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Entrance ceremony held to welcome newest students

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Josai International University (JIU) held an entrance ceremony for new students on April 2 at its Togane Campus in Chiba Prefecture.

The university, which is celebrating the 25th year anniversary, welcomed 1,650 students to its eight faculties and graduate school, as well as its school of Japanese Language and Culture.

Among freshmen, 330 were non-Japanese from 22 countries and regions in Asia, Europe and South America.

The ceremony at the Sports Culture Center was attended by foreign dignitaries, including HRH Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Ibni Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail, the Crown Prince of Perlis, Malaysia; HRH Tuanku Hajjah Lailatul Shahreen Akshah Binti Khalil, the Crown Princess of Perlis, Malaysia; former Malaysian Minister of Tourism and Josai Centre of ASEAN Studies Director Ng Yen Yen; Kamarudin Hussin, former vice chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP); and Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal, deputy vice chancellor of UniMAP.

It also saw the attendance of figures from the local community, including Togane Mayor Naoharu Shiga; Sanmu, Chiba Prefecture, Mayor Senshu Shiina; and Masao Shoji, vice mayor of Kamogawa, also in Chiba and home to another JIU campus.

In her address, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta said JIU is closely connected with the local community and aims to nurture people able to play active roles in the international community.

"I hope all of you grow up to be those who could help the world through learning many languages and interacting with different cultures by taking part in various JIU study abroad programs," she said.

Mizuta said the JIU's efforts on international education were further boosted by a scholarship provided by Malaysia's Tuanku Fauziah



Right photo: The Crown Prince of Perlis, Malaysia, HRH Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Ibni Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail, one of the guests at the JIU entrance ceremony, addresses new students at the Togane Campus in Chiba Prefecture on April 2; Left photo: The Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Perlis, Malaysia, HRH Tuanku Hajjah Lailatul Shahreen Akshah Binti Khalil, look on during the ceremony.



Foundation that enabled five female students from the Southeast Asian country to study at the university from the 2016 academic year.

"Created by the mother of his royal highness, the foundation strives in particular to foster leadership among women," Mizuta noted. "I'm sure our international education and teaching on women's leadership will be additionally enriched."

A day before the entrance ceremony, the crown prince and princess of Perlis paid a visit to Mizuta at Josai University Educational Corporation in Tokyo.

Mizuta, who serves as Chancellor of the educational corporation, said the organization is honored to receive students from Malaysia thanks to the scholarship.

In response, expressing his gratitude on behalf of the foundation, the prince said that they are very "proud to be able to work and share the future together" with them.

The entrance ceremony also coincided with the opening of the Department of Physical Therapy at the Faculty of Social Work Studies.



Mizuta explained during her address that the department was created to shore up JIU's engagement in the healthcare field, further enhancing cooperation among the faculties of pharmaceutical sciences, nursing and social work studies.

"I hope they will be reliable people who work on improving healthcare in communities around the Togane area," Mizuta told the

Physical Therapy Department students. Representing the incoming students, Natsumi Abe, who is enrolled in the department, pledged they would have fulfilling college lives at JIU.

"I promise that we'll do our best to fulfill our dreams and become international students by studying hard and appreciating every moment of our lives at JIU."

Bright future ahead for latest graduates of JIU

by Terutada Tsunoda, Student Faculty of International Humanities

March 16 marked the end of a section of students' adventurous lifetime stories, but also the start of a new chapter.

The graduation ceremony was held at JIU's Togane Campus, with 1,230 students attending the ceremony to receive their diplomas. Among the graduating students, Her Imperial Highness Princess Ayako was on hand to receive her master's degree from the Graduate School of Social Work Studies.

During the ceremony, the Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation Noriko Mizuta gave an address to the scholars saying, "I'd like you to acknowledge and appreciate all those who have supported you throughout your student life, as it will become your strongest foundation as you build your future career."

Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado attended the ceremony, offering a sincere message to the graduates, saying, "From the bottom of my heart I pray and wish that your future will be brilliant and bright."

To end the ceremony, the student representative of the graduating class, Minami Takahashi from the Faculty of Nursing, spoke to the graduating students, saying, "In order for me to become part of society so that I could repay all the support that I have received, I'd like to make the effort to work hard every day," thus conveying her strong thoughts about her future.

At the moment the ceremony came to an end, the students welled up with tears of joy, leaving them with thoughts formed of intense recollections and strong bonds.

Each JIU graduate took their first step out of the gates with assurance and confidence to keep the JIU legacy alive.



Jeffrey Angles, a poetry scholar at Western Michigan University, delivers a presentation at Josai University's Kioicho Campus in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward on March 11.

Examining poetry in aftermath of 3.11 disaster

by JIU Times

Josai University's International Modern Poetry Center organized a symposium to discuss poems written about the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami at the university's Kioicho Campus in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward, on the fifth anniversary of the disasters.

