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President views exchanges as important learning tools

by JIU Times

Josai International University President Kenji Sugibayashi said JIU has established its brand image of being global in the 25 years since its foundation and the 50 years since the foundation of Josai University Educational Corporation.

"We now have many (about 170) sister schools in the world and have established strong exchange relations with them," Sugibayashi said at the university's Kioicho Campus in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward, on March 7.

He took the post as of April 1 after his predecessor Hakuo Yanagisawa finished his term on March 31.

Sugibayashi also stressed the benefits of having foreign students on campus.

"Japan is a homogeneous country and Japanese living in remote areas can live their entire lives without even seeing foreigners. Studying and living with foreigners is a very good experience for students," he said. "What is important for students is to have many different experiences and acquire interpersonal skills. It is very meaningful to have exchanges with people different from you."

JIU will continue to expand its collaborations with overseas schools to facilitate student and teacher exchanges with them.

"Japan's role in Asia is important and Asia



of the university, "Character building through learning," which was coined by the founder of Josai University Educational Corporation, Mikio Mizuta.

"It's important for young people to have their own opinions, listen to other people and empathize with them," Sugibayashi said.

He also stressed the importance of the university contributing to the local community, noting that a university should be an academic center for the area around it.

The Kioicho campus is significant as it is in the center of Tokyo and functions as a showcase for JIU. It also offers convenient access for people who come from overseas, he said.

Sugibayashi biography

A graduate of the University of Toyama Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Sugibayashi obtained his doctorate in pharmaceutical science at Gifu Pharmaceutical University. He began his academic career as an assistant professor at Josai University's Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Spending 16 months studying at the University of Michigan and the University of Utah, he pursued his academic career at JU, becoming a professor in 1998 and the faculty dean in 2009. Sugibayashi is also a board member of Josai University Educational Corporation.

cannot be ignored. That said, we should also have close relationships with Europe and the U.S. Internationalism has reached a turning point and JIU will maintain a good balance and continue to have such exchanges," he said. "The sooner you know about people of different backgrounds, the better."

Another characteristic of JIU is that it has many different departments so that students are able to interact with people from different majors.

All these points come down to the mission

Shunpei Yamazaki scholarships awarded to 10 students

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

The fourth ceremony awarding the Shunpei Yamazaki Scholarship was held on March 8 at JIU's Kioicho Campus. Scholarships were given to 10 students of the Graduate School of International Administration after a screening of academic records and interviews. Motoyuki Ono, head of research and chancellor ad interim of Josai University Educational Corporation presented the awards to the students. Those 10 dedicated students said that they would use the

scholarships to further their research.

Shunpei Yamazaki — a friend of Ono, inventor of flash memory, holder of many patents and one of the leading researchers in the world — donated in 2013 to create this scholarship program. The scholarship fund was created in accordance with the teaching policy of the graduate program in international administration: "Acquiring international management and administration theory, as well as high-level specialized knowledge and business skills, to nurture internationally minded talents." Through this program, the graduate program



of international administration seeks to achieve excellent results and bestow Yamazaki Shunpei scholarships to second-year graduate students who have the potential to become active as internationally minded talents in the future.

The ten awardees are Masahiro Tojo, Daiki Katagiri, Liu Zhen, Lu Xiaoman, Zhang Xiaofang, Ma Jun, Xu Lanshi, Dong Min, Shin Dong Yeon and Sirin Leelasermkul.



New hall commemorates founder's efforts

by JIU Times

A ceremony was held March 28 at Josai University's Sakado Campus to mark the opening of the Mizuta Mikio Memorial Hall and a new building for the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

It was attended by about 400 people, including mayors and assembly members of Sakado and neighboring municipalities, those involved in the design and construction of the two new structures, local residents, teachers and students.

It began with a Shinto priest's prayer, followed by greetings from Josai University Educational Corporation Chancellor Ad Interim Motoyuki Ono, a tape-cutting ceremony and a tour of the new buildings for the attendees.

