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## Chancellor Mizuta pauses on anniversaries to look to future

by JIU Times

Josai International University marked its 20th anniversary last year, Josai University established the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences 40 years ago and Josai Base College was founded 30 years ago. 2015 will see Josai University's 50th anniversary. The two universities and the college have about 90,000 alumni combined. We asked Noriko Mizuta, Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation, which operates the two universities and the college, about the future of the schools.

**Q:** Mr. Mikio Mizuta founded Josai University Educational Corporation. He contributed to economic recovery after World War II as he served the chief of the Economic Planning Agency and the Finance Minister. Josai University, with its motto "Character building through learning," as well as Josai International University and Josai Base College have campuses in the metropolitan area — Kioicho, Sakado, Togane, Awa and Makuhari in Tokyo, Saitama and Chiba prefectures. How do you manage them?

**Chancellor Mizuta:** The two universities and the college practice the founder's philosophy. The Kioicho Campus in Tokyo plays the central role in the philosophy as it has research and education functions. Collaborations with other universities have strengthened, and job hunting and collaboration with businesses have become more active. A new building, the No. 3 Building, will become the center of global activities as it has a hall suitable for international conferences. It is important for a corporation operating multiple universities to have headquarters near governmental offices in Kasumigaseki, Tokyo.

**Q:** Tokyo has been selected to host the 2020

Olympic Games. Josai University was founded a year after the 1964 Tokyo Games. Do you have an emotional attachment to the Olympics?

**Chancellor Mizuta:** Josai University has some connections with the Olympics. The university was founded in 1965. The founder was Chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party's Policy Research Council for a long time and was a member of a group creating education policies such as obligating the state to finance compulsory education.

The last time Tokyo hosted the Games, it was a big event helping Japan's return to international society. Then we were thinking, "What should come next?" The answer is strengthening university education and nurturing human resources with global viewpoints. Josai University was founded on such a belief. Japan and Japanese people have made a lot of contributions to the world in internationalization, international peace and the international environment. The future challenge is to take international leadership and nurture internationally minded people. I believe our university is expected to play that role.

**Q:** And collaboration with business?

**Chancellor Mizuta:** We formed alliances with media companies — Nikkatsu Corporation in 2010 and Sun Music Production this year — and started practical classes in the Faculty of Media Studies. We also collaborate with a Tokyo office of the major travel company JTB Corporation and began various activities in the Faculty of Tourism.

**Q:** The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology has urged universities to contribute to local communities and promote globalization.

**Chancellor Mizuta:** Japanese are urged to de-

velop the ability to communicate to the world clearly. Young people must go abroad actively, express themselves in a different cultural environment and build their own beliefs. They must learn to do these by themselves. Josai International University has 113 partner universities in the world. Such schools are in America, Europe, including Norway, Finland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Poland, East Asia and ASEAN countries.

Heading toward the 50th anniversary, we came up with a midterm goal, "J-Vision," in 2011, that stipulates we become a leading university in Japan, Asia and the world. I believe understanding Japanese culture and arts is essential for Japanese to be internationally minded. Japanese culture is highly valued in the world. Thus, we work on strengthening liberal arts education. We have created a class, "Japan in the World," that every student should take. I believe students can succeed in international business only if they understand Japan.

### Personal history

Noriko Mizuta was born in Tokyo and graduated from Tokyo Women's Christian University, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of English. She was appointed a professor in the Department of Literature, Josai Junior College for Women after serving in various academic positions such as an associate professor at the University of Southern California. She was appointed President of Josai University in 1994 and then President of Josai International University in 1996. As of 2004 she took up her post of Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation. Mizuta's fields of research are in Comparative Literature and Women's Studies. Her publications include "Minako Oba: Literature of Memory." \*



Chancellor Noriko Mizuta looks at Edo Fuzoku Zukan at the Mizuta Museum of Art on the university's campus in Togane, Chiba Prefecture.

## University celebrates milestones

by JIU Times

Josai University in Sakado, Saitama Prefecture, has held a ceremony to mark the 30th anniversary of Josai Base College and the 40th anniversary of the university's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. About 700 people, including professors and alumni, attended.

"Josai University will soon mark its 50th anniversary. We would like to aim to nurture graduates with a strong humanistic outlook and be a leading university on the global stage toward

the second half of the 21st century," Chancellor Noriko Mizuta said in a greeting.

The university also held an exhibition of Japanese paintings donated by the Mizuta family at the Mizuta Museum of Art on campus. The exhibition includes Volumes 1 and 2 of Edo Fuzoku Zukan (Scenes of Daily Life in Edo) by popular ukiyo-e painter Miyagawa Choshun in the Edo Period, which describes the theater and entertainment districts of Edo, or former Tokyo, in the early 18th century.

The exhibition displays 23 items, including Edo Fuzoku Zukan, Shunkei Sansui (Spring Landscape of a Mountain and Water) by Hishida Shunso and Kohakubai (Red and White Plum Blossom) by Maeda Seison.

Also on campus, the Seiko Mizuta Memorial Rose Garden was dedicated. It is a Western-style garden with about 660 sq. meters in area and with flowers from all over the world, including roses specially imported and donated by Bulgarian Ambassador Georgi Vassilev who attended the ceremony. \*



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (center) welcomes a group of Polish recipients of Mizuta Scholarships to his Official Residence in Tokyo on October 26.

## Polish students meet Prime Minister Abe

by JIU Times

On October 25, eight Polish recipients of Mizuta Scholarships from the University of Warsaw and the Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology, studying at Josai International University and Josai University, attended an event at the Official Residence of the Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe. Also attending were Deputy Prime Minister of Poland Janusz Piechocinski, Polish Ambassador to Japan Cyril Kozaczewski and Irish Ambassador John Neary, as well as Chancellor Noriko Mizuta.

Students were asked to give a presentation by Prime Minister Abe and his wife, Akie. Following their recent visit to Poland and Ireland, the

Prime Minister and his wife were keen to build upon the friendly relations between the young people of Japan, Poland and Ireland, and felt this event would be a good opportunity for students to present their ideas on how to improve ties and exchanges among these countries.

The main theme of the presentation was how best to reach people outside the major metropolitan areas with venues providing national and cultural information.

Many of the students grew up in small cities and towns in the Polish countryside, and while there are excellent culture centers in Tokyo and Warsaw, the students suggested that it is often difficult for young people from smaller regional areas to have access to these facilities.