The symposium, titled "Unruly Cradle; Poetic Responses to the March 11, 2011, Disasters," had 11 poets on the panel — nine Japanese, including Josai University Educational Corporation Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, as well as an American and a Chinese — who discussed their views on how the disasters, which killed some 15,800 and left some 2,500 missing, changed poetry in Japan.

"I'm glad the International Modern Poetry Center organized this event on the fifth anniversary of March 11. We're here to discuss how poets perceived the disasters," Chancellor Mizuta said in her opening remarks.

One of the panelists, Jeffrey Angles, a poetry scholar at Western Michigan University

who has translated many Japanese poems into English, delivered the keynote speech in Japanese. He has recently published a collection of translations of Japanese poems about the disasters and how their aftermath affected people, titled "These Things Here and Now: Poetic Responses to the March 11, 2011, Disasters."

He said the disasters influenced the poetry industry. For example, many magazines published special editions with collections of poems about the disasters. There have been many documentaries, eulogistic and commemorative poems, as well as those with themes ranging from anti-nuclear power to environmental responsibility, he said.

Angles also touched on the key roles poems played after the disasters. Poems helped inspire donations to the disaster-hit Tohoku region, gave a tangible shape to hardships suffered by the victims and comforted the spirits of victims, among other things.

Following the keynote speech, there was a panel discussion that included Chancellor

Mizuta, Angles, Tian Yuan, Takako Arai, Sayaka Ohsaki, Kazuko Shiraishi, Mutsuo Takano, Mutsuo Takahashi, Yosuke Tanaka, Shuntaro Tanikawa and Hirata Toshiko.

Some of them said the written word was "broken" after the disasters because there was so much information that they felt words held no power for anyone. One said she could not write poems for a while, while another said it was very chaotic for her because of the excessive amount of information.

The panel discussion was followed by poetry readings by the panelists.

The International Modern Poetry Center was founded in December with the aim of serving as a hub of critical research, translation and appreciation of modern and contemporary poetry both in Japan and worldwide. It seeks to build connections not only between poets, readers and researchers from many nations and backgrounds, but also to illuminate the role that poetry plays in bringing meaning to people's lives, value systems, politics and identities.

Mizuta, delegates visit Peking University

by Josai International Center for the Promotion of Art & Sciences JICPAS

Josai University Educational Corporation Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and university faculty members visited Peking University on March 25 for the opening of the Josai University International Modern Poetry Center to promote poetry exchange between Japan and China.

The ceremony to open the center was attended by people working for both universities and others, including Xi Chuan and Xiao Xiao, both of whom are modern poets in China, Ye Jing Yi, vice-chair of the Peking University Council, Shintaro Kikuchi, first secretary, embassy of Japan, Lars Vargö, former Swedish ambassador to Japan who is also a renowned



translator of Japanese literature and Koshi Oda, the executive director of Shichosha Co., a poetry publishing company.

Josai University last year opened the Translation Center, as well as the International Modern Poetry Center, both of which are to provide full support on international academic exchanges similar to this event.

East Asia is home to several traditional poetry genres. The International Modern Poetry Center aims to promote cross-cultural understanding of poetic language amid the trend of globalization in the 21st century.

International Modern Poetry Center opens

by Jordan A. Y. Smith, Associate Professor Faculty of International Humanities

Along with the 50th anniversary of Josai University Educational Corporation in the 2015-16 academic year, the JIU community celebrated the opening of its new International Modern Poetry Center (IMPC), founded with the aim of serving as a hub of critical research, translation and appreciation of modern and contemporary poetry in Japan and worldwide. Guided by Director Noriko Mizuta with assistance from JIU professors Tian Yuan and Jordan Smith, the center seeks to build connections not only between poets, readers and researchers from many nations and backgrounds, but also illuminate the role of poetry in bringing meaning to our lives, value systems, politics and identities.

The center will operate under the direction and active participation of outstanding poets from around the globe, including Honorary Advisory Directors Chinese poet Luo Ying, American Forrest Gander (Brown University)

and Moroccan poet Mohammed Bennis. Others involved in the center's direction are visiting professors, including Bei Dao and Xi Chuan; researchers such as lauded Japanese poets Gozo Yoshimasa and Kiwao Nomura (both JIU faculty) and visiting researchers such as Mutsuo Takahashi, Jeffrey Angles and others.

The center will focus on two major areas; conducting poetry-related events such as symposiums, round tables, dialogues and thematic poetry readings; and making poetic activity accessible to wider literary and scholarly communities through research and translation. Within the community of Josai universities, IMPC activities are planned to build connections between all academic fields and departments to include faculty and students with diverse interests. Future events, such as a symposium bringing Chinese and Japanese poets together in dialogue, a discussion on poetics between haiku and modern poetry with Yoko Tawada, a celebration of the recipients of the Cicada Prize and more can be found at the IMPC website: <http://www.josai.jp/international/IMPC>.

Prince Hitachi visits Josai Fossil Gallery

by JIU Times

Prince Hitachi visited Josai University's Kioicho Campus in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward, to see the Fossil Gallery in the campus' Building 3 on April 12.