"We are happy to be holding the opening ceremony for the Mizuta Mikio Memorial Hall and the new building for the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences on such a beautiful day, an aus-

spicious start for something new at Josai University," Ono said. "We would like to learn from and respect founder Mizuta's achievements."

The two-story memorial hall, with 1,800 square meters of floor space, features an arched roof mirroring the silhouette of a hill. Located at Josai Hill — the highest point on campus — the hall, which will be open to students and members of the community, has an auditorium, multipurpose spaces, the Founder's Room and other facilities.

The Founder's Room showcases founder Mikio Mizuta's life and the history of Josai University, and displays 100 items, including medals and other honors he received, a desk and formal suits he wore.

The Founder's Room can also accommodate large groups, and includes a guest area for receiving distinguished overseas visitors and VIPs. It also has multipurpose spaces for holding receptions, exhibitions, workshops and many other activities.

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences building, with 12,000 square meters of floor space, has nine stories above ground and one basement floor. It is located on the southeast edge of the campus, and functions as the gateway and landmark of the university. The research floors have no walls between rooms, which helps to stimulate exchanges between students and teachers.

At a reception after the ceremony, there were congratulatory speeches from architect Hitoshi Abe of Atelier Hitoshi Abe, who designed the two new buildings, and other prominent guests.

"I hope the new building for the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will become a milestone for expansion of the campus," Abe said. "Connecting the local with the global is big challenge for every university. The memorial hall will be useful as a platform to connect the university with local and global activities."

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Collaboration deal formalized with Chiba Agricultural College

by JIU Times

Josai International University and Chiba Prefecture Agricultural College on March 6 signed an official accord for collaboration in educational programs. At the ceremony, Chiba Prefecture Agricultural College President Mi-

noru Igaki and JIU's previous President Hakuo Yanagisawa promised mutual cooperation for regional development. Chiba Prefectural Assembly member Kiyotaka Ishibashi and Togane Mayor Naoharu Shiga were among those at the ceremony. The two expressed encouragement, saying, "We are expecting the collaboration to

lead to the development of local human talent, have a positive impact on local communities, and develop new regional brands utilizing local resources."

JIU started an alliance with the college when the university formed the Faculty of Social Environmental Studies, sending teachers and shar-

ing facilities. With the collaboration accord, the university will allow the college students to use the university's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science facilities for experiments on microorganisms. The university will also consider commercialization projects using blueberries, utilizing assays on the fruit's nutrients.

V4 plus Japan seminar addresses immigration

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

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the four Visegrad Group (V4) countries, and Josai University Educational Corporation jointly hosted a V4 plus Japan seminar in the basement hall of Building No. 1 at Josai University Educational Corporation's Kioicho Campus in Tokyo on Feb. 22. About 70 people, including Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials, representatives from the embassies of more than 16 countries in Japan, university researchers, media representatives, specialists and students, took part.

This is the fifth time Josai University Educational Corporation has hosted this seminar for the V4 countries of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. At the suggestion of Poland, currently the V4 president, the theme of this year's seminar was immigration issues.

At the start of the seminar, Motoyuki Ono, chancellor ad interim of Josai University Educational Corporation, gave an opening speech, followed by Motome Takisawa, parliamentary vice minister for foreign affairs, who spoke on behalf of the government. Subsequently, Piotr Szostak, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Polish embassy in Tokyo, spoke. Szostak stated that

last year was a historic one, marking the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the V4, but due to the withdrawal of the U.K. from the European Union and other factors, the V4 countries are facing a difficult situation.

In sessions following the speeches, researchers from Japan and the V4 countries presented the results of their studies, followed by a lively exchange of opinions with participants regarding the "The Origins of Current Migration Crises," "Policies of V4 Countries Migration Issues" and "Migration Issues from Japan's Perspective."

