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## International Exchange

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### JIU Holds Fall Entrance Ceremony and JU Holds Fall Commencement and Entrance Ceremony

Date: September 9 and 19, 2014

Place: Josai International University, Chiba Togane Campus and Josai University, Sakado Campus

#### Josai International University

On Wednesday, September 9, 2014, Josai International University held its 2014 Fall entrance ceremony at the Mizuta Memorial Hall on the Chiba Togane campus.

This Fall's entering class consisted of exchange students from a variety of different countries including: China, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam,



The scene at Mizuta Memorial Hall with incoming students from all over the world



The alumni association meeting following the ceremony

Thailand, the Philippines, Pakistan, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Spain, Norway, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia, lending the ceremony a distinctly international flavor.

Esteemed guests at the ceremony included Ambassador Extraordinaire and Plenipotentiary His Excellency Michal Kottman of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Japan, Councilor Györgyi Juhász of the Embassy of Hungary in Japan, and Senior Advisor Kari Steenstrup Vaalund of the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Japan who delivered congratulatory messages to incoming students.

Jakub Novotný (Slovakia, University of Presov in Presov) speaking as representative of the incoming class, pledged, "Together as a class, and in the spirit of this school's foundation, we vow to observe our promise of devoting our undivided attention to the pursuit of knowledge."

Following the ceremony, a meeting of the exchange student alumni association was held, which provided an excellent opportunity for the new students to meet upperclassmen and current members.



Ambassador Extraordinaire and Plenipotentiary His Excellency Michal Kottman of the Embassy of Slovakia



Councilor Györgyi Juhász of the Embassy of Hungary



Senior Advisor Kari Steenstrup Vaalund of the Embassy of Norway



Incoming class representative, Jakub Novotný

#### Josai University

Blessed with fair skies, Josai University held its Fall commencement and entrance ceremony on September 19, 2014, at Sakado campus'

Seiko Hall. The ceremony honored 112 graduating students as well as 88 entering exchange students from nine different countries. Of these 88 entering students, 51 are from China, 18 from Malaysia, 9 from Hungary, 3 from South Korea, 3 from Poland, and 1 each from Thailand, Sri Lanka, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia—it was the first time Josai accepted students from the latter two countries.

After Josai University President Yasunori Morimoto presented the graduating class representative with her diploma, the incoming students were introduced. Chancellor Noriko Mizuta then addressed graduating and incoming students alike during the ceremony saying, “I hope that all of you will join together in working for a better life for the future of both Japan and the world.” President Morimoto, in his commencement address said, “Please aim high and work hard toward

realizing your individual life goals.”

The ceremony continued with a congratulatory address from Councilor Györgyi Juhász of the Embassy of Hungary, as well as congratulatory remarks from Saitama Prefectural Governor Kiyoshi Ueda and Ambassador Cyryl Kozaczewski of the Embassy of Poland.

Graduating class representative Miho Harada (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences) alluded to the recent destruction in Hiroshima prefecture due to heavy rains in her commencement speech saying, “It’s my goal to work hard to become a medical professional who can help those in need during such a crisis.” Speaking on behalf of the incoming class, Xu Shuwen (Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies) pledged, “As exchange students, we intend to do our best to act as bridges toward building strong ties between Josai and our respective nations.”



A view of the ceremony



Josai students from all over the world

## Josai Hosts International Symposium “WAW! Tokyo 2014 Shine Weeks Events at Saitama”

Date: September 16, 2014

Place: Josai University, Sakado Campus



On September 16, 2014, Josai University’s Sakado campus hosted the JU and Saitama prefecture cosponsored international symposium “World Assembly for Women in Tokyo 2014 Shine Weeks Events at Saitama” at the Seiko Hall. This event was one of many local symposiums held in conjunction with the World Assembly for Women in Tokyo 2014 that took place downtown Tokyo from September 12 to September 14. Nearly 500 participants—including prefectural and women’s association members, members of the local community, students and faculty—attended and listened with great interest to talks from some of the world’s most influential female leaders.