The gallery was showing about 90 fossils of water-based creatures from the Cretaceous Period, as well as other specimens. The prince spent about an hour examining fossils and getting explanations from Josai University Educational Corporation Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and other Josai University staff.

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Swedish ambassador's wife speaks at European Cafe

by JIU Times

Michèle Robach, the wife of Swedish Ambassador Magnus Robach, spoke about her life experiences as a special guest for a European Cafe event at the Kioicho Campus of Josai University, in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward, on April 8. The European Cafe is a voluntary gathering of Josai University and Josai International University students and faculty members for casual chats in French, making the French-born and raised Robach an ideal guest.

Josai University Educational Corporation Chancellor Noriko Mizuta is the president of Japan Sweden Society.

"I would like to express my gratitude to Chancellor Mizuta for inviting me. I was surprised at how good her French is," Robach said in French, referring to Mizuta's opening remarks.

Robach began by introducing herself, saying she lived in Sweden for 17 years after her

marriage and how Sweden had become her second home. She is the mother of three boys, who all have dual citizenship and are able to speak French, Swedish and English.

She lived in Japan from 1982 to 1986 and returned to Japan in September 2014.

She spoke about the things she discovered while in Japan, including the people's kind and welcoming attitude, a diverse and exotic land, fascinating culture, with many contrasts to spark curiosity, a lively city which never sleeps and a mind-opening experience.

She was also able to talk about some differences in her times in Japan. For example, foreign brands are better established in Japan now, while Japanese brands are better known in Europe. Additionally, she noted that Japanese do not stare at foreigners as much as before, she said.

She also feels that the number dogs has increased and Japanese now have a better grasp

of reality following the collapse of the bubble economy.

"In Europe it's very rare to see a dog in a baby stroller; I only see it in Japan," she said. She also talked about her personal life and how she stays in touch with her sons via social media such as Facebook and WhatsApp.

"The language spoken among family members isn't important. What's important is to listen to and understand each other," she said.

In a Q&A session, a student asked Robach's if she thought it is easier for women to work France than it is for women in Japan. Robach said France may be easier than Japan, but that does not mean French women are happy with the situation.

"There's a certain amount of discrimination. This is a fight that will continue forever," she said, referring to the difficulties faced by women in getting a job, raising their incomes and decreasing their responsibilities at home.



Michèle Robach (second from right), the wife of the Swedish Ambassador, speaks during a visit to Josai University's European Cafe at the school's Kioicho Campus on April 8.

Biography of Josai founder Mizuta published

by Center of Public Relations

On Feb. 6, the Josai University Educational Corporation hosted a guest lecture celebrating the publication of "Kantsubaki," the biography of its founder, former Minister of Finance Mikio Mizuta. Kenji Suzuki, the biography's author, attended the event at Seiko Hall on the Josai University Sakado Campus. In honor of the university's 50th anniversary, approximately 500 guests came to hear Suzuki speak. Attendees included writer Masayasu Hosaka and Togane City Mayor Naoharu Shiga, as well as various faculty members and local figures.

Suzuki was born in 1942 and completed his doctorate at the University of Tokyo. He held various positions at the Mainichi Shimbun, including Washington special correspondent, deputy director of the Politics Section and deputy chairman of the Editorial Committee. Additionally, he has worked at Seikei University as both a professor and as the director of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies. He took up his current position, guest professor of Josai International University, in 2013. He is the main author of publications such as "Nationalism and the Media," "Japan-America Crises and Reporting" and "War and the Newspaper." From the early 1970s until the founder's passing in 1976, Suzuki spent a great deal of time working in close proximity to Mizuta. He was the last reporter in charge of covering Mizuta's time as finance minister and as the leader of the Mizuta Faction.

On the day of the lecture, Chancellor Mizuta provided the opening remarks for the event. "Until now, our founder's story has never been compiled. It was my wish that everyone should know his life story, and Dr. Suzuki happily accepted the task. Now I'm grateful to hear from so many people, and to know that this wonderful book is being read by so many."

During the lecture, which centered on the theme of "Mikio Mizuta and 21st century Japan," Suzuki explained the founder's character. "Mr. Mizuta was an extremely hardworking person. He was a politician with integrity, who maintained a sense of pride, even if he had to endure financial difficulty." He described Mizuta's political creed as the idea that one should "follow proper constitutional practices." Suzuki went on, saying, "He really understood the world of politics, and, after careful thought, he decided to pursue a new path in education." Attendees also heard about a time just before the university's founding, when



there was a lack of funds. In response to the problem, the president of the Petroleum Association at the time said that "the gods do not betray a god," referring to Mizuta.

At the end of the lecture, Suzuki spoke of the university's first graduation ceremony, which was held in 1969. "At that time, Mr. Mizuta talked of 'character building through

learning.' I believe what he meant to say was, "The cultivation of one's character is truly sought in the midst of the effort and struggle of creating a new environment." Suzuki concluded the event by saying, "May you head toward yet another new environment, going through the struggle and effort again, so that you can celebrate 100 years someday."