To overcome this, the students proposed that a mobile culture center, or "Bunka Bus," be built. The bus would then travel to local schools and community centers introducing Japanese culture to residents of these outlying areas. A festival atmosphere with singing, dancing, cooking demonstrations, martial arts, manga and origami would all be a part of the Bunka Bus proposal. Students stressed that while Japan and Poland share a long history and fascinating traditional culture, it was perhaps even more important to introduce the vibrant modern culture of both countries.

Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology student Anna Jozwiak recounted how her early love of Sailor Moon led her to her

degree studies and research into noh theater. Joanna Lipinska also recounted how watching a video of J-pop star Kumi Koda sparked her interest in Japanese culture.

In the same vein, students would like to introduce modern Polish culture to a wider Japanese audience. Although the students have only been in Japan for one month, they've taken part in various cultural exchange activities at local schools and international associations. This has given them first-hand experience of the impact such face-to-face interactions can have.

Students felt this Bunka Bus proposal would be a great benefit to furthering cultural exchange opportunities to a new generation in both countries. \*

## Hungarian, Czech, Polish students receive Mizuta Scholarships

by Kiraly Attila  
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On September 30, Josai University Educational Corporation held the awards ceremony at the Kioicho Campus for the Mizuta Scholarship students from the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland studying at Josai University and Josai International University. This was the first time that Josai received Polish and Czech scholarship students.

The Mizuta Scholarship was originally established four years ago to commemorate the visit of Hungarian President László Sólyom to the Josai University Educational Corporation. Since then many Hungarian students have received scholarships and studied at both universities. JU and JIU also began to offer students Hungarian-language classes, and many Japanese students have visited or studied at Hungarian sister universities in the framework of the different overseas educational programs of JU and JIU.

The Josai University Educational Corporation hosted also a series of Hungarian cultural events. Later, in compliance with its goals to develop global human resources, Josai began to broaden its academic relations in Central Europe by signing exchange agreements with universities of the other countries of the Visegrad Group (V4), a regional coop-



Chancellor Mizuta (center) stands with the six goodwill ambassadors of friendship and exchange between Josai and their home countries.

eration bloc in Central Europe. During the past year, in cooperation with the embassies of the V4 countries, the Josai University Educational Corporation hosted events such as a Czech speech contest and an international seminar titled "Visegrad Group and Japan, Together for Eastern Partnership."

Thus, the original scholarship program was extended to Poland and the Czech Republic, so this year 30 enthusiastic students from three different Central European countries participated in the awards ceremony.

This autumn Josai University Educational Corporation awarded scholarships to two Czech students from Charles University and Masaryk University, and 15 Hungarian students from the Budapest Business School, the Corvinus Uni-

versity of Budapest, the University of Debrecen, the Eötvös Loránd University, the Károli Gáspár University of the reformed Church of Hungary, the University College of Nyíregyháza, the University of Szeged and the Szent István University.

Thirteen Polish students arrived from the University of Łódź, the Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology and from the University of Warsaw.

After officially receiving their scholarships, two students from each country were appointed goodwill ambassadors between Josai and their home countries, and Chancellor Mizuta presented each of them with a sash. The role of the goodwill ambassadors is to deepen cultural relations between Japan and their respective

home countries by actively participating in the different cultural events of JU and JIU.

Representing the three student groups, their elected leaders gave short speeches and expressed their gratitude to Chancellor Mizuta, and JU and JIU professors.

Representing the 15 Hungarian scholarship recipients, István Fehér from the Eötvös Loránd University thanked Chancellor Mizuta for the precious chance to learn in these two prominent Japanese universities. He emphasized that during this one year the Hungarian students would like to learn not only from their teachers but also from the other students. He mentioned that the Hungarians would join the different student clubs of the two universities, and they will be eager to introduce their culture to the community of students and teachers of Josai. They will also work to strengthen the ties between their universities and the Josai University Educational Corporation.

For the Polish students, Jowita Agnieszka Czubek explained the excitement the 13 Polish students felt when they arrived at Narita International Airport in September. She emphasized that the Japanese people are their role models. She paid her respects to the inner strength of the Japanese people, who go through disasters from time to time, like in 2011, but never give up. She expressed their thanks to Chancellor Mizuta and the Josai community for this valuable scholar-

ship and to the local people who helped them to quickly get accustomed to Japanese life.

Representing the two Czech scholarship recipients, David Rezagui from Charles University expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Chancellor and the Josai University Educational Corporation, and described the scholarship as the realization of their dreams. He stressed the importance of the scholarship as an opportunity to enhance their understanding of Japanese culture and ultimately to learn to overcome the existing prejudices, and to promote the mutual understanding of different cultures.

At the end of the ceremony, Chancellor Mizuta sent her warm welcome to the students, encouraged them to learn the Japanese language and get acquainted with Japanese culture. She said that to become a student with a global mind-set, the scholarship recipients should learn the history, art and culture of a country different from theirs. She also asked the scholarship students to give impetus to their fellow Japanese students.

In addition to the Hungarian-language courses, JU and JIU also began to offer students Polish and Czech courses from this year's spring semester. Since 2008, more than 2,000 students have learned Hungarian at JU and JIU. It is expected that the new Polish and Czech courses will further strengthen the global educational purposes of the Josai University Educational Corporation. \*

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## Former teacher in Hungary wins Women's Studies Best Dissertation Prize

by JIU Times

Sachiyo Yoshizawa joined the JIU Graduate School of Gender and Women's Studies Program in September 2012, after eight years' teaching Japanese as a foreign language, mainly at the College of Nyiregyháza in northeast Hungary.

Japanese-language and culture courses were merely electives at the college while there were only two universities in Budapest offering Japanese and Japanese linguistics as majors. Nevertheless, the number of students who enrolled in Japanese-language and culture courses increased in Nyiregyháza every semester.

So Yoshizawa and her students were very happy to learn of a new scholarship for Hungarian students: the Mizuta Hungarian Scholarship, which was introduced by Josai International University in honor of the visit of former President of Hungary Dr. László Sólyom to the Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo campus in 2009.

The College of Nyiregyháza had no experience of concluding educational cooperation agreements with Japanese universities, therefore Yoshizawa and her students started from scratch. However, their hard work resulted in the first two students leaving for Japan with Mizuta Hungarian Scholarships in September 2010.

To date, eight of Yoshizawa's students from Nyiregyháza have received scholarships to study at JU and JIU. One of Yoshizawa's students, Mile Dóra, is studying at the JIU Faculty of Tourism.

