technology.

Following a meeting with Party Secretary Zhang Dexiang, representatives from both universities—including Secretary Zhang and university Vice President Ning Guiling—assembled for the ceremony to present the "Takashi Mukaibo Memorial" Takashi Murai Scholarship and the "Mikio Mizuta Memorial" Noriko Mizuta Scholarship. These scholarships were awarded to thirty-nine Dalian graduate students in all, presented by either Chancellor Mizuta or Advisor Takashi Murai, respectively. The scholarships were awarded to outstanding PhD or MA students in a variety of fields of whom much is expected in their chosen endeavors of either academic research or business.

This was followed by the ceremony for the Mikio Mizuta Book Donation, this time presented by Josai Professor Kazunobu Fukushima to Dalian University of Technology Chair of Economics Su Jingqin. This donation consists of selections from a collection which can trace the contributions Mikio Mizuta made toward Japan's economic development from Japan's period of



The scholarship award ceremony

economic recovery following WWII to the high-growth period of the Japan economy. To date 763 volumes have been donated to Dalian University of Technology's library. This, the 9th installment of the donation, collects 117 volumes from government and serial publications, white papers, and Josai University and Josai International University memorandums, in addition to texts on applied mathematics, women's studies, and social welfare.



The book donation catalogue being presented to Professor Su Jingqin (left)

Josai Visits Dalian University of Foreign Languages and Celebrates the Name Changes Ceremony

International Exchange

Date: May 28, 2013

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

On May 28, 2013, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta visited Dalian University of Foreign Languages (DLUFL), meeting with Party Secretary Liu Zhenwan and university president Sun Yuhua. The Dalian University of Foreign Languages is regarded as the most prestigious national university of foreign studies in Northeast China with an enrollment of approximately 13,000 students.

This year, DLUFL received an upgrade in status, changing its name from the Dalian Academy of Foreign Languages to the Dalian University of Foreign Languages. Josai's visit landed fortuitously on the day before the name change ceremony. The meeting between the Josai delegation and DLUFL officials was used to reflect on the accomplishments of their academic exchange program thus far as well as evaluate the progress of the Japan-China Tourism and Human Resources program. They also

discussed the progress of fellowships and acceptance to the DLUFL all-English school for those Dalian students intending to study at Josai International University's Faculty of Tourism in the future.

At the name change ceremony, the Josai delegation presented DLUFL with a model of the ship *Nippon Maru* to honor the "setting sail" of their new university. In return, Party Secretary Liu awarded each member of the delegation with a personally inscribed certificate.

Secretary Liu has, for many years, worked at the forefront of the tourism field, establishing Dalian as the "Romantic City," while spearheading the branding movement in the realm of global urban tourism. Secretary Liu led the delegation on a guided tour of campus, even introducing them to the grove of red acacia trees that he has been personally responsible for cultivating.



Chancellor Mizuta meets with President Sun of DLUFL

Party Secretary Liu (left) poses with *Nippon Maru* model in hand alongside Chancellor Mizuta

Josai Forms Academic Exchange Agreement with Poland's University of Warsaw

International Exchange

Date: June 3, 2013

Place: University of Warsaw, Republic of Poland

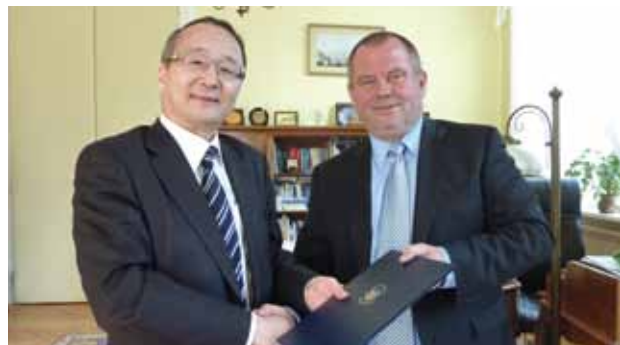
On June 3, 2013, the Josai University Educational Corporation formed an academic exchange agreement with the University of Warsaw in Poland.

As part of Josai's Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has formed academic exchange programs with a number of institutions worldwide, with a particular emphasis on universities in Central Europe and other parts of Asia. Josai has in fact already formed exchange agreements with the Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology and the University of Lodz. Katsuhiko Namikawa, director of the Management Planning Office, and Maria Shiguemi Ichiyama, director of the Center for Language Education at Josai International University, visited the University of Warsaw on Chancellor Noriko Mizuta's behalf to finalize the exchange agreement. With this visit, the representatives met with vice president of research and exchange, Alojzy Z. Nowak and they completed the academic exchange agreement, with both parties pledging to devote full attention for the success of the partnership.

The University of Warsaw is a multi-disciplinary university founded in 1816 and counts the composer Frédéric François Chopin as one of its graduates. At present, the university offers over 100 courses in fields from social science to natural science and has a total enrollment of

61,300. While Poland is known as the first European nation to engage in research of Japanese language and culture, the University of Warsaw served as a central institution in establishing this field by offering the first course on the Japanese language in 1919. Even today, their department of Japanese and Korean studies in the East Asian Studies Center stands at the center of the Japanese research field in Europe.

With this academic exchange agreement in place, Josai is planning to accept foreign students at University of Warsaw. In addition, the two universities will discuss cooperative projects in a variety of areas, including joint education and research programs and faculty and student exchange.



Vice President Alojzy Z. Nowak (right) and Director Namikawa sign the academic exchange agreement

Josai Visits the University of British Columbia and Princess Takamado Gives a Lecture

International
Exchange

Date: June 17-18, 2013

Place: The University of British Columbia, Canada

On June 17 and 18, 2013, a delegation from the Josai University Educational Corporation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta paid a visit to the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Canada.