The percentage of Polish people among the population of foreigners in the U.K. has increased recently, and Brexit has created instability. It was pointed out that under these circumstances, European countries, which are sending immigrants, are generating political protests in the countries accepting them. Moreover, the Central and East European countries see migrants entering Europe as immigrants, not as refugees, meaning they are not in the position to be officially accepted as they are seen as "illegal immigrants." This overlaps in many ways with Japan's situation and policies. Given these factors, this seminar was very significant.

What is the V4 and what is its relationship with Josai University?

The four Central European countries formed the Visegrad Group, also called the Visegrad Four or V4, to provide a framework for cooperation aimed at promoting friendship and alliances among the countries and the integration of Europe. For Japan, the V4 are important partners sharing common universal values and principles on the basis of democracy, the rule of law, human rights, liberty and a market economy. Japan and the V4 are also enhancing their cooperation in the areas of security, the economy, science and technology and innovation. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has held various seminars on topics such as the economy, the environment, development cooperation and energy efficiency for the V4 plus Japan.

Josai University actively promotes international exchanges with various universities around the world, based on its medium-term goal of strengthening international exchange activities for the purpose of developing global human resources. In particular, Josai University is strengthening educational exchanges with the Central European region. Currently, 43 students from the V4 countries are studying at Josai University and Josai International University. The Hungarian, Polish, and Czech languages are also taught at the universities.

Seven goals toward becoming a leading university in the world

« 7 J-Vision » (2016-2020)



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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Coaches bring wealth of experience to Josai athletes

by Mutsuo Nakamura
Admissions Office

Soccer team

In March, Satoru Fukui was appointed as head coach of Josai International University's soccer team. In his distinguished career, coach Fukui held leading positions in the Japan Football Association's National Training Center and technical committee. With FC Tokyo, he served as training director who fostered professional footballers and coaches. He holds the highest-level JFA class S coaching license and is an acclaimed football theorist.

Under Fukui are 90 managers and players, including 17 freshmen. The team's current aim is to be promoted to the second division of the Kanto College Football League. For this to happen, the JIU team will need to win the Chiba Prefectural College Football League and advance to the finals of the Kanto College Football Championship.

"I expect my players to think and act independently in every game; they have the potential to produce amazing results," Fukui said.

Women's ekiden team

Professor Masami Otsuka of the Faculty of



Satoru Fukui

Management and Information Sciences has been the head coach of JIU's women's ekiden team for more than a decade.

In his college days at Nippon Sport Science University, Otsuka participated in the Tokyo-Hakone Round-Trip College Ekiden Race every year. He gained fame for setting records in the sections he ran. His records in the second and eighth sections were especially formidable as they stood for more than 10 years.

Coach Otsuka joined JIU in 2000 and led his team to the All-Japan Collegiate Women's Ekiden Championship in 2002. Since then, his team participated in the competition for 10 consecutive years, finishing third in 2005. This, in addition to JIU's sister university Josai University's two victories in the same championship, has made Josai's women's ekiden teams well known around the country.

Currently, the JIU team has 11 members, including two freshmen. "I intend to build a

Junior soccer tournament fosters friendship

by Mutsuo Nakamura
Admissions Office

On Feb. 18, the fourth Josai International University Kawabuchi Saburo Junior Soccer Tournament was held at JIU's Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park.

This event was held to foster the sound growth of young people who will lead the next generation, promote friendship and exchange, while helping to develop soccer in the local community. This year, fifteen teams of boys from the Sanbu area gathered



Masami Otsuka

to compete for the Kawabuchi Saburo Cup. In the opening ceremony, the young players listened intently to the former President of the Japan Football Association Saburo Kawabuchi's words of encouragement: "The secret to becoming a good soccer player is to enjoy playing it while polishing your strong skills. I hope you'll enjoy every game with your friends today."

In this tournament, FC Friends, last year's runner-up, won the Kawabuchi Saburo Cup. Yokoshiba FC placed second and FC Wing and Mizuho FC shared third place.

Welcome for new students

by JIU Times

An entrance ceremony for 1,447 students, including 233 foreign students from 19 countries, was held at Josai International University's Togane Campus in Chiba Prefecture on April 2.