In June 2011, Dr. Noriko Mizuta visited

**Yoshizawa was interested in why and how the Japanese-language textbooks for beginners were published and revised in Hungary.**

Hungary and Yoshizawa had the opportunity to welcome her to the College of Nyiregyháza. At that time, she learned for the first time of the Gender and Women's Studies program at the JIU graduate school. Yoshizawa was much inspired by the program, which Dr. Mizuta initiated as the very



Sachiyo Yoshizawa

first program of its kind in Japan in 1992, and decided to enroll for Women's Studies at the JIU Graduate School.

Yoshizawa's working experience in Europe and Japan helped her to finish her M.A. in one year.

Japanese-language learning in Hungary has over 100 years of history. Yoshizawa was interested in why and how the Japanese-language textbooks for beginners were published and revised in Hungary. She focused her research on how effective they were from the points of view of gender, PC (political correctness) and beginner students.

Yoshizawa wrote her dissertation mainly based on her eight years of teaching experience in Hungary, as well as on her fieldwork in February and March this year in Hungary.

Yoshizawa's M.A. dissertation, "Gender Bias of the Japanese Elementary Textbooks Published in Hungary: Drawing on Japanese Language Education through Textbook Development," was awarded the Best Dissertation Prize from Chancellor Mizuta at the 2013 Fall Graduation Ceremony.

After completion of her M.A. at JIU, Yoshizawa decided to enrich her experience in Japanese-language education abroad. She will work in Jakarta, Indonesia, from this November as a consignment Japanese-language lecturer of the Japan Foundation, teaching nursing candidates and qualified nursing caregivers who will study and work in Japan according to the Economic Partnership Agreement between Indonesia and Japan.

She is also going to continue her research in the field of women's studies. As a person who had this great opportunity to learn at the JIU Graduate School majoring in Gender and Women's Studies, Yoshizawa declares that she is going to devote herself to her studies and teaching work. ★

## Ceremonies mark end, new beginnings for students

by Miyu Sasao  
Student, Faculty of Nursing

On September 27, a capping ceremony for the 120 students of the Nursing Faculty's second inaugural class was held at the Mizuta Memorial Hall on the Togane Campus.

University Chancellor Noriko Mizuta attended the ceremony together with local regional managers, parents and local hospital officials.

During the ceremony the teachers placed a nurse's cap and badge on the head of each female student, and on the left arm of each male student.

After receiving our awards, we vowed our determination to give hope, like the candle of Florence Nightingale, and become ideal nurses.

It was an impressive ceremony that will remain forever in our hearts.

### 2013 Graduation Ceremony

On September 3, Josai International University held a Graduation Ceremony at its Togane campus.

Vice President Chiang-Tung Pan of the National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism and Shih Wen-Hua, chair of the

Department of Applied Japanese Language program attended the ceremony.

JIU Graduate School of Humanities student Makiko Takeda, Tsou Yu Chien from the Faculty of Tourism and Tong Yu of the School of Japanese Language and Culture participated in the ceremony as academic degree representatives.

A representative of the graduating class of 2013, Hikaru Chiba of the Faculty of Management and Information Science, spoke to the dignitaries and 285 graduates attending the ceremony.

### Fall 2013 Entrance Ceremony

Representatives from the embassies of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Norway and Poland attended the fall JIU Entrance Ceremony at JIU's Togane Campus on September 11, as well as 310 incoming international and Japanese students.

Eva Mazza from the Czech Embassy, Dr. Gyorgyi Juhasz of the Hungarian Embassy, Tove Lyngra of the Norwegian Embassy and Tomasz Jamroz of the Polish Embassy all attended.

University of Warsaw student representative Jowita Czubek addressed the incoming class. ★



University Chancellor Noriko Mizuta (center) places a cap on a graduating nurse as department chair Hiroko Iwata (right) looks on during a September 27 ceremony on the Togane Campus.

## Early Mizuta residence to be preserved as 'regional museum,' 'cultural network'

by JIU Times

The former Mizuta residence is located in Soro, a village settlement of about 500 houses in the Boso Peninsula's Mineoka Hills.

The Mizuta family's origins can be traced back 400 years to the island of Shikoku. However, in the middle of the Meiji Era (the late 1880s), Takezo (then head of the Mizuta family) who resided in the Mineoka Hills became Soro's mayor and his son, Shintaro, who had eight children (six boys and two girls) followed in his father's footsteps. Shintaro's third son, Mikio, was born and grew up in Soro, and went on to become not only Japan's Minister for International Trade and Industry but also the country's Finance Minister.

The main house of the former Mizuta residence is typical of the South Boso Peninsula and is believed to have been built in the late Edo Period (early to mid-1800s). Both the house and its gate are registered as tangible cultural properties. The property as a whole has received a Chiba cultural architectural award for its contribution to the prefecture's cultural and historical scenery, and for its ability to blend in with the surrounding nature and immediate landscape.



The former Mizuta residence nestles among the Mineoka Hills in Soro on the Boso Peninsula.

The Josai Corporation plans to preserve the property as a "regional museum" and develop a "cultural network" that links the Mizuta Museums at Josai International University and Josai University with the property. ★

The plot of land next to the former Mizuta residence donated by Shigeru Mizuta (Shintaro's son) is used as a place to welcome visitors from Kamogawa City and beyond to this attractive and unique property. ★

## Josai signs pact with Sun Music

by JIU TIMES

Josai University Educational Corporation finalized an agreement with Sun Music Group at a signing ceremony and news conference at its Tokyo Kioicho Campus on July 19. With the agreement Josai hopes to foster a new generation of visual and media artists, and entertainers.

Josai International University is now offering a new course "Contemporary Arts and Entertainment" at Kioicho in cooperation with Sun, as part of Josai's Faculty of Media Studies Film and Performing Arts Course.

Chancellor Noriko Mizuta; dean of the Faculty of Media Studies, Fukuyuki En; CEO of Sun Music Group Masahisa Aizawa; and Director of Sun Music Production Inc. Hiroyuki Oka were on hand for the news conference along with reporters from education-related magazines as well as mainstream media representatives.

In 2010, Josai signed a cooperation agreement with Nikkatsu Production Co. Through cooperation with Nikkatsu, the Media Department is able to offer specialized training in film, image, music and entertainment based on digital technologies. This program takes place at the Kioicho Campus in the heart of Tokyo and in Chofu City where Nikkatsu's studios are located.

In 2011, Josai also signed a cooperation agreement with the Avex Group and opened an advanced dance class. ★

## Sports success for JIU teams on diamond, road

by JIU Times

The JIU baseball team won the championship in the fall league first section for universities in Chiba Prefecture for the second time in two years.

