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## International Exchange

### Hungarian Prime Minister Orbán Visits Josai

Date: November 21, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



On November 21, 2013, His Excellency Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary, visited Tokyo Kioicho Campus, received an honorary doctoral degree and also gave a special lecture.

As part of Josai's Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has formed academic exchange agreements with a number of institutions worldwide, particularly in the Central European country of Hungary. Josai's first academic exchange agreement with a Hungarian institution was formed in 2007 with the Budapest Business School and has since expanded to nine universities total, including Eötvös Loránd University. In 2013, Josai University and Josai International University sent over 150 students to study abroad in Hungary and hosted nearly 100 Hungarian exchange students in return. In addition, since 2008, a total of 3,000 students have studied the Hungarian language at JU or JIU.

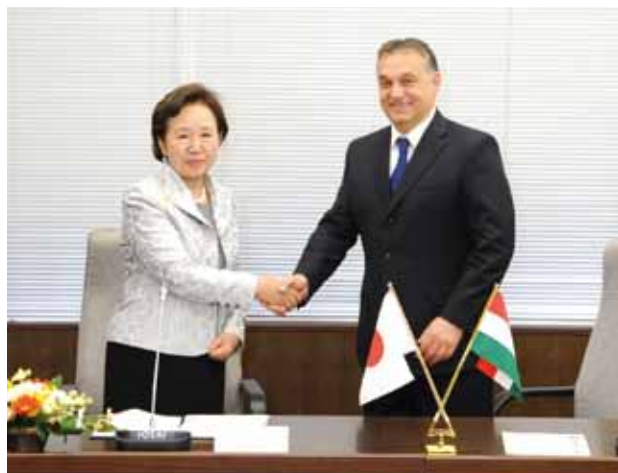
Josai's partnership with Hungarian universities in academic exchange has been highly regarded in Hungary, a fact that was confirmed with Prime Minister Orbán's official visit. During his incredibly busy visit to Japan, which included interviews with the Imperial household and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister Orbán singled-out Josai as

the only university he visited. Prime Minister Orbán's visit also marks the second time a Hungarian government leader has visited Josai, following then President László Sólyom's visit in December 2009.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, JU President Yasunori Morimoto, and JIU President Hakuo Yanagisawa greeted Prime Minister Orbán's delegation of 37, which included Zoltán Balog (Minister for Human Resources), Mihály Varga (Minister for National Economy), Péter Szijjártó (State Secretary for Foreign Affairs & International Trade), Hungarian Ambassador to Japan Istvan Szerdahelyi, and Japanese Ambassador to Hungary Tadamichi Yamamoto.

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

Following the meeting, a ceremony was held in the basement



Prime Minister Orbán and Chancellor Mizuta shake hands



Prime Minister Orbán receives his honorary doctoral degree



Prime Minister Orbán delivers his lecture

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

After the ceremony, Prime Minister Orbán gave a special lecture to commemorate his visit, entitled "Hungary and Europe in a Changing World." In his speech, the Prime Minister addressed Hungarian infrastructure in the modern age, economic change, and the European history that has influenced these developments, as well as his thoughts for the future. He also included messages for the future generation of young leaders, providing his perspective on the last 25 years of Hungarian history based on his own experience as a leader who worked at the front line of political reform. Nearly 150 attendees sat in rapt attention during Prime Minister Orbán's lecture, including guests that share a deep connection with Hungary and our university such as—representing the Visegrád Group (V4)—Polish Ambassador



Prime Minister Orbán interacts with students

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

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

With this recent visit from Prime Minister Orbán, Josai anticipates even closer relations with the nation of Hungary and increased academic exchange with Hungarian universities.

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

## Josai Announces Foundation of the Josai Institute for Central European Studies

**Date: November 21, 2013**

**Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus**

Based on Josai's academic achievements in the study of Central Europe, Josai has announced the establishment of the Josai Institute for Central European Studies to promote joint research, academic exchange, human resource development, and undergraduate and graduate education in this same region.

This institute, which will be located on the Tokyo Kioicho Campus and serve all schools in the Josai group, will be focused on the advancement of international education and alliance with nations in the so-called Visegrád Group (V4)—the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary (with whom Josai formed the first academic exchange in 2007)—as well as surrounding Central European nations. To further establish their importance and public presence, the institute will designate ambassadors from each of the V4—the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia—as honorary directors.

The announcement of the institute's founding was made on November 21, 2013, to correspond with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's visit to Josai's Tokyo Kioicho Campus. This announcement was made in the basement auditorium following Prime Minister Orbán's lecture, an event for which Ambassador Szerdahelyi was also in attendance. To commemorate the institute's founding, Prime Minister Orbán donated a great number of scholarly texts on Hungarian culture and other matters.

## Chancellor Mizuta Receives Medal of Honor from Hungary

Date: November 21, 2013

Place: Hungarian Embassy in Japan

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On November 21, 2013, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta was awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of Hungary (civil division) from Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán at the Hungarian Embassy in Japan. This award acknowledges Chancellor Mizuta's significant contributions to education, research, and human resource development in both Japan and Hungary.

The Order of Merit of Hungary was first established in 1991 and is the highest honor within Hungary's decoration system. The award is divided into two categories—military and civilian—the Commander's Cross being the highest award available to foreigner civilians. Among Japanese to have received this award in the past are Hiromasa Yonekura (Chairperson of the Federation of Economic Organizations) and Toshiki Kaifu (former Prime Minister).

In addition to this award, Chancellor Mizuta received the *Pro Cultura Hungarica* (Latin for "For Hungarian Culture") from the Hungarian

government in May 2011. This award honors foreigners who have made vital contributions in promoting Hungarian culture and facilitated cultural exchange abroad.



Chancellor Mizuta receives Medal of Honor from the Hungarian Prime Minister

## Josai Co-hosts the Visegrad Plus Japan Security Seminar and V4+Japan Student Conference

Date: February 4, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

International  
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A glimpse of the V4+Japan Security Seminar

On February 4, 2014, Josai co-hosted the Visegrad Plus Japan Security Seminar with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the V4 Consulate of Japan and hosted the V4+Japan Student Conference on February 5.

### V4 Plus Japan Security Seminar

The Visegrad Group (V4)—comprised of the Central European nations of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia—is an organization formed to promote amnesty and cooperation among nations. The V4+Japan in turn facilitates dialogue and cooperation between Japan and the V4 nations and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has organized many seminars on such topics as economics, environment, joint development, and energy efficiency.

