



## Kamogawa embraces exchanges

by JIU Times

Kamogawa is a cosmopolitan city in Chiba Prefecture located southeast of the Boso Peninsula, and Josai International University's Kamogawa Campus has contributed much to the global features of the region. Upon attending the 12th Wellness Exchange Day arranged by JIU's Faculty of Tourism, Kamogawa Mayor Ikuo Kameda expressed his appreciation to JIU for enhancing exchanges between local citizens and its students from around the world.

"I understand that JIU's three campuses have friendly relationships with 172 schools in 30 countries around the world. In Kamogawa, we have the privilege of having our people mingle with international students from JIU on a daily basis. Kamogawa is a safe place to live, and those students have blended in to become an integral part of our lives. This contributes to enrich the livelihoods of everybody," he said.

Kameda further noted how JIU's international students have a good influence on Japanese students by studying on the same campus. "The diligent, studious people from outside Japan stimulate those in the country to try harder. Furthermore, learning together has the synergistic effect of making the Japanese and international students become more open and re-

ceptive of each other. I think those shared moments eventually grow into a precious, lifetime experience on both sides," he said.

In terms of overall exchanges, Kameda also welcomes the visits of other faculty students from JIU to Kamogawa, "so that they can experience, feel and take back fond memories of Kamogawa and Japan to their home country. I hope such exchanges would eventually turn the students from overseas into big fans of our city and our country," he added.

To this end, Kameda notes the importance of Kamogawa locals having a clear idea about how they would like to convey the image and facts related to the area to the world outside Japan. As a specific good example, Kameda mentioned how the local Kippo Hachiman Shrine collaborated with JIU students to globally introduce and propagate the *yabusame* (horse-back archery) Shinto ritual held at the shrine. "This was done by producing and distributing Japanese *tenugui* face cloths with a *yabusame* motif designed by the students themselves," he said. "Students also sold the *tenugui* and contributed to securing fund to repair Kippohachiman Shrine."

With an eye to the future, Kameda would like to review the attractive features of Kamogawa "as a place to live and work comfortably for everybody, both people



from overseas and Japanese alike, who decide to come and study at the Kamogawa Campus." Consequently, Kameda recognizes the need as the local administration to carefully scrutinize the entire framework, including housing, welfare facilities and the work environment. "Through such action, we can take true advantage of serving as home to JIU's Faculty of Tourism," he remarked.

Kippo Hachiman Shrine, Kamogawa, collaborated with Josai International University students to make face cloths featuring *yabusame* horse back archery.



## Art depicts Japanese in post-WWII China

by JIU Times

Josai University Educational Corporation held a ceremony Sept. 28 to kick off the "Wang Xiqi Exhibition - 1946" at Tokyo Art Club in Minato Ward, which was attended by the Chinese painter Wang Xiqi.

The exhibition, open until Oct. 5, showcases some of Wang's works, including "1946," which took him 3 1/2 years to complete.

The gigantic 3-meter x 20-meter painting depicts about 500 Japanese people waiting to board a ship in Huludao, southwest China, to return to Japan in 1946. During the chaos after World War II, according to some reports, more than a million Japanese, including children, were left behind when the Japanese military withdrew from China.

"I was doing research on the Japanese who had been left behind and saw photos of children. One child was holding someone's



ashes and I was deeply moved. Not many Chinese know such children existed and that's why I wanted to paint 1946," Wang said before the ceremony.

Wang was working on 1946 at Lu Xun Academy of Fine Arts, in Shenyang, northeast China, which has exchange programs with Josai University and Josai International University. Last year, Josai invited Wang to hold an exhibition in Tokyo, his first in Japan.

Motoyuki Ono, special advisor to the chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation, welcomed about 100 guests to the opening.

"We are very pleased that so many of you could come from all over Japan and from outside the country to the Wang Xiqi Exhibition," he said. "I would like every one of you to take your time and look at Mr. Wang's works."