"We would like you to have ability to live and work in an international environment, as well as acquire the mentality of contributing to the local community, and be a successful person in whatever you do in the world," JIU President Kenji Sugibayashi said to the new students at the Sports Culture Center during the ceremony.

Representing the new students, Ichih Uchiyama of the Faculty of Nursing said, "We will work hard to become people who will be successful in an international arena. Please give us strong guidance."



Growth opportunities, bright future for graduates

by Mideki Fernando
Department of International Exchange Studies

On March 15, JIU held its graduation ceremony for the students of the class of 2016 at its Togane Campus.

At the ceremony, President Hakuo Yanagisawa gave a farewell address saying: "You have been studying hard under the spiritual legacy of the founder, Mikio Mizuta, following his policy of 'Character Building through Learning.' I expect that you will prove true real worth in confidence when you go out into society. Even in a new environment, I hope you will build wonderful human relationships with others."

"By taking part in local tourism projects, studying abroad and internships, I was able to overcome the difficult job hunting process. From now on I would like to cooperate with others, just like I did in my university days, continuing to have a positive attitude in upcoming challenges, and growing as a human being who can contribute to society," said Kurumi Hagihara, of the Faculty of Tourism, speaking on behalf of her fellow graduates.

Many distinguished guests, family and friends attended the ceremony to share in the students' success and congratulate them. We wish all of our graduates success in their future studies and careers.

Josai University Educational Corporation
50th Anniversary Project

"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.

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

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Students kick off job hunting activities

by JIU Times

An annual job search event was held on March 13 at a hotel in Makuu, Chiba Prefecture. The annual hiring season in Japan for new college graduates this year will kick off on June 1, with unofficial early job offers to be extended to job candidates starting from Oct. 1. Compared with the "employment ice age," which was an extremely difficult time for college students to find jobs, employment conditions in Japan have improved, but it is still not easy to find a job.

Human resources officials from 240 companies, including those in pharmaceutical and welfare-related businesses, assembled for the conference, meeting with about 700 candidates that became seniors in April. The students were from seven faculties: social work studies; social and environmental studies; management & information sciences; media studies; international humanities; tourism; and pharmaceutical sciences.

Every year at the employment event, about 20 to 30 students receive informal offers of employment.

In an opening speech at the event, Josai University Educational Corp. Chancellor ad interim Motoyuki Ono said: "JIU has been engaged in a constant effort to develop human resources with the capabilities of making major contributions in a wide variety of business fields. I believe those capabilities will be fully utilized at your companies and organizations."

At the booths arranged for meetings between students and company officials, many students could be seen enthusiastically asking questions and taking notes.

Publications from the University Press

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.



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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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 JIU 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	Seiko 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 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. Luce of Mikio Mizuta as a project to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the foundation of Josai University. Restoration of Mikio Mizuta's birthplace completed, as Josai University's 40th anniversary project
2003	Jan 25	Josai University: MBA in Business Innovation (Graduate School of Business Administration) established
	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	Social Work Studies (Faculty of Social Work Studies) established
	Apr 19	Kyonan Seminar House completed
	May 27	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 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	Makuu 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 Study, Josai International University
	Apr 1	Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building No. 4 opened
	Apr 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 International University: Department 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
	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
	Nov 21	Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building No. 3 opened
	Nov 12	Institute for Central European Studies established
2015	Feb 12	Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building No. 5 opened
	Nov 21	Josai Center for ASEAN Studies established
2016	Sept 1	Akira Shirahata appointed President of Josai University
	Mar 28	The Mizuta Mikio Memorial Hall, the new building for the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences opened
2017	Apr 1	Kenji Sugibayashi appointed President of Josai International University

Let's exchange!

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by Aliz Bartha

I received the Jinzai Scholarship from Josai International University in the summer of 2016. This scholarship is very useful for me. When I came here I wanted to learn Japanese language and history because I had studied them at my home university, the University of Debrecen in Hungary. I also love Japanese culture, architectural tradition and literature in addition to the language and history. Thanks to JIU, I was able to learn about these firsthand.