Starting with Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the symposium featured a great number of women business and political leaders and experts from around the world. Mireya Solis of American think tank The Brookings Institution and Leonor Beleza, President of Portugal’s leading medical research facility the Champalimaud Foundation also participated in this year’s symposium.

Saitama Director of Daily Affairs Tsutomu Fukushima, providing opening remarks in place of Saitama Governor Kiyoshi Ueda, who suddenly had to cancel his participation due to earthquake response measures, gave details on the symposium, saying, “We originally received word from the national government, requesting that Saitama host a regional event. We then secured the ready consent to cosponsor the event from Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, a chief authority on women’s studies and pride of our prefecture.” Chancellor Mizuta then

gave her opening address, adding, “It is thanks to the cooperation and understanding of Governor Ueda and a great number of men from the board of education that enables Josai women to shine.”

In her lecture, Ms. Solis, an expert in foreign finance, emphasized that, “The role of regional and local community in elevating the status of women is enormous. And that will in turn lead to changes in the central government and Japan’s position as a whole.” Ms. Beleza, who has held many important positions, including Portugal’s Minister of Health, related her experience of holding a high-profile public office at the age of 33 while caring for two children. “Women, who comprise half of the world’s population, hold the most startling potential, yet



A view of the symposium

we are unable to make the most of it. And this is because we create obstacles for ourselves,” she said.  
Afterwards, the speakers gave advice in response to student questions.

Ms. Solis: “When entering the industry, it’s important to find good coworkers and good superiors. There’s no room to be shy.” Ms. Beleza: “You cannot apply limits to yourself. Never give up on your job.”



## Honorary Degree

### Chancellor Mizuta Receives Honorary Professorship from City University of Hong Kong, Gives Commemorative Speech

Date: April 8-10, 2014

Place: City University of Hong Kong, People’s Republic of China

Honorary  
Degree

From April 8 to 10, 2014, a delegation from Josai University Educational Corporation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta visited the City University of Hong Kong located in Kowloon.

The delegation received a special guided tour of CityU’s School of Creative Media, Department of Media and Communication, Run Run Shaw Library, and Japanese Tea House by university President Way Kuo. At the Department of Media, under the supervision of department Director Shaw, the delegation enjoyed a 3-D screening of the Mogao Caves of Dunhuang and Gansu—designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987—which made the viewer feel as though they were actually inside the caves. Chancellor Mizuta also sat down for an interview with students in the department’s interview room with its numerous cameras placed in a variety of locations. With shots from various different angles, it promises to be a very high-quality video, one that is particularly unique to City University. It was clear that the university has channeled much energy into the Department of Media, working to create an ideal environment for students to enrich their talents. Afterward, at CityU’s Connie Fan Multi-media Conference Room, Chancellor Mizuta received an Honorary Professorship from the Department of Management from April 2, 2014 to March 31, 2017. At the ceremony, President Kuo presented Chancellor Mizuta with an honorary certificate and a commemorative crystal. To commemorate her award, Chancellor Mizuta delivered a lecture entitled “The Yamamba’s Long Life: The Cultural Dynamics of an Aging Society”



Chancellor Mizuta receives her honorary professorship award

to an audience of students and faculty. As the problem of an aging society is currently a pressing issue in Hong Kong as well, Chancellor Mizuta’s speech received a resounding response.

Since the formation of an academic exchange agreement with City University in 2012, the two universities have been engaged in a variety of programs, including the deployment of 26 exchange students to CityU in June 2013 under JIU’s Faculty of International Humanities study abroad program and the hosting of 20 CityU students in December 2013 for Josai’s Winter Seminar.

We are hoping that this most recent visit will lead to even more cooperative activities between the two universities in a variety of fields.