Wang participated in a ribbon-

cutting ceremony to formally open his exhibition. The ceremony was joined by Ono, former Commissioner for Cultural Affairs Masanori Aoyagi, who supervised the exhibition, Wang Wan, the spouse of the Chinese ambassador to Japan, and others.

After the ceremony, Josai held a memorial symposium, titled "How to express historical records through art," joined by Wang and others later on the day.

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# Inaugural address of new chancellor

by JIU Times

Akira Uehara (Board Member and Trustee of Josai University Educational Corporation, Chairman of Taisho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.) was elected as the new Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation at a meeting of the Board of Directors on Sept. 8.

The following is his inaugural address.

I am very conscious of the weight of the responsibility that comes with being appointed as the Chancellor of Josai University Education-



al Corporation.

The corporation wishes to take this opportunity to express sincere

and heartfelt apologies to all its stakeholders, including students, parents, faculty members, alumni and others, for any concern or inconvenience that might have been caused by the findings of the Independent Investigation Committee on the disbursement of corporation funds and spending practices by the previous management. Josai takes the findings of the investigation seriously and it will work hard to strengthen the governance of the corporation.

Josai University Educational Corporation, founded in 1965 by Mikio

Mizuta, has developed into a highly diversified institution of tertiary education with campuses in Sakado, Togane, Kamogawa and Kioicho. I recall my grandfather-in-law, Shokichi Uehara, and my father, Shozo Hotta, speaking of Mr. Mizuta as a person with the strong belief that "the importance of education lies in developing future generations of people with toughness and perseverance to lead the development of our nation;" and that he was a warm, modest and considerate person who would attentively listen to the opinions of other people.

I humbly hope to keep his legacy of values alive and contribute to the continuing development of Josai.

What students learn and experience in school is extremely valuable, and will hold high significance in their future. I was privileged to have an opportunity to study abroad in my youth, and perceived through the experience of meeting people of different nationalities, languages, religions and cultures, the importance of having diversified and flexible points of view. After joining NEC Corporation, I was assigned to an international project to launch a communications satellite and then to introduce the latest U.S. computer technology to Japan. I fully acknowledge that my total experience abroad as a student largely contributed to my performance in those projects. I sincerely hope my students will have opportunities to broaden their horizons through invaluable experiences on campus.

Through the determined efforts, Josai University Educational Corporation hopes to nurture the talents of young scholars to develop global human resources. I wish to request your kind support.

## Uehara's first visit to JIU campuses

by JIU Times

Akira Uehara, the new chancellor who was inaugurated in September, visited the JIU campuses in Togane and Awa on Nov. 1. At Togane, he met with about 70 officials and faculty staff after receiving explanations from the deans of each department.

Speaking about his inauguration, he said:

"I turned down the offer when I was first asked to become the chancellor. But I changed my mind because I thought it was important to pick up the baton of the spirit of the founder Mikio Mizuta and pass it on to the next generation. I wanted to avoid the chaotic situation of a selection process. I would like to solve the problems of governance, compliance and management. My aim

is to create a transparent system and pass it on to my successor."

Based on that recognition, Chancellor Uehara pointed out three approaches that he believes are of the utmost importance in college management:

1. Think Globally, Act Locally. The basic attitude of doing what you can in that moment with an accurate understanding of the bigger picture.

2. Base your decision-making on long-term perspectives rather than short-term views.

3. Give priority to total optimization, as opposed to partial optimization.

Chancellor Uehara then headed for the Awa Campus in Kamogawa City where the Tourism Department is located and was briefed by Vice President Masato Kurabayashi. He also stopped by Mikio Mizuta's birthplace.