This most recent visit was made to discuss the expansion of academic exchange between UBC and Josai University Educational Corporation. The delegation met with university President Stephen J. Toope and Provost David Farrar and later toured the facilities of the School of Social Work, meeting with Director Timothy Stainton.

On the 18th, the delegation attended a lecture hosted by UBC regarding the Princess Takamado collection of ornamental miniature hand carvings (known as “*netsuke*” in Japanese). The lecture was held at the Liu Institute, located adjacent to the Department of Asian Studies, and drew a large audience of students, faculty, scholars of Japanese culture, and members of the local Japanese-Canadian community who contributed to a lively discussion that ran over the allotted time. Princess Takamado is highly regarded as both a collector and scholar of *netsuke* and opened an exhibition about photos of *netsuke* entitled “The Princess Takamado Special Exhibition—Birds that Fly and Netsuke that Travel” in addition to her collection of *netsuke* at the Mizuta Museum of Art in Josai University in September 2012.

The University of British Columbia was founded in 1908. Its

current enrollment of 40,000 undergraduate and 10,000 graduate students makes it the largest multidisciplinary university in Western Canada.

Josai’s relationship with UBC began in 1991 when Chancellor Mizuta worked there as an eminent professor. Josai has since maintained the deep connection between the two schools by inviting visiting professors from UBC on a regular basis. In recent years, Josai International University’s Faculty of International Humanities formed an academic exchange agreement with the UBC’s Department of Asian Studies thus establishing a number of cooperative programs including the dispatching of Japanese language lecturers to UBC and a summer research and training program at the JIU Faculties of International Humanities and Social Work Studies.



With President Toope (center) at UBC’s Museum of Anthropology



A shot of the Princess Takamado lecture

Rector of Petra Christian University Visits Josai, Forms Academic Exchange Agreement

International
Exchange

Date: July 5, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On July 5, 2013, Professor Dr. Rolly Intan of Indonesia’s Petra Christian University (PCU) visited Tokyo Kioicho Campus to form an academic exchange agreement with our university.

As part of Josai’s Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has formed academic exchange agreements with a number of institutions worldwide, with a particular emphasis on universities in Central Europe and other parts of Asia. Josai’s relations with PCU were born out of their participation in the Asia Summer Program which was held at PCU last July. With Professor Intan’s visit in this time, our two universities signed an academic exchange agreement. PCU is a private university founded in 1961 in Indonesia’s second largest city of Surabaya with aspirations of becoming an international university rooted in the principles of compassion and Christian values. The university is composed of six undergraduate schools with twenty-one majors and two graduate schools. Their curriculum is not just academic in nature, with many programs that emphasize the cultivation of technical expertise and practical skill. The enrollment of PCU is approximately 8,000 students. After arriving on campus, Professor Intan and Director of International Exchange Meilinda MA were given a tour of the facilities in Josai’s recently completed 3rd building, followed by a meeting with Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and other Josai executives in the international conference room. Preceding the signing, Chancellor Mizuta spoke on behalf of the Josai group, saying, “As Josai and Petra Christian University bear many similarities in terms of academics, it is my hope that this academic exchange agreement will

lead to many fruitful collaborations in a variety of fields.” Professor Intan also addressed the group by saying, “I hope that this academic exchange agreement will work to promote the growth of human resources not just in Japan and Indonesia, but on a global scale.” The two parties then signed the academic exchange agreement, rendering it official.

After leaving Tokyo Kioicho Campus, PCU delegation then proceeded to the Awa Campus, the home of Josai International University’s Faculty of Tourism, where they were given a tour of campus and met with the aforementioned department to discuss concrete plans for implementing academic exchange. The following day, the delegation visited the Chiba Togane Campus where they were guided on another tour of campus facilities, followed by a student-conducted interview of Professor Intan in English.



Signing of the academic exchange agreement

Josai Forms Academic Exchange Agreement with China's College of Humanities & Sciences of Northeast Normal University

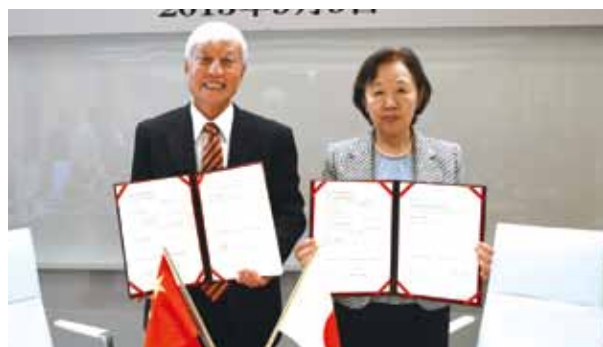
International Exchange

Date: September 9, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On September 9, 2013, Chancellor Mu Shuyuan and Honorary Director of the School of Japanese Language and Culture Hong Xichuan of the College of Humanities & Sciences of Northeast Normal University in Changchun, Jilin visited Tokyo Kioicho Campus to finalize an academic exchange agreement between the two schools. A joint Japan-China education program was also included as part of this comprehensive agreement.