Following the lecture, a reception was held in the media area of the campus's Faculty of Business Administration building. It was a great opportunity for guests to enjoy themselves and mingle. Author Hosaka gave the opening remarks for the occasion, saying: "People like Kakuei Tanaka represent a period in time, but Mr. Mizuta is someone who created history. A person who lives in history the way Mr. Mizuta did, who holds on carefully to their theories, will be remembered in the time to come. That person will remain," to resounding applause from the assembled guests.

"Kantsubaki" (¥2,500 plus tax) was published by the Josai University Educational Corporation University Press in July 2015.

LASTING TRIBUTE



Many residents of Tateyama, Chiba Prefecture, supported politician Mikio Mizuta, the former finance minister and founder of Josai University. A statue of Mizuta can be found at Tsurugaya-Hachimangu Shrine in the city of Tateyama and flowers are always offered on its side. Chiba Prefectural Awa High School is also nearby. JIU TIMES

Josai University Educational Corporation
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"Kantsubaki"

Mikio Mizuta's Biography

A former journalist of Mainichi Shimbun, Kenji Suzuki (Visiting Professor at Josai International University) gives a vivid account of Mikio Mizuta's life with his detailed coverage based on interviews with politicians and businessmen who knew Mizuta well. Suzuki was a reporter assigned to cover Mikio Mizuta, the founder of Josai University, when Mizuta was the Finance Minister of Japan.

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JIU's mission: Character building through learning

JIU prides itself on its youthful ambition and energy, on its commitment to forming the characters of young people with dreams and noble visions of working for the benefit of both local and international communities. The university is guided by the spiritual legacy of its founder, a mission of "character building through learning," in helping students to make themselves responsible individuals and members of society at large.

JIU provides much more than specialized and liberal education in the classroom. The university also offers three practical training programs that focus on the use of foreign language and information processing skills for planning and implementation, and on

the development of the abilities to take the initiative in their endeavors.

The first of these three programs, "field training," was first introduced in Japan by JIU and includes a variety of internships and on-the-job training. The second program is "project training," in which students undertake various projects that they have conceived and planned on their own. The third is "career education," in which students choose their future occupations and start to prepare for their careers by developing their own capabilities.

Through these and other training and education programs, JIU helps students to find their mission in life and offers them solid support with specific preparation and training.



Chancellor Noriko Mizuta

Profile of Chancellor Mizuta

The Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation, Dr. Noriko Mizuta graduated from Tokyo Woman's Christian University. She earned her Ph.D. in American Literature from Yale University, then taught as an Assistant Professor and then as an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Comparative Literature at the University of Southern California.

She was appointed President of Josai University in 1994 and President of Josai International University in 1996. Since 2004, she has held the post of Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation.

Dr. Mizuta's fields of research are in Comparative Literature and Women's Studies.

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Serendipity

Meet everyone you can — Vol. 14

by Mike Critchley
former Assistant Professor

Serendipity is a beautiful word. It represents those opportunities we encounter in life by chance. It's when we happen upon people or things not looked for. It's the joy of the unexpected. It's something that tends to happen when we venture out into the world and meet as many people as we can.



When I first moved to Japan in 1992, I became very interested in Japanese music. One of my favorite bands at the time was X Japan. I felt that X Japan were true musicians. They actually played their own instruments and wrote their own music. They started from nothing and made it to the top of the charts. In short,

they rocked!

One reason I really loved X was because their drummer, Yoshiki, was one of the best and fastest drummers I had ever heard. I also drummed for about five years in a band when I was younger, and even when I was practicing every day I couldn't even come close to Yoshiki. Then there was Toshi, their singer, who was as good as any of the rock singers I loved growing up. Finally, X had Hide, who was one of the most amazing guitarists and entertainers in Japan at the time.

One day, I decided to improve my teaching skills by taking some certification courses in Tokyo. I was out with the course trainer after class for a drink when an X Japan song started playing. "I love these guys," I said. He was quite surprised to hear how much I liked the band. And I was equally surprised when

he told me that he was a friend of X Japan's lead guitarist, Hide.

My trainer invited me to join him at the X Japan New Year's Eve concert at Tokyo Dome. But we didn't go as regular guests. We were given VIP passes to watch the concert with Hide's family and friends right in front of the stage. We had backstage passes and we accompanied the band to the after party and the after-after parties on New Year's Eve. And not just that year, but also every year until X Japan dissolved as a group.

This brings us back to serendipity. Through an unplanned chain of circumstances, I not only met a band that I had great respect for. I also had a chance to talk to the band about life in the spotlight; I had a chance to see how the truly talented are just regular people doing a job, albeit a job they love! And none of this would have happened if I hadn't taken that course ... if I hadn't become friends with the instructor ... if I hadn't pushed myself beyond my usual life and friends. So meet everybody you can. You never know where they may lead you!

Venture to foster human resources

by Anna Jozwiak
Center for Admissions and Public Relations

On Apr. 11, at the Kioicho Campus, Josai International University signed a comprehensive agreement on industry-academia collaboration with Baroque Japan Ltd. President Hiroyuki Murai.

