

JIU Celebrates 2018 Fall Matriculation Ceremony



Speech by President **Kenji Sugibayashi**



Speech by Chancellor **Akira Uehara**



Congratulatory speech by **Eszter Kolozsy-Kiss**,
First Secretary of the Embassy of Hungary



Congratulatory speech by **Malgorzata Szmid**,
Second Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic
of Poland



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Counselor of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic



Ann Orsolya Sári from Hungary makes a pledge
on behalf of the new students

On September 18, Josai International University celebrated the 2018 Fall Matriculation Ceremony at Mizuta Memorial Hall on its Togane Campus in Chiba Prefecture.

Two Japanese students and 379 international students from 15 countries—China, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, Indonesia, Jordan, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, the U.S. and Vietnam—attended the ceremony and began a new chapter in their lives with JIU.

President **Kenji Sugibayashi** delivered a speech, referring to the advancement of globalization and technological innovation: "Humankind will soon be experiencing the most challenging time in history; all of you here present will be active participants in society while competing with people from around the world. Competition takes place

in relation to others, but it is also an intrinsic challenge to oneself; I wish you to get a feel of what is going on in the real world while at JIU and have a sense of high achievement and gratification when you graduate from JIU.

Following Sugibayashi, Chancellor **Akira Uehara** delivered a congratulatory speech, saying, "The words that I have been most consciously practicing in my daily life are "Grasping the big picture, move into small actions" of Chinese Confucian Xunzi. In the large current of time, the best we can do is to move a step forward along the current. "What we will be tomorrow is the result of what we think and do today." It is this phrase that has been my guiding principle. I wish you to be determined to guide your own life paths and take your first step forward according to your set goals. I would also like you to start taking your first step today and become individuals who will contribute to society and humanity."

The event was attended by numerous international guests, including **Eszter Kolozsy-Kiss**, First Secretary of the Embassy of Hungary, **Malgorzata Szmidt**, Second Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, and **Juraj Petruška**, Counselor of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic, who also delivered their congratulatory speeches to the new students.

On behalf of the new students, **Anna Orsolya Sári**, an exchange student from Hungary's Eötvös Loránd University, made a pledge, saying, "I found my goals thanks to my accomplished dream of coming to Japan; I wish all of my fellow students to find their own goals while at JIU." She also pledged to devote herself to study, following the school rules and customs.