On August 6, 2017, JIU President Kenji Sugibayashi received an honorary doctorate from Malaysia’s Management & Science University (MSU) for his long-term contributions to the joint education programs between MSU, Josai University and Josai International University, as well as his outstanding academic achievements as a pharmaceutical researcher in the international sphere.

Diplomas were handed to each graduating student during a ceremony solemnly conducted in the presence of Her Royal Highness Tuanku Hajah Haminah Binti Haji Hamidun, Chancellor of MSU. The MSU representatives mentioned Sugibayashi’s academic accomplishments while wishing the best for his future research and the ongoing joint education programs between the institutions.

Sugibayashi gave thanks for the conferment of the honorary doctorate, reflected upon his path in international research and education, and expressed his determination for further development and advancement, receiving warm applause from the audience. He concluded his speech in Malay, creating a joyful atmosphere.

**President Sugibayashi’s words of gratitude:**
Supported by the great efforts of many people around me, I receive this honorary doctorate. Thank you very much to all of you.

MSU, a highly global university, has been a very important partner for Josai University, Josai International University and Josai Junior College. I believe we’ll be able to further strengthen our ties. Since MSU is involved with hospitals and hotels, we’d be able to collaborate not only in nursing and pharmacy, but also in management and tourism.

We hope to learn firsthand from Malaysia’s courageous decision on, and successive growth by, the implementation of a second language education. We also hope that MSU continues to play a role in Josai University Educational Corporation's growth in the international arena.