JIU played Tokyo University of Information Sciences on October 21. Players were fired up for the revenge match as they were beaten by the Tokyo school last fall and this spring.

Prior to the game, the JIU team had two consecutive victories in games called for excessive difference of scores. In this match, too, JIU beat its opponent with a called game, ending it in the eighth inning with a 7-0 score.

JIU and Tokyo University of Information Sciences, which took second place, advanced to the tournament of Kanto region universities. Ten teams from each district can play in the tournament. The two best teams in the Kanto tournament qualify for the nationwide Jingu Tournament.

JIU was aiming to go to Jingu for the first time but was defeated by Nippon Sport Science University in the second game of the Kanto tournament.

### Hakone Ekiden

On October 19, a qualifying race for the 90th Hakone Ekiden took place on a 20-km course at National Showa Memorial Park in Tachikawa, Tokyo.

Twelve runners from each university competed against each other and the times of the top 10 were calculated for qualification to run in the Hakone Ekiden.

Thirteen teams will take part in the Hakone Ekiden in January.

Josai was ranked 10th and got the chance to run there for the 11th consecutive year.

As on January 2 this year, a Josai runner could not finish the 5th section of the ekiden, Josai University was required to run in this qualifying race. ★



The JIU baseball team celebrates winning the championship in the fall league competition of first-section universities in Chiba Prefecture on October 21.



The Star Dust Kids sign-language chorus performs at the JIU Festival in Togane, Chiba Prefecture, on November 3.

## Sign-language chorus performs

by Miyuki Hatori  
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Sign language conveys meaning by movement of the hands, arms and combining hand gestures.

The Star Dust Kids, a sign-language chorus group, has performed at the annual JIU Festival and some institutions. The group also performed at a benefit in Asahi City,

Chiba Prefecture, which was damaged by the Great East Japan Earthquake.

The group is comprised of 30 students, most of whom start learning sign language after entering university. There is no instructor, seniors train younger students how to sign.

At last year's JIU Festival, they performed five pieces, including "Ultra Soul." They are scheduled to appear at the Light Festival in December, so they are practicing hard every day. ★

## Documentary filmmakers seminar focuses on 'fair use' of media

by JIU Times

On October 18, a special seminar on the "fair use" of media for documentary filmmakers was held at Josai University's Kioicho Campus. The seminar was organized by the Yamagata Documentary Film Festival and Josai's Japan/Asia Film and Image Research Center to raise awareness of copyright infringement. This event brought together Gordon Quinn (documentary filmmaker), Tetsujiro Yamagami (producer) and John Junkerman (film director).

Gordon Quinn explained, while showing

various videos as examples, that since documentary filmmakers often need to use media produced by someone else to outline or critique an idea, "fair use" — that is the use of copyrighted material without having to pay a fee — is a central concern to them. During the 1990s, a clearance culture developed in the United States.

Under the pressure of big copyright holders, filmmakers needed to obtain permission and pay for all the materials they wished to use. Financial and legal concerns made it very difficult to create documentaries about certain subjects. This state of affairs heav-

ily influenced filmmaker's creative choices. Quinn then described how American documentary filmmakers got organized as a community to fight for their rights. After two years of struggles, they were able to produce a document clearly delimiting what "fair use" is and how it should be implemented. Ultimately, the filmmaking community was able to convince American broadcasters, major corporations and law firms to accept their conditions. Quinn, Yamagami and Junkerman then compared the American and Japanese situation, especially their different experiences dealing with "fair use." They all

agreed that in both countries, respect was the key to "fair use" claims.

The public was very involved in the debate. Question and answers extended well into the evening as many local filmmakers and media students discussed their various concerns with the panelists. The discussion was very practical thus allowing the audience to express many arguments and points of view.

The concept of "fair use" is new to Japan. Josai University's Japan/Asia Film and Image Research Center will from now on actively promote its use. ★

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## Serendipity

The importance of international education

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Around 90 years ago, in his book "The Outline of History," H. G. Wells wrote that "Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe." Since he wrote those words more people have had more education and more international education than ever before. Whether one agrees with Wells on the relationship between education and the ultimate fate of humanity, there should be little doubt of the importance of internationally oriented education for the good operation of the world. Today's global challenges, be it climate change, environment or poverty, can only be effectively addressed if young people develop a global mind-set and see themselves as global citizens.

Josai International University contributes to this by welcoming foreign students to its campus, sending Japanese students on exchange programs abroad and also through the active promotion of character building.

The Norwegian Embassy in Japan is particularly grateful for the opportunity that JIU offers Norwegian students. Since the beginning of higher education in Norway the government has promoted student mobility and international collaboration in research and higher education. It is not merely the knowledge contained in the foreign university's curriculum or research portfolio that is of value. The experience of being a foreigner and interacting with people from other parts of the world is important in itself because of the way it broadens the perceptual horizon.

When you choose to study abroad you embark upon a journey that will not only take you to the country of study. It will take you to a place where you will be able to see yourself, your background, the world and your place in it in a different light than before. Not only will international experience show you the diversity of our world, it will also give you insight into the resemblances and relations between our countries and cultures.

In "Travels with Charley: In Search of America" (1962), John Steinbeck said: "A journey is a person in itself; no two are alike. And all plans, safeguards, policing, and coercion are fruitless. We find that after years of struggle that we do not take a trip; a trip takes us." That I believe can also be said to be true when it comes to education. Though we don't know what the future will bring, we know that there will be a need for internationally educated, curiosity driven and responsible young people who can take on the challenges ahead.

I will conclude by expressing gratitude to JIU for accepting the Norwegian students and for providing an environment that stimulates the growth of a global mind-set. I wish all the students a joyful and stimulating educational ride. ★

## Josai expands ties with China

by JIU Times

On September 14, a Josai delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta visited Northeastern University in China's Shenyang province to meet university President Ding Lieyun and finalize an agreement on a joint program between the two universities.

There are very few examples of joint programs formed between Japanese universities and universities abroad, making this a groundbreaking proposal that offers exciting new prospects for international academic exchange.

According to the agreement, a jointly run department will be established (under the provisional name "Northeastern University Faculty of International Cultural Innovation") on the campuses of both universities. This program will promote research and education primarily in the fields of engineering, humanities and media studies in order to develop highly skilled professionals who can contribute at the global level.

Josai and Northeastern University first formed a program of academic exchange in August 2010, and have engaged in a number of faculty and student exchanges since then. Josai and Northeastern University, along with Dalian University of Technology and Dalian University of Foreign Languages, established the Japan-China Joint Ph.D. Program in 2010, leading numerous exchange students to enroll in its intensive lecture series. In recognition of her contributions and achievements in the realm of academic exchange, Chancellor Mizuta was conferred with an honorary professorship from Northeastern University in September 2012.