Thanks to MOUSSY, SLY and other brands popular among young women, Baroque has grown rapidly since its founding in 2000, and currently has 340 stores in Japan and 160 stores overseas, mainly in China. By signing an industry-academia collaboration agreement with JIU, the company is demonstrating its willingness to contribute to the development of human resources in the coming eras of the fashion industry.

At the signing, Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation Noriko Mizuta greeted everyone by saying: "I'm very happy we were able to establish such cooperation in the year we are celebrating our 25th anniversary. Many foreign students are studying at Josai and we'd like to cooperate in many areas."



Murai also expressed his high hopes for young students: "We've grown not because of professionals, but by designing clothes young women want to wear. We're looking forward to cooperation with young students."

In the future, both sides are planning implementation of internships, mutual exchanges of employees and faculty members, student participation in events and other collaborative programs.

KAMOGAWA CORNER

10th Cherry Blossom Festival

by Faculty of Tourism

The 10th JIU Cherry Blossom Festival was held on April 5. The Faculty of Tourism has been engaged in the "Mineoka Forest Path Cherry Blossom Restoration Project" with area residents since its establishment.

As in past years, we also planted cherry trees with the aim of vitalizing local areas.

The mayor of Kamogawa city, Takao Hasegawa, a number of guests and others from the area participated in the opening ceremony, as well as the commemorative planting ceremony of three cherry trees in the backyard of the founder's birthplace.

The festival began with a mini-concert by the band from Nagasa High School, which is one of the area high schools, followed by various performances, including traditional music by international students from Central Europe and a Japanese "taiko" drum performance by Kisarazusogo High School. There was an opportunity to make Japanese rice cakes and food and beverage booths supplied delicious items for all participants to enjoy.

Another successful festival ended with everyone singing the festival theme song, "Sakura Home," together.



KAMOGAWA CORNER

Mizuta Cup Junior High School Baseball Tournament

Thby Faculty of Tourism

The third Mizuta Cup Junior High School Baseball Tournament was held on March 5 and 6 in the city of Kamogawa, Chiba Prefecture, with 12 area junior high schools participating.

The final between Chiharadai Minami Junior High School and Tateyama Daisan Junior High School was a hard-fought pitching duel, but in the end Chiharadai Minami won for the second year in a row.

Hiromichi Shige, the tournament chairperson and visiting JIU professor, offered the players some advice, saying, "Do your best with your teammates to nurture your physical and mental strength."

Josai University Educational Corporation Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, the honorary chairperson of the tournament, also had a message for the participants, saying, "Please don't overdo it in practice as the new school year is approaching."



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Medicinal garden grows to 800 plants

by Rintaro Noenu Kotani, Student
Faculty of Business Administration

A ceremony was recently held in Sakado, Saitama Prefecture, to celebrate the completion of the new medicinal plant garden at Josai University.

Held as part of the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the university, approximately 300 people, including representa-

tives from the Saitama Pharmaceutical Association, the Japan Association of Botanical Gardens, area residents and faculty members, attended the ceremony.

This new medicinal plant garden will be a place of learning for the local community and society. The garden was first established in 1973, along with the founding of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science.

The garden has since moved to a new location closer to the campus, which sits beside the Kamogawa River. The garden takes up about 3,000 sq. meters and contains a two-story administrative building, as well as two greenhouses, where plants such as cinnamon and mango are being cultivated.

The cultivation of medicinal plants

is done with an eye toward keeping the plants in a habitat close to their natural ones. All in all, approximately 800 types of medicinal plants are being grown.

In a speech at the ceremony, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta said: "The garden is a place where we can grow plants with care. It will be a great place for learning and will help to create a healthy society. Each and every plant here is part of history. This garden will grow full of wonderful stories and I hope that all of the students will take those stories with them while they are creating their own."

The ceremony was also graced by a choir performance by 72 children from Kabira Kindergarten.

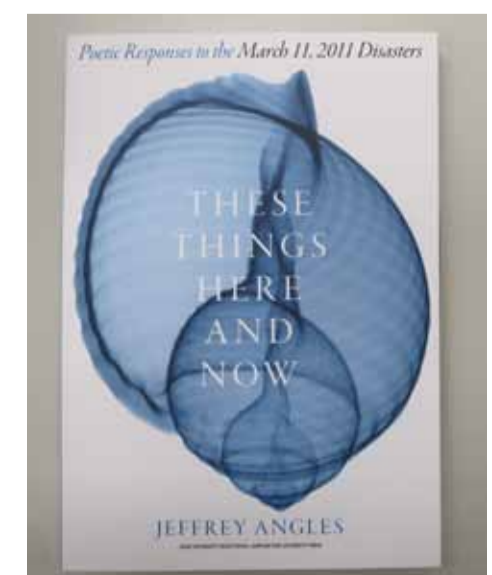
Poetry collection commemorates 3.11 disasters

by Jordan A. Y. Smith, Associate Professor
Faculty of International Humanities

In commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake and the horrific aftermath of the tsunami and nuclear meltdown at Fukushima, Josai International University Press has published a critical poetry anthology collected and translated by Jeffrey Angles of Western Michigan University. Titled "These Things Here and Now: Poetic Responses to the March 11, 2011 Disasters," the volume showcases works from prominent poets.