The College of Humanities & Sciences of Northeast Normal University is a private university that was founded in 1988 and certified by China's Department of Education in 2004. Located in Changchun, Jilin—in the heart of Changchun's high-tech industry—the university consists of 13 academic schools (such as International Commerce, Literature, Social Welfare, Fine Art, and Design), 42 majors, and an enrollment of approximately 10,000. At the signing, Josai University Educational Corporation Chancellor Noriko Mizuta gave a few words by saying, "With programs in media, social welfare, business, and others, the College of Humanities & Sciences of Northeast Normal University and Josai University Educational Corporation share many common fields. By combining our efforts, I hope that we can cultivate the global human resources that are so essential in the 21st century." Chancellor Mizuta was followed by Chancellor Mu Shuyuan who said,



The signing of the agreement

"Josai University Educational Corporation brings its wealth of experience and diverse range of subjects. Using our common fields as a base, I hope that we can extend academic exchange between our two schools." The academic exchange agreement was then signed by both parties.

The goal of the joint education program will be to develop human resources who can contribute to today's global society as experts in specialized fields such as business, finance, tourism, media, IT, and welfare and possess a facility with Japanese, Chinese, and English as well as a comprehensive knowledge of Japanese and Chinese culture and society.

Josai Visits China Medical University, Agrees on Nursing Training Program

International Exchange

Date: September 13, 2013

Place: China Medical University, People's Republic of China

On September 13, a Josai University Educational Corporation delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta visited China Medical University in Shenyang where they met with university president Zhao Qun.

After meeting with Party Secretary Dai Wanjin during a visit in October 2011, Josai and China Medical University formed an academic exchange agreement in December of the same year. The two schools have since been in discussion to develop joint education programs that cultivate highly skilled human resources in medical welfare, environmental science, nursing, pharmacy, and linguistics, as well as an overseas training program for Josai International University's Faculty of Nursing.

This latest meeting was attended by President Zhao, as well as Director of International Exchange, Pan Bochen, and Vice Chairman for the Japanese Language Institute, Wang He.

At the meeting, Chancellor Mizuta remarked that, "In light of the continuation of decreased birthrates and a rapidly aging population in Japan and China, our hope is to deepen Japan-China alliance to develop treatment, care giving, and welfare programs that address this issue." President Zhao registered his agreement by adding, "Our plan is to strengthen academic exchange between our two universities in the interest of fostering medical professionals who are deeply rooted in both the national and local communities."

To this point, students in Josai International University's Faculty of Nursing have performed their training in the United States during their first year. However, there was working-level talk of moving this program to China Medical University. There was also talk of faculty appointment and joint research programs in

Japanese language education and Japanese literature, with representatives from the two schools agreeing to continue to develop these projects.

After their meeting, the Josai delegation took in China Medical University's historical exhibition room with its numerous photographs and other historical materials and visited the buildings that housed the South Manchuria Medical College, the precursor to China Medical University. Kanae Iida, a member of the Josai delegation and director of JIU's Faculty of Nursing, also held an interview with CMU's nursing director to discuss their hosting of the training program and later toured the facilities of the university affiliated hospital, the largest general hospital in Northeast China. With this most recent visit and agreement, one can expect many great programs to come out of the Japan-China partnership, ones that are aimed at the development of human resources in the medical, nursing, and welfare fields, in addition to Japanese language education.



Meeting with Chancellor Mizuta and President Zhao



The China Medical University campus

Josai Forms Agreement with Northeastern University for Joint Program

Date: September 14, 2013

Place: Northeastern University, People's Republic of China

International
Exchange

On September 14, 2013, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta visited Northeastern University in China's Shenyang province to meet with university president Ding Lieyun and finalize an agreement that will develop a joint program between the two universities.

There are very few examples of joint programs formed between Japanese universities and universities abroad, making this a groundbreaking proposal that offers exciting new prospects for international academic exchange.

The details of this agreement stipulate the formation of a jointly run department (under the provisional name "Northeastern University Faculty of International Cultural Innovation") on the campuses of both universities. This program will promote research and education primarily in the fields of engineering, humanities, and media studies in the interest of developing highly skilled professionals who can contribute at the global level.

At the meeting, the Josai delegation sat with President Ding, along with Vice President Jiang Maofa, Assistant to the President Wu Jinsong, Director of International Collaboration and Exchange Yu Fuxiao, Director of the School of Foreign Languages Wang Qiuju, and other Northeastern University faculty to discuss the details of this proposal.

During the meeting, Chancellor Mizuta addressed the participants with the following: "It is a great honor to be involved in the creation of a joint program with Northeastern University, an institution with a rich tradition, as it greets its 90th anniversary. By combining the strength of both our universities, this program will take linguistics, culture, and media as its core curriculum with the hope of developing creative and globally-minded human resources." President Ding then added, "Through the establishment of this joint program that utilizes the strengths of both schools—Northeastern University with its excellence in environmental science and technology and



Finalizing the agreement

Josai University Educational Corporation with its excellence in the humanities—the goal is to cultivate professionals who are able to utilize cutting-edge technology in the creative industry."

Based on this agreement, the two universities will form a planning committee that will then focus on the various preparations necessary for the establishment of the joint program, including the acquisitions of permits and licenses from the Chinese Board of Education, with the goal of opening program doors as soon as possible.

Josai and Northeastern University first formed a program of academic exchange in August 2010, and have since actively engaged in a number of faculty and student exchanges. Then, Josai and Northeastern University, along with the Dalian University of Technology and Dalian University of Foreign Languages, established the Japan-China Joint PhD Program in 2010, leading numerous exchange students to enroll in its intensive lecture series. Lastly, in recognition of her contributions and achievements in the realm of academic exchange, Chancellor Mizuta was conferred with an honorary professorship from Northeastern University in September 2012.

