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## Mizuta Mikio Memorial "Global Lecture" Series

### Josai Hosts Lecture by Masanori Aoyagi on Sakado Campus as Part of "Global Lecture Series" to Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Date: June 15, 2016

Place: Josai University, Sakado campus

 Mizuta Mikio  
Memorial  
"Global Lecture"  
Series

On June 15, Josai University Educational Corporation (Noriko Mizuta, Chancellor) hosted a lecture by former Commissioner for Cultural Affairs, Masanori Aoyagi, on the topic of "Nature, Mankind, Science and Technology" at Seiko Hall on Josai University's Sakado campus in Saitama. Mr. Aoyagi was appointed director of the Institute of Advanced Studies which was established in Josai this spring. His lecture, which drew upon experience gained throughout his lengthy and rich career as a researcher, and which served as a pointer for the future of humankind at large, drew nearly 500 attendees, including faculty, students, and members of the community.

The Mikio Mizuta Global Lecture series was established to celebrate Josai's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by inviting internationally recognized and distinguished scholars from both Japan and abroad to promote the development of global human resources. The series was first launched last year on May 21 with former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir bin Mohamad, followed by Harvard professor Ezra F. Vogel (June 13), Nobel Prize winning physicist Makoto Kobayashi (July 9), Studio Ghibli general manager Toshio Suzuki (July 10), chairman of the Japan Business Federation Hiromasa Yonekura (October 1), chairman of the International Ukiyo-e Society Tadashi Kobayashi (November 21), and dean of the School of Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California Elizabeth M.

Daley (December 4). Mr. Aoyagi is the eighth speaker in the series.

Mr. Aoyagi is one of the foremost scholars of ancient Rome and Greece. Born in Dalian, China in 1944, Mr. Aoyagi's career includes time as Literature Department Chair and Vice President of the University of Tokyo, Director of the National Museum of Western Art, and Japanese Commissioner for Cultural Affairs. He is currently Professor Emeritus at the University of Tokyo and a board member of the Japan Academy. Mr. Aoyagi received the Purple Ribbon Medal in 2006 and the NHK Cultural Award in 2011. His numerous scholarly works include *The House of the Ship Europa* and *The Ancient Roman City*.

Chancellor Mizuta made introductory remarks before the lecture, saying, "While Josai celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding last year, it also achieved another milestone five years in the making by establishing the Institute for Advanced Studies, a facility which exceeds the boundaries of natural science and humanities through a commitment to the investigation of state-of-the-art research and educational fields. I can think of no better-suited person for the task of reflection upon the natural science and humanity fields than Professor Aoyagi, who we were delighted to welcome as Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies. His talk today, which will span the topics of science, technology, and humanism, will be an excellent opportunity to contemplate the future of both Japan and the world."

Mr. Aoyagi began his lecture with the statement that, "All of us reap the benefits of science and technology, but it is just as important to be aware of its dangers." He added that, after witnessing an initial "world-system" during the Age of Discovery, we have now entered a new stage of the modern "world system" as we confront complex problems of population, environment, poverty, disease, and immigration in the age of globalization. Mr. Aoyagi stated that, "by far the most serious issue is that of climate change," that is, for humankind, the most dangerous issue is now the environment. "If climate change worsens to the point where it begins to affect population, then the cycle of life will be suspended, and humans will begin to perish," he said.



Mr. Aoyagi delivers his lecture

In addition, Mr. Aoyagi said that, "If one traces the rise and fall of civilization, there is the idea that innovation, discovery, and labor could lead to the extinction of humankind... In an age where it is impossible to discern advanced science in its entirety, and is often so frightening as to cause people to fear for their lives, we must not just eagerly receive the benefits of science and technology, but also as individuals consider

the contributions and harmful effects of the technology in question." During the Q&A session that followed, Mr. Aoyagi replied to one query by saying, "In approaching environmental issues, the most important thing is to think how each of us can exhibit restraint in our lifestyles," for which he received a hearty round of applause from the audience.



## Honorary Degree

### Chancellor Mizuta Awarded the UCR Medallion

**Date:** May 9, 2016

**Place:** University of California, Riverside; United States of America

Honorary  
Degree

The UCR (University of California, Riverside) Medallion was bestowed upon Chancellor Noriko Mizuta on May 9, 2016 to express great gratitude for many years of her extraordinary contribution to collaboration between UCR and Josai.

The UCR Medallion was created on the UC Riverside campus to allow the University of California, Riverside to honor friends and visitors that have rendered distinguished and extraordinary service to UCR and to society. Chancellor Mizuta is one of the 8 distinguished figures bestowed so far with this great honor.

The Medallion was awarded to Josai in recognition of Chancellor Mizuta's deep commitment to educating future international leaders and her extraordinary contributions to international education at the University of California, Riverside. The text on the medallion also reads "Chancellor Mizuta's early investment in programs that prepare university students to live globally resulted in one of UCR's first international university partnership agreements in 1986. This relationship has continued to thrive and expand through her exceptional leadership."

The award ceremony was hosted by Chancellor Kim Wilcox and Dean Sharon Duffy and attended by Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey and Consul General Harry H. Horinouchi amongst other guests.

More than 3,200 Josai University and Josai International University students have had the opportunity to participate in short and long-



A very warm welcome by all the administration and staff

term programs at UCR. All of them have stayed with local homestay families who so kindly opened their homes to our students.

Josai was also proud to appoint Dean Dr. Sharon Duffy as the Honorary Dean of the Josai University Educational Corporation Life-Long Learning Center.

A group of 21 UCR students led by Professor Setsu Shigematsu is now here at Josai International University and we are also looking forward to receiving the new exchange students from the fall semester.

It is our hope to further strengthen our relationship and to promote international education both in the USA and in Japan.



## Talks and Symposia

### Josai Hosts Guest Lecture by Malaysian Minister of Higher Education, Idris Jusoh

**Date:** April 6, 2016

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

Talks  
and  
Symposia

On April 6, 2016, Josai University Educational Corporation invited the Malaysian Minister of Higher Education, Dato' Seri Haji Idris bin Jusoh, to give a guest lecture in the 1st Building Hall on Josai's Tokyo Kioicho Campus. Josai is actively forming academic exchange agreements with universities and research institutions abroad to foster the development of global human resources who are internationalized, specialized, and well-versed in Japanese culture. To date, Josai has reached agreements with over 160 institutions worldwide. In recent years, Josai has focused specifically on strengthening ties with universities located in ASEAN

countries, inviting former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad in May 21, 2015 as a participant in the Global Lecture Series which celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Josai's founding. Josai also established the ASEAN Research Center at its corporate headquarters to commemorate the Prime Minister's visit and guest lecture.

As part of Josai's exchange agreement with Malaysia's Management and Science University, both universities have agreed to establish a joint-research centers devoted to the study of halal (Islamic law) on their campuses, with Minister Idris timing his visit to sign this latest agreement.

Prior to the lecture, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta provided introductory remarks to welcome Minister Idris bin Jusoh, "That both of our universities have agreed to establish research centers devoted to the study of halal, is an occasion that deserves much celebration. We are greatly honored that the Minister of Higher Education would take time out of his busy schedule to join us today." The President of Malaysia's Management and Science University, Mohd Shukri, added, "Josai and MSU enjoy an extremely close relationship, and I am very pleased to see the development of our academic exchanges."

In a lecture entitled, "Scenario of Higher Education in Malaysia," Minister Idris bin Jusoh detailed the current state of university education



Minister of Higher Education Idris bin Jusoh delivers his lecture

in Malaysia. Referencing the strengths of Japanese education, Idris bin Jusoh stated his commitment to pursuing a university education system which is valued globally. Combining passion with humor, Minister Idris bin Jusoh's speech drew a packed house of over 160 students and faculty. The lecture was followed by a signing ceremony for the Halal Research Center, with Chancellor Mizuta and President Mohd Shukri giving their seals of approval. In addition to the foundation of a Halal Research Center with the Management and Science University, Josai has been in talks with Saitama cosmetic companies regarding a potential industry-academic-government partnership, ensuring many innovations in this field in the near future.