According to Angles, the quake "shook

poetry into the public eye" and "leveled the hierarchical culture" of the poetry world. This inspired "a dynamic burst of poetic output" Angles categorizes as fulfilling a variety of important roles. These include direct documentation of the disaster and the subjective experience of the aftermath; the search for deeper human meaning; expressions of cultural protest; and explorations of the "crisis of representation" in which language became highly sensitized and politicized. The volume was presented at a commemorative symposium at JIU's Kioicho Campus and will be available at bookstores soon.



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Teaching in Taiwan and Japan

by Kazumi Yamazaki

I was a student in the Department of International Exchange Studies and graduated from Josai International University's Graduate School of Humanities, Global Communications, two years ago. I studied Japanese teaching methodology during my

undergraduate days and I gained experience in the field by participating in a teaching internship in Taiwan in my first year. It was my very first experience teaching, but it helped me become interested in developing my career as a Japanese language teacher.

Last year, I was hired to teach Japanese at the Taipei City University of Science and Technology in Taiwan. I work in the Department of Applied Foreign Languages where the students are both cheerful and energetic. They organize school events, make dialogue recordings for cartoons and hold welcome events for foreign guests. When Japanese high school students visit

our university, the students here introduce our department to them in both Japanese and English.

Some of them said to me: "I'm glad to have the chance to speak Japanese with Japanese people. Thank you very much!" I was moved by their motivation and wonderful comments. I'd like to make my classes better and more useful and I'd also like to introduce not only the language, but also more Japanese culture to them. I'm very fortunate to have started my career with a short-term internship in Taiwan and I'm happy to be able to return as a full-time Japanese teacher.

Malaysian education minister lectures at JIU

By Thithi Lay
Josai Center for ASEAN Studies (JCAS)

On April 6, Malaysia's Minister of Higher Education, Dato' Seri Haji Idris Jusoh, gave a lecture titled "Scenario of Higher Education in Malaysia" at Josai Educational Corporation's Kioicho Campus. About 160 people attended the lecture, including Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, professors, faculty staff and students.

Recently, Josai Educational Corporation has been focusing on further development of academic and scientific exchange programs with universities in ASEAN countries. Josai Educational Corporation already collaborates with 28 Institutions in eight ASEAN countries. This year it has established a joint Halal Research Laboratory between Josai University (JU) and Malaysia Management and Science University (MSU).

Ahead of the lecture, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta told the audience that the establishment of the laboratory was a great achievement for both universities. She expressed her appreciation and thanked the minister for attending the signing ceremony between the two universities.

Chancellor Mizuta's remarks were followed by the Malaysian minister's lecture. He explained how Malaysia is working hard to promote its higher education levels internationally. He pointed out that one of the main factors raising his country's university rankings among world universities is the strengthening of various research areas



at Malaysian higher educational institutions and universities. He explained the strategies of universities throughout the country and efforts to accept more foreign students, while

expressing a warm welcome to students from Japan to study at Malaysian universities. After the lecture, the minister oversaw representatives of both universities signing

the agreement on the laboratory. The event reflects not only the close relations between JU and MSU, but also between Japan and Malaysia in higher education cooperation.