### Polish Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Visits Josai, Gives Lecture

Date: April 14, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

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On April 14, 2014, Poland’s Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nowak-Far, visited Tokyo Kioicho Campus where he gave a lecture. Chancellor Noriko Mizuta preceded Nowak-Far with a welcome address, saying, “It is a great honor to have Minister Nowak-Far give a lecture at our university. This will serve as a splendid opportunity for students to learn more about EU law, a subject in which few Japanese are well-versed.” In his lecture, entitled “Japanese Journey into EU Law,” Minister Nowak-Far provided an overview of EU law and an explanation of the legal system. He explained that EU Law is an international legal system that has been translated into 24 different languages and applied in 28 different countries. Minister Nowak-Far also pointed out the system’s discrepancies with Japanese law and the difficulty of finding commonalities between the



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Nowak-Far



two systems. In the Q&A session that followed, a lively debate ensued regarding the impact of EU law on local communities and other issues. Participants in the event, including Chancellor Mizuta, students and faculty from both Josai University and Josai International Universities, and exchange students from Europe and other places abroad, all listened with great attention to Minister Nowak-Far's 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. This is just as true of Josai's collaborations with Poland,

which includes the special exhibit "Madame Curie—Why Poland's Original Scientist is Just as Vital Today" held at the Mizuta Museum of Art in March 2012 and the foundation of the Josai Institute for Central European Studies in November 2013 on the Tokyo Kioicho Campus. The Josai Institute for Central European Studies was established to document the progress made in central European education, as well as to promote joint research, academic exchange, human resource development, and undergraduate and graduate education in this same region. With this program in place, Josai hopes to expand academic exchange with Polish universities even further.

## Former Slovenian President Visits Josai, Gives Lecture

Date: April 23, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



On April 23, 2014, former Slovenian President Danilo Türk visited Josai's Tokyo Kioicho Campus where he delivered a lecture and met with students. The Republic of Slovenia, a nation located in central Europe, declared its independence in June 1991—one that was achieved after much suffering—marking the dissolution of the Yugoslavian union. Serving as UN Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs from 2000 to 2005, former President Türk made it his work to resolve border disputes. He later worked as a professor of international law at University of Ljubljana from 2005 to 2007 before being elected the 3<sup>rd</sup> President of the Republic of Slovenia, serving from 2007 until 2012. Arriving to campus at 3:00 PM alongside Ambassador Helena Drnovsek Zorko and Minister Plenipotentiary Oto Pungartnik, former President Türk met with Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and other representatives from Josai University.

Providing opening remarks before former President Türk's lecture, Chancellor Mizuta said, "I'm overjoyed at the opportunity for Josai students to hear a speech from such an esteemed scholar of law and diplomat as former President Danilo Türk."

Shiba Nobuhiro, Deputy Director of the Josai Institute for Central European Studies, also expressed his wishes to the diverse audience in attendance. "At the Josai Institute for Central European Studies we have had many great opportunities to become closer to the Visegrad Group (V4), but I hope to use this event as an opportunity to deepen relations with not just the group as a whole, but the individual nation of Slovenia," he said.

In his lecture entitled, "The Future of the UN System," former President Danilo Türk drew on his experiences as a high-level foreign diplomat and high UN official to provide an overview of the UN

system and discuss its approach toward the three categories of national security, development, and human rights, while European exchange students, Josai University and Josai International University students alike listened with great interest.

During the Q&A session, Shotaro Fujino of Josai University's Faculty of Economics asked, "I would like to work for the UN in the future and plan to study abroad at the University of Economics, Prague. What do you consider necessary in terms of reform of the UN system?" Former President Türk demonstrated his problem solving approach with the following answer: "Before suggesting a course of reform, one must first grasp the UN system as a whole and consider its structure critically and then go on to argue whether reform is necessary or not." There were many questions from international students from Europe and other places overseas who are studying at JU and JIU as well as students from JIU's Graduate School of International Administration, all of which former President Türk answered courteously.

The questions to former President Türk continued on in the reception that followed, generating a pleasant atmosphere that went beyond the allotted schedule.