Josai Forms Academic Exchange Agreement with Jilin Teachers' Institute of Engineering & Technology

Date: September 14, 2013

Place: Jilin Teachers' Institute of Engineering & Technology, People's Republic of China

International
Exchange

On September 14, 2013, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta met with university Vice President Liu Qi of the Jilin Teachers' Institute of Engineering & Technology in downtown Shenyang to form an academic exchange agreement between the two universities.

The Jilin Teachers' Institute of Engineering & Technology, with its fine arts department that offers degrees in many different fields such as design, fashion, animation, and industrial arts, has much in common with Josai International University's Faculty of Media Studies. Thus, with this most recent agreement, we can anticipate many future educational and research collaborations, including faculty and student exchange.

During the meeting, in accordance with the growth of China's tourism industry and increased demand for highly trained professionals in this area, Chancellor Mizuta offered to host exchange students from Jilin who wish to study at JIU's Faculty of Tourism or Graduate School of International Administration. Vice President Liu expressed his agreement with the plan, saying, "We hope to begin the program of academic exchange as soon as possible in order to actualize these goals." Located in Changchun, Jilin, the Jilin Teachers' Institute of Engineering

& Technology is a public university founded in 1979 under the approval of the State Council, and is widely known as the top full-time occupational university in the three Northeastern provinces of Jilin, Liaoning, and Heilongjiang, as well as in Inner Mongolia. The university is comprised of seven academic departments in the fields of engineering, physical science, humanities, management, economics, education, and fine arts, and has an enrollment of approximately 11,000.



A commemorative photo with representatives from both parties

Josai Visits Northeastern University for 90th Anniversary Celebration, Chancellor Mizuta Gives Keynote Speech

International Exchange

Date: September 15, 2013

Place: Northeastern University, People's Republic of China



A view of the Northeastern University ceremony

On September 15, 2013, a Josai University Educational Corporation delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta travelled to China's Northeastern University to take part in commemorating the 90th anniversary of that school's founding. Josai, invited as a sister school of Northeastern University—with whom they have enjoyed great success in the areas of academic exchange and human resource development—was one of only two Japanese universities invited to the ceremony. Since their 1923 founding, Northeastern University has remained dedicated to the founding credo ("Self discipline, seeking and acting for truth") in developing their school. Northeastern University has already produced over 250,000 graduates and has contributed to the development of not just domestic but global human resources, while also being distinguished for their research in a wide variety of fields. At present, Northeastern University is on pace to realize its goal of becoming, "known as one of the leading universities in all of China and a top research university worldwide."

Many different events commemorating Northeastern University's 90th anniversary were held on that day, under a cloudless blue sky, but for the ceremony held mid-morning in front of the main auditorium, Chancellor Mizuta took a special seat on the stage alongside other invited guests.

In the afternoon, academic forums were held individually at each graduate school, with Chancellor Mizuta—who has been named honorary professor at Northeastern University—giving a keynote lecture on the subject of "What is Literary Criticism?" at a classroom in the School of Foreign Languages.



A view of the keynote lecture

In this first of 15 planned lectures, Chancellor Mizuta explained the formation process and history of literature and literary criticism, citing multiple theories of literary criticism to a rapt audience of approximately 70 faculty members and graduate students from the Japanese language department.

Following the lecture, the delegation was reunited with former graduates of Josai International University who are now teaching at Northeastern University's Japanese language department. They chatted about daily life in China and exchanged advice on teaching and ways to approach students.

Later that evening, the Josai delegation joined students, alumni, and members of the local community in the packed gymnasium to enjoy a "night of performance" to celebrate Northeastern University's 90th anniversary.



A night of performance

Josai Visits China's Liaoning University

International Exchange

Date: September 16, 2013

Place: Liaoning University, People's Republic of China

On September 16, 2013, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta paid a visit to Liaoning University where they met with university president Huang Taiyan and other administrators.

Founded in 1948, Liaoning University is a national university with an enrollment of 27,000. As a key national university, the school is widely recognized as a top-ranked institution in Liaoning province. Liaoning is a multidisciplinary university comprised of 25 departments with schools in international economics, financial management, and

commercial management. The university, replete with a Japanese language department, attracts many Japanese exchange students each year. Josai first formed an academic exchange agreement with Liaoning University upon their visit in October 2011, and the two schools have since been in active discussion regarding their forthcoming program of exchange.

Seated in attendance at the meeting were Chancellor Mizuta and Advisor Takashi Murai of Josai University as well as President Huang

Taiyan and Vice President Xu Ping of Liaoning University. The meeting began with both parties providing reports on recent activities and research projects at their respective universities before moving on to discuss larger topics of Japanese culture and language education as well as certain key environmental, business, and welfare issues that are important to both nations and pertinent to a program of exchange. Chancellor Mizuta spoke at the meeting, providing the following proposal, "With the beginning of the 2+2 program, we hope to implement a concrete program of exchange with Liaoning University as soon as possible. As our university is channeling much energy into sports, we are also interested in planning some form of sports-related exchange." President Huang then added, "Our two universities share many common strengths and areas of study. Since Liaoning also has a Japanese Language Education Center, we would like to embark on a program of exchange at not just the student but the faculty level as well." Afterwards the delegation was guided on a tour of the Liaoning campus, which only seemed to have become more beautiful since the last visit.



The meeting with Chancellor Mizuta and President Huang

Under the guidance of Assistant Director of International Exchange, Zhang Haibo, the group took a walking tour of the classrooms at Liaoning's law department, as well as the gymnasium, library, and other campus facilities.