In addition, as part of Josai's Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has formed academic exchange agreements with a number of institutions worldwide, particularly those located in and around the V4. As a part of this project, Josai hosted the V4+Japan Eastern Partnership Seminar (again cosponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and



A glimpse of the V4+Japan Student Conference

the V4) in February 2013.

In the interest of promoting exchange between Japan and the V4, the year 2014 has been declared the year of V4+Japan exchange, with a variety of commemorative events being held in both Japan and the nations of the V4. Following last year's seminar, the V4+Japan Security Seminar was held by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the V4 chair country of Hungary as well as the other V4 nations and Josai, which facilitates academic exchange among V4 nations.

The seminar, which was held in Josai's basement auditorium, was attended by members of the Japanese government, V4 ambassadors, diplomatic corps from 25 different foreign embassies, Josai students and faculty, business people, and industry supporters of Josai's global education—around 170 in all. Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, speaking at the seminar's opening, stated, "It is a great honor for Josai to host the V4+Japan seminar once again this year. With the 21st century being the age of global education, our universities are working to contribute to the development of Japan-V4 relations as well as global professionalization by hosting seminars and conferences like this one." Minister of Foreign Affairs Takao Makino followed with a keynote speech on behalf of the Japanese government. He said, "With





Chancellor Mizuta provides opening remarks



Keynote speech from Ambassador Szerdahelyi



Keynote speech from Minister of Foreign Affairs Takao Makino



A look at one of the seminar sessions in progress

the advancement of globalization and drastic shifts in the balance of world power bringing increased threats that transcend national borders, countries are no longer able to resolve these issues and protect the peace and security of their nation in isolation. This is why cooperation between Japan and the V4—two groups with common values—is so vital.”

Following the keynote speech, the seminar was divided into three sessions (1. Security Environment surrounding East Asia and Japan's diplomatic challenges, 2. Security Environment surrounding Europe and V4's diplomatic challenges, and 3. Interlinking the Security Environment of East Asia and Central Europe, and common diplomatic challenges for V4 and Japan) that addressed issues of marine security, cyberspace, and missile defense.

The seminar was then concluded with a closing speech from Josai International University President Hakuo Yanagisawa.

This seminar proved to be an extremely valuable opportunity to enhance the global perspectives of students and other participants, all of whom listened with great attention to the various presentations and ensuing discussion.

At present, Josai has advanced their international exchange program by forming academic exchange agreements with 17 different universities in the V4 (9 in Hungary, 4 in Poland, 3 in the Czech Republic, and 1 in Slovakia) and are currently hosting 30 exchange students (at either Josai University or JIU) from these countries. In addition, over 200 students from Josai have studied abroad at the aforementioned universities. Since the program's start in 2008, a total of 4,000 JU and JIU students have enrolled in the

Hungarian language course with courses in Polish and Czech added in April 2013, to even further fulfill Josai's global education curriculum. Finally, on November 2013, Josai established the Josai Institute for Central European Studies, a facility devoted to documenting educational achievements in the Central European region and supporting joint research, academic exchange, and professionalization at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

### V4+Japan Student Conference

The V4+Japan Student Conference was held the following day of February 5 at the 5th floor International Conference Room located in Tokyo Kioicho Campus' 3rd building.

This conference was planned by Josai in conjunction with the previous day's V4+Japan Security Seminar and was recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an official function commemorating the year of V4+Japan exchange. With the goal of facilitating mutual understanding and strengthening solidarity between Japan and the V4, this conference featured panelists that are either young scholars or students from Josai or affiliated V4 universities.

This conference was also the first Japanese event to receive assistance from the International Visegrad Fund—an organization devoted to the promotion of V4 art, scholarship, education, and tourism—as well as the first event coordinated by the aforementioned Josai Institute for Central European Studies.

Approximately 100 consulate members, representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Josai students, V4 university students, exchange students, members of industry, and other attendees participated in this conference.

The conference, emceed by Josai Institute for Central European Studies Deputy Director Nobuhiro Shiba, was conducted entirely in English with remarks from Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, Hungarian Ambassador to Japan Szerdahelyi István, and Slovakian Ambassador to Japan Michal Kottman. The keynote lecture—on the topic of V4 progress to this point—was given by Department of Analysis and Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Deputy Director Jozef Polakovič.



Ambassador Kottman addresses the audience



A Josai student gives their presentation during Session 2

Session 1	Regional Disparities in Slovakia and Japan; and Possible Approaches to Their Mitigation
Session 2	V4 Plus Japan Exchange Year: Methods of Deepening Understanding Between Countries
Session 3	Euro and Its Implications for V4 Countries
Session 4	Tokyo 2020: How Can Sport Bring Nations and Organizations Closer?

After breaking for lunch, the conference was divided into four separate sessions (see above), with V4 and Josai student panelists presenting extremely compelling papers on their respective topics followed by lively student-led discussions and Q&A.

The conference was not only limited to the venue itself, but was broadcast live in both JU and JIU classrooms, with students from both schools listening with great interest.

The post-conference reception likewise proved a great opportunity for discussion and debate among conference participants and attendees, thereby further contributing to the cause of international exchange. Student participants in the conference, in addition to recognizing regional and cultural differences between Japan and V4 nations, were able to deepen mutual understanding through productive discussion, making this event a valuable discussion for these prospective global professionals aiming to make contributions to both national and global development.



A panelist from University of Economics, Prague gives a presentation during Session 3



The lively Q&A

## Swedish Ambassador Visits Josai, Gives Guest Lecture

Date: December 17, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

International  
Exchange

On December 17, 2013, His Excellency Ambassador Lars Vargö of the Embassy of Sweden in Japan visited Tokyo Kioicho Campus and gave a special lecture that was open to the public.

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 as well as an active program of exchange with Sweden facilitated by the Embassy of Sweden. Activities have included, most recently, a tree planting ceremony at Josai International University in October 2012 to honor the accomplishments of Swedish businessman Raoul Wallenberg who saved more than 10,000 Jews from the Nazi holocaust during World War II.

In addition, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta was awarded Sweden's Cikada Prize—an award that recognizes poets who are able to capture the majesty of life in East Asia—for her outstanding work in poetry at a ceremony that took place on December 9, 2013, at the Embassy of Sweden.