Chancellor Mizuta and President Mohd Shukri finalize the agreement

## Josai Invites American Philosopher Richard J. Bernstein for Keynote Lecture to Honor 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Date: June 8, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

Talks  
and  
Symposia

On June 8, 2016, the Josai University Educational Corporation (Chancellor Noriko Mizuta) hosted a special keynote lecture by American philosopher Richard J. Bernstein entitled "Hannah Arendt: Thought Defying Evil" in the 1<sup>st</sup> building auditorium of Josai's Tokyo Kioicho Campus. Organized as part of Josai's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary festivities, around 150 attendees (including researchers, faculty, and students) attended this special lecture from this world-renowned philosopher.

Richard J. Bernstein is currently a Professor of Philosophy and former Director of Graduate Studies at the New School in New York. During a long career at Yale and Harvard Universities, Prof. Bernstein published numerous works that address issues concerning European metaphysics and critical theory.

The key person in Prof. Bernstein's lecture, Hannah Arendt (1906-75), was born in Germany into a Jewish family of social democrats. She went on to study with philosopher Martin Heidegger at university.



Prof. Bernstein delivers his lecture

During World War II, Arendt managed to escape from the Nazi concentration camps, eventually moving to the United States where she passed away in 1975. In 1951, Arendt published *The Origins of Totalitarianism* which gain wide acclaim, thereby establishing her place in the field of philosophy. Arendt later took teaching positions at American universities such as Princeton and Harvard. She was sharply criticized for her reporting on the 1960 trial of Adolf Eichmann, one of the main organizers of mass deportation and execution of Jews under the Nazis, and she was even accused of being an "Eichmann sympathizer" by certain members of the Jewish-American community. Chancellor Mizuta made introductory remarks before the lecture, stating, "It is a great honor to welcome such a world-renowned philosopher to our university. Genocide left a deep wound on the 20<sup>th</sup> century. I believe that today's lecture will interrogate the ethics of this issue and provide some valuable insight that will inform our future."



A commemorative photo with Malaysian exchange students following the morning lecture



In his lecture, Prof. Bernstein considered what Arendt termed the “banality of evil” in her reports of the Eichmann trial. He clarified Arendt’s stance by stating that, “If ordinary individuals suspend critical judgement and blindly follow orders, then they become accomplice in doing evil acts such as the Holocaust. It is the suspension of critical thinking that generates evil.” Prof. Bernstein also linked his ideas with the current climate in the United States. “One gets a similar feeling when hearing the things said about Islam today. It is wrong to think in binary terms of right or wrong. Rather than suspending individual judgement, you must stop and think for yourself. This is of the utmost

importance in resisting evil,” he said. During the Q&A session that followed, Prof. Bernstein politely answered questions from exchange students and other participants.

Earlier that morning, Prof. Bernstein’s spouse, Carol L. Bernstein, Professor at Bryn Mawr College, gave a lecture entitled “The Performing of Cultural Memory” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> building’s International Conference Room on Josai’s Kioicho campus. The lecture, which was attended by roughly 100 students and faculty members, analyzed issues of tragedy and memory contained in literary and cinematic representations of historical events such as the Holocaust and the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

## Innovation Center Hosts Executive Seminar

Date: June 14, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

Talks  
and  
Symposia

On June 14, 2016, Josai University Educational Corporation’s Innovation Center, located on the Tokyo Kioicho campus, hosted an executive seminar presided over by former Master’s degree recipient of Josai International University’s Graduate School of Humanities and current president of RS Technologies Co., Ltd., Nagayoshi Ho. Mr. Ho gave a lecture entitled “Management Philosophy of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Chinese-Japanese, Nagayoshi Ho:—From Company Founding to M&A and Owner of a Listed Company.”

In his lecture, president Ho detailed his experience of founding an enterprise following completion of the Master’s program at Josai

International University’s Graduate School of Humanities, emphasizing the importance of pursuing one’s dreams in the process. Speaking on the topic of recycling resources and reforming business management, Mr. Ho pointed out more than 99% of manufacturing business in Japan are small to medium size, with advanced levels of technology. For the sake of economic recovery, Japan must increase its competitive edge while maintaining business continuity.

Following his lecture, Mr. Ho met with current Josai students as well as with his former faculty advisor, Professor Kuriki, culminating in a group photo with seminar participants.



President Ho delivers his lecture



The seminar in progress

## Japanese Literature Scholar Susan Napier Gives Josai University 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Keynote Lecture

Date: June 17, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

Talks  
and  
Symposia



Professor Napier speaks at the lecture.

On June 17, 2016, Josai University Educational Corporation (Chancellor Noriko Mizuta) invited Susan Napier, a scholar of Japanese literature and Professor at Tufts University (Medford, MA, USA), to give a special keynote lecture entitled “*Here There Be Dragons: Legends and Legacies of Studio Ghibli*” in the 1<sup>st</sup> Building Hall at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus. Some 200 people attended the lecture commemorating the university’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including scholars, students of Josai International University Faculty of Media Studies, and faculty members. Participants listened attentively to the interesting talk, delivered by a leading expert in modern Japanese animation studies, in the Hall, via live link in a classroom.

Susan Napier is a Professor at Tufts University. She obtained a PhD from the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilization, Harvard University. Afterwards she took a position as Assistant Professor at the University of Texas, and was later promoted to the rank of Professor at the same institution. She is a recognized authority in the field of Japanese literature and culture in the United States. She has gained an international reputation through her outstanding achievements in the field of academic criticism and discussion of modern Japanese anime in English-speaking countries. Her works include *"Anime from Akira to Spirited Away: Experiencing Contemporary Japanese Animation"*, published by Chuko Susho, which won the Japan Society for Children's Literature Honor Awards in 2003.

Chancellor Mizuta made a welcome speech prior to Professor Napier's lecture: "We have a program of 'Cinema Studies' in the Faculty of Media Studies, and a new animation studies course has just been introduced. Today, it's indeed a pleasure to invite the highly reputable Professor Napier, a renowned scholar in the field to hold a lecture, which is also part of our university's e-learning program."

Professor Napier pointed out in her presentation, "In contrast to the Disney animation films that portray the world of fantasy brightly, Studio Ghibli's animation films depict a multi-layered and multi-faceted world."



Professor Napier received a bouquet of flowers from a student

She also said, while showing some fascinating scenes from *"My Neighbor Totoro"* and *"Pom Poko"* in the background, "Studio Ghibli's animation works are complicated. The major themes are loss and condolence, and the associated feelings and comforting." Finally, she referred to the "dragon" that made a symbolic showing in *"Spirited Away"*, saying in conclusion, "The dragon will fly even more in your memory and heart." In the question-and-answer session, Professor Napier answered a student's question, "Although hard to believe in the past, there is an amazing trend out there. Studio Ghibli's movies are now embedded in American culture."

## Josai Hosts Modern Poetry International Symposium "Poetry and Childhood" and Announces Creation of Kiro Award for Exchange Students

Date: July 1, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho campus

Talks  
and  
Symposia

On July 1, 2016, the Josai University Educational Corporation (Noriko Mizuta, Chancellor) hosted the Modern Poetry International Symposium "Poetry and Childhood" in the Building 1 lecture hall on Josai's Tokyo Kioicho campus. The event, which featured a keynote lecture by Professor Gao Xudong of Renmin University in China on Lu Xun, and readings and discussions by contemporary Japanese and Chinese poets, drew around 160 people, including poets, scholars, faculty and students. As a result, one can expect further strengthening of the research network between Japan and China, and a wealth of practical knowledge to be gained through this relationship.

In December 2015, to commemorate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Josai University opened the International Modern Poetry Center. Since then, Josai has signed exchange agreements with Peking University's poetry department, with Beijing Normal University and with Capital Normal University to develop research in the field of modern poetry. Furthermore, in March 2016, Josai opened a Modern Poetry Center office on Peking University's campus; the first Japanese research facility being opened on Chinese university grounds. The objective was to

deepen the field of poetry studies between the two nations.

The symposium opened with introductory remarks by Chancellor Mizuta, who served as MC for the event: "Thanks to our relationship with Peking University, we are pleased to present a keynote lecture on Lu Xun by Professor Gao. Lu Xun was a very significant literary figure during the process of modernization who linked the countries of Japan and China, and who is thus a highly appropriate subject for today's symposium. The symposium focuses on the significance of childhood for the poets in question, but I would also like to use the opportunity to think about the relationship between childhood and poetic expression for these poets of different generations and experiences, who have witnessed the changing relationship between Japan and China."