Josai Visits Shenyang Normal University, Agrees to Start 2+2 Program

Date: September 16, 2013

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



On September 16, 2013, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta paid a visit to Shenyang Normal University to meet with university President Lin Qun.

Aside from President Lin, Vice President Zhang Hui, museum Director Sun Ge, and Director of International Exchange Zhang Wei, were present at the meeting that took place at the Museum of Natural History located on the university campus.

Chancellor Mizuta began the meeting by thanking the people at the Museum of Natural History for their assistance in constructing the eight meter-long full-scale model skeleton of a carnivorous dinosaur that is now on display at the Josai fossils gallery in the new 3rd building of the Tokyo Kioicho Campus that opened in April 2013. Chancellor Mizuta provided a report on the gallery's recent activities, remarking on its success in attracting a great number of visitors. She also provided an overview of the activities and research at Josai International University's Faculty of Media Studies and Faculty of Tourism and stressed the importance of cultivating global human resources in the fields of nursing and social welfare, given the ongoing reality of decreasing birthrates and an aging population.

President Lin commented, "Through the study of one another's culture and language, my hope is to produce exceptional human resources who

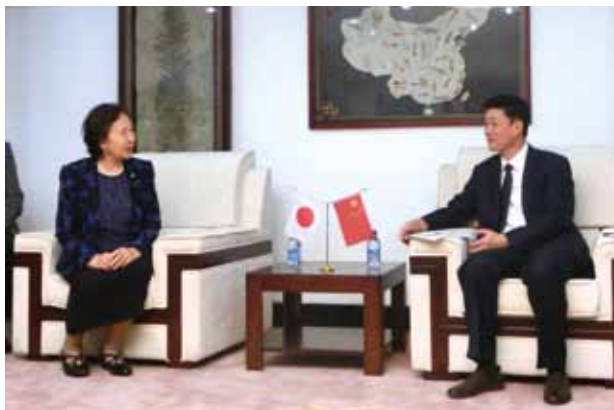
can contribute to the development of both of our nations."

With the formation of an academic exchange agreement in October 2011, Josai and Shenyang Normal University have been actively discussing a program for faculty and student exchange.

And with this most recent visit, the two schools have agreed upon the implementation of a Japan-China joint education program. Based on this agreement, and through continuing consultation between the two schools, one can expect the creation of a 2+2 joint program in the fields of business administration, IT, media studies, tourism, welfare, humanities, and environmental science.

Following the meeting, the delegation was led on a tour of campus where they attended an exhibition of the diverse range of artwork created by the Fine Arts faculty, were shown a number of rare documents at the university library archive, and enjoyed a cup of tea with students from the Tourism department.

Shenyang Normal University is also known as the premiere school for study of Manchurian history and culture and the Manchu language, which, at present, is in danger of disappearing. With Shenyang Normal University's plan to create a Manchurian studies graduate program in the near future, Josai expressed their willingness to serve as a consultant on the Japan side in helping to develop this area of research.



Chancellor Mizuta and President Lin at the meeting



Enjoying a cup of tea at the department of Tourism

Josai Visits China's Bohai University, Forms Academic Exchange Agreement



Date: September 17, 2013

Place: Bohai University, People's Republic of China

On September 17, 2013, a Josai University Educational Corporation delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta visited Bohai University in China to meet with university president Yang Yandong and formed an academic exchange agreement.

Bohai University is a multi-disciplinary university located in Jinzhou in the western part of Liaoning province and is operated under the direct jurisdiction of Liaoning. Following the consolidation of Jinzhou Normal University (founded 1950) and Liaoning Commercial School (founded 1951) in 2003, the name of the resulting institution was changed to Bohai University.

Located on a sprawling campus of more than 1.3 million square meters, Bohai University has an enrollment of 23,000 with 22 academic departments such as administration, education, history, tourism, commercial science, biology, mathematics, foreign languages, physical science, journalism, and fine arts, as well as 56 majors.



A commemorative photo with representatives from both universities

Present at the meeting were Chancellor Mizuta and Vice President Masato Kurabayashi from Josai International University and President Yang Yandong and Deputy Party Secretary Zhao Hui of Bohai.

Chancellor Mizuta addressed the participants by saying, "I had been told that the Bohai campus was one of the most beautiful in China, but upon coming here I was thoroughly impressed. I hope that students at my university also have the opportunity to study at this beautiful campus." President Yang also remarked that, "As Bohai University has had little opportunity to interact with Japanese universities, we are eager to begin this program of academic exchange with Josai." The two parties then signed the agreement, rendering the academic exchange official.

Since Josai and Bohai University have much in common in terms of fields and departments—including tourism, media studies, and fine arts—we can anticipate a variety of collaborative projects with this most recent exchange agreement.



A sprawling campus that makes use of its botanical garden

Josai Forms Comprehensive Agreement with the Sun Music Group to Foster Resources for Entertainments of Next Generation, Will Start "Course on Contemporary Arts and Entertainment" in JIU's Faculty of Media Studies



Date: July 19, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On July 19, 2013, at Tokyo Kioicho Campus, the Josai University Educational Corporation held a signing ceremony and press conference to announce the formation of a comprehensive agreement with Sun Music Group to foster the next generation of visual and media artists and entertainers.

In accordance with this agreement, beginning August 26th at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus, Josai International University will offer a new "Course on Contemporary Arts and Entertainment" in the film & performing arts course, the Faculty of Media Studies to foster human resources for entertainments of next generation.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta; Dean of the Faculty of Media Studies, Fukuyuki En; CEO of Sun Music Group, Masahisa Aizawa; and Director of Sun Music Production, Inc., Hiroyuki Oka were on hand for the press conference which gathered reporters from educational related magazines as well as the general media.