To this point, Josai University Educational Corporation has worked actively for the promotion of student exchange and the cultivation of human resources in Central Europe, earning many accomplishments in the realm of education and cultural exchange in the process. The Josai Institute for Central European Studies was established to promote even further the development of joint research, academic exchange, human resources, and undergraduate and graduate education in this region. With former President Türk's visit to Josai, we hope that our program of exchange with Slovenia will become even more active.



Former President Türk during his lecture



Former President Türk meets with students

## Josai Forms Academic Exchange Agreement with Walailak University

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Date: May 9, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



Signing the academic exchange agreement

On May 9, 2014, Josai University Educational Corporation formed an academic exchange agreement with Thailand's Walailak 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, focusing particularly on those in Southeast Asia and Central Europe. In Thailand alone, Josai has formed a cooperative alliance with the Technology Promotion Association (Thailand-Japan) (in October 2012) as well as academic exchange agreements with Bangkok University (in January 2013), Rangsit University (in April 2013), and the Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology (in May 2013). Josai has already established relations with Walailak University with the Asia Summer Program in which students of this university participate every year, and used the occasion of Walailak President Keerath Sanguansai's visit to create a formal academic exchange agreement.

Founded in 1992, Walailak University is one of 31 national universities in Thailand. Its name comes from the third daughter of King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX), Chulabhorn Walailak. Walailak University is comprised of the following 11 schools: the School of Agricultural Technology, the School of Allied Health Sciences and Public Health, the School of Architecture and Design, the School of Engineering and Resources, the School of Informatics, the School of Liberal Arts, the School of Management, the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, the School of Pharmacy, and the School of Science and has an enrollment of 6,000 students.

Upon arrival to the Tokyo Kioicho Campus, President Keerath met with Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and other Josai University Educational Corporation executives.

Before the agreement signing, Chancellor Mizuta provided opening remarks, saying, "It is a great honor for us at Josai to form an academic exchange agreement with Walailak University. Our two universities share many common fields of study, and with this agreement we plan to take concrete measures toward developing our program of exchange." President Keerath followed with her remarks, saying, "I would like to thank Josai for such a warm reception. Starting today, we will deepen our program of exchange with us sending exchange students to Josai University and Josai International University and working together to develop human resources."

Josai International University and Walailak University share many common programs of study especially in the Faculty of Nursing and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Thus, with the formation of this academic exchange, we can anticipate the beginning of many cooperative projects in these fields and others.

## The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Czech Speech Contest is held at Josai University

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Date: May 17, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus



A commemorative photo following the competition

On May 17, 2014, the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Czech Speech Contest, sponsored by the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Japan, was held at the basement of auditorium of Josai University.

Due to the Embassy of the Czech Republic's ongoing renovation, Josai—a university which has been actively involved in student



Chancellor Mizuta and Ambassador Fialková interact with students

exchange and human resource development with Central European Universities and achieved many accomplishments in educational and cultural exchange in that same region—agreed to host the speech competition for the second consecutive year.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta provided opening remarks, stating, "It is a great

honor to host the Czech Speech Contest for the second year in a row.” Czech Ambassador Kateřina Fialková then followed with her own remarks. She said, “It is with great pleasure that I present the 20th Czech Speech Contest. In recent years, the number of Japanese studying the Czech language has increased dramatically. Due to the unforeseen number of applicants for this year’s competition, we hurriedly arranged to divide the contest into two parts. I would like to give Chancellor Mizuta and all the other organizers a sincere thank you for offering to host this competition.”

Thirteen professionals and students who study the Czech language took the stage for this year’s competition. Participants were to give a five-minute presentation on one of two topics (“Czech Music in 2014—Czech Music and Myself” or “My Favorite Town”) followed by a question and answer period with the panel of judges.