Having also delivered a lecture for the Executive Program, "The New Global Society and the Future of Japan," in JIU's Graduate School of

International Administration in July 2012, this special public lecture marks Ambassador Vargö's second visit to Josai.

Chancellor Mizuta gave a brief introduction before the lecture, saying, "While Sweden is widely known for the Nobel Prize, it is also home to many international corporations and is one of the forerunners in promoting social equality for women, making it a country from which Japan could learn many things, not just academic in nature. I hope this lecture provides a stimulus for our students and expands their international perspective."

Ambassador Vargö's lecture, entitled "Sweden's Choices and Future," which he delivered in a fluent Japanese with the occasional humorous insertion, began with an overview of Sweden, including its industry, politics, education, and welfare systems and covered a broad range of topics such as Sweden's unique qualities and similarities and differences with Japan. In particular, Ambassador Vargö's lecture of Sweden's social welfare system supported by high taxation was highly suggestive for Japan which is currently facing demands for increased treatment facilities brought about by a rapidly growing elderly population.



Ambassador Vargö gives his lecture



Exchange students interact with Ambassador Vargö during the reception

More than 130 audience members gathered for Ambassador Vargö's lecture, all of whom listened with great interest. Guests included Ambassador Vargö's wife as well as many from the business and industry sector with close ties to Sweden such as current Vice President of the Japan-Sweden Society and former MITI Vice-Minister Shinji Fukukawa, Vice President of the Japan-Sweden Society Nils Hornmark, JETRO advisor Yasuo Hayashi, and Director for the Japan Institute of Scandinavian Studies Masahiro Sunaga. Guests from Josai included

Chancellor Mizuta, Josai University President Yasunori Morimoto, Josai International University President Hakuo Yanagisawa, as well as international and domestic students from both JU and JIU.

In the reception that followed, guests took the opportunity to discuss many of the issues included in Ambassador Vargö's lecture, as well as to ask questions and interact with Ambassador Vargö himself.

With Ambassador Vargö's visit and lecture, we here at Josai eagerly anticipate the beginning of a program of academic exchange with Swedish universities.

## Chancellor Mizuta Wins Sweden's Cikada Prize

Date: December 9, 2013

Place: Embassy of Sweden in Japan



On December 9, 2013, Josai University Educational Corporation Chancellor Noriko Mizuta was awarded Sweden's Cikada Prize for her outstanding work in poetry at a ceremony that took place at the Embassy of Sweden in Japan. The embassy issues this award to poets who are able to capture the majesty of life in East Asia.

The Cikada Prize was created in 2004 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Swedish Nobel Poet Laureate Harry Martinson, the title of which comes from a poetry collection of his of the same name. The first 29 cantos of his collection *Aniara*, entitled "The Song of Doris and Mima," had previously appeared in *Cikada* and was heavily influenced by the dropping of the atomic bomb on Japan, as well as the first use of the hydrogen bomb in 1953.

This year marked the sixth award since the Cikada Prize's inception, three of which have gone to Japanese poets. Previous award winners include Sakon So, Tota Kaneko, Un Ko, Kyung-rim Shin, and Chung-hee Moon. In attendance to celebrate Chancellor Mizuta's award were Ambassador Kateřina Fialková of the Czech Republic with whom Josai has a close program of exchange, honored guests from Sweden, Josai exchange students, particularly from Europe, and Josai faculty.

Swedish ambassador Lars Vargö provided introductory remarks by saying, "The poetry of Noriko Mizuta expresses a broad range of experiences from life abroad, containing a depth of sadness and loss from one who

has studied modernity and female expression. Through the objectification of emotion, these works possess a freshness that creates a distinct poetic world." Afterward, Chancellor Mizuta was presented with the Cikada Prize certificate of award and trophy from Ambassador Vargö.

Chancellor Mizuta, in her acceptance speech, said, "It is a tremendous honor to receive an international poetry prize of such distinction. I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Ambassador Vargö and all the others who have put forth so much effort in creating this prize. In interacting with Minako Oba and many other female poets who are complete strangers to the gender culture of the West, while discord and conflict between nations show no signs of ceasing, I have sensed a real need in people to communicate their thoughts and build connections regardless of these conflicts. And I believe that the true medium for this is poetry, which contains the potential to not only express one's thoughts to the like-minded, but allow contact with an elusive "other" through the communication of one's state of mind in the moment." Then, once again expressing her joy and thanks, Chancellor Mizuta concluded with a reading of one of Harry Martinson's poems.

To commemorate the awarding of this prize to Chancellor Mizuta, past nominees and distinguished poets will be invited to the Tokyo Kioicho Campus on June 7, 2014 for a symposium entitled: "Expressing and Relating the Dignity of Life."



Chancellor Mizuta receives her award from Ambassador Vargö (left)



Cikada Prize certificate and trophy

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

Date: October 25, 2013

Place: Official Residence of the Prime Minister



On October 25, 2013, Polish exchange students from the University of Warsaw and the Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology who are currently studying at Josai were invited to give

a presentation to promote Japan-Poland exchange at the "Poland, Ireland Evening Reception" hosted by the household of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.



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

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

Eight Polish exchange students currently studying at Josai gave their presentation on the growth of exchange between Japan and Poland before an audience that included the Poland Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Janusz Piechociński, Ambassadors and their spouses from both Poland and Ireland, and Diet members from both

the Japan-Poland and Japan-Ireland Friendship Parliamentarians' Union. During their presentation, the students explained how each of them became interested in Japan and used a bus as a model for their "mobile cultural center" to illustrate their proposal for the further advancement of Japan-Poland cultural exchange, receiving an enthusiastic round of applause from the audience.