Chancellor Mizuta gave a brief address before the signing, saying, "At the Faculty of Media Studies, we have devoted much energy to the development of human resources who are capable of working at the forefront of society. We are extremely excited at this latest opportunity to fulfill a big dream of ours—that of developing human resources who can contribute at the global level in the field of entertainment, an area that will increase in importance

in the near future." This was followed by remarks from CEO Aizawa who expressed his ambition for this alliance by saying, "By combining JIU's comprehensive system of human resource development with our cutting-edge know-how, I hope that we can foster human resources capable of producing new cultural content in this global digital age."

The agreement was then finalized with the signatures of Chancellor Mizuta and CEO Aizawa.

Following the signing, Dean of the Faculty of Media Studies, Fukuyuki En, provided an overview of the Josai University Educational Corporation and the Faculty of Media Studies' approach toward the development of human resources, while outlining the goals for this cooperative agreement with Sun Music Group.

Finally, Director of Sun Music Production, Inc., Hiroyuki Oka, who will serve as a lecturer for the "Course on Contemporary Arts and Entertainment" starting in August, closed the press conference with a presentation that summarized the objectives and curriculum for the program.

The festivities then moved to a classroom on the 3rd floor where CEO Aizawa and Director Oka served as guest lecturers in the Faculty of Media Studies course "Introduction to Media" where they spoke on "The Role and Function of Entertainment Production" before an



Chancellor Mizuta and CEO Aizawa provide opening remarks
attentive audience of about 200 students.

The curriculum for JIU's Faculty of Media Studies at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus is comprised of eight specialties including (professionally supervised) production and direction, visual technology, visual arts, animation and CG, performing arts, theater, music and sound, and content business in the interest of developing human resources that can contribute in a diverse range of fields. Sun Music Group has been cultivating talent in the field of performing arts for over forty years, producing some of the most well known talent in the industry. They also operate the Sun Music Academy, and Tokyo☆showbiz that serves as a training facility for up and coming performers.

This time, by combining a media related comprehensive education system of JIU with the exceptional know-how of the Sun Music Group, we can foster human resources who will carry the future of Japan's cultural content industry including film, media, dance, and acting into the global digital age and can contribute to future socioeconomic growth through the development of new cultural content.

In the current world of broadcast media, the need for drama and entertainment programming is greater than ever, producing a tremendous



A look at CEO Aizawa and Director Oka's guest lecture

demand for talent in the performing and commenting arenas. In this day and age there is also an increasing emphasis on service experience based on "comfort, hospitality, satisfaction, and impression" for the formation of brand identity. By following this sort of approach to entertainment education, JIU's Faculty of Media Studies hopes to cultivate human resources who are prepared to compete in this era of "experiential economics."

For our "Course on Contemporary Arts and Entertainment," students will be encouraged to develop an individual sense of expression and production skills through lectures on entertainment principles (fundamental knowledge, theories of expression), training (basic training in physical expression), as well as practice (production training). In so doing, the hope is to produce human resources in a broad range of entertainment fields including not only those who work as actors, scenario writers, promoters, producers, and directors, but also those who work in departments of advertising and public relations, sales, planning, and marketing of the talent agency, content production company, and event company. This unprecedented alliance between the entertainment industry and an academic institution figures as a bold experiment that hopes to yield equally exciting results.

Josai Group Holds Summer English Seminar in Malaysia, Visits Malaysian Ministry of Tourism

Dates: August 26-September 10, September 5-20, 2013

Places: Universiti Teknologi MARA, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia

International
Exchange

From August 26 to September 10 and from September 5 to 20, 2013, respectively, the Josai Group held Summer English seminars at two different universities in Malaysia. The group—comprised of Josai University, Josai International University, and Josai Base College—sent approximately 120 students to Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) for this two-week-long English immersion program. This marks the second year of the program, which began in 2012. In studying in Malaysia—a member of the Commonwealth of Nations and a multicultural nation that stands as a forerunner of the tourism industry within Asia—the goal of this program is an intensive study of English in

an attempt to elevate ability and obtain a more international perspective. Upon the invitation of Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen (former Malaysian Minister of Tourism and current Tourism advisor and honorary doctoral recipient from JIU), participants in the seminar joined thirteen students and interns from Josai's Faculty and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences working at Malaysia's Management and Science University (MSU) to visit the Ministry of Tourism. Once there, Ng Yen Yen gave a lecture and Q&A session regarding Malaysian tourism. The group was then treated to lunch, making the visit a great opportunity to experience the famed hospitality of a country known for its commitment to tourism.



Participants surround former Minister of Tourism Ng Yen Yen



A group photo with all seminar participants



Talks and Symposia

Japan/Asia Film and Image Research Center and JIU Faculty of Media Studies Cosponsor “Supernatural Asia” Symposium

Talks
and
Symposia

Date: April 27, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



Director Hideo Nakata (R) provides commentary after the screening

On April 27, 2013, in commemoration of the newly completed 3rd building of Tokyo Kioicho Campus, Josai University Educational Corporation hosted the symposium “Supernatural Asia—Exploring the Natural and Supernatural in Asian Cinema,” cosponsored by the Japan/Asia Film and Image Research Center and the Josai International University Faculty of Media Studies with cooperation from the Nikkatsu Corporation.