Chancellor Mizuta's words were followed by Professor Gao's lecture on "Lu Xun—Japanese Relations in His Debut Novel", as well as a roundtable discussion and readings in the afternoon session. Chinese participants included Mr. Yang Ke, Mr. Liang Xiaoming, Mr. Shu Cai, Mr. Hua Qing, Ms. Cong Rang, and Professor Tian Yuan from Josai International University. Japanese participants consisted of Mr. Koji



Professor Gao delivers his lecture



The roundtable discussion in progress



Mr. Niinobe gives his reading



Ms. Cong gives her reading



Ms. Misumi reads during the recitation portion



Receiving bouquets from exchange students

Usami, Mr. Shin Takeuchi, Mr. Ken Niinobe, Mr. Kiwao Nomura, Ms. Mizuki Misumi, and Josai chancellor and poet Noriko Mizuta. Roundtable discussion participants included Mr. Yang, Mr. Niinobe, Mr. Hua, Mr. Nomura, and Chancellor Mizuta, with Professor Tian serving as chair. During the discussion, Chancellor Mizuta stated that, "Childhood serves as an important source not just for poetry, but also for other literary works. Landscape and photography are also important keywords in communicating a sense of one's childhood." Mr. Yang reflected on his own youth by saying, "During my childhood, I first became familiar with Tang poetry, partially under the influence of my parents. It wasn't until the 1980s, when foreign poetry was first translated, that I was able to study foreign verse as well." Mr. Niinobe commented that, "Through the magic of poetry, one is able to return to the days of childhood," Mr. Hua stated that, "Poetry is an expression of our will, communicating human desire through lyricism and inquiry." Mr. Nomura then commented, "When listening to the Chinese poets, I'm struck by the resemblance of notions of "poetry" and "death," which leads me to wonder if one's youth and the conclusion of life aren't one and the same." Professor Tian also remarked, "For any poet, childhood is the foundation of composition, besides having a large influence on character formation."

The discussion was followed by recitations by Mr. Liang, Mr. Shu, Ms. Cong, Mr. Takeuchi, Mr. Usami, and Ms. Misumi. Each of the six gave short speeches on the subject of "Poetry and childhood" with all twelve participants contributing verses, including poems related to the day's topic. Prof. Tian also contributed, reciting from memory a poem of Chancellor Mizuta and improvising his own quatrain.

### Zhang Xiaoshen Ink Wash Painting Exhibition

In conjunction with this year's symposium, a special exhibition of ink paintings by Chinese calligrapher and artist Zhang Xiaoshen was held at the Mizuta Museum of Art, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, in Building 3 of Josai's Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

Mr. Zhang Xiaoshen was born in 1958. Fascinated by ink, he possesses a unique personal history which prompted him to take up the brush after the age of 50. His works are known for the piercing quality of the ink, combined with an abstract perspective, and are sought after by both numerous international art museums and private collectors. Josai received much support from Peking University's Poetry Department when the Modern Poetry Center opened, including donations to this symposium. This exhibition featured twenty paintings, including some by Japanese poet Shuntaro Tanikawa. At the opening ceremony which preceded the exhibition, Chancellor Mizuta greeted the audience by saying, "The ink wash paintings in this exhibition all aim for an avant-garde spirit which transcends the traditional, something which is very fitting for this event, and which I feel will make for a personally memorable exhibition." Mr. Zhang responded by saying, "I'm very thankful for the creation of a space which actualizes my true ideals. Thanks to all of your support, this exhibition is sure to be a motivating force in my next creative endeavor." Josai University President Yasunori Morimoto, Mr. Zhang, and others were joined by artist Hiroshi Noda for the ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the exhibition.

### Josai Announces Creation of Kiro Award, a Poetry Award for Exchange Students



Ribbon Cutting for the Zhang Xiaoshen Exhibition (Mr. Zhang second from right)



During introductory remarks at the opening of the International Modern Poetry Symposium, Chancellor Mizuta announced the creation of the Kiro Award, a poetry award aimed at exchange students studying in Japan. The award was established with funds donated by the Josai-Dalian/Shenyang Alumni Association to honor Josai's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The

name for the award was taken from the title of Chancellor Mizuta's poetry collection. It was established to encourage the submission of works of poetry which contain ideas produced through contact with foreign cultures and the pursuit of different types of knowledge. We invite fresh and unique submissions of all kinds. Please see the details below:

## Kiro Award

<b>Sponsor</b>	Josai University Educational Corporation, International Modern Poetry Center
<b>Support</b>	Shichosha
<b>Additional support</b>	Mainichi Shimbun, Japan Times
<b>Judges</b>	Toru Kitagawa (poet), Mutsuo Takahashi (poet), Kiwao Nomura (poet), Toshiko Hirata (poet), Noriko Mizuta (poet, scholar of comparative literature), Tian Yuan (poet, translator)
<b>Object</b>	Contemporary poetry (written in Japanese)
<b>Eligibility</b>	International students (college/high school), regardless of age
<b>Submission requirements</b>	Original, unpublished composition
<b>Deadline</b>	November 30, 2016 (postmark)
<b>Must include</b>	Address, name (in case of penname, also include legal name), age, gender, phone number, e-mail address, nationality, brief resume Submissions must be printed on A4 sized paper. Originals will not be returned.
<b>Address submissions to</b>	Josai University/Josai International University Kiro Award Committee Kioicho 3-26 Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-0094
<b>Results Announcement</b>	End of January 2017, via website. Winners will be published in the journal Gendaishi Techo and an award ceremony will be held in February 2017 (planned).
<b>Award</b>	Grand Prize (1)300,000 yen Runners Up (3)30,000 yen
<b>Contact</b>	International Modern Poetry Center Josai University Educational Corp., Kioicho campus Building 3 Hirakawa-cho 2-3-20 Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-0093 Email: kiro@jiu.ac.jp

## Josai Hosts Keynote Lecture by McGill University Professor Thomas Lamarre as Part of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Talks  
and  
Symposia

Date: July 12, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On July 12, 2016, Josai University Educational Corporation hosted a keynote lecture by Thomas Lamarre, Professor at Canada's McGill University and scholar of Japanese anime and literary studies, on the topic of "Regional TV" at the 1<sup>st</sup> building auditorium on the Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

More than 150 attendees—including researchers, Josai International University students from the Faculty of Media Studies, and other students and faculty—crowded the lecture hall to attend this special lecture (organized as part of Josai's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary festivities) from one of the most insightful scholars working in Japanese anime today.

Mr. Lamarre received his PhD from the East Asian Languages and Civilizations department at the University of Chicago and is currently a professor at McGill University. Beginning his career as a scholar of the humanities researching *The Tale of Genji*, Professor Lamarre has worked in a wide-range of fields, from the writing of Junichiro Tanizaki to cinema studies, making significant academic contributions along the way.

In addition, Mr. Lamarre's book *The Anime Machine* (2009), which traces the history of Japanese anime through the close analysis of specific works, techniques, and social context, is a highly regarded study which has received publishing awards from the European Association of Japanese Studies (EAJS) and the Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS), among others.

Professor Akira Mizuta Lippit of Josai International University provided a brief introductory speech before Professor Lamarre's lecture. He said, "It is the duty of today's universities to promote globalization and, with Josai International University's Faculty of Media Studies as the center, we continue to accumulate efforts to create a place where global exchange between universities, scholars, and students is possible. And one of the main topics in this global exchange, which is closely linked to the subject of today's lecture, is that of e-learning. This is why we are very pleased to welcome Professor Lamarre, a scholar who continually generates important research on a global level."



Professor Lamarre delivers his lecture



Audience members listen with rapt interest

Professor Lamarre, taking the works *Captain Tsubasa* and *Boys Over Flowers* as the main subjects of his talk, emphasized the importance of not simply analyzing the anime works themselves, but to carefully consider the conditions in which these works were produced, circulated, and consumed. His lecture then discussed the various ways in which the anime content of these works are circulated in global society. Regarding *Captain Tsubasa*, a series that possesses a rich history that extends from the 1980s to the 2000s, Professor Lamarre underscored the different ways in which this work was viewed in

Japan, the Middle East, and Europe and how its reception relates to the international situation. For *Boys Over Flowers*, Lamarre focused on its mixed media circulation in the form of manga, anime, TV drama, film, and other media forms.