### Akira Uehara's Profile

Date of Birth: April 5, 1941

Birthplace: Tokyo

Final academic notation: March 1966, Faculty of Economics, Keio University

#### Career history

- April 1966, Joined NEC Corporation
- April 1977, Joined Taisho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
- June 1978, Executive Director, Taisho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
- January 1979, Trustee, Josai University Educational Corporation
- June 1982, President, Taisho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
- April 2009, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Taisho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
- October 2011, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Taisho Pharmaceutical Holdings Co., Ltd.
- June 2012, Chairman, Taisho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
- June 2013, Chief Executive Officer, Taisho Pharmaceutical Holdings Co., Ltd. (present)
- June 2015, Chairman of Taisho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (present)
- September 2017, Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation

#### School attendance overseas

- May 1964: Missouri Valley College
- 1964-1965: Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth University

#### Other achievements

- Proprietary Association of Japan: — Executive of Association — Chairman: May 1997 to April 2001
- World Self-Medication Industry — Chairman: June 1999 to November 2002
- Asia-Pacific Self-Medication Industry: — Chairman: October 2016 to present
- Uehara Memorial Foundation — Chief Director: May 2013 to present
- Seikei Gakuen — Counselor: March 1988 to present
- Board of Trustees Chairman: March 2002 to March 2012
- Director: March 1998 to present
- Keio University — Counselor: November 1990 to present
- Director: November 2006 to present

## Concert for Hungarian poet

by Tomoko Hirose,  
Josai International Center for  
the Promotion of Art & Science  
(JICPAS)

On Oct. 6, a "Literature and Music Night" was held at Josai University Kioicho Campus Hall in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the

birth of well-known Hungarian poet Arany János. The concert was supported by the Hungarian Embassy and co-supported by Josai University Educational Corporation.

*Kaláka*, a famous Hungarian folk music group, played nine songs based on János' poems and also some of their original compositions to an appreciative audience of about 150 people.

After the performance, Josai University students presented bouquets of flowers to the group members.

## Shingo Usami hits his stride as Giant

by JIU Times

Shingo Usami started playing catcher for the JIU baseball team from the spring of his freshman year in the Faculty of Environmental Sociology. He won the Best Nine award both in the autumn of that year and the spring of his sophomore year, and was a team captain in his senior year.

He was a member of Japan's gold medal winning baseball team at the Universiade (World Student Games) in summer 2015. In autumn the same year, he was drafted fourth by the Yomiuri Giants and joined the Central League pro team when he graduated in 2016.

It was this summer when he began to show his true potential. He was promoted from the farm team for a game against the Hanshin Tigers on Aug. 8. He made his first appearance in an official game as

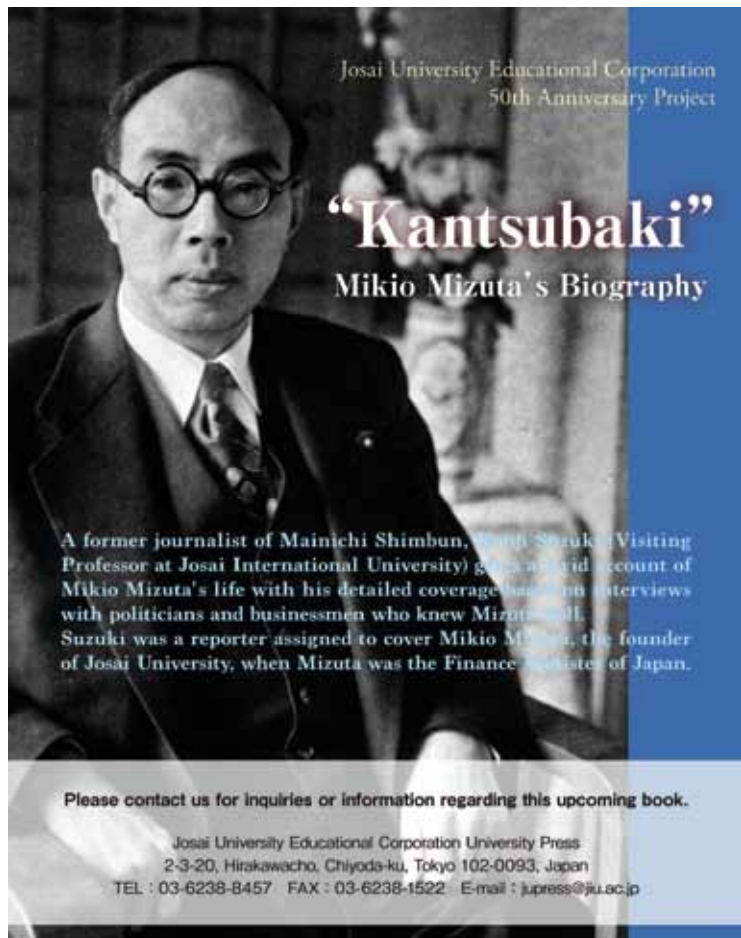
a pinch hitter, and recorded his first hit in his first at bat.