Ambassador Kateřina Fialková, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Professor Taku Shinohara, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Visiting Professor Marketa Gebhartova, Mr. Ikuo Shoji of the Central European division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and last year’s

winner Hikari Utsuda presided as this year’s panel of strict judges, awarding Harune Hosoda with the top prize for her “rich power of expression” (in the words of Ambassador Fialková). In addition, Miwako Inoue was given the Chancellor Noriko Mizuta Award. Inoue works as a nurse, studying the Czech language at home during her spare time. Her exceptional language ability combined with her strong effort led to her being selected for the award.

Appetizers were prepared by the Czech embassy chef for the reception that followed, which participants used to get to know one another better through friendly conversation.

Josai has to date formed academic exchange agreements with three universities: Charles University in Prague, Masaryk University, and University of Economics, Prague in the Czech Republic and has been active in organizing seminars and lecture series to promote international exchange.

In accordance with Josai’s goal of strengthening economic exchange to cultivate global human resources, we will continue to build academic exchange with the Czech Republic and other areas of Central Europe.



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## Josai Hosts International Symposium Commemorating Winners of the Cikada Prize

Date: June 7, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On June 7, the International Symposium Commemorating Winners of the Cikada Prize was held at the 1<sup>st</sup> building auditorium of Josai’s Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

On December 9, 2013, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta was given the Cikada Prize—an international poetry award administered by the Embassy of Sweden in Japan that honors exceptional poets who are able to express the inviolability of life in East Asia. To celebrate this achievement, Josai organized a symposium centered on the theme of “Giving World to the Inviolability of Life,” which was divided into three sessions and assembled the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden, recipient of a PhD in literature from Uppsala and Kyoto Universities as well as an exceptional poet in his own right, His Excellency Lars Vargö; past recipients of the Cikada Prize; and famous poets from around East Asia as participants.

Panelists who participated in this year’s symposium were as follows:

Lars Vargö	Swedish Ambassador to Japan, haiku poet
Noriko Mizuta	6 <sup>th</sup> winner of the Cikada Prize
Akito Arima	Haiku poet
Kyong-rim Shin	4 <sup>th</sup> winner of the Cikada Prize
Chung-hee Moon	5 <sup>th</sup> winner of the Cikada Prize
Bei Dao	Poet
Kazuko Shiraishi	Poet
Toriko Takarabe	Poet
Mutsuo Takahashi	Poet
Gozo Yoshimasu	Poet
Aki Sagawa	Poet
Yuan Tian	Poet
Sung-rea Han	Poet, Translator (including the work of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cikada Prize winner Ko Un)

The symposium opened with an overview of the Cikada Prize from Ambassador His Excellency Vargö followed by a talk from Chancellor Mizuta on the poetry collection *Aniara* by Harry Martinson—Swedish poet and winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature—which formed the inspiration for the Cikada Prize. The symposium then moved into panel discussion divided by the following three topics:



Panel 1 members (from left): Ambassador Vargö, Mr. Arima, Mr. Shin, Ms. Moon, Chancellor Mizuta, and Mr. Han



The scene during Panel 3



<b>Panel 1</b>	Cikada as the Encounter between Poets of Northern Europe and East Asia
<b>Panel 2</b>	Experiences in Foreign Countries and Poetry and Expression
<b>Panel 3</b>	The Future of Poetry in East Asia

Panel 1 addressed theories of poetry, translation, and poets based in East Asia, extending it to the rest of the world. Panel 2, taking foreign countries as its theme, related the direct experiences of poets abroad to discuss the extent to which these experiences are heightened by poetic expression. In Panel 3, each panelist offered their words on the future of poetry in East Asia followed by a poetry reading conducted in each poet's

native tongue, yielding a deep emotional reaction from the audience.

In closing, musician Shigemi Yoshioka gave a vocal performance of poetry to her own musical accompaniment. Ms. Yoshioka performs piano to vocals comprised of poetry from tanka and Japanese women poets such as Misuzu Kaneko, Akiko Yosano, and Noriko Ibaragi in a way that deeply moves the hearts of anyone who listens.