In response to student questions about inter-media circulation, Professor Lamarre said, "While I'm opposed to the media mix that simply recycles the same works for commercial purposes, with inter-media circulation there is also the possibility to produce something new that cannot be recuperated by commercial forces."

## Modern Poetry International Symposium II·Modern Poetry International Symposium 'Between *Haiku* and Modern Poetry'

Date: September 16, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus

Talks  
and  
Symposia

On September 16, 2016, Josai University Educational Corporation (Chancellor, Noriko Mizuta) held the Modern Poetry International Symposium 'Between *Haiku* and Modern Poetry' at the Tokyo Kioichio Campus Building 1 Hall. Sponsored by the university's International Modern Poetry Center, and supported by Shichosha. In addition to the special lecture by Akutagawa Prize winning poet Ms. Yoko Tawada, a



Ms. Tawada gives her lecture



Mr. Takahashi gives a speech



Mr. Takano gives a speech

round table discussion was held between celebrated *Haiku* poets and poets on the front line of Japan's poetry world about the expanse of expressions that are abundant in *Haiku* and modern poetry. Approximately 160 participants including *Haiku* poets, poets, writers, and members of the public came to listen to the interestingly themed symposium.

In December of last year, the university founded the International Contemporary Poetry Center within the corporate headquarters, in commemoration of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. With the aim to serve as the hub of critical research, translation, and appreciation of modern and contemporary poetry both in Japan and worldwide, the centre holds symposiums or open dialogues on poetry, tripartite discussions, and public readings. This year marks the 5<sup>th</sup> year since the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami, and *Haiku* poets and poets who composed pieces about the 3/11 disaster held a round table discussion and poem recitals at an event titled 'Unruly Cradle; Poetic Responses to the 3/11 Disaster'. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Modern Poetry International Symposium 'Poetry and Childhood' was held between modern contemporary poets from Japan and China, where they had round table discussions and poetry readings.



Ms. Kouno gives a speech



A view of the symposium



Chancellor Mizuta explained the symposium's theme in her opening remarks, "The influence of *haiku* on Western poetry is huge. I always wanted to investigate the space of expressions between *haiku* and western poetry." Ms Tawada was introduced as follows, "Ms Tawada has developed ways of expression through the interaction of different genres, countries and languages. We are thrilled to have him give a lecture today."

At the start of her lecture, titled 'Doubled Letters, Overlapping Voices,' Ms. Tawada presented 'Like a *Senryu*' (by Ms. Tawada), a poem which makes use of linguistics, grammar and language, and received cheerful laughter and applause from the crowd. Ms. Tawada spoke about the diverse languages of poetry by using German poems as an example. She also spoke about Japanese hiragana and kanji; "Kanji gives an abstract atmosphere, and it makes your feet stop for a moment. In contrast, hiragana allows for a smooth flow. With the combination of stops and flows, a visual rhythm is created."

At the symposium, Mutsuo Takahashi (poet), Mutsuo Takano (*Haiku* poet), Saki Kouno (poet), Tian Yuan (poet, translator, Josai International University Visiting Professor) went on stage. Chairman Mizuta who is a scholar of comparative literature and a poet took the role of commentator with Ms. Tawada. Mr. Takahashi stated that: "the core of Japan's literary history is the history of songs. A history where

the long became short. *Haiku* is the most advanced state-of-the-art poetry". Mr. Takano has said that the rapid ageing of the leaders of *Haiku* makes him 'concerned about the future of *Haiku*', but he also said 'I think a new style of *Haiku* will develop now, because *Haiku* poets, while having a complex against modern poetry, were always conscious about the form of words after the war.' Ms. Kouno said, "My direct feelings are that modern poetry is very musical. Modern *Haiku*, which before received visual stimuli, should this time be able to receive the essence of modern poetry, which records down in words the sounds, tunes and voices. Lastly, Mr. Tian said, "As opposed to *Haiku* which has become an international genre, Chinese poetry is not the same. Chinese is an exclusive language, while Japanese is an inclusive language."

In response to the four people's remarks, Ms. Tawada commented, "I feel that novels can learn a lot from *Haikus*, such as their fixed form." Chairman Mizuta said, "Isn't it the case that modern poetry and *Haikus* have in some ways been built and survived together as a genre?" The International Contemporary Poetry Center, in collaboration with Sweden "Cikada Award", will hold the second round Cikada Award Commemoration Symposium on November 18<sup>th</sup> (Fri) at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus, 1<sup>st</sup> building. We look forward to welcoming many participants.



## Academic Exchange

### JIU Celebrates Its 25<sup>th</sup> Entrance Ceremony and the Establishment of the Department of Physical Therapy

Date: April 2, 2016

Place: Josai International University, Chiba Togane Campus

Academic  
Exchange

Josai International University commemorated its 25<sup>th</sup> entrance ceremony and the founding of its new Department of Physical Therapy

on Saturday, April 2, 2016. The event was held in the Sports Culture Center at the Chiba Togane Campus.



Chancellor Noriko Mizuta gives her ceremonial address



His Highness Crown Prince Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail offers his congratulations



A packed Sports Culture Center



President Hakuo Yanagisawa makes a speech

The Department of Physical Therapy was established in April as part of the Faculty of Social Work Studies. A first-year student representative from the new department, Natsumi Abe, spoke at Saturday's ceremony. She made a powerful pledge, saying, "As I aim for my dream of becoming a sports trainer and of being able to work even in other countries, I look forward to taking advantage of this great learning environment."

The event was honored by the presence of several distinguished guests, including His Highness Malaysian State of Perlis Crown Prince Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail. Also in attendance was Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen—former Malaysian Minister of Tourism and current director of the Tuanku Fauziah Foundation and the director of JIU's Center for ASEAN Studies. Starting From this year, the a program has been established to provide scholarships (from a foundation sponsored by State of Perlis Queen Tuanku Fauziah herself)

to young women from our sister school Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) who would like to study here at JIU. The first generation of exchange students from UniMAP to enter JIU consists of five students so, both universities wanted to commemorate their new relationship. His Highness the Crown Prince, who is not only the Chancellor of UniMAP but also Queen Tuanku Fauziah's son, and UniMAP Pro Chancellor Her Highness the Crown Princess were pleased to be among the invitees at the ceremony. Other dignitaries who participated in the memorable event, included members of the foundation's board of directors and both past and present vice chancellors of UniMAP, all of whom put great effort into the development of the two universities' relationship.

The entrance ceremony was a great success. Such a large number of guests and parents came to observe the ceremony that the hall was packed to overflowing.

## Josai University Educational Corporation and Baroque Japan Limited Conclude Comprehensive Agreement on Industry-University Cooperation

Date: April 11, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

Academic  
Exchange

On April 11, 2016, Josai University Educational Corporation and Baroque Japan Limited (Head Office in Meguro Ward, Tokyo; President and CEO Hiroyuki Murai) concluded a "Comprehensive Agreement for Industry-University Cooperation" at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

Since Baroque Japan Limited was established in 2000, it has launched several brands popular among young women, such as "MOUSSY" and "SLY". Currently, the company has expanded to having 340 stores throughout Japan as well as 160 stores overseas, mainly in China. With this agreement, both parties will operate academia-industry collaboration and mutual cooperation. The Faculty of Management and Information Sciences at Josai International University will play a leading role in contributing to the development of human resources for a new era in the fashion industry.

When the agreement was concluded, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta addressed the audience saying: "During this important year, we will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Josai International University and I am very happy that we were able to form this new relationship. With so many exchange students also coming to learn at our university, I would like us to work with each other on many different levels." President Murai also offered a few remarks of his own, saying, "Our company has grown by placing young women at the forefront and



Agreement signatories: Chancellor Noriko Mizuta (left) and President Hiroyuki Murai

by making clothing that the employees themselves feel they want to wear. We have high hopes for the communicative ability of these young students."

Plans for the future include, among others, implementing student internship programs within Baroque Japan Limited. However, the cooperation goes further. Both parties hope to encourage student participation in store events, and to foster exchanges between employees and faculty members.



## International Exchange

### Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology visits Josai

Date: April 7, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

International  
Exchange

A 4-members delegation from Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology (HUTECH), (Dr. Kieu Xuan Hung, Chairman of HUTECH Corporation, Dr. Nguyen Xuan Hoang Viet, Vice President of the university, Mr. Tran Dinh Huy, HUTECH Vice President of

Facilities Planning and Management and Ms. Nguyen Thi Bich Thuy, Director of Japanese language training Center) paid their visit to Josai on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April to expand the relations between our two institutions; exchange programs and educational cooperation on international level.

