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Stone monument celebrates Chinese award-winning poet

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A ceremony to unveil a stone monument for a Chinese poet was held at the Awa Campus of Josai International University in Kamogawa, Chiba Prefecture, on Nov. 19.

The poet, Bei Dao, is a Cikada Prize winner whose name has been floated as a candidate for the Nobel Prize in literature in recent years, was present at the ceremony as he was in Japan to participate the second Cikada Prize Winners Commemorative International Symposium that was held at the Kioicho Campus of Josai University on Nov. 18.

Bei was born in Beijing in 1949 and founded a literary magazine, Jintian, in 1978. The magazine was meant to promote freedom of artistic expression and received support from many young people at a time when the world's most-populated country was going through major democratic movements.

Bei was one of the leaders in modern poetry in China during 1980s, but the crackdown on the Tiananmen Square protests forced him into exile, and he moved around various places in Europe and the U.S. Since 2007, he has lived in Hong Kong where he works as professor of Humanities at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

He has been awarded Sweden's Tucholsky Prize, Morocco's International Poetry Argana Award, the PEN/Barbara Goldsmith Freedom to Write Award, among other awards.

The ceremony was part of the Mineoka Sakura Project founded by JIU's Department of Wellness and Tourism in April 2006. The

project aims to conserve Mizuta Sakura trees planted by Josai University founder Mikio Mizuta and community residents. There are currently 700 "sakura," or cherry blossom, trees on the Mineoka Forest Path.

The Bei monument is the first poetry monument stone along the Mineoka Forest Road, where there are already three haiku monument stones, including one for haiku poet Fusei Tomiyasu. The road is also nicknamed Poetry/Haiku Road.

The Mineoka Forest Road is expected to become a new tourist site lined with beau-

tiful sakura trees, as well as culturally valuable monuments that will be visited by many people.

In a separate event, Josai University held "The Third V4+Japan Student Conference" at its Kioicho Campus in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward, on Friday.

The conference had presenters from the Visegrad 4 — the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia — and Japan. Japanese JU and JIU students, exchange students from V4 countries and guests from V4 universities attended the conference.

Cikada Prize winners discuss modern poetry and reality

by JIU Times

The second Cikada Prize Winners Commemorative International Symposium was held at the Kioicho Campus of Josai University on Nov. 18, in which Josai University Educational Corporation former Chancellor Noriko Mizuta, a Cikada Prize winner herself, and others discussed poetry.

The Cikada Prize was founded in 2004 following the 100th anniversary commemoration of the birth of Nobel Prize winner Harry Martinson, a Swedish poet. Because of his interest in East Asian literature, the prize is awarded to Asian poets.

The symposium, which consisted of several readings and panel discussions throughout the day, saw participation by Mizuta, Cikada Prize President and former Swedish Ambassador to Japan Lars Vargo and Japanese, Chinese, South Korean and Vietnamese poets.

One of the events during the symposium was a panel discussion, titled "Poetry and Reality," with Mizuta, South Korea's Moon Chung-hee, China's Bei Dao and Vietnam's Y Nhi taking part in the talks. All four of the panelists are Cikada Prize winners, and Vargo moderated the panel.

Vargo made the point that some people feel that reality can be too horrible to de-



Chinese poet Bei Dao, Josai University Educational Corporation former Chancellor Noriko Mizuta and others stand with Bei's stone poetry monument in Kamogawa on Nov. 19.

scribe.

Panelists argued that terrible incidents are actually good subjects for poems, and the worse the incidents, the better they are for poetry.

Bei responded with a different point of view, saying: "I've had doubts about reality in my life. Do novels have anything to do with reality? I would say what is said in a novel becomes reality. I'm always trying to write what's beyond reality, rather than reality itself."

Responding to another of Vargo's questions as to whether poetry should be true to reality, Moon said: "I think it's okay to have a bit of a lie in poetry. For me, being

factual is not as important as a work being complete as poetry."

Mizuta expressed her own philosophy on this subject.

"In times of changing reality, poetry asks itself of its own meaning. Poetry is a way of expression, and thus it will survive only by asking itself of its own meaning," she said.

The symposium was hosted by the Josai International Center for the Promotion of Art and Science, co-hosted by the Japan Sweden Association and publisher Shityosya Co. and endorsed by several companies including bookstore chain Kinokuniya Co. and The Japan Times.