Josai: A History

1965	Jan 25	Founding of Josai University Educational Corporation approved (First Chancellor: Mikio Mizuta)
	Apr 1	Josai University with the Faculty of Economics, including the Department of Economics, and the Faculty of Science, including the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Chemistry, opened. First JU President is Mikio Mizuta
1971	Apr 1	Department of Business Administration in the Faculty of Economics of Josai University opened
1973	Apr 1	Josai University: Departments of Pharmaceutical Sciences and of Pharmaceutical Technochemistry in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences opened
1976	Dec 27	Saiko Mizuta appointed second Chancellor of the Corporation
1977	Apr 1	Josai University: M.A. degree program inaugurated in the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
1978	Apr 1	Josai University: M.A. degree in Economic Policy established in the Graduate School of Economics
1979	Mar 25	Mizuta Museum of Art of Josai University opened
	Apr 1	Josai University: Ph.D. program established in Pharmaceutical Sciences
1983	Apr 1	Josai Women's Junior College opened Majors in Administration and Secretarial Services in the Department of Business Administration, and in Japanese Literature and English & American Literature in the Department of Literature
1985	Apr 1	Center for Inter-Cultural Studies and Education established
1987	Apr 1	Major courses at the JU Women's Junior College (Major course in Japanese Literature, Major course in English Literature) opened
1989	Apr 1	Major courses at the JU Women's Junior College (Major course in Administration, Major course in Secretarial Services) opened
1990	Apr 1	Josai University: Japanese Studies Program established. Major courses in Japanese Culture and Japanese Language
1992	Mar 10	Completion ceremony of construction work for Josai International University
1994	Apr 1	Dr. Noriko Mizuta appointed President of Josai International University
1996	Apr 1	Dr. Noriko Mizuta appointed President of Josai International University Josai International University: Departments of Welfare and Culture, and of International Exchange Studies in the Faculty of Humanities opened M.A. degrees in Inter-Cultural Studies and in Women's Studies established in the Graduate School of Humanities
1998	Apr 1	Josai International University: Ph.D. in Comparative Culture, (Graduate School of Humanities), MBA in Management of Entrepreneurial Ventures (Graduate School of Management and Information Sciences) and Affiliated Preparatory Courses in Japanese Culture and Japanese Language (Japanese Studies Program) established Josai International University: M.A. in Mathematics (Graduate School of Sciences) and M.S. in Medical Pharmacy (Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences) established
1999	Apr 1	Josai International University: Departments of International Management Studies and of Information for Welfare and Environment established in the Faculty of Management and Information Sciences
2000	Apr 1	Josai International University: Ph.D. in Management of Entrepreneurial Ventures (Graduate School of Management and Information Sciences) established
2001	Apr 1	Josai International University: Department of Service Management Systems (Faculty of Management and Information Sciences), Department of Media & Culture Studies (Faculty of Humanities), Special Course in Business and Information Science (Japanese Studies Program) established Josai University: Department of Medical Nutrition (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences) established Josai Women's Junior College: Departments of Management and Information Administration and of Contemporary Culture opened (reorganized)
2002	Apr 1	Josai International University: M.A. in Welfare and Social Studies (Graduate School of Humanities), MBA in International Administration established laced of Mikio Mizuta as a project to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the foundation of Josai University
2003	Jan 25	Restoration of Mikio Mizuta's birthplace completed, as Josai University's 40th anniversary project
	Apr 1	Josai University: MBA in Business Innovation (Graduate School of Business Administration) established
2004	Apr 1	Josai University: Department of Management Studies (Faculty of Business Administration), M.A. in Material Science (Graduate School of Sciences) established Josai International University: Department of Medical Pharmacy (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences), Departments of Culture and Social Work Studies, and of Management and Social Work Studies (Faculty of Social Work Studies) established
	Apr 10	Kyonan Seminar House completed
	Apr 19	Josai Awa Learning Center completed
	May 27	Noriko Mizuta takes office as Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation
2005	Jan 21	Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building completed
	Apr 1	International Center for the Promotion of Arts and Sciences (IJPAS) established Josai International University: M.A. in Medical Nutrition (Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences) established Josai International University: Department of Management Science (Faculty of Management and Information Sciences) reorganized; Department of Media and Information (Faculty of Media Studies), Business Design Program (Graduate School of Business Design, and Welfare and Social Studies Program (Graduate School of Social Work Studies) established
	Apr 19	Medicinal Plant Garden (Otaki City) opened
2006	Apr 1	Josai University: Department of Social and Economic Systems (Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies), Departments of Pharmaceutical Sciences six-year and four-year programs (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences) established Josai Base College: Department of Business Studies established Josai International University: Department of Wellness Tourism (Faculty of Tourism), Department of Medical Pharmacy six-year program (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences) inaugurated
2007	Apr 1	Josai International University: Department of Social Work Studies (Faculty of Social Work Studies) reorganized
	Oct 25	Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building No. 2 opened
2008	Feb 15	Makuhari Campus opened
	Apr 1	Josai International University: Department of Inter-Cultural Studies and Department of International Exchange Studies opened in the Faculty of International Humanities
2009	Jun 30	Statement issued announcing the opening of the Department of Social and Environmental Studies in the Faculty of Social and Environmental Studies
2010	Apr 1	Josai International University: Department of Social and Environmental Studies opened in the Faculty of Social and Environmental Studies
	Apr 16	Ceremony to mark the 45th anniversary of the foundation of Josai University Educational Corporation
2011	Apr 1	Course in Visual Arts established in the Faculty of Media Studies, Josai International University
	Apr	Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building No. 4 opened
	Jul 22	Josai University Educational Corporation Center for Innovation established
	Oct	Josai University Educational Corporation Center for Graduate Studies established
	Dec 9	Josai University Mizuta Museum of Art (premises) opened
2012	Apr 1	Josai University Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Pharmacy Graduate Course Pharmacy Specialty (latter doctoral course) and Pharmacy Specialty (doctoral course) established Josai International University Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (doctoral course) established Josai International University Faculty of Nursing, Department of Nursing established Ceremony to mark the 20th anniversary of the foundation of Josai International University
	May 22	Josai International University Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park completed
2013	Apr 1	Josai International University: Master's degree program in International Administration established in the Graduate School of International Administration, and master's degree program in Global Communications established in the Graduate School of Humanities
	Apr 12	Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building No. 3 opened
	Nov 21	Institute for Central European Studies established
2015	Feb 12	Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building No. 5 opened
	May 21	Josai Center for ASEAN Studies established

For ALL JIU students

JIU Tokyo-Kioicho English Club

Meeting Place

English Café,
Building #4, Tokyo Campus

Time

Lunchtime
Tuesdays & Fridays

Monthly Special Events - Come and find out

ACTIVITIES

- Make friends and communicate in English with exchange students
- Explore Tokyo together
- Learn about JIU's International Exchange Programs
- Share your experiences about JIU's International Exchange Programs
- Participate in university events

If you have participated or will participate in any of JIU's International Programs, please join us.