The delegates first went to Josai International University to meet HUTECH students and to take in the atmosphere of its Togane campus. They then moved to Kioicho campus, where they met with the management of Josai led by Chancellor Mizuta to review the development of current joint program, and discussed possibilities to further advance the program to enhance the academic cooperation. After the meeting, the visitors toured the facilities of the Faculty of Media Studies and Josai Center for ASEAN Studies.

HUTECH and Josai signed the student exchange agreement in January 2015.

We hope that their visit and discussions will lead to greater exchange of students, faculty members and administrative staff.



Visits of Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology at Tokyo Kioicho Campus

## Mrs. Robach (wife of Swedish Ambassador) holds discussion session at European Café

Date: April 8 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

International  
Exchange

On April 8 2016, Michèle Robach, the wife of Swedish Ambassador Magnus Robach, spoke about her life experiences as a special guest for a European Café event at Josai University's Tokyo Kioicho Campus (Chiyoda Ward.) The "European Café" is a new meeting series which aim is to disseminate knowledge about world's countries' cultures, history and politics in a casual way.

Chancellor Mizuta and around 100 students and professors listened to Mrs. Robach's presentation with great interest while drinking and eating sweets. Mrs. Robach studied politics and economics before marrying Mr. Magnus Robach. She has lived in Japan from 1982 to 1986. After working for an investment bank, she went back to university and got a master's degree in Information and Communication while her husband was working in Belgium.

Her talk encompassed many topics including her discovery of Japan, cultural differences between France and Sweden, food culture, family communication and the balance between public/private lives. She also



European Cafe at Tokyo Kioicho Campus

touched upon issues that women face in Japan stating "if women could come back to work after giving birth, that would give a significant impact on Japanese economy." During the Q&A panel, she answered students' questions with humor.

## President of Venice International University - Dr. Umberto Vattani visits Josai University Educational Corporation

Date: April 8, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

International  
Exchange

President of Venice International University in Italy, Dr. Umberto Vattani paid visit to Josai Tokyo Kioicho Campus on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April. Venice International University (VIU) - established on December 15, 1995 - is an international institution for higher education aiming at "Globalization Program", located on the island of San Servolo. In addition to European students, the VIU gathers abundant students on exchange from Japan, China, Middle East, USA etc., creating a global educational atmosphere.

The visit of Dr. Vattani was made possible through the introduction by the Director of the Institute of Advanced Studies and former Commissioner for Cultural Affairs, Professor Masanori Aoyagi.

At the meeting, both universities exchanged opinions and ideas on possible future student exchange, joint education and cooperative research.

We hope this visit and discussion will lead to fruitful collaboration in the near future.



Group photo with Dr. Vattani



## Josai Delegation Visits Perlis, Malaysia

Date: May 15-18, 2016

Place: University of Malaysia, Perlis

International  
Exchange

From May 15 to 18, 2016, a Josai delegation led by Josai University and Josai Junior College President Yasunori Morimoto as well as Josai University and Josai International University Vice President Kenji Sugibayashi visited the Malaysian state of Perlis. This comes after the Crown Prince and Princess of Perlis visited Josai in April earlier this year. While the primary objective of this visit was to celebrate the seventy-third birthday of His Royal Highness, the Raja of Perlis, an other important agenda item included a meeting with the University of Malaysia, Perlis (UniMAP), one of the five original participating schools in last year's Asia Summer Seminar, regarding a possible partnership and participation in an international conference hosted by UniMAP.

The Raja's birthday gathering was a splendid event attended by 350 people. It also proved to be a very edifying experience with the unique opportunity to interact with foreign cultures.

Leadership at the university alliance meeting was provided by current Josai Center for ASEAN Studies Director and former Malaysian Minister of Tourism Dr. Ng



Discussion of a university alliance at UniMAP (Perlis Crown Prince and Princess in the center, Josai President Yasunori Morimoto to the right)

Yen Yen, and we can expect many exchange students from ASEAN nations to come to Josai again next year. Later, at the international conference, Vice President Sugibayashi provided an overview of the special features of Josai University Educational Corporation, Josai University, and Josai International University.

## Josai Holds Tree Planting Ceremony to Honor Friendship with University of Economics, Prague

Date: May 16, 2016

Place: Josai International University, Chiba Togane campus

International  
Exchange

On May 16, 2016, with Czech Republic Ambassador to Japan His Excellency Mr. Tomas Dub and president of Josai sister school the University of Economics, Prague, Hana Machkova visiting the Josai International University campus, a tree planting ceremony was held to commemorate JIU-University of Economics, Prague friendship at the JIU Rose Garden.

The roses being planted at this ceremony consisted of two types: Gruss an Teplitz donated to JIU by President Machkova and a new type of rose called the Hana Machkova donated by Josai and so named to

honor the President's generous gift.

The Hana Machkova was conceived by Toshio Tomiyoshi of the Japan Rose Society and received awards for Best New Rose at the International Rose Convention.

The ceremony offered a great opportunity for both international exchange and interaction with the local community and was attended by Togane mayor Naohara Shiga, Sanmu mayor Senshu Shiina, Togane International Friendship Association president Kazuo Tsukase, and students and local residents.



Opening remarks at the tree planting ceremony (from right: Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, Ambassador Tomas Dub, President Hana Machkova)



Commemorative photo of tree planting

## Josai Hosts Visit from Czech Delegation of Upper House, Education and Human Rights Council Members

Date: May 17, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

International  
Exchange

On May 17, Josai University Educational Corporation (Noriko Mizuta, Chancellor) hosted an honorary visit from a Czech Republic delegation that included members of the Upper House and the

Education and Human Rights Council. This event provided the precious opportunity to discuss the promotion of academic exchange and other important topics.

As part of Josai's mid-term target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, our university has made academic exchange agreements with a number of institutions worldwide, in particular those located in Central Europe. Josai has concluded academic exchange agreements with three universities in the Czech Republic—University of Economics, Prague; Charles University in Prague; and Masaryk University—with both Josai and Josai International Universities hosting exchange students from said institutions. To date, Josai has hosted five Czech exchange students and sent fourteen Josai students to study abroad in the Czech Republic. Josai has also hosted yearly events with nations of the V4 (or Visegrad Group, which includes the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia, and their respective embassies) in cooperation with the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Zdeněk Berka led the five-member Czech delegation. Their week-long stay in Japan included visits to the Agency for Cultural Affairs, the National Diet, NHK, and elementary schools and universities, in the interest of promoting student exchange at institutions of higher learning and academic exchange and joint research in the fields of science and technology. With Josai having already developed a fruitful academic exchange with the Czech Republic, our campus was the first one that the delegation visited.

In the afternoon the Czech delegation visited the International Conference Room in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Building of Josai's Kioicho campus, they engaged in an informal discussion with Chancellor Mizuta, Josai University President Hakuo Yanagisawa, and other university representatives. In her introductory remarks, Chancellor Mizuta said,



A commemorative photo with meeting participants

“This university has benefited greatly from Czech exchange students, some of whom now work as faculty at Josai. It is my wish that the young people of Japan, particularly the young people of Josai, will engage in an active exchange with your country, and so becoming vital human resources and leaders in this new century. I hope that this opportunity will lead to even more productive exchanges with the Czech Republic and its universities.” Chairman Belka added that he would do everything in his power to facilitate academic exchange. After Josai's video presentation, committee member Zuzana Baudyšová, who has devoted her career to child protection, stated, “I believe children's rights to be of the utmost importance. All of you have made immense contributions to the protection of children's human rights.” Chancellor Mizuta responded by saying that, “Our university has a Children's Welfare course and we'd appreciate any guidance you could provide.”

## Josai Visits Sister Schools in Shenyang, Dalian

Date: May 21-24, 2016

Place: Shenyang Normal University, Dalian University of Technology, Dalian University of Foreign Languages, Dongbei University of Finance and Economics; People's Republic of China

International  
Exchange

### Josai Participates in the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony of Shenyang Normal University

On May 21, 2016, Josai Chancellor Noriko Mizuta was invited to deliver a keynote lecture on the topic of “University Education and Globalization” at the World University Presidents' Forum at Shenyang Normal University to commemorate their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. More than forty representatives from sister institutions around the world participated in the forum, making for a highly productive event.