To celebrate the Cikada Prize, Ms. Yoshioka performed a solo rendition of a new poem of Chancellor Mizuta's entitled, "The Unwritten Love Letter," while the Josai Kioicho Mixed Chorus performed a four-part harmony specially arranged by Yasuhide Ito to the enthusiastic applause of the audience.

## Josai Forms Academic Exchange Agreement with Myanmar's Yangon University of Foreign Languages

Date: July 1, 2014

Place: Yangon University of Foreign Languages, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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On July 1, 2014, Josai University Educational Corporation became the first Japanese university to form an academic exchange agreement with Myanmar's Yangon University of Foreign Languages.

The exchange agreement was formed during a Josai delegation visit to Yangon University of Foreign Languages. The delegation was led by Managing Director of Josai University Educational Corporation and President of Josai University, Yasunori Morimoto, serving on behalf of Josai Chancellor Noriko Mizuta. The signing ceremony was attended by approximately ten representatives from Yangon University of Foreign Languages, including President Lwin Lwin Soe, and Chair of the Japanese Language department Khin Aye. Also in attendance were former and current presidents of the Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA), Myint Wai and Si Si Shen, respectively, as well as Minister Toshio Yamamoto and other dignitaries from the Embassy of Japan in Myanmar. Since its democratization in 2011, Myanmar has been the focus of much attention as one of the primary countries in Southeast Asia on track toward genuine economic development. This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> year of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Japan, a fact that was observed by the Embassy of Japan in Myanmar during the ceremony.

Managing Director Morimoto, spoke during the ceremony, saying, "It is a great honor to visit the Yangon University of Foreign Languages today. The rapid economic and industrial development of Myanmar calls for human resources that can serve as a bridge between Myanmar and Japan. This academic exchange agreement was formed in the interest of cultivating precisely these kind of human resources and for the expansion of relations between our two universities through educational and research exchange."

President Lwin Lwin Soe followed by saying, "To date, our university has formed agreements with universities in Russia, South Korea, Thailand, and France, but it is a great honor that our first academic exchange agreement with a Japanese university is with the Josai University Educational Corporation. I hope that this prove a very fruitful partnership for both universities."

This was followed by the signing of the exchange agreement.

After the ceremony, the Josai delegation was given a guided tour of campus facilities, including a classroom viewing of a Japanese language course in session where they had the opportunity to meet with Japanese faculty and their enthusiastic students.

Yangon University of Foreign Languages, a national university with an enrollment of approximately 2,300, celebrates the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its

foundation in 1944. Yangon University of Foreign Languages is widely regarded as the leader of foreign language universities among Myanmar institutions. The university has departments in Japanese, Chinese, Korean, English, German, and French, among others. The Japanese department alone has an enrollment of nearly 300 with 25 faculty members.

On the following day (7/2), the Josai delegation paid a visit to the Embassy of Japan in Myanmar where they met with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Tateshi Higuchi to announce the signing of the academic exchange agreement.

As part of our Mid-term Target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, Josai also formed a cooperative alliance with the Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA)—comprised of Myanmar graduates who studied abroad in Japan—in October, 2013. In addition, the upcoming Japan-ASEAN summit conference is scheduled to take place in the Myanmar capital of Naypyidaw in November, 2014, with Myanmar serving as the host country. In accordance with this, the Japanese government, in a June 24 cabinet decision, announced a new direction in policy to "actively promote the strengthening of human resource network formation overseas through former exchange students to Japan."

In light of these developments, Josai's position as the first Japanese university to form an academic exchange agreement with the Yangon University of Foreign Languages is truly epoch-making.

With this agreement, one can expect many concrete programs of exchange between Josai and Yangon University of Foreign Languages, including the hosting of exchange students.