Gathered around Prime Minister Abe



## Talks and Symposia

### Commissioner for Cultural Affairs Masanori Aoyagi Gives Special Public Lecture

Date: November 27, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

Talks  
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On November 27, 2013, Josai University Educational Corporation hosted a special public lecture by Commissioner for Cultural Affairs and ancient Greek and Roman scholar Masanori Aoyagi at Tokyo Kioicho Campus. His lecture, titled "The Roman Empire and Japan—Japan as a Foreign Culture," was cosponsored by the Josai Multicultural Studies Center and the Josai International University Institute for Gender and Women's Studies. Mr. Aoyagi, a renowned scholar of ancient Greece and Rome and doctor of literature, graduated from the Literature Department of Tokyo University with a degree in Art History in 1967. After completing his master's degree from that same university in 1969, Mr. Aoyagi did research abroad in Rome for three years where he took part in the excavation of the ancient Pompeii ruins. Later Mr. Aoyagi served as the chair of the Tokyo University Literature Department as well as university Vice President before being designated the director of the National Museum of Western Art in 2008. In July, 2013, Mr. Aoyagi was named the Commissioner for Cultural Affairs. An honorary professor of Tokyo University as well as a member of the Japan Academy, Mr. Aoyagi was a recipient of the Purple Ribbon Medal in 2006 and the NHK Cultural Award in 2011. He has also published numerous award-winning books, including *The House of the Ship Europa* (Collegium Mediterranistarum Prize) and *The Ancient Roman City* (Marco Polo Award).

Before his designation as Commissioner for Cultural Affairs, Mr. Aoyagi was named a Specially Appointed Professor by Josai University and was instrumental in the establishment of the Josai Multicultural Studies Center, which served as a cosponsor of this event.

For his special lecture, Mr. Aoyagi addressed the question of how the Roman Empire, largely considered the pinnacle of human history, could enjoy such an enduring prosperity for over 300 years. Mr. Aoyagi

explored his topic from a diversity of angles—political, social, cultural, military, and infrastructural—to illustrate that the Roman Empire developed a highly advanced social system comparable to the modern nation-state. Mr. Aoyagi also launched a cultural comparison between the Roman Empire and Japanese society, proving that, from ancient times, Japanese culture has been a "culture of tranquility" or "cyclical culture" characterized by stability, equilibrium, tradition, and technical repetition. Mr. Aoyagi claims that it is the synthesis of these elements of "vitality" that is responsible for the development of Japanese culture. The basement auditorium was filled to capacity with JU and JIU students, faculty, exchange students from Central Europe, China, and many other places, and members of the general public, all of whom listened with great attentiveness to Mr. Aoyagi's talk.

A reception was held following the lecture where exchange students and others flocked around Mr. Aoyagi to discuss Japanese and foreign cultures and other topics related to his lecture.



Commissioner for Cultural Affairs, Mr. Aoyagi gives his lecture

## Josai Forms Academic Exchange Agreements with Four Universities in Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand

Date: October 7-9, 2013

Place: Universiti Malaysia Perlis

International  
Exchange

From October 7 to 9, 2013, the Josai University Educational Corporation participated in the 12th Asian University Presidents Forum held at Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), forming new academic exchange agreements with four different universities in Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand in the process.

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, including alliances with ASEAN institutions of higher learning. During this summer term, Josai sent over 130 students to study in Malaysia and are engaged in active exchanges in the fields of language learning and pharmaceutical science.

Director of the Management Planning Office, Katsuhiko Namikawa, standing as a proxy for Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, participated in the forum where he was given the opportunity to interact with representatives from many different universities, ultimately resulting in new academic exchange agreements.

With the increased interest in improving education in local regions and strengthening internationalization at the university level, over 150 representatives from 78 universities in 23 different countries attended this forum. The opening ceremony was attended by former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad and current Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Muhyiddin Yassin both of whom gave congratulatory addresses.

During the forum, the Josai camp interacted with representatives from many different universities regarding the state of higher education in their country, the possibility of forming joint education or research programs, and other matters. The fruits of these interactions resulted in new academic exchanges with the aforementioned UniMAP, as well as Universitas Surabaya in Indonesia and Siam and Thaksin Universities in Thailand. Josai plans to take concrete measures toward forming joint projects in a variety of fields with these universities in the near future.

Universiti Malaysia Perlis is a national university founded in 2001, located in the northernmost Malaysian state of Perlis near the Thailand border. Josai already formed an extensive agreement with UniMAP and three other universities during last year's Asia Summer Program, but this recent academic exchange agreement was added as a form of bilateral cooperation. Universitas Surabaya was founded in 1966 and is the largest private university in Indonesia's East Java province. With departments in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Economics, and Business Administration, one can expect the formation of many joint projects with Josai in these areas. Thailand's Siam University was founded in 1965, adding Siam University International College as an annex in 1995. At present, the university hosts over 400 international students from 15 different countries. Siam is the 5th largest private university in Thailand and with the extensive internship program of its Hotel and Tourism Studies department, the university holds particularly strong ties with the Thai tourism industry. Thaksin University was first founded as a teaching college in 1968 and has since grown into a multi-disciplinary university. Thaksin—the name granted by a royal decree of His Majesty the King and meaning “southern”—was established as an independent public university with the aim of protecting and fostering the culture and educational tradition of southern Thailand.



Commemorative photo with forum participants

## Josai Forms Cooperative Alliance with the Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA)

Date: October 18, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus

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On October 18, 2013, the Josai University Educational Corporation formed a cooperative alliance with the Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA).

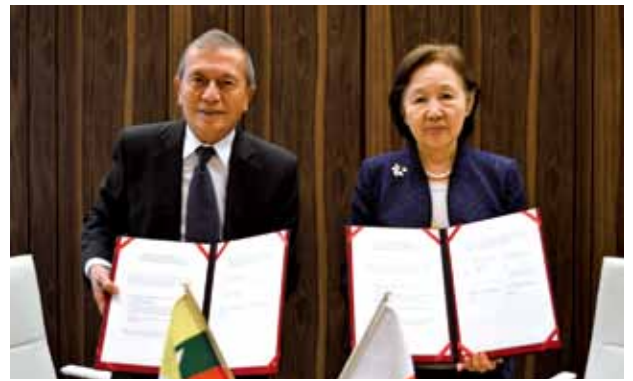
As part of Josai's Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has formed academic exchange agreements with a number of institutions worldwide; however, this the school's first agreement with an organization in Myanmar. The MAJA is an alumni association comprised of former Myanmar exchange students who studied in Japan. Formed in 2001, the organization's goal is to strengthen ties and foster personal connections between Myanmar and Japan while promoting study abroad. MAJA is also extremely active in promoting Japanese language education as well as technical

and management training courses for business people. On September 2013, the MAJA board of directors paid a visit to the Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology (TNI) and the Technology Promotion Association (Thailand-Japan) (TPA) in the neighboring country of Thailand to make plans for the establishment of a manufacturing university in Myanmar. MAJA president Myint Wai arrived at the International Conference Room in the 3rd building of Josai's Tokyo Kioicho Campus where he met with Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and other Josai University Educational Corporation executives and finalized the cooperative alliance. During the meeting, Chancellor Mizuta said, “Today is an extremely important day for the future of international exchange between Josai University and Myanmar. I hope that from this day



forward we can work together to foster human resources in both of our countries.” President Myint Wai added, “Today, after taking a tour of this splendid campus, I confirmed that the young generation of Myanmar students could learn many things from studying at Josai University. The formation of this cooperative alliance will enable us to promote exchange between Josai and Myanmar universities and research institutions through student exchange and many other programs.”