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Mikio Mizuta Memorial Global Award

by JIU Times

Joe Price, the director of the Shin'enKan Foundation, was conferred the Mikio Mizuta Memorial Global Award for his contribution in paintings from the Edo Period, including Ito Jakuchu's works.

Price was the first recipient of the award, established by Josai University Educational Corporation in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of its founding in 2015. Mikio Mizuta, a former finance minister, is the corporation's founder and a statesman who devoted himself to Japan's postwar recovery, achievement of economic growth and the elevation of Japan's position in international society.

"Right now, Jakuchu is enjoying a boom and Price started that boom," said Motoyuki Ono, the chancellor ad interim of Josai University Educational Corporation. "I am pleased to hold the first award ceremony and I would like to continue with the second and third."

The Mikio Mizuta Memorial Global Award is intended to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the vitality and growth of the Japanese economy, society and culture through their writings or work.

Price, 87, from Oklahoma, is a renowned



Erina Uema, a student from the Faculty of International Humanities, preparing to interview Etsuko and Joe Price right after the award ceremony.

collector of Japanese art and has held various exhibitions of items from his collection, igniting the current Jakuchu craze. He also organized exhibitions of his Jakuchu collections in 2013 in Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures, the areas most-heavily hit by the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011.

When he saw a Jakuchu work for the first time in 1953, he did not know anything about art, but was fascinated by one of Jakuchu's

paintings, without even knowing who painted it. "I could not figure out why I liked (Jakuchu's works) so much. Finally, after years of studying, I realized it wasn't the image. It was the feeling," Price said. "He painted the feeling of what he was looking at."

Jakuchu was born in 1716 and, as last year was the 300th anniversary of his birth, there were several events across Japan commemorating the occasion.

Foreign students get Japanese poem prizes

by JIU Times

The Josai University International Modern Poetry Center has awarded 12 prizes in an effort to recognize international students who have created original Japanese poetry works.

Dubbed "The Road Home Prize," the initiative is in honor of former Chancellor Noriko Mizuta's "Kiro" collection of poetry about international travel in a globalized world. Kiro is a Japanese word that literally means the road home.

The prize, created last year, is sponsored by publisher Shichosha and supported by The Japan Times and Mainichi Newspapers. The prize is designed to build bridges between Japan and international students and foster their literary and creative writing skills.

"International students come to Japan and study Japanese very hard to be able to write poems in it. That's wonderful. I hope you will continue to write poems and surprise us," said Mizuta.



The Road Home Prize winners and judges pose at the Kioicho Campus on Jan. 27.

Five students won Shorei commendation awards, while seven students took home Kasaku (excellence) awards.

The Shorei award winners were Jonas Engesvik, a Norwegian and graduate student of Josai International University (JIU) majoring in global communications; Andrew Campana, a Canadian studying at Waseda University's School of Culture, Media and Society; Ukrainian Adelina Torubara, who is studying at JIU's Faculty of Media Studies; Luo Lijie of China, who is working on a doctorate in comparative culture at JIU; and Xiao Bolun, a Chinese man

studying at Josai University (JU).

Kasaku award winners were Hungarian students Vivien Nemeth of JU and Anita Bandzi of JIU and Chinese students Chen Xuan of Hokkaido University, Huang Xiaoshuang of the University of Tokyo, Liu Muyang of JIU, Tu Chuong of the Tokyo World Japanese Language School and Chen Lu of the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

Speaking on behalf of the award winners, Campana said, "Receiving such honorable awards, we will keep walking the path of Japanese language learning and writing poems in Japanese."

Seven goals toward becoming a leading university in the world

« 7 J-Vision » (2016-2020)

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1. Expanding the capabilities of our students to serve society
2. Developing human resources with an international mindset and extensive knowledge of Japanese culture
3. Continually improving the quality of our educational programs, in collaboration with local and international communities
4. Improving our research capabilities and promoting innovation
5. Enriching the campus environment through internationalization and networking
6. Establishing a stronger university governance system to support the dynamic development of teaching, research and contributions to the community
7. Strengthening the impact of our communication capabilities and social presence

About Josai University Educational Corporation's Medium-Term Goals
The Josai University Educational Corporation Medium-Term Goals (2016-2020) are comprised of seven "J-Visions." These seven visions are inter-related, multiplying their synergism, to further our commitment to becoming a leading university in Japan, Asia and the world.