Aliz Bartha

Between the fall and spring semester I had a chance to travel, learning some new things about Japan and Japanese culture and practicing the language outside the university. I tried to visit some famous and historical places like Sendai, Kyoto, Himeji and Hiroshima.

In Sendai I visited the mausoleum of Date Masamune and Aoba Castle. These are the most visited places in Sendai and the city has a bus that takes visitors to various sightseeing spots. On these buses the drivers provide some information about the various places in Japanese, and I was very happy because I could understand almost everything. Not only could I understand the driver, I could also understand a short film about Date and his family. In Kyoto I also had some guided tours and films in Japanese, including some on the history of Shinsengumi in the Yagitei. I could also recognize some kanji in the texts at the museums that I didn't know before I came to Josai International University. When I was traveling, JIU's Japanese classes helped me a lot, especially in

Himeji and Hiroshima. We learned about those two places in class and our professors gave us some extra information about Himeji Castle, the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Dome, the Peace Museum and Peace Park. This information was both useful and memorable.

Besides the classes that were useful for traveling, there are many interesting ones available. At the beginning of the fall semester we can select classes from a variety of global college classes that the teachers are teaching in English. In these classes the students get a chance to develop their knowledge of English on the themes they want to study. And in these classes, Japanese and exchange students can communicate and learn together.

All in all, I believe I had a great opportunity to learn more about my favorite subjects and I can utilize this knowledge in real situations.

by Dominika Izdebska

My name is Dominika Izdebska and I am an exchange student at Josai International University in Tokyo. My home country is Poland, where I major in Japanese studies at the Polish-Japanese Academy of Information Technology. However, I have lived few years in England where I worked and studied in cities such as London and Oxford. This has helped me become fluent in English. As I plan to become a language teacher, I was really grateful for the opportunity to teach English at Josai. At the same time, I started to do research about English education in Japan.



Dominika Izdebska

Nowadays, the most common language

for global business is English. It serves as a great way to break national boundaries. Private English schools can be found everywhere on the streets of Japan. Classes here are mostly attended by children, starting as young as two years old. Moreover, English has been the number one foreign language in Japan since the Meiji Period (1868).

I have been in Japan for almost five months now and what I found different in their culture is the approach to learning a language. I have been discussing this with English teachers at JIU, while I was attending the English Club. The club was designed to give everyone the opportunity to practice English with overseas students. I was also able to sign up to English mentoring classes, where I became a teacher. Recently, I had the opportunity to practice English with Japanese children from two to 14 years old. I also had time to talk with Japanese people who had no experience speaking English. Talking with professors of JIU, such as Kensaku Hogen (who is a former ambassador to Canada) helped me to see the perspectives of older people as well. All these opportunities helped me understand aspects of Japanese culture, and prepare myself to be a better English teacher.

Today, it is often said that Japanese are not able to speak English, so there is no use in trying. I strongly disagree with this statement, seeing so much passion and potential in my Japanese students. I believe that I could help in achieving higher levels in English among Japanese. I always dreamed of being a teacher and JIU is the place where I have begun to make my dream come true.

by Czekala Gabriela

During my studies at Josai International University I had the opportunity to visit many interesting places, both in Tokyo and

in nearby prefectures. One of my favorites so far has been Kamakura. It is a town about an hour away by train from Tokyo.

From 1192 to 1333 Kamakura was the seat of the Kamakura shogunate.

Today the city of Kamakura is mostly known for its many temples and for the great statue of Amida Buddha (Daibutsu).

Getting to every single place worth seeing in Kamakura in one day is impossible, therefore I would like to recommend two temples and one Shinto shrine that I enjoyed the most. First would be the Kotoku-in Temple. It is a Buddhist temple of the Jodo-shu sect and it is where the Daibutsu can be found. The statue is very impressive and for a small price one can go inside of it. The second temple that I would like to recommend is Kencho-ji Temple. It is a Rinzai Zen temple and the oldest Zen training monastery in Japan. Kencho-ji consists of many interesting buildings, as well as gardens, and it even has a hiking trail. The grounds are vast and beautiful.