Chancellor Mizuta delivers her lecture

Josai and Shenyang Normal University first established an academic exchange agreement, with Professor Zhang Dexiang serving as liaison, and they have since collaborated on many programs, particularly related to the Museum of Paleontology and in the field of Japanese language education and in the graduate program in art and design.

Josai also participated in a ceremony led by SYNU President Lin Qun to commemorate the installation of a new plaque in Shenyang's Friendship Forest that honors Josai's past tree donation.



Director Sun Ge (third from left), Secretary Yu Wenming (fourth from right)



Following the Presidents' Forum, the Josai delegation met with Secretary Yu Wenming and Director Sun Ge to pledge their continued support in promoting the Museum of Paleontology. Afterwards, the delegation was given a guided tour of the facilities at the School of Art and Design by Zhang Peng, the Director of the program, and, over tea discussed plans to begin both faculty and student exchanges.

### A meeting of the Josai-Dalian/Northeastern Alumni Association was Held

On May 22, Josai University Educational Corporation, which recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, joined the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Josai-Dalian/Northeastern Alumni Association at a downtown Dalian hotel. Assistant Director of the Dalian University of Technology and Dalian University of Foreign Languages, You Zhishen, who himself is an alumnus, served as host for the evening.

Attendees also included current and former exchange students who studied at Josai and Josai International Universities, JMBA scholarship recipients, graduates of the joint education program, recipients of the "Takashi Mukaibo Memorial" Takashi Murai Scholarship, "Mikio Mizuta Memorial" Noriko Mizuta Scholarship, and other private scholarships; in addition to representatives from the Dalian People's Foreign Friendly Association, Dalian University of Technology, Dalian University of Foreign Languages, and China's Northeastern University. Guests of honor included former Secretary of Dalian University of Technology, and recipient of an honorary doctoral degree from Josai, Zhang Dexiang, Du Fenggang from the Dalian University of Technology and President of the China-Japan Alumni Association, Professor Chen Yan of the Dalian University of Foreign Languages, and Manager of the Dalian Foreign Affairs Office, Yu Tao (who made a surprise appearance), all of whom provided heartfelt words of greeting.



Scholarship students deliver their speeches



Group photo for the alumni association meeting

Alumni who assembled for this meeting expressed their gratitude to their mentors and home institutions and pledged to continue working for the continued development of their universities and the fostering of China-Japan cultural understanding.

The alumni meeting also celebrated the publication of the Chinese language edition of Chancellor Mizuta's poetry collection, *Kiro* (The Road Home). The volume, which was translated by Professor Chen Yan, was presented as a gift to each attendee.

Chancellor Mizuta then announced the foundation of the Kiro Poetry Award for exchange students from the funds raised as part of Josai University Educational Corporation's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. This exciting news was greeted with applause with the alumni meeting participants.

### Dalian University of Technology

#### Josai Delegation Pays a Visit to the Dalian University of Technology and to the Party Secretary

On May 23 at 10:00 AM, the Josai University Educational Corporation's delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta paid a visit to newly appointed Party Secretary Wang Hansong.

Secretary Wang, who is well aware of the details and accomplishments of Josai's academic exchange with the Dalian University of Technology, expressed his appreciation for the scholarship offerings, the Japan-China joint graduate program, the Mikio Mizuta Memorial Book Donation, and research trips that have come as a result of this collaboration. He also stated that it was an honor for the Dalian University of Technology Press to publish the Chinese edition of Chancellor Mizuta's poetry collection, *Kiro*, and presented Chancellor Mizuta with a special hardbound edition of the book.

The meeting followed with a presentation for the "Takashi Mukaibo Memorial" Takashi Murai and "Mikio Mizuta Memorial" Noriko Mizuta Scholarships as well as the 12<sup>th</sup> Mikio Mizuta Book Donation.



Meeting with Party Secretary Wang Hansong



With the scholarship recipients



The ceremony, which was attended by former university Vice President Jia Zhen and other Dalian faculty, began with the presentation of the "Takashi Mukaibo Memorial" Takashi Murai and "Mikio Mizuta Memorial" Noriko Mizuta Scholarships to twenty students by Chancellor Mizuta and Hiroyuki Murai (President of Baroque Japan, Limited), eldest son of Takashi Murai. We all expect outstanding achievements, both in their respective research fields and as members of society, from the twenty Dalian Master's and PhD students chosen for the award. We are also pleased to see that Mr. Murai has taken up the same noble cause established by his father.

This was followed by the ceremony for the Mikio Mizuta Book Donation, during which Josai University Professor Kazunobu Fukushima presented a catalog of books to Dalian University of Technology Chair of Financial Management Su Jingqin. This collection is dedicated to the Financial Management department's MBA program and caters specifically to researchers, post-graduate students, and future exchange students enrolling in Josai's JMBA program who are interested in Japanese finance and business.

By meeting with Party Secretary Wang Hansong as well as University President Guo Dongming, this visit was an excellent opportunity to deepen the relationship between our two schools. We hope that Dalian University of Technology alumni and President Guo will have the opportunity to visit Josai University in the future in the interest of expanding our project of academic exchange further.

### Dalian University of Foreign Languages

#### Josai Delegation Visits Dalian University of Foreign Languages and President Liu Hong

On May 23 at 1:30 PM, the Josai delegation paid a visit to the Dalian University of Foreign Languages where they had a meeting with newly appointed President Liu Hong, congratulating her on her achievement. Josai and DUFL have collaborated on many projects including the promotion of graduate and Japanese language education, as well as fostering human resources in the tourist industry, and hope to enjoy many more programs of exchange in the future.

On May 23 at 3:00 PM the Dalian University of Foreign Languages hosted a joint international symposium, co-organized by DUFL and Josai University/Josai International University and the China-Japan Society for Short Poetry, entitled "Expression Abroad: Contemporary Poetry in Japan and China."

With a keynote lecture on "expression abroad" by Chancellor Mizuta, the symposium was attended by Chen Yan, Du Fenggang, Liu Liguang, and Tian Yuan, as well as He Zhiyong and Meng Haixia, recent Josai doctoral recipients who now work as assistant professors at DUFL. Lushun, Dalian is home to a long-standing Japanese community and



Josai visits the Dalian University of Foreign Languages

possesses its own unique brand of modernism, making it a particularly appropriate site for this symposium. The symposium featured many interesting presentations by young scholars working at Dalian, making for a very enriching event indeed.

#### Josai Delegation Meets with the New Chairperson of the Dalian People's International Friendship Association, Chancellor Mizuta Named Special Overseas Chancellor



Chairperson Huai Zhongmin presents Chancellor Mizuta with an official edict naming her Special Overseas Chancellor for the Dalian People's Foreign Friendly Association

In the afternoon of May 23, Josai Chancellor Mizuta held a meeting with Huai Zhongmin, newly appointed chairperson of the Dalian People's International Friendship Association. Huai, who took over the position from former chairperson Li Yongjin, expressed his desire to continue their program of friendly exchange with Josai University. He then invited Chancellor Mizuta to become the association's Special Overseas Chancellor, to which she readily consented, and presented her with an official edict.

#### Josai Delegation Meets with Dongbei University of Finance and Economics President Chunyu Xia

On May 24, the Josai delegation, led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, met with President Xia Chunyu and other representatives of Dongbei University of Finance and Economics. Joining President Xia was Director of Academic Affairs Zhang Juntao, Director of the International Exchange Institute Zhang Yuci and Professor Fang Aixiang, among others.

Since forming their academic exchange agreement in 2015, their partnership has continued to progress with Josai accepting exchange students at both the undergraduate and post-graduate level to their Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies as well as researchers from Dongbei. In the future, the two schools have agreed to expand their exchange by forming joint programs in the fields of Management, Welfare, Media, Tourism, Humanities and Environmental Studies, in addition to exchange at the junior college level.



Introductory remarks by President Xia of Dongbei University of Finance and Economics

## Vice President of University of Burgundy, Dr. Grégory Wegmann visits Josai University Educational Corporation

International Exchange

Date: May 27, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

Vice President of University of Burgundy (UB) in Dijon, France, Dr. Grégory Wegmann visited Josai University Educational Corporation on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016 to promote cooperation in the field of intercultural management and to discuss possible collaborative program and student exchange.