In the game against the Yokohama DeNA Baystars on Aug. 18, he hit the first home run of his professional career – a game-ending two-out, two-run "sayonara" homer in the bottom of the 10th inning.

This performance caught the fans' attention, and he was awarded the "Monthly At Home Hero Award" for August.

In the game against the Tigers on Aug. 25, he was named "No. 8 catcher." It was his first start for the Giants. He hit a two-run homer in the 5th inning to tie the game.

He had another outstanding game against the Chunichi Dragons on Sept. 5. With a runner on first, but two outs and the Giants trailing by two runs, he came to the plate in the bottom of the 9th and hit a game-tying homer.



### 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.

## Symposium on Romania

by JIU Times

The Embassy of Romania in Japan organized a symposium on the two countries' diplomatic relations at Josai University's Kioicho Campus in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward, on Nov. 11. The event was co-organized by Josai Institute for Central European Studies and the Japan-Romania Society.

The main theme of the symposium, titled "Symposium on Romania-Japan Relations — Nicolae Xenopol: 100 Years since the Arrival of the First Romanian Diplomatic Envoy to Japan," was whether the bilateral diplomatic relationship began in 1917 or 1921.

Romania claims it began in November 1917, when Romanian envoy Nicolae Xenopol visited Japan and read out aloud the Letter of Credence to Emperor Taisho, an event that was reported in the English-language newspaper, The Japan Times. Unfortunately, Xenopol died in Japan in December that year.

Japan claims it was 1921 when the Romanian Ambassador to Japan was officially appointed and there was no clear evidence Xenopol had ever been an ambassador.

The symposium guests include Romanian Ambassador to Japan Tatiana Iosiper.

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# Togane and JIU to strengthen ties

by **Mutsuo Nakamura,**  
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On Oct. 4, representatives of the city of Togane, business and Josai International University met at JIU's Chiba Togane Campus to discuss ways to strengthen their long-term collaboration and partnership, which has helped to boost the local economy over the years. Among the attendees were Togane Mayor Naoharu Shiga, Togane City Council Chairman Toshio Seimiya, Togane Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Shuji Ogawa, JIU President Kenji Sugibayashi, as well as other representatives from the city government and JIU. First of all, Togane Mayor Shiga

stated: "The presence of JIU has been positive for the city. I hope to further strengthen our ties with JIU and the chamber for the development of local industries and human resources to keep the city vital. In the face of national demographic decline, together we find creative ways to better sustain the local economy. As JIU and Togane share a common future, we'd like to move forward with open-mindedness, sharing information resources in this process." Following Shiga, JIU President Sugibayashi said: "JIU's new administration began with the appointment of new Chancellor Akira Uehara (chairman of Taisho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.) on Sept. 11, as well as my appointment as president of JIU in April this year.

We want to make our ideal of student-centered education a reality, working closely with the students. I'd like to thank the city and the chamber for their support of JIU, and we need to continue working together for our mutual benefit and prosperity." It was then the turn of Togane City Council Chairman Seimiya who pointed out: "Sixty-five-year-olds and older represent 28 percent of the city's population. With this in mind, we'd like to join forces with JIU to expand the area's economy." Togane Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Ogawa added: "The chamber is composed of 1,300 business entities, with JIU the largest among them. It'll be nice to collaborate in business projects with JIU."