Finally, the last place I would like to recommend is Zeniarai Benzaiten

Ugafuku Jinja. It is a truly magical place — a shrine completely surrounded by high rock walls. Inside, there are various interesting spots, the most fascinating one being a stream in a cave that is believed to multiply the money washed in it.

by Istvan Rasa

My name is Istvan Rasa and I am an English major from Hungary. Currently I'm studying at Josai International University as an exchange student. I came to Japan to

familiarize myself with the culture and the language as I plan to become a translator after graduating from my home institution.

Last month, I was granted with an opportunity to work at The Japan Times as an intern. As I was sure that this chance could easily prove to be an invaluable experience, I signed up for it right away.

On my first day, after I struggled my way through the usual rush of the morning traffic, a friendly and professional team greeted me. After a quick tour around the office, I jumped headfirst into writing the hotel columns, which remained my responsibility until the very end of my internship.

At first, I had some difficulties in translating the Japanese press releases into English, but the more time I spent at work, the less difficult the task felt. By the end of February I could easily decipher longer sentences (especially about hanami cherry-blossom viewing and strawberries) without having to look up the kanji, or use translation programs.

It was an amazing experience to be part of such a kind and welcoming environment. Even though I was much slower than they were, my colleagues remained patient and treated me with respect. I could turn to them with my questions, even if they were busy. They even treated me to a lunch at the company cafeteria.

I am immensely grateful to JIU for granting me this chance. The past month was a wonderful experience, and it showed me just how nice working in a Japanese office environment really could be. I sincerely hope that my time at The Japan Times was beneficial not only for me, but for the company as well.



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Istvan Rasa

Wellness course teaches locals health

by JIU Times

Since 2006, Josai International University has been offering health-related academic programs — dubbed Senior Wellness University and headed by Masami Otsuka — mainly targeting local residents. This is because of a belief that one of a university's roles is to provide solutions to problems and issues unique to its local community, based on outcomes of educational and research programs in relation to health and sports, as well as a wide variety of intellectual and human resources in health and welfare issues.

The program is a two-year course, with the first year offering a basic course for health and physical training, with physical exercise and in-class lectures. Classes include teaching physical exercises that are easy to do at home to prevent lifestyle-related diseases, as well as in-class lectures on diet and preventing age-related illness.

In the second year, the practical course for health and physical training features yoga and aerobics, lessons on how to make the best use of physical training facilities and how to be a leader in wellness-related issues. In both years, a total of 26 sessions will be offered, with 13 sessions each for the first and second semesters. The first semester opens in April and the second in September. Josai International University faculty members and outside instructors conduct the lectures.

The aim of the programs is to offer an opportunity to enjoy physical exercise through sports and athletic activities, learn about physical exercises and related nutrition and pharmaceutical products, develop leaders for other health and sports programs and support participants in earning qualification certificates. Program participants are eligible to take academic classes offered to earn credits, as well as use the university facilities.

Business presentation contest

by Lewandowski Piotr, Faculty of Management and Information Sciences Affairs

On Feb. 23, Baroque Japan Ltd. (Tokyo) held a business presentation contest for its AZUL by moussy clothing line, in which the students from the Faculty of Management and Information Sciences participated.

As part of a comprehensive agreement on industry-university cooperation, students presented business proposals for the first time. The presentations covered various topics, including marketing, branding and overseas sales.

The purpose of the contest was to explore the challenges that the company is facing and

propose solutions, using knowledge gained at the university. Volunteer juniors and seniors participated, giving high-quality presentations.

The first speech addressed visual marketing. Students emphasized, among other things, the importance of appropriate customer service. The second talk was an analysis and study of brand image that was based on questionnaires from representatives of the young generation. The last presentation offered a proposal for entering China and gave the results of a survey on clothing purchases by university students in Japan, Korea and China. This final presentation, given by Yuki Iizuka, Lee Hwansol and Shiori Tsuchiya, was chosen as the best of the evening.