His visit is a follow up to a visit on December 2, 2015 on our campus by the delegation from the University of Burgundy; Professors Alex Frame, Bernard Altheim, Bénédicte Fortier and Véronique Parisot. Interesting talks were made about establishing a new Short-term Program for Josai's BA and MA students and on Sister City Agreement between Dijon and Tsurugashima which is currently being discussed between the two municipalities.

Both universities look forward to developing further cooperation and new collaborative programs in the future.



Group photo with Dr. Grégory Wegmann

## Delegation from University of Lodz in Poland visits Josai University Educational Corporation

International Exchange

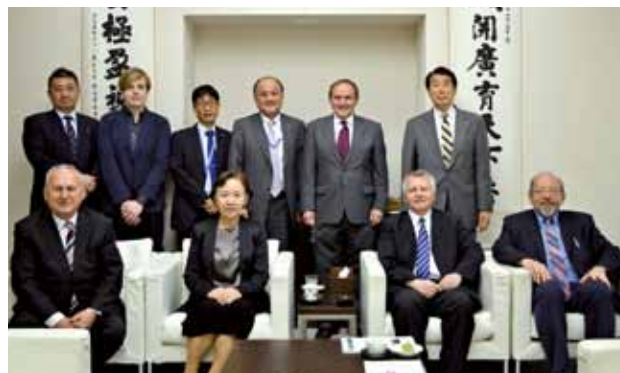
Date: May 30 and 31, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus; Josai University, Sakado campus

Delegation from University of Lodz in Poland, Professor Ryszard Piasecki (Chair of the Department of Development Economics, former Polish Ambassador to Chile, Secretary general of International Center for European Education in Berlin and Nice), Professor Eugeniusz Kwiatkowski (Chair of Institute of Economics, former Vice-Rector), Mr. Jan Rydz (Vice Chancellor) and Professor Miron Wolnicki (currently an Associate Professor of Villanova University) visited Josai University Educational Corporation on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> to promote academic cooperation. After a short introduction of both parties members, a discussion was held on possible collaborative programs and future challenges between Lodz and Josai.

After a visit of Tokyo Kioicho Campus, the delegates visited Togane campus to meet with exchange students, among them students from University of Lodz, and to participate in the campus tour provided by professors of JIU.

The following day, Polish professors visited Sakado campus and participated in the rose planting ceremony. They, again, met exchange students from V4 countries, Korea, China, Vietnam, during the welcome ceremony and encouraged them to continue their studies to meet their career goals. Their visit was concluded by participation in the White Robe ceremony of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Studies, celebrating the start of new academic year for the students.



Meeting at Tokyo Kioicho Campus

University of Lodz and Josai University signed an agreement in November, 2012. Since then, we have been cooperating in student exchange programs, and in academic collaborative programs in fields of language education and social sciences. This year, two students from Josai International University will participate in the summer program sponsored by the University of Lodz. Both universities look forward to developing even deeper cooperation in the future.

## Ceremonial Planting of Roses from the University of Economics, Prague, Held at Seiko Mizuta Memorial Rose Garden on the Sakado Campus

International Exchange

Date: May 31, 2016

Place: Josai University, Sakado campus

On May 31, a ceremonial planting was held for three types of roses donated by sister school, University of Economics, Prague, at the Seiko Mizuta Memorial Rose Garden on Josai's Sakado campus (located in Sakado, Saitama). A four-member delegation from Polish sister school University of Lodz led by Economics department Chair Eugeniusz Kwiatkowski and former Chancellor Jan Rydz, who was in Japan for a

visit, also participated in the ceremony.

The three types of roses planted in this ceremony consisted of the Seiko Mizuta rose, a new type named after the former Josai Honorary Chancellor, the Czech rose Gruss an Teplitz, donated by the University of Economics, Prague, President Hana Machkova, and another new type of rose, the Hana Machova, presented by Josai to the university president in return for her generous gift.

President Machkova attended the opening ceremony for the Josai International University Rose Garden, which took place in November 2015, following the World University Presidents' Forum as part of Josai's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary festivities. It was President Machkova's deep appreciation for the garden that inspired this donation. Both the Seiko Mizuta and Hana Machkova roses were designed by renowned rose grower Toshio Tomiyoshi and received awards for Best New Rose at the International Rose Convention. Chancellor Noriko Mizuta said in her introductory remarks, "This rose garden, which was founded to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Josai Junior College, has been the beneficiary of rose donations from around the world and is maintained through the hard work of Josai staff and community members." Joking, she added, "Someday, we might even receive roses from Poland." She continued, "I hope that all of you will continue to cherish this international rose garden and foster its beautiful flowers." Following the Chancellor's speech, participants including local elected officials of the prefectural assembly, members of the alumni association, and student council and exchange student



Joining the planting ceremony are (from right) Economics department Chair Eugeniusz Kwiatkowski, Chancellor Mizuta, and Saitama prefectural assembly member Takashi Kinoshita

representatives, took turns unloading soil to cover the young rose bulbs.

Joining the planting ceremony are (from right) Economics department Chair Eugeniusz Kwiatkowski, Chancellor Mizuta, and Saitama prefectural assembly member Takashi Kinoshita

## Josai Hosts 1<sup>st</sup> "Swedish Café"

Date: June 7, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

International  
Exchange

On June 7, 2016, Josai University Educational Corporation invited the President of Höganas Japan K.K., Mr. Carl-Gustav Eklund for the first "Swedish Café" held in the International Conference Room in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Building, Tokyo Kioicho campus.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta serves as the President of The Japan-Sweden Society; the event was held with an idea to explore the cultural and economic relationship between the two countries. More than 100 people attended the event, among them the Chief of The Japan Institute of Scandinavian Studies, Professor Kenji Suzuki; Josai students and scholarship students; and faculty members.

Mr. Eklund studied business and management at the School of Business, Economics and Law of the University of Gothenburg. After graduation he enrolled in the Chalmers University of Technology where he obtained Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Arriving to Japan in 1980, he has worked over 30 years as manager and representative of various Swedish corporations, and between 2006 and 2010 he served as the Chairman of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan. Chancellor Mizuta in her introductory remarks mentioned: "I cannot think of a better speaker to inaugurate this series of events than Mr. Carl-Gustav Eklund." Based on his own experiences of the past 30 years, Mr. Eklund introduced us his unique points of view in connection with the cross cultural management between



A bouquet was presented to Mr. Eklund by an exchange student

Sweden and Japan, and he shared some secrets of success of Swedish Managers, as well as introducing the important points that Swedish Business may be able to learn from their Japanese competitors. He encouraged the students to open up to the world and to venture overseas; and shared his thoughts on what we can do to support their ambitions. The audience actively participated in the lecture, and Mr. Eklund's thoughts and opinions were comprehensive throughout the discussion. Josai University Educational Corporation plans to have more Swedish Café events in the future.

## Josai Hosts 1<sup>st</sup> "Irish Café"

Date: June 24, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

International  
Exchange

On June 24, Josai University Educational Corporation invited former Professor of Kobe University, Taketoshi Furomoto, for the 1<sup>st</sup> "Irish Café" held in the International Conference Room in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Building of the Tokyo Kioicho campus. In March of last year, with the cooperation of Hiromasa Yonekura, chairman of the Japan Business Federation, and the Irish Embassy, Josai began a course of academic exchange with the University of Limerick in Ireland, with both schools instituting joint research programs starting this year. More than 120 people attended the event, including Mr. Yonekura, Josai students, and faculty members.

Mr. Furomoto graduated from the Literature Department of Kyoto University in 1958, and has served as a faculty member at both Kobe and Aichi Gakuin Universities. He was also President of the Japan branch of the International Association for the Study of Irish Literature. His works include *The Power to See the Unseeable* and *Half-Step Literary Theory*. Chancellor Noriko Mizuta made introductory remarks, saying, "Professor Furomoto is a renowned scholar in the field of English literature and one of the foremost figures in Irish studies. I am sure that his lecture today will foster a greater appreciation of Ireland among us, the listeners."



Professor Furomoto's lecture, entitled "A Message from Ireland," gave an overview of Irish history and described the development of Irish studies in Japan as well as an analysis of ancient stone circles and spiritual ideas of transmigration and transformation which suggest certain similarities between Irish and Japanese culture.