This symposium considers the way in which concepts of the “natural” and “supernatural” (or “unnatural”) are represented in Asian and Japanese visual media, presenting arguments from a variety of angles. Akira Mizuta Lippit, Head and Visiting Professor of the Japan/Asia Film and Image Research Center, Josai University Educational Corporation and Chair of the Division of Critical Studies for the School of Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California, opened the symposium by saying, “In both the East and Southeast Asian film industries, much attention has been devoted to the horror genre in recent years. Today, through film screenings, lectures, and workshops, we’d like to explore definitions of the natural and supernatural as they appear in film.”

The symposium was divided into three sessions, the first being devoted to a screening of the hit Hollywood film *The Ring 2* at the basement auditorium in the 1st building of Tokyo Kioicho Campus. *The Ring 2* is famous Japanese horror director Hideo Nakata’s remake of his own film, having also directed the films *Ringu* and *Ringu 2*. Following the screening, Mr. Nakata entertained the audience with recollections and amusing anecdotes surrounding the production of the film and participated in a lively Q&A with media studies students who themselves aspire to work in the film industry.

For the afternoon session, the symposium moved to the 3rd building



The basement auditorium during session 1

where Associate Professors Felicidad Bliss Lim of the University of California, Irvine and Mayumo Inoue of Hitotsubashi University gave talks on Aswang Transmedia and Theresa Hak Kyung Cha’s Hauntology, respectively.

For the 3rd session, Professor Akira Mizuta Lippit and head researchers of the Japan/Asia Film and Image Research Center Professor Aaron Gerow (Yale University) and Professor Mark Nornes (University of Michigan) joined Professors Felicidad Bliss Lim and Mayumo Inoue for a workshop on the symposium’s theme of “supernatural Asia,” engaging in a lively discussion surrounding issues of the natural, supernatural, and unnatural.

The symposium counted roughly 150 participants in all, including film industry professionals, foreign and domestic scholars, and students from the JIU Faculty of Media Studies, all of whom listened in rapt attention during the lecture and workshop sessions.



The session 3 workshop in session

President Way Kuo of City University of Hong Kong Visits Josai, Gives Lecture

Date: April 30, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

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On April 30, 2013, President Way Kuo of the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) visited Tokyo Kioicho Campus to give a lecture.

Professor Kuo’s visit is a result of the academic exchange agreement that Josai formed with CityU last October, wherein a Josai delegation



Professor Kuo during his lecture



Professors Kuo and Honorary Professor C. T. Liu receive flowers from the students following lecture



A look at the lecture hall in mid-session



Interacting with students at the English floor

led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta visited the Hong Kong Campus to finalize the proposal.

Professor Kuo, Honorary Professor C. T. Liu, and other members of the visiting CityU delegation convened in the international conference room in the newly completed 3rd building where they met with Chancellor Mizuta and other Josai executives to discuss concrete plans for the future of their academic exchange.

Following the meeting, Professor Kuo delivered his lecture entitled, "Reliability and Survivability: Nuclear Energy and the Future of Energy," in the basement auditorium of the campus' 1st building. Professor Kuo, as a world-renowned scholar in electronic system design, reliability modeling, and nuclear energy, gave a highly informative talk from a variety of scientific perspectives, providing many comprehensible examples to make it understandable to all. His lecture centered on the variety of nuclear and natural energy options available, a topic that has been widely discussed since the Tohoku earthquake in 2011 and the public reconsideration of nuclear energy following the disaster.

Josai also has plans to publish a Japanese translation of Professor Kuo's paper on the accident at the Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant as another cooperative project between our university and CityU.

After the lecture, the visiting delegation reconvened at the recently completed 3rd building where they were given a floor-by-floor tour

of the facilities. The state of the art media studies facilities (a field also emphasized by CityU) and the fossil gallery were the subject of particular admiration by the group.

On the following day (May 1), the CityU delegation paid a visit to Josai International University where, after meeting with the Chairs of JIU's various departments, were given a tour of the campus' main facilities including the Global Institute for Green Materials, the International Exchange Lounge, the English Floor (a place where both international and Japanese students are able to interact using English), the Information Science Research Center, and the Center for Lifelong Education. The delegation was also interviewed, in English, by JIU exchange students at the in-campus television studio. This interview will be uploaded to the JIU website soon, where it will be available for viewing.

The City University of Hong Kong was founded in 1984, and is a public institution located in Hong Kong's Kowloon Tong. The university has seven schools in all including the College of Business, School of Law, School of Creative Media, and School of Energy and Environment, of which the School of Creative Media is the most well known. With an enrollment of 20,000, CityU has established alliances with many local industries to offer valuable on-the-job training to its students. In addition, CityU was ranked 95th in the 2012-13 QS worldwide university rankings.

Josai Plays Host to TPA for 2nd Annual ASEAN Forum Josai

Date: May 7, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

Talks
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Professor Prayoon delivers his speech

On May 7, 2013, Josai Center for Innovation hosted the 2nd annual ASEAN Forum Josai, welcoming Technology Promotion Association (Thailand-Japan) (TPA) President, Assistant Professor Prayoon Shiowattana, who gave a lecture in the basement-level auditorium of the 1st building of Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

This year marks the 40th year of friendly relations between Japan and ASEAN, and it is in commemoration of this relationship that the forum was given the name “ASEAN Forum Josai.” This also marks the first year that a faculty member from Josai’s sister Malaysian school has been invited to speak at the forum, having extended the invitation to Professor Prayoon last March.