## Northeastern University's 90th anniversary

On September 15, a Josai University Educational Corporation delegation visited Northeastern

University to take part in commemorating the 90th anniversary of that school's founding. Josai was one of only two Japanese universities invited to the ceremony.

In the afternoon, academic forums were held individually at each graduate school, with Chancellor Mizuta — who has been named honorary professor at Northeastern University — giving a keynote lecture on "What is Literary Criticism?" in the School of Foreign Languages to an audience of approximately 70 faculty members and graduate students from the Japanese-language department.

## Shenyang Normal University

On September 16, a Josai delegation visited Shenyang Normal University to meet with university President Lin Qun.

Aside from President Lin, Vice President Zhang Hui, Museum of Natural History Director Sun Ge and Director of International Exchange Zhang Wei were present at the meeting at the museum on the university campus.

Chancellor Mizuta began the meeting by thanking the people at the Museum of Natural History for their assistance in constructing the 8-meter-long full-scale model skeleton of a carnivorous dinosaur that is on display at the Josai fossils gallery in the new 3rd building of the Tokyo Kioicho Campus that opened in April 2013. She also provided an overview of the activities and research at Josai International University's Faculty of Media Studies and Faculty of Tourism, and stressed the importance of cultivating globally minded talent in the fields of nursing and social welfare, given the reality of decreasing birthrates and an aging population.

With the formation of an academic exchange agreement in October 2011, Josai and Shenyang Normal University have been actively discussing a program for faculty and student exchange.

And with this most recent visit, the two schools have agreed upon the implementation of a Japan-China joint education program. Based on this agreement, both universities will embark on the creation of a 2+2 joint program in the fields of business administration, IT, media studies, tourism, welfare, humanities and environmental science.

## Liaoning University

A Josai delegation visited Liaoning University where members met with university President Huang Taiyan and other administrators.

Founded in 1948, Liaoning University is a national university with an enrollment of 27,000. Liaoning is a multidisciplinary university comprising 25 departments, with schools in international economics, financial management and commercial management. The university, replete with a Japanese-language department, attracts many Japanese exchange students each year. Josai first formed an academic exchange agreement with Liaoning University upon its delegation visit in October 2011 and the two schools have since been in active discussions regarding their forthcoming exchange program.

Chancellor Mizuta spoke at the meeting and made several proposals:

"With the beginning of the 2+2 program, we hope to implement a concrete program of exchange with Liaoning University as soon as possible. As our university is channeling much energy into sports, we are also interested in planning some form of sports-related exchange."

President Huang added, "Our two universities share many common strengths and areas of study. Since Liaoning also has a Japanese Language Education Center, we would like to embark on a program of exchange at not just the student but the faculty level as well."



Chancellor Mizuta and representatives of China's Northeastern University finalize the signing of a joint program agreement between the two schools.

## Bohai University

On September 17, a Josai Educational Corporation delegation led by Chancellor Mizuta visited Bohai University to meet university President Yang Yandong and form an academic exchange agreement.

Bohai is a multidisciplinary university located in Jinzhou in the western part of Liaoning province and is operated under the direct jurisdiction of the Liaoning provincial government.

Since Josai and Bohai University have many research areas and academic departments in common — including those in tourism, media studies and fine arts — we can anticipate a variety of collaborative projects with this most recent exchange agreement.

## Jilin Teachers' Institute of Engineering &amp; Technology

A Josai delegation met university Vice President Liu Qi of the Jilin Teachers' Institute of Engineering & Technology in downtown Shenyang to form an academic exchange agreement between the two universities.

The Jilin Teachers' Institute of Engineering & Technology — with a Fine Arts Department that offers degrees in many different fields such as design, fashion, animation and industrial arts — has much in common with Josai International University's Faculty of Media Studies. With this most recent agreement, we can anticipate many

future educational and research collaborations, including faculty and student exchange.

## China Medical University

A Josai University Educational Corporation delegation led by Chancellor Noriko Mizuta visited China Medical University in Shenyang where they met university President Zhao Qun.

After meeting Party Secretary Dai Wanjin during a visit in October 2011, Josai and China Medical University formed an academic exchange agreement in December the same year. The two schools have since been in discussion to develop joint education programs that cultivate highly skilled graduates in medical welfare, environmental science, nursing, pharmacy and linguistics, as well as developing an overseas training program for Josai International University's Faculty of Nursing.

At the meeting, Chancellor Mizuta remarked that, "In light of the continuation of decreased birthrates, and a rapidly aging population in Japan and China, our hope is to deepen the Japan-China alliance to develop treatment, care giving and welfare programs that address this issue." President Zhao added, "Our plan is to strengthen academic exchange between our two universities in the interest of fostering medical professionals who are deeply rooted in both the national and local communities." ★

## Three JIU students enjoy 'unforgettable' summer visit to Poland

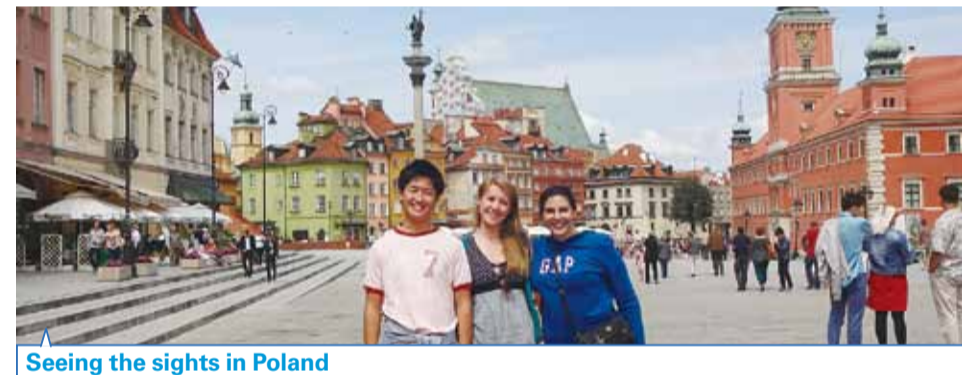
by Yudai Suzuki  
Junior, Department of International Exchange Studies

Three students from the Department of International Exchange Studies stayed in Poland on a summer study-abroad program from July 7 to 20. This was our first time in Europe and we were the very first students from JIU in Poland. Our destination, the University of Lodz, made an agreement with JIU just this year, so we felt a sense of responsibility for our participation in the program. We were awarded a scholarship from the University of Lodz and we are very thankful for the opportunity it afforded.