Let's Enjoy Communicating in English!



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JIU welcomes the opening of the new Tokyo-Kioicho English Club

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JIU is proud to welcome the opening of a new club, the JIU Tokyo-Kioicho English Club. The English Club was opened in fall 2015 by

club leaders Ryoma Koike and Kira Ambo, both seniors, junior Yutaro Abe and other students.

Through their club activities, they are looking at making friends and communicating in English with foreign students, as well as sharing experiences about JIU's international exchange programs. Monthly special events are also being

planned.

They have regular meetings at the English Café, in Building #4 on Tokyo's Kioicho Campus at lunchtime on Tuesdays and Fridays and all students are welcome.

Those interested should come to a meeting or e-mail jiukioicho@yahoo.co.jp.

3rd JIU football tourney won by Masuho FC

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The third Josai International University Kawabuchi Saburo Football Tournament was held on Feb. 27 and 28 at JIU's Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park.

This tournament was held to promote football and contribute to the sound growth of the young people who will lead the next generation. Additionally, the Kawabuchi Saburo Football Tournament is held to honor the achievements of the late Prince Takamado, who was known as a passionate football fan.

Sixteen local boys' teams played in the tournament. On day one, the teams were divided into four groups. After tallying the results from stage one, the teams faced off on the second day. Masuho FC won the tournament after defeating FC Friends, FC Hasunuma BB and Tokigane FC. It was the first tournament win for Masuho FC and the team went undefeated on its way to the championship.

After the win, former Japan national football team player Saburo Kawabuchi, encouraged the players, saying: "If you don't study hard you can't become first class players. I would like you to fulfill your duties in both school and on the pitch."

JIU co-hosts Visegrad Four plus Japan seminar

by Josai International Center for the Promotion of Art & Sciences JICPAS

On Feb. 10, for the fourth consecutive year, Josai International University co-hosted the Visegrad Four plus Japan Seminar, "Security Situation in Europe/Middle East and the New Role of Japan in International Security Cooperation." The 2016 seminar was held under the auspices of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tokyo in collaboration with other Visegrad Four (V4) Embassies in Tokyo.

The V4 comprised of the Central European nations of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia is an organization formed to promote amnesty and cooperation among nations. The V4 plus Japan in turn facilitates dialogue and cooperation between Japan and

the V4 nations, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs having organized many seminars on topics such as economics, the environment, joint development and energy efficiency.

In addition, as part of Josai's mid-term target of strengthening international exchange to cultivate global human resources, the university has formed academic exchange agreements with a number of institutions worldwide, particularly those located in and around the V4.

About 120 people, including members of the Japanese government, V4 ambassadors, people from more than 15 embassies, Josai students and faculty, businesspeople and industry supporters of Josai's global education, attended the seminar, which was held in Josai's basement hall.

Following opening remarks by Noriko

Mizuta, Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation, speeches were delivered by V4 representative H.E. Tomáš Dub, ambassador of the Czech Republic to Japan, and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoji Muto.

Four sessions addressing current global security issues followed the speeches, including "Perspective Role of Japan in International Security Cooperation" and "Middle East in Turmoil and Rising Threat of International Terrorism." The others were titled "Security Situation in East Asia" and "New Security and Humanitarian Paradigm in Europe."

This seminar proved to be an extremely valuable opportunity to enhance the global perspective of students and other participants, all of whom listened intently to the various presentations and ensuing discussions.

JIU inks cooperation deal with local high school

by JIU Times

On March 9, Josai International University and Chiba Prefecture's Naruto High School (in the city of Sammu) signed a teaching cooperation agreement.

Naruto High School, which implemented an academic credit system this year, opened two courses on JIU's Togane Campus, with one aimed at students interested in medical services tentatively titled "Fundamentals of Health Care." The other course is geared for students looking to pursue international rela-

tions and is tentatively titled "Coexistence with Different Cultures." JIU professors will supervise both courses. Since these classes were designed as a combined effort between the high school and the university, they are expected to promote community exchange and teaching.

The specialized classes will be recognized for credit by Naruto High School and, if students enrolled in these courses choose to enter JIU after graduation, they will also earn university credit. As this agreement is an occasion to promote local teaching cooperation, it was also supported by the Sammu town hall.



Naruto High School was founded in 1900 and offers both regular and science courses. The school was designated by Chiba prefecture as a prioritized university preparatory school in 2010 and has 933 students.