The corporation established Josai University in 1965, and it celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2015. Josai International University was established in 1992, and will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2017. We are determined to bring to bear all of our mental energies, capabilities, accumulated knowledge and experience on the tasks that will define our future.

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Acting Chancellor pledges to focus on classes, education

by JIU Times

The ceremony to mark the start of the new work year was held January 10. At the ceremony for the university's corporate headquarters, Motoyuki Ono, the Chancellor Ad Interim of Josai University



Educational Corporation, said, "I will make 2017 the year of revolution." Josai University President Akira Shirahata and Josai International University President Hakuo Yanagisawa attended the event, together with the vice presidents and secretaries-general of both universities, and the corporate headquarters staff.

Chancellor, a.i., Ono began his remarks for the new year, saying, "It was regrettable that we did not make it to the Tokyo-Hakone collegiate ekiden relay race this year, but I have a strong hope that we can make it next year." He continued: "Last year, the U.K. decided to withdraw from the EU; Donald Trump was elected as the new president of the U.S.; and at our Josai University, Chancellor Noriko Mizuta resigned after her heading the school

for many years. All those three may have been surprising to you, but they were things that I was expecting to happen, to some extent. I will make 2017 a year in which I will make efforts to reach for a new goal, with you."

"The most important things are classes for our students, and the education and research activities by our faculty staff," he stressed. "We will not hold useless events and meetings so that we are fully committed to classes for students, and will fully support our students in their job-hunting to make Josai University, Josai International University and Josai Base College renowned for their educational capability. I am asking for your cooperation to ensure that the universities and the college make significant progress," he said.

President Shirahata talked about his determination and said, "As we move toward the new academic term starting from April, we face the huge task of reviewing everything during the remaining three months. I think the faculty staff has to work really, really hard to achieve the goals, and here I am asking for your cooperation." President Yanagisawa said: "We need to make a full-fledged commitment to our work for the remaining period for this academic year, to meet the upcoming new academic year with fresh motivation. It is up

to each university and each department to map out academic programs for the new academic year. I want to see them finalized, and I want all the faculty members to work harder to achieve our goals."

Noriko Mizuta resigned as Chancellor as of November 30, 2016, and Trustee Motoyuki Ono was elected as Chancellor Ad Interim as of December 1.

Biography of Ono

A graduate of Kyoto University, he entered what is today the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in 1968, where he served as the administrative vice minister. From 2003 to 2011, he was the president of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. In the first administration of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, he was a member of the Education Rebuilding Council. Chancellor Ono was also a board member of Josai University Educational Corporation and the director of the Josai International University Graduate School.

His awards include the L'Ordre national de la légion d'honneur (France), Verdienstorden der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Germany) and the Order of Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star (Japan).



KAMOGAWA CORNER
Students, faculty welcome
New Year at Awa campus

by Yasuko Wachi, Ph.D., Faculty of Tourism

Students watching the first sunrise of a new year from the Pacific Deck of JIU's Faculty of Tourism Awa Campus, has been a very familiar sight for the people of Ka-

mogawa City for over a decade. On New Year's Eve, the international students of the Awa Global Village celebrated according to Chinese and Japanese customs, cooking dumplings and soba (buckwheat) noodles with "takoyaki" (octopus balls), our students' favorite.

Then early on January 1, 2017, we got up and walked to the Awa Campus to see the New Year's sunrise from the Pacific Deck.

Kamogawa Mayor Takao Hasegawa, former Mayor Toshio Honda, Director of the Educational Committee Jun Noda, Kamogawa Cooperation Committee President Yoshihiro Ogata, Postmaster Nemoto and other citizens with their families attended

the happy get-together to celebrate the arrival of 2017.

The total turnout, according to the Faculty of Tourism office staff attended, now there's a constant average turnout of 250 to 300 people participating every year. The management office of the Faculty of Tourism offered hot tea to all the visitors who exchanged New Year's greetings in the cold morning on the deck overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Josai, Dongseo in joint movie-making project

by Faculty of Media Studies

On Nov. 1, 2016, Josai University Educational Corporation held the premiere of "Kocchi Bachan," a Japan-South Korea coproduction made by Josai International University to commemorate Josai University's 50th anniversary and Dongseo University of Busan, South Korea, at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus 1st Building. The preview was attended by Dr. Jekuk Chang, President of Dongseo University, and an audience of approximately 160 staff

members and students from the Josai International University Faculty of Media Studies, who celebrated the film's completion.