Teachers from different countries gave us lectures on "Human Security in the Contemporary World," the main theme of the program.

The interesting thing in this program was that the content of the lectures changed every day and the teachers changed every day as well. After each lecture, we were given time to share our opinions and ask questions, which I think led to better understanding among the participants. We made friends with people from other countries right away: from Hungary, Ukraine, Russia, Turkey, China, Kazakhstan, Brazil, Ecuador, Spain and many more places. It was wonderful taking classes with students from so many different countries and cultures.

The primary goal for the summer program was for each student to make a presentation on the topic of human security. We were divided into six groups and each group prepared their presentation with the help of a teacher, who gave students a specific topic



Seeing the sights in Poland

for the presentation. My topic was rethinking human security in the Anthropocene Age and our group talked about it for two weeks. What I learned through this work is what "Anthropocene" means (the relationship be-

tween Earth systems and humankind, and the study of the effects human pressure has on the environment). Everyone got together and then thought about how this relates to human security. It was a great experience.

One weekend a Brazilian friend we made took us to Warsaw, the Polish capital, and Krakow, which is one of the country's most historical cities. I think these activities off campus were the most memorable experiences for us. Warsaw was a developed city, and Poland's center of politics, economy and traffic. I would say Krakow is the most impressive city I have ever visited. The beauty of Krakow's old town is unforgettable.

One more thing that I would like to tell everyone about is Auschwitz. We should never forget that a major part of the Holocaust took place there. I felt pain in my heart when I saw it at such close quarters, and also I could not believe that this really happened where we were standing. The places we visited that weekend will remain in our memories forever. ★

## Josai International University's 11th Japanese speech contest

by JIU Times

On October 5, Josai International University's 11th Japanese speech contest, together with a career fair by international Japanese companies, was held at Hanyang Women's University in Seoul. The theme of the contest was "Japanese culture I would like to introduce to Korea" and 10 groups of students, who have been studying Japanese at high schools and universities, gave their speeches.

After the contest, a career fair by international Japanese companies took place for the first time. JIU Vice President Masato Kurabayashi gave a speech on career support for international students with the theme of "What is required to become the kind of global minded citizens that Asia needs?" Next, Choi Dong Ho, a graduate from JIU's Faculty of Management & Information Sciences, who has won a position to work for DENSO Sales Korea Corporation, and Mi-rim Lee, a fourth-year JIU student from the Department of International Exchange Studies in the Faculty of International Humanities, who



Japanese speech contest participants pose with Vice President of Josai International University Masato Kurabayashi (front row center).

has received a job offer at All Nippon Airways to work as a flight attendant, gave speeches about their experiences in searching for jobs and studying in Japan. ★

**Japanese speech contest result**  
First prize: No Shi Hae  
Second prize: Jin Young Ji  
Third prize: Youn Sae Young

## Teaching Japanese culture, language to U.S. students

by Jaron Guitang  
Senior, Department of International Exchange Studies

In the "Experience Japan — Teaching Japanese Culture & Language to American Students" program that was partially funded by the JASSO Scholarship, for 10 days 20 students from the Department of International Exchange Studies were able to experience life and education in California.

I spoke to Leo Takashima about the program.

**Q:** What was the highlight of your trip?  
**A:** Visiting the California School for the Deaf. I was able to learn American sign language as well as teach Japanese sign language.

**Q:** Have you ever been to an all-deaf school in Japan?

**A:** Yes. My father is a sign language teacher. I sometimes go to his school and interact with his students.

**Q:** What are some of the differences between all-deaf schools in Japan and America?

**A:** In California, the teachers didn't use their voice to catch the students' attention, they flicked the lights on and off. The schools I know



Leo Takashima talks to a boy in a classroom in California.

of in Japan, the teachers hit the desk, using the vibration to get the students' attention. Also in America, the curriculum is the same as regular school. In Japan the students are divided into classes depending on academic performance.

**Q:** Have you had the opportunity to learn sign language in English before?

**A:** Because my parents are deaf, I first learned sign language from them. Also since they are triathletes, I've gone abroad with them over 30 times, which is where I was able to pick up some English sign language. ★

## 3rd Association of Southeast Asian Nations Josai Forum held

by JIU Times

The Josai Center for Innovation hosted the 3rd Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Josai Forum on August 24 at its Tokyo Kioicho Campus.

Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, former secretary-general of ASEAN, delivered a lecture titled "Japan in Developing East Asia and the Changing State of Global Affairs" at the forum.

The "ASEAN Forum Josai" was established to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Japanese relations and cooperation with ASEAN. Lecturers from Josai's sister institutions in Malaysia

and Thailand took part in the first two installments of the series in March, and then again in May. The May installment featured a lecture by Technology Promotion Association Thailand-Japan (TPA) President Prayoon Shioiwattana.

Dr. Surin's August lecture reviewed Japan-ASEAN relations since the 1960s, spotlighting Japan's leading-edge cooperation with ASEAN in solving the Asian financial crisis in 1997 and the 1999 East Timor/Indonesia crisis. Dr. Surin also discussed the importance of Japan's continued role in regional integration, the strong interest regional partners have in Japan's response to Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations,

along with the positive outlook for Japan's economic recovery despite problematic conditions posed by the rise of China and other factors.

In closing, Dr. Surin said that despite ASEAN's progress in enhancing industrial production facilities, the future calls for advancement in scientific technology and innovation — areas in which he expects Japan to make continued contributions.

Following the lecture Dr. Surin headed a lively Q&A session reaffirming the importance of Japan-China-Korea-ASEAN relations and the importance of exchanges among young people of ASEAN nations. ★

## Josai signs academic exchange agreement with University of Warsaw

by JIU Times

Josai University Educational Corporation finalized a formal academic exchange agreement with Poland's University of Warsaw on June 3.

As part of its midterm target of strengthening international exchange, Josai has established formal academic exchange programs with a number of educational institutions worldwide, with particular emphasis on Central European and Asian universities.

In fact, Josai has established exchange agreements with two academic institutions in Poland — with the Polish-Japanese Insti-

tute of Information Technology and the University of Lodz.