Managing Director and President Morimoto (left) and President Lwin Lwin Soe exchange copies of the agreement

## Josai Forms Academic Exchange Agreement with Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco

Date: July 2, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

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On July 2, 2014, the Josai University Educational Corporation formed an academic exchange agreement with Italy's Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco. This agreement was made possible through the introduction of Dr. Masanori Aoyagi, an archeologist and Commissioner of Cultural Affairs based in Italy.

The Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco is a foundation established in 1998 in Florence, Italy under the motto "Life Beyond Tourism" with the goal of promoting interaction between foreign cultures as well as the value and importance of cultural heritage.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, speaking before the official signing, said, "It is a great honor for Josai to form an academic exchange agreement with the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco. In accordance with our program of international exchange, we are hoping that this most recent agreement will provide a foundation toward pursuing academic exchange agreements with Italian universities as well." This was followed by opening remarks from foundation President Paolo Del Bianco who said, "I am very grateful for the warm welcome from Josai University Educational Corporation," before proceeding with an introduction of his foundation. Dr. Aoyagi, the primary facilitator of this exchange agreement, also contributed remarks by saying, "It is my hope that this agreement will lead an active and very productive

exchange."

Following the signing, a discussion was held regarding the upcoming International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) event, Florence Youth and Heritage Festival to be held in Italy in November, 2014.

In closing, one can anticipate a variety of programs of exchange as a result of this most recent agreement.



Foundation President Paolo Del Bianco (left), Commissioner of Cultural Affairs Dr. Aoyagi (center), and Chancellor Mizuta (right) during the signing ceremony

## Chancellor Mizuta Attends World Women University Presidents Forum as Asian Regional Chancellor

Date: September 5-6, 2014

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

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On September 5 and 6, Josai University Educational Corporation's Chancellor Noriko Mizuta attended the 6<sup>th</sup> World Women University Presidents Forum at the Communication University of China in Beijing, presiding as the Regional Chancellor for Asia and gave a keynote lecture.

This forum, sponsored by Communication University of China Honorary President Liu Jinan, takes place once every two years. Josai hosted the conference in 2008 with the theme "Issues of Women's Higher Education in an Aging Society."

This year's forum assembled 71 women from top universities in 41 countries to discuss the theme of "Women, Instruction, Leadership" from a variety of perspectives over the two day period. As the sole participant from Japan, Chancellor Mizuta gave her lecture on "Innovation in Global Education and the Importance of University Alliance," receiving much positive feedback. Given her position as the only Japanese participant, Chancellor Mizuta also received much attention from media outlets covering the event, including the Xinhua News Agency, Mainichi Newspapers,



Chancellor Mizuta gives her keynote lecture



Congratulating Josai L-WIN member and Honorary President Liu Jinan



and China Radio International, with her interview broadcast worldwide.

The forum closed on the final day in rousing fashion with the

participants pledging to continue to gather knowledge and strengthen ties toward the goal of building female leadership.

## Josai Holds Award Ceremony for Noriko Mizuta Hungary, Poland, Czech, Slovakia Scholarship

Date: September 30, 2014

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

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On September 30, 2014, an award ceremony was held for the Noriko Mizuta Hungary, Poland, Czech, Slovakia Scholarship at Josai University Educational Corporation's Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

This scholarship was originally founded as the Noriko Mizuta Hungary Scholarship in December 2009 to commemorate the visit from then-President of Hungary, Sólyom László, to the Tokyo Kioicho Campus. As part of Josai's plan to strengthen international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has increased academic exchange with institutions in Central Europe, particularly those in the V4. This is the first year students from Slovakia were awarded the scholarship.

Of the 24 recipients of this year's award who will be studying at either Josai University or Josai International University, 12 are from Hungary (Budapest Business School, Eötvös Loránd University, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, University of Szeged), 7 from Poland (University of Warsaw, University of Lodz, Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology), 2 from the Czech Republic (Charles University in Prague, among others), and 3 from Slovakia (Comenius University in Bratislava, University of Presov in Presov).