After the agreement was concluded, President Myint Wai gave a lecture at the 4th ASEAN Forum Josai entitled, “Myanmar and the Future of Asia,” in which he said the following: “Myanmar obtained their independence from England in 1948 and until the coup d’état led by General Ne Win in 1962, our goal was the establishment of a democratic state. Today, Myanmar is once again embarking upon the road to democracy. I first came to Japan in 1959 as a Japan Foundation exchange student and it was there that I met my lifelong teachers. They were Professors Michio Nagai and Takehiko Matsuda of the Tokyo Institute of Technology and Chancellor Goichi Hozumi of The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS). Since returning to Myanmar, I’ve worked hard to apply the ideas and concepts that I learned in Japan toward building my country. While most exchange students who study in Europe never return, over 70% of those who study in Japan return to Myanmar and



Finalizing the cooperative alliance

work to better their country, using Japan as a model. The foundation of nation building is people building. This is why we are giving our all for the establishment of a Japan-style manufacturing university.”

After the lecture, a reception party was given for President Myint Wai, with speeches by former Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Takashi Tajima, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Deputy Director-General Kiyoshi Mori, Councilor of Finance for the Myanmar Embassy in Japan Min Zaw Oo, and Hosei University Advisor for Educational Affairs Tadao Kiyonari.

## Yu Tao, Dalian Vice Secretary-General and Josai Visiting Professor, Comes to Campus, Gives Lecture

Date: October 30, 2013

Place: Josai Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

International  
Exchange

On October 30, 2013, Vice Secretary-General of Dalian Municipal People’s Government and Josai Visiting Professor Yu Tao came to our Tokyo Kioicho Campus where she delivered a lecture.

Ms. Yu has been involved in work in a great number of fields over the years including economics, culture, welfare, medicine, and education and has made significant contributions to academic exchange between Dalian and Josai University and Josai International University as well as cultural exchange between Dalian and Japan. She also provided tremendous cooperation and support in hosting and organizing events in which both universities have participated such as the Dalian, China Internship Program, the Josai-Dalian-Northeastern Alumni Association, and the Josai Executive Program for Women’s Empowerment and Leadership (JEWEL). For the Dalian, China Internship Program, Ms. Yu provided important introductions to various hospitals and retirement homes where the training took place. She also served as an advising instructor for the JEWEL program, which was highly regarded by participants as, “an excellent opportunity to observe the startling

economic development taking place in Dalian as well as China at large.” Ms. Yu’s lecture, which took place at the 3rd building of Josai’s Tokyo Kioicho Campus, was titled “The Present Condition and Future Prospects of Dalian” and used the most recent data to discuss Dalian’s present economic situation and future outlook. In so doing, Ms. Yu addressed—in fluent Japanese before a large audience of students and faculty, including Chancellor Noriko Mizuta—the rapid growth of the elderly population in Dalian and the state of caregiving to stress the necessity of bolstering social welfare measures. She also discussed female social status and employment opportunities and opportunities for career advancement based on her own wealth of experience. In the Q&A that followed, Ms. Yu provided thoughtful answers to a variety of inquiries on women’s working environment and the state of female employment in China, the future of the BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) industry in Dalian, and the potential relaxing of China’s one-child policy. A reception was held after the lecture, giving Josai and Chinese exchange students an opportunity to interact in the presence of Ms. Yu.



Ms. Yu delivers her lecture



The lecture before a large audience of students

## Josai Forms Academic Exchange Agreement with Ningxia Institute of Technology

International  
Exchange

Date: November 3, 2013

Place: Josai International University, Chiba Togane Campus

On November 3, 2013, Headmaster Zhao Huie of the Ningxia Institute of Technology visited the Josai International University Campus and an academic exchange was formed between the two universities.

This exchange agreement was made possible by the introduction from China's Northeastern University—with whom Josai already shares a comprehensive program of exchange—upon the Josai delegation visit to the Shenyang region led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta in September, 2013. The delegation then met with Headmaster Principal Zhao and discussed arrangements for a potential agreement of academic exchange. The Ningxia Institute of Technology is a private institution located in the Shizuishan in the Ningxia region of northwestern China. Founded in 1985, Ningxia has five academic departments (Humanities and Sciences, Information Technology Management, Financial Management, Mechanical Engineering, and Environmental Design) with 29 majors and an enrollment of approximately 8,000.

Chancellor Mizuta, JIU President Hakuo Yanagisawa, Vice President Masato Kurabayashi, and other Josai University Educational Corporation executives were on hand for the signing of the agreement that took place on JIU's Chiba Togane Campus.

Chancellor Mizuta provided some brief remarks before the signing, saying,

"Josai and the Ningxia Institute of Technology share many common fields, particularly related to tourism. By combining our efforts, we hope to develop human resources who can contribute in both Japan and China, as well as at a global level." Principal Zhao followed by saying, "From this point on, one can expect considerable development in the western region of China where Ningxia is located and is blessed with abundant tourism resources. Through the deepening of exchange between our two universities, we hope to cultivate human resources particularly in the area of tourism." The two parties then finalized the comprehensive exchange agreement as well as the 2+2 joint education program proposal.

Principal Zhao was accompanied by Party Secretary Wang Kejun and Assistant Director Wang Qiuju of Northeastern University's graduate school of Foreign Languages on his visit, and afterwards the group toured the main facilities at JIU's Faculty of Tourism—which will form the focal point of academic exchange—located on the Awa Kamogawa Campus where they also met with department chair Junichi Watanabe to discuss concrete details of the exchange program. The visiting delegation also visited Josai University's Sakado Campus and JIU's Chiba Togane Campus, meeting with administrators from both universities and took in the events at the annual school festival.