This is the second coproduction by the two universities, which have signed an academic exchange agreement. Their first movie project was "Winter Fireworks," which was produced to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Josai International University. "Kocchi Bachan" tells the story of family bonds of over a hundred years, focusing on the encounter of a female Japanese university

student, who grew up in Kamogawa, Chiba Prefecture, whose great-grandmother came from Jejudo, South Korea, and an exchange student from Busan.

Preparations for the film started in October 2015. Students studied approximately 100 years of Japanese and Korean modern history, and based their research on many reference works. From April this year (Is this April 2016?), video conferences were held to discuss the film plot and casting calls were held.

The script was written by Touma Nakagawa,

a fourth-year student at Josai International University, who also directed the film. It was also decided that a third-year student, Kana Inoue, would play the main role of the female university student and Kim Hodong from Dongseo University would play the exchange student. Junko Miyashita, who won the Blue Ribbon Award for supporting actress in the film "Kumokirin-zaemon" (1978, directed by Hideo Gosha), was cast in the main role of Kocchi Bachan.

Nine student participants from South Korea arrived in Japan on August 2, and filming took place from that day until August 12, in Tokyo and in the Kamogawa area. The students hit it off immediately and enjoyed a memorable time in Kamogawa in the heat of summer.



by Mei Taniguchi
Graduated from the Department of International Exchange Studies in 2013

"Do people even care about studying Japanese in America?" "Can I really become a Japanese teacher after I finish my Master's in Japanese Education?"



If so, can I make enough money to live on teaching Japanese?" I had so many questions before I decided to move to America and become a Japanese teacher there.

In order to find answers to my questions and concerns, the internet taught me many facts, such as the number of Japanese learners and also teachers in the U.S., stories of struggling Japanese teachers, etc. I took them very seriously since I was not knowledgeable enough to read and use those facts wisely.

Then, I talked about my concerns regarding my possible future career to professor Ichiyama. She gave me an opportunity to meet professor Kataoka and professor Douglas, who are much respected Japanese educators in the U.S. They answered nicely and simply my novice-level questions about Japanese education. I assume that they have been asked the same kind of questions a

million times. But, anyway, the information I received was reliable and finally I could make up my mind to do my master's in the U.S. to become a Japanese teacher.

Now, almost two years have passed since I arrived in the U.S. I would like to try to answer the questions I used to have based on my experience as a student and teacher.

First, "Do people even care about studying Japanese in America?" At least in Southern California, the answer is definitely "Yes." Learners' motivations are varied, of course. However, for example, many students who are fans of Japanese culture, anime, manga and games take Japanese courses in college or high school. It is also very common for children of Japanese heritage to learn Japanese.

Then, "Can I really become a Japanese teacher?" Did I become a Japanese teacher? Well, let me say, "Yes." There are many types of language teachers, in colleges, K-12 schools, immersion schools, Japanese schools and others in the U.S. I am a starting teacher at a Japanese school and a private teacher for kids.

Finally, and most importantly, "Can I make enough money to live on teaching Japanese?" I don't know, but probably (hopefully) "Yes." To make enough money to live, usually you have to be a full-time teacher or teach at a couple of places. It is very competitive because many college graduates are looking for full-time jobs. Yet, there are job opportunities for Japanese teachers.

I believe that as long as I work hard, and become more creative and flexible, then maybe I can survive!

Nationwide meetings offer access to parents

by Center of Public Relations

The parents' support organization of Josai International University (JIU) holds regional parents' meetings throughout Japan to enhance mutual understanding between faculty members and parents. Starting with one in Kanagawa in June, the meetings were hosted in Ibaraki, Yamanashi, Saitama, the Shikoku region, Shizuoka, the Tohoku region, Niigata, Gunma and Tochigi, followed by the nationwide one held at the Togane Campus in Chiba Prefecture on Dec. 3, 2016. These meetings act as traveling campuses that offer unique chances for parents living far from the university to communicate directly with faculty members.