Katsuhiko Namikawa, director of the Management Planning Office and Maria Shiguemi Ichiyama, director of the Center for Language Education at Josai International University, visited the University of Warsaw on Chancellor Noriko Mizuta's behalf to finalize the exchange agreement. Both JIU representatives met with Dr. Aloizy Z. Nowak, the University of Warsaw's vice president of research and exchange. Both parties pledged to devote their full attention to the success of the partnership. The University of Warsaw is a multidisciplinary

university founded in 1816 and counts the composer Frédéric François Chopin as one of its graduates. At present, the university offers more than 100 courses in fields from social science to natural science and boasts an enrollment of 61,300. While Poland is known as the first European nation to engage in research on Japanese language and culture, the University of Warsaw served as a central institution in establishing this field by offering the first course on the Japanese language in 1919.

With the joint agreements in place, 11 students from Poland are studying at Josai International University and two at Josai University. ★



## Taiwanese hospitality, tourism exchange student to work at top hotel in Tokyo

by JIU Times

Tsou Yu-chien who graduated from the Department of Wellness Tourism this fall passed the difficult entrance exam for Royal Park Hotel the Shiodome, Tokyo.

She started studying at the National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism then moved to Josai International University's Faculty of Tourism where she studied for two years.

Tsou dreamed of working for a restaurant or hotel and started studying Japanese in high school. As she thought that there is no better place to study hospitality than Japan, she selected Josai International University. At JIU, she passed The National Examination for Certified Domestic Travel Service Supervisors, and gained invaluable hands-on hospitality experience helping out at university events.

The hotel's entrance exam was in July. It included a written test in Japanese, a group discussion and an interview, after which she was admitted into the accommodation di-



Tsou Yu-chien from Taiwan passed the difficult entrance exam for Royal Park Hotel the Shiodome, Tokyo.

vision. She was also offered a position at a major hotel in Hokkaido.

Tsou explained that during the interview she said that her dream was to open and manage a hotel abroad. Her interviewers appreciated her motivation. ★

## The Resort Awa Train Project

by Masashi Ishitani  
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Tourism,  
Department of Wellness Tourism

The Faculty of Tourism has launched a number of unique projects to enhance students' ability to function effectively in the hospitality industry. The Resort Awa Train Project targets the deepening of understanding of *chisanchisho*, or "consuming local food in the local area," while raising awareness of the significance of natural products and tastes.

Chef Baba formerly working for Tokyo Hotels was invited to teach students the best ways of preparing locally produced natural food. Using the Josai Awa Learning Center, Mr. Baba shows students the best ways to differentiate between natural and artificial ingredients. Such experience is key for students who plan to be hotel managers as knowledge of all aspects of a hotel's operations should be understood at all levels.

The Resort Awa Train Project began in October 2012 and we received a tender from JR and several local governments on the Boso Peninsula to take part in the Resort Awa Train promotion. For this event it was decid-

ed that students would make Japanese-style lunchboxes, or *bento*, and sell them at Awa Kamogawa Station as part of the promotional train service that runs between Tateyama and Awa Kamogawa.

We decided on the best ingredients to use and the number of *bento* to make. Mr. Baba's expertise made the first task relatively simple, but the second was more difficult as we had no experience of serving the public. Eventually, we settled on just 15 *bento*, but despite slow sales our decision was vindicated when we sold exactly that number on the first day of the project in May 2013.

We decided to move our stall to a different location on the second and third days, and we found our *bento* sold more quickly. This was a precious lesson for students as they could see firsthand some of the issues involved in selling goods to the public. Moreover, they became aware of the application needed during tourism event preparation and the importance of teamwork.

The Resort Awa Train Project has only just started, but students have become more conscious of what hospitality means and how they might experience it when they graduate from the Faculty of Tourism. ★



Chef Baba (top) helps students to prepare one of the *bento* lunchboxes (above) that were sold at Awa Kamogawa Station as part of the Resort Awa Train Project.

## Sounds, flavors of Hungary come to Kamogawa

by Yasuko Wachi  
Professor, also advisor to the Hungary Club  
and Ikebana Club

On October 13, the Josai International University Faculty of Tourism presented a stage production with Hungarian music and dance for its 8th Fall Festival, called "Wellness Koryu Day (Wellness Exchange Day)" in Kamogawa, celebrating the eighth anniversary of the Awa Campus.

"It was my dream to come to Japan and I was so excited to learn the traditional Japanese art of flower arranging, or *ikebana*, for the first time," said Dóra Mile, one of the five Hungarian exchange students who started their one-year Mizuta Scholarship Program at the JIU Faculty of Tourism. "*Ikebana* is known as the 'way of flowers' or 'giving life to flowers' while arranging living flowers," she added.

Vanessa Ujjakán enjoyed decorating the Hungarian Exhibition room with Hungarian pictures and posters. "We separated our materials into different themes," she explained. "A history corner, a Budapest corner, a Gödöllő corner, a cooking corner, an animal corner, Hungarian dog corner, a musical instrument corner, a tourism & hot-spring corner, and our special corner was a kids corner with dolls, toys, picture books and paper models of Hungarian castles."

Lili Ábrahám was responsible for the stage music. "We were asked to show something real Hungarian. We sang traditional folk



Five Hungarian exchange students who began their Mizuta Scholarships this year: (clockwise) Lili Ábrahám, Nikolett Mucsányi, Lajos Tóth, Dóra Mile and Vanessa Ujjakán



songs and there was a poem from famous Hungarian poet Attila József," she reported. "In addition, we performed some well-known pop songs. Some Japanese students who are studying Hungarian joined in the singing."

Nikolett Mucsányi admitted, "My happiest experience in Japan was this 'Koryu Day' since we really got to know our fellow students, Japanese, Chinese, Korean and others at JIU, as well as local residents." She added: "It is a day of cultural exchange and it's about not only giving, but receiving, too."

Lajos Tóth was responsible for cooking. He "decided to cook some original Hungarian food such as goulash and Hungarian stew." He remembers the joy of the day: "The great-

est pleasure after cooking is when everything is eaten. And this is what happened. I would never have thought that these two quite simple Hungarian dishes could be so popular among Asian people."

Professor Attila Király added: "Since the beginning of JIU's Hungarian Program in 2010, the Faculty of Tourism welcomes every year a number of Hungarian exchange students. Hungarian and Japanese students are learning each other's

language at the faculty, and are always eager to showcase Hungary's cultural heritage during the annual Wellness Exchange Day. Hungarian exchange students also organized the events this year, including a Hungarian live music corner. Throughout the day, the Hungarian students familiarized the visitors and introduced them to living Hungarian culture, including a brave few to a fast-paced Hungarian Csango dance from the region of Moldavia." ★

## Summer Programs 2013

Taiwan  
by Masashi Ishitani  
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JIU students in Taiwan

Eleven students from the Faculty of Tourism spent five days in Taiwan in September learning about the country's hospitality and tourism business, its people, culture and tourism sector. The students visited major places of tourist interest in Taipei and stayed in Taiwan's second city, Kaohsiung. In the latter they experienced practical hospitality service and management training at one of the country's leading tourism education institutes.