Principal Zhao (L) and Chancellor Mizuta following the signing



Commemorative photo with representatives from both parties (front row right: Party Secretary Wang Kejun of the Northeastern University graduate school of Foreign Languages, front row, left: Assistant Director Wang Qiuju)

## Josai Holds Exhibition of Israeli Tableware

International  
Exchange

Date: February 2-April 19, 2014

Place: Josai University, Sakado Campus

From February 7 to April 19, 2014 the Josai University Mizuta Museum of Art will be holding the exhibition "A Collection of Israeli Tableware: Around a Dinner Table" with the support of the Embassy of Israel in Japan and the cooperation of Design Museum Holon. On February 6, Minister to Japan Peleg Pablo Lewi (on behalf of Ambassador of Israel to Japan Ruth Kahanoff) visited the Sakado Campus where an opening ceremony was held to commemorate the exhibit. This exhibit displays impressive pieces from 21 different young designers and studios selected from the tableware collection at the Design Museum Holon in Israel, whose design work has attracted much attention in recent years for its superior artistry and contemporary global appeal.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, speaking at the opening ceremony, said, "After becoming close with the Embassy of Israel in Japan during the tree planting ceremony commemorating Mr. Raoul Wallenberg that took place at Josai International University on October 26, 2012, it is a great honor to receive their blessing to host this marvelous exhibition. I would be very pleased if, through this exhibit that collects approximately 20 works, visitors would come to appreciate the charm of the new Israel. It is my hope that more and more students from Israel will consider studying abroad in Japan."

Minister Lewi followed Chancellor Mizuta in saying, "It is thanks to Israel's introduction to Josai University that we can bring you this exhibit today. In Israel, the most important part of the home is the



Minister Lewi addresses the audience

kitchen, with the most vital place being the dinner table where family members gather together. This dinner table serves as an important tool for communication.”

The opening attracted many esteemed guests—including Assistant Director of the Holocaust Education Center, Japan, Akio Yoshida; President of the Japan Israel Friendship Association, Tetsu Akiyama; representatives from the Sakado Open Garden; high school instructors; members of local industry; and representatives from the Apartment Owners Association—to share an appreciation of these unique works of art. In connection with this exhibit, the museum also displayed nine



Cutting the ribbon at the opening ceremony

modern and contemporary Japanese prints, including the *ukiyo-e* of Chōshun Miyagawa, which are part of the Mizuta family collection donated to the university in 2013.

Afterward the guests visited the Seiko Mizuta Memorial Rose Garden that opened in October 2013, as part of the 30th anniversary of the founding of Josai Base College and the 40th anniversary of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and admired the six rose plants known as “Souvenir de Anne Frank” that were donated by the Holocaust Education Center.

At the reception that followed, President Akiyama of the Japan Israel Friendship Association remarked that, “It is with great pride that we are able to present an exhibit such as this that reveals the talent of the young generation from Israel, a nation with thousands of years of rich history.” Next, a certificate of thanks was presented to Assistant Director Yoshida of the Holocaust Education Center for their rose garden donation. Finally, a meal of steamed sea bream, corn soup, sweet and sour chicken, Chinese style almond jelly, a chiffon cake known as “pofa” (meaning “cheek” in Hungarian), and other delicacies prepared by students from the Department of Clinical Dietetics and Human Nutrition decorated the table.

We are hoping that this most recent exhibition will help to deepen Josai’s relations with Israel even further.



Minister Lewi and Chancellor Mizuta enjoying the exhibition

## Anniversary

### Josai Holds Commemorative Ceremony and Celebration for 30th Anniversary of Josai Base College, 40th Anniversary of Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Date: October 5, 2013

Place: Josai University, Sakado Campus

 Anniversary

On October 5, 2013, Josai’s Sakado Campus held a commemorative ceremony to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of Josai Base College and the 40th anniversary of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

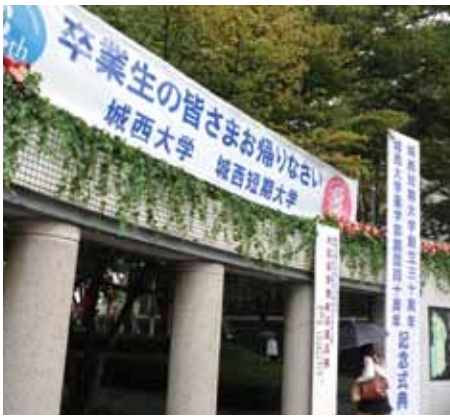
Despite the rainy forecast, the event was well attended by His Excellency Ambassador Georgi Vassilev of the Bulgarian Embassy, Lower House member Taimei Yamaguchi, and Sakado mayor Kiyoshi Ishikawa, as well as members of the local community, alumni of Josai Base College and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and current students and faculty members.

While 48 years have passed since Josai University’s founding in 1965, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences was the school’s third academic

department, first opening in 1973—some eight years after the two original departments: the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Science. Josai Base College was established ten years after Josai’s founding under the direction of then Chancellor Seiko Mizuta for the purpose of fostering women’s education and professionalization. It has since blossomed into the community-based international multi-disciplinary university it is today.

At Seiko Hall, where the ceremony was held that morning, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta addressed the audience with the following words. “These two anniversaries—the 40th anniversary of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the 30th of Josai Base College—stand as watershed moments in terms of the educational accomplishments





The university entrance adorned with anniversary banner



Chancellor Mizuta greets the audience

of Josai University and represent critical turning points in Josai's groundbreaking history as it approaches its own 50th anniversary. The journey to this moment has certainly not been a smooth one, but the only way Josai University has continued to develop and prosper as an educational enterprise is through the unwavering support and effort of you—our faculty, community, alumni, parents' association, and local government, schools, and enterprises. I would like to continue to work hard to realize the ideals and spirit of this school's foundation in the areas of educational research and professionalization with the goal of becoming a leading university in the global age."

Afterward, the campus held an opening ceremony for the Seiko Mizuta Memorial Rose Garden, which commemorates both the accomplishments of Josai Base College founder and honorary Josai Chancellor Seiko Mizuta and the respective anniversaries of Josai Base College and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. At the ceremony, the college was presented with seedlings of the famous Nadia rose plant from Bulgaria. After Chancellor Mizuta, Ambassador Vassilev, Mayor Ishikawa, university President Yasunori Morimoto, and other participants cut the ribbon announcing the official opening of the



Ambassador Vassilev receives a certificate of appreciation

garden, the Nadia seedlings were planted in a tree planting ceremony.