Following the ceremony, in which Chancellor Mizuta presented each student with their award certificates, two goodwill student ambassadors from each country were appointed for the purpose of extending cultural exchange with Japanese students.

Afterward, Rydz Tomasz of Poland and Toth Boglárka of Hungary, representing this year's award class for JU and JIU, respectively, took the stage to give their acceptance speech and show their determination. They thanked Chancellor Mizuta and others involved for the fellowship award that will allow them to devote full attention to their studies, "taking this study abroad year to learn about Japan's diverse cultural tradition, society, economic system, and other subjects."

In closing, Chancellor Mizuta addressed the scholarship class, saying, "Given that this scholarship had in the past only included students from three different countries, it is with pleasure that we are able to welcome three students from Slovakia for the first time this year. This means that all four countries from the V4 are now represented. Please take this opportunity to study many different things during your time in Japan. I'm sure that this precious experience will prove quite valuable in your future career."



Fellowship class representatives expressing their gratitude



Commemorative photo with Chancellor Mizuta and other fellowship representatives



## Publications

### Josai University Press Published CityU President Way Kuo's Book

Date: April 2, 2014

Place: Josai International University, Chiba Togane Campus

Publications

On April 2, 2014, City University of Hong Kong President Way Kuo visited Josai International University to attend the annual entrance ceremony, followed by a dinner reception to commemorate the

publication of President Kuo's book *Issues and Prospects of Nuclear Power Generation from the Perspective of a Scientist*, the translation of which was overseen by JIU.

With the formation of an academic exchange agreement with the City University of Hong Kong in October 2012 and the study abroad program "Explanation of Japanese Culture and Science," to this point JIU has sent 26 students to study at CityU while hosting 20 students from that university.

Addressing the newly entering students at the ceremony, President Kuo said, "Please take this opportunity to form relationships with your professors and fellow students, while mastering your subjects and a foreign language that is rooted in the strength of your own to develop a self-reliance, so that you may use your university experience as a springboard toward a promising future."

Following the ceremony, a dinner reception was held in honor of President Way Kuo's Japanese publication, Issues and Prospects of Nuclear Power Generation from the Perspective of a Scientist. A team comprised of JIU's Chinese faculty oversaw the translation of President Kuo's publication.

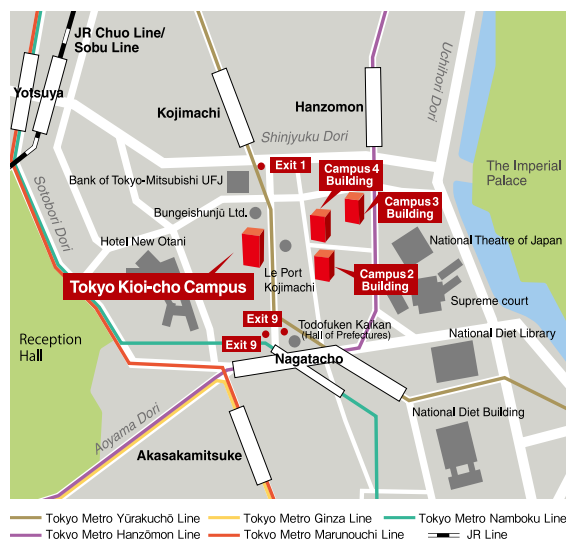
The reception included a rakugo performance in English by Shinoharu Tatekawa. President Kuo and his delegation greatly enjoyed rakugo's unique brand of humor expressed in the English language, while also appreciating it as a traditional Japanese art.

The reception was attended by many distinguished guests, including four faculty members from CityU and former Tokyo University president and advisor to the Ministry of Education and current president of the Musashi Academy of the Nezu Foundation, Akito Arima, Commissioner for Cultural Affairs, Masanori Aoyagi, and former Tohoku University president and current director of JIU's Global Institute for Green Materials, Akihisa Inoue from JIU.



(Left) President Way Kuo addresses at the reception, (Right) Published Kuo's book

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