Lecturers from all departments and many parents from all over the country attended the last of this academic year's meetings at the Togane Campus in December. In addition to introducing the university's comprehensive educational efforts, each department gave a separate presentation on its own approach, after which parents met with faculty members to discuss topics such as academic achievements, campus life and careers.

At the venues for the regional parents' meetings, open campuses are held at the same time to offer opportunities for individual consultations.

Ball clubs play international friendly games

by Mutsuo Nakamura
Admissions Office

Last November, at a sports center in Chiba Prefecture, the JIU women's softball team played a friendly game against the U19 Korea national women's softball team, which was visiting Japan as part of the Japan-Korea Junior Sports Exchange Program.

The Korean team consisted mainly of high school students, but as it was a national team, all the players were highly skilled, and they held the lead through the fourth inning.

In the fifth, the JIU team turned things around, taking advantage of their opponents' mistakes. Chinami Konbe of the Faculty of Media Studies and other two pitchers combined to secure a 4-3 victory. After the game, both teams' relaxed and enjoyed a friendly get-together.

Baseball team

At a stadium in Ibaraki Prefecture, the JIU



baseball team had an international friendly with the China national team that will participate in the 2017 World Baseball Classic (WBC) in March.

Starting pitcher Kosuke Dohi, a junior in the Faculty of Management and Information Sciences, pitched several strong innings. In the fourth, Yuma Yagi and Sota Nishioka, a freshman and sophomore in the same faculty, hit a double and a triple, respectively, scoring two runs. The JIU team added an in-



surance run in the ninth, to win the game 3-1. We wish the China national team every success in the upcoming WBC.

Soccer team produces JFL, J. League players

by Mutsuo Nakamura
Admissions Office

JIU soccer player Junya Kato, a senior in the Faculty of Management and Information Sciences, will join Gainare Tottori of the J3 League for the 2017 season.

Kato is a striker who graduated from Yonago Kita High School. "I am very glad to be able to return as a professional soccer player to Tottori, my second hometown where I spent my high school days," he said on the Gainare Tottori Website. "I will do my best to contribute to Gainare so that the team will be promoted to the J2 League; that would be a way to thank the people who have supported me."

In addition, Kazuya Oguri, another senior



in the faculty, will join the Japan Football League's Rein Meer Aomori FC for the upcoming season. Oguri is a midfielder who came to JIU from Hokkaido Otani Murooran High School.

In the J2 League, Chohwan Ohno, a former JIU student, has been playing for JEF United Ichihara Chiba since 2016.

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.

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Seiji Imaizumi receives Saitama Global Award

by Center of Public Relations

This year's Saitama Global Award (category of investing in the future) was given to the Imaizumi Memorial Burma Scholarship and its chairman, 93-year-old Seiji Imaizumi. The scholarship provided the basis for Josai University's program to encourage Myanmar-Japan exchanges and human resource development of Myanmar students.

Chairman Imaizumi served as a Japanese soldier in Burma (now Myanmar) during World War II. As a way of expressing his gratitude to the people who saved his life by sharing food with him until he returned home after the war, he has personally provided financial support to exchange students from the country.

Over the last 19 years, 178 students have each been awarded scholarships of several thousand dollars per year, among which 26 have earned a Ph.D., and are active in their motherland and around the world. He continues to provide support for projects in Myanmar such as the construction of libraries and English education at small private schools.

Josai University established the scholarship program for exchange students from Myanmar with the help of a generous endowment from the Imaizumi Memorial Burma Scholarship in July last year.



University Press releases several new titles

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

Josai University Educational Corporation University Press published "The Wit and Wisdom of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad." Dr. Mahathir is a former prime minister of Malaysia. On May 21, 2015, Josai University Educational Corporation invited him to give a keynote lecture titled "Enhancing Knowledge for Peace: A Message to Future Leaders & Global Citizens" at the Tokyo Kioicho Campus as part of Josai's 50th anniversary celebrations.

The press also published two books in the field of media: "Movie Lecture" by Masahiro Shinoda, a research professor at JIU, and "Media Representations of the Taisho Democratic Dream" by Kenji Suzuki, a visiting professor at JIU.





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The Mizuta Museum of Art opens according to the schedule of university events.