In conclusion, Professor Furomoto touched on the ongoing struggles in Northern Ireland by saying, "What is often cited in the context of this struggle is the idea of 'diversity within uniformity.' Ireland recognizes the merit of respecting minority opinions among a diversity of views. This is the biggest message that Ireland sends out to the world." He also added that, "Within a compact population and area, the Irish share a common culture which will endlessly link their people together. The example of Ireland I believe provides a valuable lesson for us today."

Mr. Yonekura also participated in the Q&A which followed by



Mr. Furomoto delivers his lecture

responding to students' questions about the current state of the Irish economy.

## Kiyoshi Imaizumi, Chairman of "Imaizumi Memorial Burma Scholarship," Awards Josai with Endowment Fund for Human Resource Development in Myanmar

International Exchange

Date: July 26, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation, Tokyo Kioicho Campus

On Tuesday, July 26, 2016, a delegation led by Chairman Kiyoshi Imaizumi of the Imaizumi Memorial Burma Scholarship fund paid a visit to Chancellor Mizuta of Josai to promote the academic exchange and the development of human resources.

The specific goal of this visit was to support human resource development and exchange with Myanmar, a goal that Imaizumi hopes to realize through this generous endowment to Josai University who is currently hosting exchange students from Myanmar.

Chairman Imaizumi first established the "Imaizumi Memorial Burma Scholarship" in Tsurugashima, Saitama in 1989 to express his gratitude to the people of Burma (now Myanmar), where Imaizumi served as a Japanese soldier during World War II, as it was only due to their kindness in sharing food despite its overwhelming scarcity that he was able to endure the harsh conditions of war and to return home. The scholarship is a means of repaying his debt and to contribute to the construction of the nation of Myanmar. Since its foundation, 187 university students (including 25 PhD students) have been awarded the scholarship and have gone on to active careers in various fields in Japan, Myanmar, and other developing



Chairman Imaizumi presents his gift to Chancellor Mizuta

nations. The scholarship has also been awarded to over 300 students in Myanmar and continues to be used to support the construction of schools and libraries as well as human resource development. Josai greatly values the aspirations of Mr. Imaizumi and pledges our continual support for the growth of education and human resources in Myanmar.

## Celebration of the 2016 Fall Entrance Ceremony

International Exchange

Date: September 13, 2016

Place: Josai International University Chiba Tougane Campus

On September 13 the '2016 Fall Entrance Ceremony' was held at the Mizuta Memorial Hall, Chiba Tougane Campus.

In addition to the Spring Graduation Ceremony and Entrance Ceremony, our university holds a Fall Graduation Ceremony and Entrance Ceremony mainly for international students.

In her address, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta stated the following, "In order for a world made up of many people with different ideologies, and cultures to coexist, it is necessary to practice respecting diversity. It is my wish that in the future, as a member of Josai International University, you can bring about a great change in society, and grow to become global citizens with a deep understanding of Japan and its relationship with the world."



Together with representative students from their respective countries, Jiang Kaiming gives his pledge.

On this occasion we welcomed incoming students from across 17 countries and regions, with a representative from each country taking to the stage to give a greeting in their native tongue. In his greeting, Taiwanese Faculty of Tourism exchange student, Jian Kaiming made

the following strong pledge: "We, freshmen vow to honour the spirit upon which the university was founded, 'to build character through learning', and become people of talent that can play an active role in international society."

## The conclusion of the academic exchange agreement with Shenyang Pharmaceutical University

Date: September 26, 2016

Place: Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus

International  
Exchange

On September 26, 2016, Josai University Educational Corporation (Chancellor Noriko Mizuta) held an academic exchange agreement signing ceremony with the Shenyang Pharmaceutical University of China, at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus' 1st Building. Approximately 100 school staff and students of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences from Josai University and Josai International University watched the signing ceremony.

Shenyang Pharmaceutical University succeeded in the many traditions of the old Chinese Medical University regarding both academics and experimental study. It is the first university of pharmacy to be established in China, and has accomplished great achievements in its relationship with Japan and promoting education. Up until now, academic exchange agreements with approximately 30 Japanese universities, such as Kitasato University, have been concluded. Several students of Shenyang College of Pharmacy have achieved a degree from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Research from our university, and two students are currently taking a course in the graduate school. On this day, Vice President Maosheng Cheng, Liang Fang, the Director of Pharmacy, and Cai Hongyu, the Head of International Exchange,

came to the university. Certain factors such as Director Liang Fang's study abroad experience at Josai University's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences led to the conclusion of the academic exchange agreement.

In her opening remarks, Chancellor Mizuta said: "Director Liang Fang is a graduate of Josai University. Our university and Shenyang Pharmaceutical University have a close relationship, and have been deeply connected through education. The signing of this agreement is a great joy for us, because it is a new step taken forward in the exchange with the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Josai University and Josai International University, and other faculties." In response, Vice President Cheng said, "Thank you for providing a warm welcome and a grand signing ceremony. By signing this agreement, I think that (both universities) will establish a win-win system. I would like to immediately start promoting the students' joint education and joint research." After the introduction of the attendees, Chancellor Mizuta and Vice President Cheng signed the agreement and concluded the signing ceremony. It is expected that the conclusion of this academic exchange agreement will greatly develop the exchange between the universities.



Vice-President Cheng gives his greetings



Commemoration photograph after the signing of the agreement



## Publications



### News from Josai University Educational Corporation University Press

Publications

#### "Dr. Mahathir's Pearls of Wisdom The Prescription for Peace" publication

The Japanese translated version of 'Wit and Wisdom', written by the former Prime Minister of Malaysia Mr. Mahathir, who was also the

lecturer at the first round of the Mikio Mizuta Commemoration Global Lecture series will finally be published. The publication is a collection of many statements made by Mahathir during his 22 years as Prime Minister, and also after his retirement, expressing his passionate pursuit of peace.

Please visit the website of Josai University Educational Corporation University Press <http://www.josai.jp/jupress/> for more information regarding books and purchase methods.

### "Masahiro Shinoda's Lecture on Movies" publication

A book that groups the conversations and interviews conducted during 'Josai International University Media Department Movie Lecture' with Masahiro Shinoda, the internationally popular movie director and lecturer at Josai International University. This book illustrates his profound knowledge of Japanese culture, the relationship between his movies and music, and the essence of movie making; an irresistible collection for movie fans. Please visit the website of Josai University Educational Corporation University Press <http://www.josai.jp/jupress/> for more information regarding books and purchase methods.

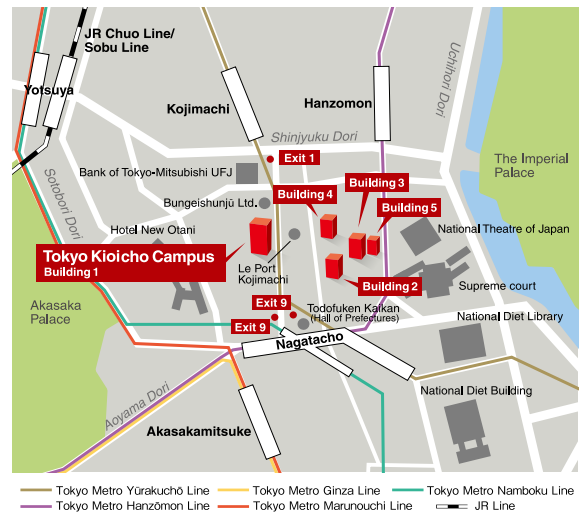


### "The Media That Gathered the Dream of Taisho Democracy" publication

The book reconsiders the various incidents which happened during the flourishing Taisho Democracy of 1918. The book is written in an easy-to-read story telling style, with information diligently collected and researched by the Josai University visiting professor, Dr. Kenji Suzuki. The book illustrates how the media at first sang praises to democracy, but ultimately ended up getting engulfed in the turmoil of war. Now 70 years since the end of the war, it reflects upon the role of media afresh. Please visit the website of Josai University Educational Corporation University Press <http://www.josai.jp/jupress/> for more information regarding books and purchase methods.



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- Tokyo Metro Namboku Line/Hanzomon Line | Nagatacho Station | 5-min. walk from Exit 9
- Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line/Ginza Line | Akasakamitsuke Station | 8-min. walk from Exit D
- JR Chuo Line/Sobu Line | Yotsuya Station | 10-min. walk



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