KAMOGAWA CORNER

The 4th Mizuta Junior High School Baseball Tournament

by Faculty of Tourism

On March 11 and 12, the fourth Mizuta Junior High School Baseball Tournament took place between 12 teams from 15 junior high schools. Hiromichi Ishige, chairman of the tournament, called on the teams to "show fully the results of daily training."

Sanshiro Hasegawa, a player from Awa-Higashi Junior High School, gave the opening pledge, saying, "We will play our best for our families, teachers, teammates and the people of the district who have



supported us."

The league games were held on the first day of the tournament by placing the teams into one of four groups, and the knockout round games were held on the second day. Narashino Dai Ni Junior High School and a combined team from Shimofusa, Taiei and Azuma junior high schools played in the final, with Narashino Dai Ni

becoming the tournament champions for the first time with a 6-0 win.

In closing, Ishige encouraged all the teams, saying, "I'm sure that training and playing baseball with your teammates will bring many benefits. You can learn a lot from playing baseball so I hope you will continue to play the game while you study hard."

KAMOGAWA CORNER

The 11th cherry-blossom festival and Mineoka central forest road walk

by Faculty of Tourism of Josai International University

On April 4, the 11th cherry-blossom festival and Mineoka central forest road walk took place, with students of the Faculty of Tourism and area residents participating. There were about 150 participants in total, with a majority of the students being freshmen.

The Faculty of Tourism has launched the "Mine Okabayashi Road Cherry Blossom Reconstruction Project" enabling students

to learn about nature, history and culture of Mine Okabayashi. They have been restoring the road with cherry blossom trees and discussing the environment with local residents.

Participants started the approximately 12 km walk from the Awa Campus to the destination, the house that is the birthplace of professor Mikio Mizuta, the founder of Josai International University. Although most of the cherry blossoms were still buds, the weather was mild as if announcing the time of full blooms is just around the corner. The participants enjoyed the rich nature of the Kamogawa River with refreshing weather on the day.

Faculty of Tourism sophomores and juniors acted as tour guides for participants on the way. They explained about statues with plaques, monuments with poems and other items of interest.

At the birthplace of Mizuta, participants learned about the house while enjoying tea

and snacks. The summary of explanation was: "Mizuta nurtured sensibility in this area with rich nature. He went to school by walking a rough mountain path everyday, and studied hard. He thought deeply about the future of Japan in global dynamics."

A Vietnamese international student who participated the walk said: "In Vietnam, people use motorcycles everywhere, so walking this much distance was a rare experience for me. Though I feel a bit tired, it was a nice experience. Through such events, I would like to make many Japanese friends."



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President sees international benefits from local activities

by JIU Times

Josai University President Akira Shirahata said being a local university makes JU an international one by offering foreign students experiences only a local school could provide.

"A strong connection with the local community leads to globalism," Shirahata said at the university's Kioicho Campus in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward on March 7. For example, JU students are involved in running a neighborhood festival, which is a wonderful experience for exchange students, he said.

Local universities in other countries also need to be creative to lure foreign students and be global in competing with universities in urban areas, as does JU, the main campus of which is in Sakado, Saitama Prefecture.

JU students are able to have great experiences at the University of Burgundy, where they go for a short stay to learn local history and help make wine, he added.

"Local community requests to avail themselves of intellectual resources that universities have are increasing and these present a good way for universities to contribute to their communities. Additionally, student education inside classrooms is not enough; we should offer opportunities to learn out-



side campus, including internships," he said.

Regarding foreign students, Shirahata feels they are very active and willing to learn as many things as possible.

"Young Japanese people will have a hard time competing with" foreign students of similar ages, he said.

JU and Josai International University have

relationships with about 160 sister schools around the world, including those in Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia.