Serendipity

50 years in pursuit of linguistic excellence ——— Vol. 17

I went to the U.S. exactly half a century ago in 1964 on a Fulbright Scholarship to study linguistics just for one year. One year earlier President John F. Kennedy had been tragically assassinated in Dallas, and I was told by the American Embassy that I may not be able to make it to the U.S. as scheduled due to the national mourning. In 1964, Japan held the first Tokyo Olympic Games, which brought about the first post-war economic boom and the long-awaited shinkansen bullet trains started to run.

My trip to the U.S. on a DC-8 was my first plane ride and my first journey abroad. I had the exciting experience of staying in a foreign land where a new era of Noam Chomsky's linguistics was opening right before my eyes. After one year of study at Indiana University, Bloomington, I was supposed to return to Japan to continue my research assistant position at Waseda University and simultaneously my graduate study of linguistics at the University of Tokyo.

But I didn't go home, not because I wanted to stay in the U.S. beyond my one-year scholarship contract, but because my wife, who joined me a couple of months later, called a couple of institutions in the Midwest asking for a teaching assistant position for me without my knowledge.

In spring 1965, all of a sudden I received a call from Professor Robert Lees of the University of Illinois. He was the first graduate student at MIT who took the very first Ph.D. in linguistics under Professor Noam Chomsky. After referring to my wife's letter of inquiry about

my admission to the University of Illinois he asked me if I wanted to join the Ph.D. program in linguistics and teach Japanese as a teaching assistant. It was a great shock! But it was such an honor to be invited by an eminent linguist like him I accepted right away.

Why he made me the offer was beyond my comprehension, but later I found out that professor Mantaro Hashimoto, an eminent scholar of Chinese linguistics and linguistic geography, who happened to live at professor Lees' home then, had recommended me. Actually, we both took Professor Shiro Hattori's seminar at the University of Tokyo. I was just a lucky guy. Before I left Japan, I had read Professor Lees' memorable monograph *The Grammar of English Nominalization* with keen interest. It was lucidly written without any ambiguity and redundancy.

I went to Professor Lees' office in September 1965 to greet him. His office door was open. And I saw a short man with a large head and long beard. He was wearing short pants and a baseball hat and sunglasses, and was sitting on the desk swinging his short legs. I thought he was a janitor. If it hadn't been for his glaring sharp eyes, I would have asked him where professor Lees was. He sat down and began



Seichi Makino, professor emeritus, Princeton University

to talk about my appointment. He talked exactly the way he talked when he called me - crisp, sharp and to the point. It was a memorable and dramatic beginning to my first encounter with professor Lees.

Naturally, I took Professor Lees' introductory course on Chomsky's linguistics, referred to then as Transformational Grammar, which explains how abstract semantic structure will be eventually transformed to actual pronounceable sound structure through the intricate application of syntactic rules. It was such a spellbinding experience. I learned not only Chomskyan linguistics directly from Chomsky's first academic advisee, but also how to teach a course - any course.

Professor Lees wasn't a top-down lecturer. He was so eager to interact with his students that he didn't ignore any simple elementary question that revealed the questioner's ignorance. He knew the Socratic method of transmitting knowledge through close interaction between him as an instructor and his students. I learned from Professor Lees not just linguistics, but the way we instructors should teach. I still strive hard to practice his educational method to maximize the educational effect.

So far my life has been full of lucky accidents and has been totally beyond my control, except that I decided to swim 1.2 kilometer every day in 1975. The decision was mine, but I would never have started swimming if I hadn't taken my son to a swimming pool! And I would never have enjoyed life so much without the great blessings from the "God of Accidents."

Living in Japan a valuable language experience

by Anita Bandzi
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Studies (scholarship student at JIU)

I have been studying the Japanese language at my home university in Hungary for three years and now I am studying in Tokyo as a scholarship student at JIU. I have been to Japan twice before, but only for short visits and I am delighted to be able to study here, polishing my Japanese language skills and broadening my knowledge of Japanese culture.

First, I would like to talk about my experiences in Japan. I really enjoyed participating in the JIU festival and the organized excursion to the grave site of the 47 ronin, one of the JIU teachers offered us. In November, however, I organized a trip to Mount Takao with one of my Japanese friends I met through a JIU event. Together we went to Takaosanguchi Station

where we started the climb to enjoy the autumn foliage and the temples we encountered along the way.