The festivities continued in the afternoon with a rousing celebration held at the university auditorium.

This event began with greetings from alumni association President Fumio Suzuki and proceeded with the presentation of certificates of appreciation and special merit awards for those who have contributed so much to the development of Josai Base College and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences over the years.

The celebration then moved on to the performance portion of the program with Josai International University mascots J and I presenting an enormous two-meter-tall cake to Josai mascots Jo-kun and Koma-chan. Current and former students of Josai Base College and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences then took the stage along with Chancellor Mizuta and President Morimoto to light 40 candles on top of the cake. After singing "Happy Birthday to You" with the accompaniment of the school orchestra, the cake was cut with a packed auditorium audience joining in celebration.

This was followed by a variety of performances by the school orchestra and faculty choir group, as well as a vocal performance from Hungarian exchange students, hula dancing, and cheerleading—all to commemorate the 30th and 40th year anniversaries.

The celebration was concluded with the singing of the Josai University and Josai Base College school songs.

The Mizuta Museum of Art also commemorated these landmark anniversaries by holding a special exhibition of recently acquired artifacts donated by the Mizuta estate in 2013. The exhibition, which collected rare works such as *ukiyo-e* by Chōshun Miyagawa, attracted numerous visitors to the museum.



A commemorative photo with ceremony participants



Ribbon cutting at the rose garden entrance



A view of the celebration



## Honorary Degree

### Josai Awards President Shukri of Malaysia's Management and Science University with Honorary Doctoral Degree

Honorary  
Degree

Date: November 26, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On November 26, 2013, Josai International University awarded President of sister school Malaysia's Management and Science University (MSU), Professor Dato' Wira Dr. Mohd Shukri Ab. Yajid, with an honorary doctoral degree on Josai's Tokyo Kioicho Campus. Since the founding of MSU (formerly known as Kolej Universiti Teknologi Pengurusan Malaysia (KUTPM)) and the PTPL Group of Colleges in 2001, President Shukri has worked tirelessly for the development and expansion of these institutions of which he serves as head, while also earning numerous achievements in the advancement of cultural and academic exchange and international education, working as one of Malaysia's foremost leaders in the development of higher education.

Since the formation of their academic exchange agreement in January 2010, Josai and MSU have been actively involved in a number of collaborative activities in the area of pharmaceutical science, such as short-term and semester long exchange programs.

On November 25 and 26, Josai hosted for the first time the 4th Asia Pacific Pharmacy Education Workshop, a conference that discusses methods of harmonizing pharmaceutical science education across different countries in the areas of graduate education, systems of study evaluation, clinical teaching, and graduate research. This workshop

assembled professionals from a diverse range of cultural, religious, medical, and scientific backgrounds to provide a meaningful discussion regarding where the spirit of the pharmacist should lie.

There are also several new collaborative programs in the works that should expand academic exchange between the two universities even further, including a JIU short-term English learning program at MSU next spring and the opening of a 2+2 joint education program for the Faculty of Tourism.

It is for these numerous achievements in Malaysian higher education and contributions to academic exchange between MSU and Josai that President Shukri was awarded the honorary doctoral degree.

In the ceremony that took place in the basement auditorium, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and JIU President Hakuo Yanagisawa awarded President Shukri with the honorary doctoral degree, medal, and trophy.

To commemorate this honor, President Shukri delivered a special lecture following the ceremony. Titled "Globalisation & Its Impact on Higher Education," his lecture constituted an important discussion of approaches to higher education and academic exchange in an age when economics, technology, education and other fields are becoming increasingly global, if not borderless.



President Shukri (R) accepts his honorary doctoral degree



A commemorative photo following the ceremony

### Chancellor Mizuta Visits Konyang University, Receives Honorary Doctorate, Signs Exchange Agreement

Honorary  
Degree

Date: February 20, 2014

Place: Konyang University, Republic of Korea

On February 20, 2014, Josai University Educational Corporation Chancellor Noriko Mizuta visited leading private medical school Konyang University where she received an honorary doctoral degree in Business Administration from university President Hi-Soo Kim in a special award ceremony. Chancellor Mizuta received this award for her outstanding achievements in academics and education as well as her exceptional displays of leadership as a university administrator and significant

contributions to academic exchange between Josai and Konyang. As part of the award ceremony, Chancellor Mizuta delivered a lecture on the topic of, "Gender Inequality in a Society with a Declining Birthrate and Aging Population/Cultural Transformation and University Education." To this point, Konyang University has signed an academic exchange agreement with Josai International University; however, during this visit, Josai University was added to the agreement, amending it





Chancellor Mizuta receives honorary doctorate

to read "Josai University Educational Corporation." An agreement with Josai was also made to host exchange students, thereby expanding the scope of their academic exchange.

Konyang University has received much recognition in the fields of medicine and nursing, and also voted the top medical university in southwest Korea in 2004 and 2007 by the Korean Medical



Chancellor Mizuta during her lecture

Association with the university medical center also regarded as one of the best of its kind. JU President Yasunori Morimoto and Director of the JIU Faculty of Nursing Kanae Iida accompanied Chancellor Mizuta on this visit in which discussions were had regarding programs of exchange in pharmaceutical science and nursing as well as cooperative strategies for the fostering of global professionals.

## Chancellor Mizuta Gives Lecture at Kobe-Oxford Japan Studies Symposium

Date: October 15, 2013

Place: Kobe University

Academic  
Exchange

On October 15, 2013, at a symposium organized by the Japanese studies programs of Kobe University and Oxford University in the UK, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta delivered a lecture entitled, "Memory, Silence, Gender: Toward the Formation of a New Japan Studies."

This symposium was co-organized by Kobe and Oxford Universities as a welcome to second semester international students and, centered on methods of academic exchange and joint research between the two universities, draws upon criticism of Japan's intellectual environment from experienced foreign observers to address its larger themes of how to advance the field of Japan Studies and how to cultivate young scholars in the field, both in Japan and abroad. Given her vast knowledge in this area, Chancellor Mizuta was the natural candidate to deliver a lecture on the subject. Using the keywords of "memory, silence, and gender," Chancellor Mizuta began by relating her own realizations as both a foreigner and a woman during her study in the United States. She then expressed the "silence of memory" that she claims pervades Japanese literature in terms of a form of "repose" for dead souls, thus serving as a means for communicating with the spirit of the other as well as taking on the memory of the other.