TPA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1973 by former exchange students and researchers to Japan with the goal of importing and disseminating the latest technology and know-how from Japan to

Thailand in the interest of cultivating human resources. Since its founding, the TPA has been very active in organizing seminars that teach Japanese language and industry know-how, as well as successfully implementing Japanese industrial techniques and labor management. In addition, TPA serves as the parent organization behind the Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology, which was established in 2007 under the goal of forming a university that taught Japanese craftsmanship. As part of Josai’s Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has been very proactive in forming academic exchange agreements with a variety of institutions worldwide, focusing specifically on universities in Central Europe and other parts of Asia. In accordance with this plan, Professor Prayoon visited Josai in October 2012 where he and Chancellor Noriko Mizuta signed an agreement of alliance between TPA and Josai. Through this alliance, Josai was able to expand its academic exchange even further, signing agreements with Bangkok University in January and Rangsit University in April of this year. It is to acknowledge the immense amount of energy that Professor Prayoon has devoted to strengthening Japan-Thailand relations that he was invited to give a lecture he entitled, “The Success of Japan-Thai Relations and Contributions to the Growth of ASEAN industry.”

Before the lecture, Chancellor Mizuta gave words of welcome, followed by Advisor to the TPA, Jirō Aikō, who introduced Professor Prayoon. In his speech, Professor Prayoon provided details and background on the formation of the TPA, an organization he has poured his heart and soul into to further its development, based on the idea that, “Education and human resource development are the most vital components of



Minister from the Embassy of Thailand, Singtong Lapisatepun speaks at the reception



JETRO Advisor, Yasuo Hayashi speaks at the reception



Former Japanese Ambassador to Thailand, Hisahiko Okazaki speaks at the reception



TPA Advisor, Shirō Miyamoto speaks at the reception

economic growth.” Professor Prayoon then expounded on his most significant achievement, the foundation of the Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology. Lastly, Professor Prayoon spoke on Japan-Thailand cooperation as well as the potential for growth in the ASEAN.

Attendees, including former Chancellor of Tokyo Metropolitan University, Hiroshi Takahashi; former Minister of Justice, Seiken Sugiura; Minister from the Embassy of Thailand, Singtong Lapisatepun; former Japanese Ambassador to Thailand, Hisahiko Okazaki; JETRO Advisor, Yasuo Hayashi; TPA Advisor, Shirō

Miyamoto; Hosei University Advisor on Academic Affairs, Tadao Kiyonari; TPA and ASEAN cabinet members; representatives from the financial sector; and scholars and academics all listened attentively while Professor Prayoon delivered his speech. And the reception that followed served as a sterling example of the fruits of Japan-Thailand exchange as well as its potential for future growth judging by the lively discussion and exchange of information that took place among participants.

JIU Hosts Japan-Korea Symposium for 20th Anniversary

Date: May 18, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

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On May 18, 2013, Josai hosted the Japan-Korea Symposium “The ‘Korean Wave’ and ‘Japanese Wave’ amid Globalization” at Tokyo Kioicho Campus basement auditorium. The event was sponsored by Josai International University’s Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies and the Center for Korean Cultural Studies, and cosponsored by JIU’s Faculty for International Humanities.

With ten years having passed since the “Winter Sonata” boom, this conference exchanged opinions with both Japanese and Korean scholars that interrogate the state of contemporary Korean and Japanese culture by asking questions such as: What was the effect of the Korean Wave on Japan and Korea? What is the role of TV dramas and other visual media in the global age? How are women represented in Japanese and Korean dramas?

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta provided opening remarks at the symposium by saying, “At present, Korean popular culture demonstrates a tremendous global influence that transcends both gender and generational differences. That both Japanese and Korean scholars have assembled here today to discuss Japanese and Korean popular culture is very significant indeed.”

Next InYoung Nam, Director of Dongseo University’s KwonTaek IM Film Center delivered a keynote lecture entitled “A Glimpse in the Female Mirror: The Present State of Korean Feminist Film.” Professor Nam contends that while cinema is thought of as “a mirror that reflects the self,” feminist theory contends that this “self” is in fact a construction that has been universalized through the phallogocentric male discourse, thereby rendering female identity abject by confining it to the back side of the mirror. Using these concepts as a critical foundation, Professor Nam’s presentation aims to extricate female identity from its confines within the mirror through the analysis of

modern feminist cinema.

The symposium continued with panel presentations from Associate Professor JiYoung Jung of Ewha Womans University on “Images of Joseon Dynasty Women and Gender Hierarchy in Modern Korean Society,” Professor Minato Kawamura of Hosei University on “The Origin and Future of the Korean Wave,” Professor Takeshi Usami of Chuo University on “Theories of the Japanese and Korean TV Drama,” and Professor EunKyung Yang of Chungnam National University on “Asian Cultural Commonality in the Korean and Japanese Waves,” with Visiting Professor Yasuko Wachi of JIU serving as discussant.

The auditorium was packed to capacity with nearly 200 participants both affiliated and unaffiliated with Josai, including fans of Korean popular culture, students studying the Korean language, and scholars interested in Korea and gender studies. Despite the continued turbulence of political relations between Japan and Korea, this symposium confirmed the cooperation that, at the level of popular culture, has taken place between the two countries since 1990 insuring that the popularity of Korean culture is not a mere “boom” and illuminating the potential for a new cultural community in East Asia. It was thus that the symposium ended with a rousing standing ovation.

Following the symposium, we were joined by Sim DongSup, director of the Korean Cultural Center, Korean Embassy as a sponsor of this symposium, Shinkun Haku, national Diet member, Melissa McCormick, Harvard Professor of Japanese Art History and others for the reception where participants engaged in lively conversation.



The four panelists (from left: Associate Professors Jung and Professors Kawamura, Usami, Yang)



A commemorative photo with the keynote speaker, panelists, and university affiliates