This was my first autumn in Japan and I really hope not the last. The nature is beautiful here and there are a wide variety of sights with a culture you can only see in Japan, and can only understand firsthand and not from textbooks. I have been majoring in Japanese studies, and to be here is a great way to get to know the culture and the people. When we were taking a break and tasting the local delicacies, a small group of Japanese elderly people invited us to their table and we had a nice conversation with them.

At the temples I learned a lot from my Japanese friend by asking a lot of questions about



literally everything I found interesting and unique. From the summit of Mount Takao we could see Mount Fuji, which I find especially beautiful every time I lay my eyes on it.

After descending the mountain it was dark and we enjoyed soaking our tired legs in the hot spring next to the station. I feel lucky to have had the opportunity to encounter nice people, make friends with Japanese students and live in Tokyo to experience the culture firsthand.

Living in Japan is an invaluable opportunity and a great complement to my studies I believe. During my stay so far I've had special encounters with kind people and great experiences. I also have some truly nice teachers and I can try different things, like writing poetry in Japanese. I appreciate the time I am spending here, and I will never forget the great things I've seen and what I am learning.

Internship provides new perspective on Japan

by Malwina Poreba,
Student, Faculty of Management and
Information Sciences (exchange student
from Poland)

"Student exchange is not all about learning" - that is what I was told by many people before coming to Japan. After five months here, I have to agree with this sentence in many ways. Studying abroad is neither about just learning or just fun. It is about a wide range of different experiences.

My name is Malwina Poreba and I am an exchange student from Poland. I entered Josai International University in September 2016 and I am planning to stay in Japan until early August this year. I am a student in the Management and Information Studies Department on the Kioicho Campus. My home university is the University of Warsaw where I major in Japanese studies.

In November and December last year, I was given the opportunity to do an intern-

ship at The Japan Times newspaper. The internship program is organized by Josai International University teacher Chiga Hayashi.

When I was first thinking about an internship what came to mind was copying documents and making coffee. To my surprise the work turned out to be completely different.

I was given a job in the newspaper's Cross Media Department, which deals mostly with sales and advertising. During the two-month internship I wrote articles for a restaurant column and did some Japanese-to-English translations. So instead of making coffee, I was able to actually do some real work and improve my English writing skills. As I am not a native speaker they still require a lot of polishing.

Staff of the Cross Media Department treat-



ed me with patience and kindness. On my first day I was shown around, which gave me an insight into how the whole office worked. It was a rare chance to see inside a real newspaper company.

The work I was asked to do was interesting. The articles I was writing were published once a week so I could write them at my own pace. Moreover, the stories published in the hotels and restaurants column contained a lot of information about places in Tokyo I have never been to, like luxurious restaurants or elegant hotels. Every story also required me to understand texts in Japanese as there were only Japanese versions of the hotel news releases.

I consider my internship at The Japan Times a very valuable experience and I am very thankful to Josai International University as well as The Japan Times for making it possible. Not only was I able to contribute to the newspaper but also to look at Japan from a different perspective - through the eyes of an intern.

Josai University Educational Corporation
50th Anniversary Project

"Kantsubaki"

Mikio Mizuta's Biography

A former journalist of Mainichi Shimbun, Kanji 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.

Please contact us for inquiries or information regarding this upcoming book.

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Airline transport industry professionals talk to students in JIU career class

by JIUTimes

Airline and airport industry professionals have been giving lectures at JIU's Togane Campus on aspects of their work to help students seeking careers as cabin crew and ground staff. The lectures by employees of All Nippon Airways and its group companies are part of an industry-academia collaboration agreement between the university and the ANA Strategic Research Institute. Many JIU students have attended the lectures,

which make up part of the "Introduction to Airline and Airport Careers" course. The agreement covers internships for JIU students at Narita and Central Japan airports.

In November last year, Tomonori Ishii, representative director, chairman of Vanilla Air, an ANA group low-cost carrier, spoke to students about the outlook for the airline industry at home and abroad. Vanilla's domestic routes include Hokkaido, Tokyo, Osaka, the Amami Islands and Okinawa. Its overseas destinations

are Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam and the Philippines.

In the same month, ANA cabin crew talked to JIU students about the content of their work and the qualities needed to be a good flight attendant. After the lecture they responded to students' questions. The lectures are an example of the way in which JIU is responding to the needs of students hoping to find jobs as flight attendants and ground staff, as well as other careers in the airline industry.