In closing, Chancellor Mizuta expressed her wishes for the future of Japan Studies and those researchers involved. For the study of

expressions that transcend the narrow national framework, Chancellor Mizuta stressed the need of assuming either the perspective of someone viewing Japan from the outside or viewing Japan within the global context. She then emphasized the importance of active exchange and conferences that include foreign scholars of Japan studies, individual experience with foreign cultures, and cultivating creative freedom amongst the young generation of scholars. Chancellor Mizuta suggested that using the concept of "encounters with the other" as a basis for inquiry provides the best opportunity for opening up a variety of new perspectives in Japan studies in the 21st century.

Following Chancellor Mizuta's lecture, Associate Professor of Chinese literature Maya Hamada and Associate Professor of English literature Sayaka Okumura drew on a variety of sources in their field to demonstrate how the theme of "memory, silence, gender" is a universal literary concept that transcends the boundaries of the nation state.

This was followed by a concert titled, "The World of John Dowland," which featured a beautiful baroque Renaissance music performance with the vocals of Oxford graduate Emma Kirkby (soprano) and Takashi Tsunoda on the lute with a compelling analysis of the music of composer John Dowland afterwards.



With symposium discussants



With Oxford University students



## Josai Hosts Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival Event “Fair Use for Documentary Filmmakers”

Academic Exchange

Date: October 18, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



Professor Abé Mark Nornes and Mr. Fujioka of the Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival at the seminar opening

On October 18, 2013, Josai's Tokyo Kioicho Campus hosted a symposium co-sponsored by Josai University Educational Corporation/Asian Visual Studies Center and the Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival to educate filmmakers about “fair use,” so they can avoid unnecessary fears

of committing or overlooking issues of copyright infringement.

The seminar opened with a lecture from Gordon Quinn (producer, *Hoop Dreams*, *Stevie*) who used concrete visual examples to illustrate fair use guidelines compiled by American documentary filmmakers and legal counsel. Must one obtain legal rights to a song playing in the background of a coffee shop where an interview was held? Is one allowed to use videos promoting the advancement of nuclear energy to criticize government policy? Mr. Quinn addressed these questions and more.

Afterward, Tetsujiro Yamagami (producer, *Out of Place: Memories of Edward Said*) and director John Junkerman (*The Constitution of Japan*) joined in the conversation, fielding questions during a Q&A and expressing their individual stances regarding fair use. Many documentary filmmakers and journalists attended the event, thereby expanding the discussion in terms of scope and practical information, making for a very meaningful session indeed. As the concept and application of fair use has just recently been introduced in Japan, Josai's Visual Studies Center plans to take the lead in promoting this practice further.

## Josai Hosts 4th Annual Japan-China Financial Management Forum

Talks and Symposia

Date: November 12, 2013

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



Mr. Okamoto delivers his lecture

On November 12, 2013, the Josai Center for Innovation hosted the 4th Annual Japan-China Financial Management Forum at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus with Japan-China Economic Association President Executive Iwao Okamoto giving a keynote lecture titled, “The State and Future Prospects of Japan-China Economic Relations.” The forum was scheduled for the week following both organizations' China visit and attracted a great number of participants from both within and outside the university.

Mr. Okamoto presented a variety of data to address five different

subjects in his lecture: “The Scope of China's Economic Presence in the Global Market,” “The Remarkable Background Behind China's Economic Growth Restrictions,” “Formulas for Economic Development and the Trend Toward Economic Reform as a Means of Overcoming Restrictions,” “The Deepening of Japan-China Interdependent Economic Relations,” and “Japan's Economic Recovery and Methods for a Japan-China Strategic Partnership.” During his lecture, Mr. Okamoto said, “Since last year, the state of Japan-China political relations have worsened. However, for Japan and the Abe-nomics plan of economic recovery alike, financial exchange and stable expansion with China constitutes the core of Japan-China strategic interdependent relations. The promotion of business exchange provides ample opportunity for the rebuilding of relations between the two nations.” Not adhering strictly to business, Mr. Okamoto also spoke of the possibility of building cooperative relations through cultural exchange, caregiving, environmental maintenance, and other fields.

A Q&A session followed the lecture, during which a lively discussion ensued regarding the importance of exchange amongst young people and other topics.

## Tianjin Foreign Studies University President Xiu Gang Gives Lecture at Josai

Talks and Symposia

Date: February 14, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On February 14, 2014, Tianjin Foreign Studies University President and Josai International University Honorary Doctoral Recipient Xiu Gang gave a lecture at the basement auditorium in the 1st building of

the Tokyo Kioicho Campus for the JIU Executive Program.

President Xiu is regarded as the biggest advocate of Japanese language education in China, serving as the focal point of the Japanese education



Chancellor Mizuta provides introductory remarks



President Xiu during his lecture

world nationwide. Xiu was named president of Tianjin Foreign Studies University in 1999, and, as part of the University's plans for expansion, successfully accomplished the formidable task of elevating their status to a multidisciplinary university in 2010. President Xiu Gang also holds multiple other important offices, such as Honorary President of the Chinese Institute of Japanese Language Studies and the Vice President of the Chinese Translators Association.

In 2011, Tianjin Foreign Studies University hosted the World Conference on Japanese Education in conjunction with the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Japan Foundation, and Japanese and Chinese corporations. Then, in September of that same year, President Xiu received an honorary doctoral degree from JIU in recognition of his numerous contributions and accomplishments in the field.

Josai first formed an academic exchange agreement with Tianjin Foreign Studies University in October 2007, and have since enjoyed an extremely active partnership with many students from Tianjin coming to study at Josai each year.

After an introduction from Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, President Xiu gave his lecture entitled, "China-Japan Relations from a Public Standpoint—Toward Intercultural Communication" that described the challenges of current China-Japan relations and, with a mutual acceptance of fundamental differences as a base, explained the importance of intercultural communication and the necessity for forming favorable relations from the perspective of an average citizen.

Despite the heavy snowfall, nearly 150 Josai University and JIU faculty and students were in attendance, listening to the lecture with great interest. The lecture was followed by a reception in which many faculty and students gathered around President Xiu to discuss the construction of positive China-Japan relations and cultural exchange, among other topics.

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