The fact that JU has five faculties gives JU an advantage because it allows students to interact with many different kinds of people, he said, adding that interactions with people of different disciplines helps to foster innovation.

JU focuses on educating its students to challenge themselves because society now requires people who are up to challenges and adapt to any unexpected situations, as opposed to those who do what they are told to do in companies, he said.

Shirahata biography

After graduating from the University of Tokyo's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Shirahata finished his doctorate in pharmaceutical science at the same university. He then worked for two years until September 1985 as a post-doctoral fellow at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine.

He became an assistant professor at Josai University's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences in October 1985, becoming a professor in April 2001 and the head of the faculty in April 2003, vice president of Josai University in April 2008 and president in September.



Cheering groups perform at Saitama Cycle Expo

Translation by Agnes Torok, Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies

On Feb. 25 and 26, the Cheering Squad, led by Yumi Masuda, together with the Cheerleader Club, captained by Nami Kawashima, performed at Saitama Cycle Expo 2017, the biggest domestic bicycle-related event, at Saitama Super Arena in Saitama Prefecture.

The performance was made possible thanks to the recommendation of Josai University graduate Takashi Kinoshita, a mem-

ber of the Saitama Prefectural Assembly. They performed on the morning of Feb. 26 at the opening ceremony of Saitama Quiz King Competition, an event at the same venue. The Cheerleader Club delivered a dynamic dance performance. Joined by Masuda, and the rest of the cheering squad, they performed a cheer and the school anthem, with the crowd giving them a big round of applause.

Masuda fulfilled the role of cheering squad leader in high school, and entered the university Cheering Club as the only female

member. She is the first female leader in the history of Josai University, and her debut as a captain was at the event. "It was an honor to make my first performance as leader in Saitama Super Arena in front of such a welcoming audience. I think we managed to show the crowd how energetic Josai University is. We will do our best to support the sportsmen of our university," Masuda said.

"I'm glad we could give a flawless performance. We will continue to deliver energy, bravery and smiles to our audience," Kawashima added.

Professor Yumi Narasawa receives The Japan Academy Prize

Translation by Agnes Torok, Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies

Professor Yumi Narasawa of Josai University's Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies was elected as one of the recipients of the Japan Academy Prize. The award ceremony takes place in June at The Japan Academy in Ueno, Tokyo.

The Japan Academy Prize is awarded to individuals who authored outstanding academic papers or books, or achieved notable research landmarks. The award ceremony has been held every year since the Meiji Era, making this year's ceremony the 107th.

Narasawa graduated from Tokyo University's Faculty of Letters in 1989. In 1992, she completed graduate work at the School of Humanities of the same university. Additionally, in 2008, she completed the Graduate School of Human Sciences at France's Aix-Marseille University. Among other things, she was an assistant professor at Tokyo University and from May 2016 was a visiting professor at Josai University's Faculty



of Contemporary Policy Studies. In April, she was promoted from associate professor to professor. Her area of expertise is art history, archeology and the church altars of Southern France. She was awarded the Japan Academy Prize for systematically categorizing the types of altars.

The main area of her research was Southern Gallia, a province on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Researching 454 altars in three regions, she visited approximately 200 places and conducted detailed examinations

of the various shapes, materials, standards, ornaments and designs.

Her research received the following valuation: "Altars are vital elements to the Catholic liturgy, but as it is considered a subdued form of art, it has not been properly researched until now. Professor Narasawa's work about a disappearing art form is valuable on an international level as well."

Narasawa said, "I want to encourage others to use my work as a base and continue researching."

MIZUTA MIKIO MEMORIAL HALL



Josai University board members, teachers and invited guests took a tour of the Mizuta Mikio Memorial Hall on March 28, on which the hall's opening ceremony was held.

Some 400 people who attended the ceremony took the tour and saw the Founder's Room, the Auditorium and other facilities.

The Auditorium has a simultaneous interpretation system and holds 140 people. The Founder's Room has a statue of founder Mikio Mizuta and other items related to him and the history of the university.



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