As part of the study tour students visited the Regent Taipei, a hotel where three former JIU Faculty of Tourism graduates — including one Japanese national — are employed. After being shown around the JIU students were able to experience firsthand their peers working at a world-class hotel.

As well as visiting the regent Taipei, students visited Taipei Chenshih University in the capital.

The group spent four days in Kaohsiung at JIU's sister school, the National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism (NKUHT). Here they learned about how hospitality and service education is conducted at a university specializing in tourism in Taiwan.

Throughout this trip, students learned not only about Taiwan but also thanks to our hosts at NKUHT about hospitality and the importance of hands-on practical training. We hope we can bring some of the things we learned there back to the Faculty of Tourism, and in doing so develop a more effective and unique hospitality industry future. ★

Ehime Prefecture  
by JIU Times



Off campus in Shikoku

The 2013 Off-Campus Study Program, offered by the Department of Social and Environmental Studies, was held at Kihoku Town, Ehime Prefecture, Shikoku. The town is surrounded by forests and mountains, one of the sources from which the Shimanto River, famous for its cleanness and transparency, rises. People used to live on wood resources but they aged, and like other low-populated towns cut off from the big industrial cities of Japan, Kihoku's traditional industry dependent on natural resources has been damaged.

The program started in 2010, when the department was established, for freshmen to see real life in a local community, thereby identifying a social and environmental problem, and suggesting solutions to people living there.

This summer, 12 freshmen, along with Associate Professor Mitsuo Namoto of the department, went to Kihoku for six nights from August 25 to 31 to learn about the geography and local industry.

On August 26, the participants visited an open market at Hiyoshi Yume Sanchi (Hiyoshi Dream Local Products Center) at Shimo-Kagiyama, Kihoku. The number of such roadside stations or countryside shopping centers selling local products has increased around Japan as a way to rejuvenate declining countryside communities.

On August 29, to propose solutions to the local problems in Kihoku, students presented a plan for developing the community by ecotourism using the natural environment.

Juri Ando, aged 18, who was visiting Shikoku for the first time, said with surprise, "Kihoku is very rich in natural resources, incomparable to Tokyo." ★

Malaysia  
by JIU Times

From August 26 to September 10 and from September 5 to 20, respectively, Josai students participated in Summer English Seminars at



English seminar participants

two different universities in Malaysia. The group — comprised of Josai University, Josai International University and Josai Base College — sent approximately 120 students to Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) for this two-week English immersion program.

This marks the second year of the program, which began in 2012. In studying in Malaysia — a member of the Commonwealth of Nations and a multicultural nation that stands as a forerunner of the tourism industry within Asia — the goal of this program is the intensive study of English in an attempt to elevate students' ability and obtain a more international perspective. ★

Australia  
by Tomoko Sano  
Associate Professor, Faculty of Social  
Work Studies



In Australia's Blue Mountains

We offer a short-term program in foreign countries in the Faculty of Social Work Studies. The aim of this program is to improve students' English abilities, expand their global perspectives and encourage globally minded local talent. We carried out this program in Sydney, Australia, from August 21 to 31.

Nine students participated this year. At first they learned about "Australian history & culture" at Charles Sturt University. Then they visited a community center, a nursing home, hospices (for aged people and for children), a child-care center and facilities for the disabled. At each facility, a lecture about the facility was presented by the staff and it helped the students to understand about the facilities.

All of the students were eager to know about Australian social welfare and were

eager to ask questions at each facility. For example, a student asked Mr. King of the Cerebral Palsy Alliance, a facility for disabled people, why he chose his job. His answer was because he wanted to change the world and by helping the disabled: If they become able to do something they could not do before, and if they feel comfortable, that means a change in the world. The students were very impressed by these words spoken by workers who seemed proud of being social workers. ★

The U.S.  
by Shintaro Abe  
Associate Professor, Faculty of  
Management and Information Sciences



At the closing ceremony

From September 2 through 12, the Business Internship Program in USA was conducted by the Faculty of Management and Information Sciences. JIU and University of California Riverside, the sister university of Josai University Educational Corporation, closely cooperated on the planning of this program.

Fifteen students from sophomore to senior participated and visited a variety of companies and places around Riverside.

This program, characterized as fieldwork, focused on visiting business people and corporations. We visited Super Target, the second-largest discount retailer in the United States. Two young marketing directors explained the store operations, and the directors and students had an enthusiastic discussion.

We also visited Galleria at Tyler, a regional shopping mall in Riverside. It is home to over 170 stores. The manager showed us around and talked about running a regional mall. The students were very eager to ask questions on marketing and merchandizing.

The students, staying with host families in Riverside County, also learned about the American lifestyle and everyday English.

For most of the participants, it was their first time abroad. They say they learned a lot and would never forget this program as their first experience overseas. The program was successful in motivating students to study more about international business and English. ★

## JEWEL helps working women participate in globalized society

by Ayumi Ishijima  
Researcher, JICPAS

The Josai Executive Program for Women's Empowerment and Leadership was continued this year. This program aims to offer working women, as well as Josai University and Josai International University graduate students, an opportunity to participate in our globalized society. It strengthens the communication skills of its members and provides them with an international point of view. Participants also study issues connected with work-life balance and the advancement of women in our international society.

JEWEL's major characteristic is that enroll-

ment is limited to women. JEWEL is a special program, which focuses on the education of women so that they can become international leaders. The Japanese government emphasizes the education of women leaders as one of its development strategies. From the time of their foundation, Josai University and Josai International University have focused on nurturing talented young women. Both universities have adopted the American methodology outlined by Women's Studies very early on because our university's management policy was always focused on securing talented individuals who work toward the 21st century's globalization. Our Women's Studies methodology is very unique and has

no equivalent elsewhere in Japan. Josai International University was the first in Japan to open a graduate program in Women's Studies. Our university seeks to create an environment where women in general, not only female students, can thrive. The percentage of women faculty exceeds 30 percent at Josai International University, a very high percentage among universities in Japan.

The JEWEL program, started in 2012, was held for the second time this year. The program includes training in Japan, interviews of women leaders abroad as well as other kinds of fieldwork over a period of three months. This program is carried out continuously over the year and will be held in 2014 as well. ★

## Seven goals toward becoming a leading university in the world "7 J-Vision"

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