New science building, memorial hall to open

By Josai International Center for the Promotion of Art & Sciences (JICPAS)

The inauguration ceremony for the new pharmaceutical sciences building (No. 21) and the Mikio Mizuta Memorial Hall will take place March 28 as part of the festivities to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Josai. The new pharmaceutical sciences building has 10 floors, including one underground, a total floor space of 12,000

square meters and will contain, in addition to all the facilities formerly in building No. 6, an isotope center, classrooms, research centers, and offices for faculty and staff. With this new building, the name Josai University is now visible from the Tobu-ogose Line station.

“The new pharmaceutical sciences building is characterized by its mix of research centers, classrooms, amenity zones for students, RI-related institutions and administration centers. To promote interpersonal exchanges, the research floor does not have walls so faculty and students will have a lot of opportunities to interact,” said Vice President Kazuhiko Jyuni, head of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The Mikio Mizuta Memorial Hall is a two-floor, 1,800-square-meter structure built alongside the north slope of Josai Hill and is designed to look like a space that connects the hill to the forest. In addition to housing the temporary exhibition previously held in the gymnasium, the building also contains a hall, workshops, and a multipurpose lounge that will host many kinds of events and function as a space that promotes international education as well as local community ties.

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 休館日：日曜日・月曜日
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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
- Apr 1 Dr. Noriko Mizuta appointed President of Josai 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 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 (JICPAS) established Josai 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 Work Studies) established
- Apr 19 Medicinal Plant Garden (Otake 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
- 2012 Dec 9 Josai University Mizuta Museum of Art (premises) opened
- Apr 1 Josai University Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Pharmacy Graduate Course Pharmacy Specialty (letter 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
- Apr 28 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

WING supports female students career-building

Translation by Agnes Torok, Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies

The WING group for female students in the faculty of contemporary policy studies (current president is sophomore Haruka Hi-yama) was established in 2011. In addition to supporting friendship between female students, the group also focuses on the careers of its members. All female students entering the Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies are automatically members of the group. President Hayama wrote the following message for the homepage of Josai University.

I inherited the leadership of this group in the spring of 2016, from senior Emi Ikeda.

My first project as president was a meeting with the Cookie Project nonprofit organization. The Cookie Project is working on developing cookies with the cooperation of different groups such as handicapped people, students, housewives and others.

The cookies are delicious and the environment created through the cooperation of people who usually do not have the chance to work together was really refreshing and I learned a lot.

Also in December, we had an expert beautician hold a seminar about appropriate makeup for job hunting. Nearly 45 students, ranging from freshman to juniors, participated. Expressing ourselves through makeup is fun, but

we were able to learn what makeup makes the best first impression when looking for a job.

The students who had been chosen for the Scholarship Program for Women Leaders created WING in 2011. Since then, the group has taken on many activities such as the one mentioned above. A Women's Seminar was also created to help students adjust to university life and make friends. I participated in the seminar just three days after my matriculation. We spent a wonderful time together playing games, interacting and listening to the stories of the first graduates of the faculty. Thanks to the seminar, I was able to make a lot of friends.

I want everyone in the group to keep working on new projects and having fun.

Kaneko to run ekiden in Kanto area team

By Kasumi Takakuwa Student, Faculty of Business Administration

Josai University's men's team did not qualify for this year's Tokyo-Hakone collegiate ekiden relay race. But Genki Kaneko (sophomore, Faculty of Business Administration) was selected to run for a combined team of students of Kanto-area universities. Kaneko ran the 21.4-kilometer eighth leg of the return route between Hiratsuka and Totsuka on January 3 in 1 hour, 8 minutes, 6 seconds. About 20 faculty staff came to cheer him en route.

“I have training long and hard for the Hakone race. While running the route, I tried to enjoy every moment because it's something



Genki Kaneko runs with people cheering for him.

I've always dreamed of doing, Kaneko said. Now the university's new men's race team has five members, including Kaneko, who have experienced the Tokyo-Hakone race. Kaneko spoke of his aspirations for next season. “I want to produce tangible results such

as winning a prize at the Inter-University Athletic Union of Kanto Championships and setting a new track record. And, now as I am one of the few runners on the team who has experienced the Hakone race, I will do everything I can for the team,” he said.