Finally, there was a group discussion. The participants expressed their organizational needs while exchanging information on available management resources. Ideas to sustain the local economy and to build a city of excellence through joint endeavors in industrial and human resource development were also proposed.

## Fall semester ceremony held

by **Center for Public Relations**

Josai International University on Sept. 15 held an admission ceremony on Togane Campus for the autumn semester enrollment, as 391 students from 20 countries and regions, mainly Europe, set out on a new journey full of hope. "I am expecting all of you to study hard, with an ideal in your heart of nurturing yourself through studying. I am also expecting you to earn the genuine value of studying abroad by communicating with people not only on campus, but also in the local community," President Kenji Sugibayashi said in his speech. In re-



sponse, Dóra Nagy, a 26-year-old exchange student from Hungary at the Faculty of International Humanities, took an oath, saying,

"We will study hard with gratitude to the university for giving each of us the opportunity to make our dreams come true."

## Motoyuki Ono awarded honorary professorship from Shenyang univ.

by **Tomoko Hirose,**  
**Josai International Center for**  
**the Promotion of Art & Science**  
**(JICPAS)**

On Sept. 22, Motoyuki Ono, Special Adviser to the Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation, received an Honorary Professorship from our sister institution Shenyang Normal University in Liaoning province, China. The professor title recognizes professor Ono's accomplishments in education administration, his leadership in university practices and performance, and his role in developing the relationship between Josai University Educa-

tional Corporation and Shenyang Normal University. To commemorate his award, professor Ono delivered a special lecture titled "The Current Situation and the Future of Higher Education in Japan: Challenges in Reforming Japanese Universities" in the Museum Lecture Hall at Shenyang Normal University to an audience of about 150 people. During the Q&A session, students asked a number of questions, including queries about Japan's education policies and how to choose a suitable department when studying in Japan. The lecture was very well received by the students who will be the decision-makers of the future.

## Josai: A History

1965 Jan 25 Founding of Josai University Educational Corporation approved (First Chancellor: Mikio Mizuta)  
Apr 1 Josai University with the Faculty of Economics, including the Department of Economics, and the Faculty of Science, including the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Chemistry, opened. First JU President is Mikio Mizuta  
1971 Apr 1 Department of Business Administration in the Faculty of Economics of Josai University opened  
1973 Apr 1 Josai University: Departments of Pharmaceutical Sciences and of Pharmaceutical Technochemistry in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences opened  
1976 Dec 27 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 University  
1996 Apr 1 Dr. Noriko Mizuta appointed President of Josai International University Josai International University: Departments of Welfare and Culture, and of International Exchange Studies in the Faculty of Humanities opened M.A. degrees in Inter-Cultural Studies and in Women's Studies established in the Graduate School of Humanities  
1998 Apr 1 Josai International University: Ph.D. in Comparative Culture, (Graduate School of Humanities), MBA . in Management of Entrepreneurial Ventures (Graduate School of Management and Information Sciences) and Affiliated Preparatory Courses in Japanese Culture and Japanese Language (Japanese Studies Program) established Josai University: M.A. in Mathematics (Graduate School of Sciences) and M.S. in Medical Pharmacy (Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences) established  
1999 Apr 1 Josai International University: Departments of International

Management Studies and of Information for Welfare and Environment established in the Faculty of Management and Information Sciences  
2000 Apr 1 Josai International University: Ph.D. in Management of Entrepreneurial Ventures (Graduate School of Management and Information Sciences) established  
2001 Apr 1 Josai International University: Department of Service Management Systems (Faculty of Management and Information Sciences), Department of Media & Culture Studies (Faculty of Humanities), Special Course in Business and Information Science (Japanese Studies Program) established Josai University: Department of Medical Nutrition (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences) established Josai Women's Junior College: Departments of Management and Information Administration and of Contemporary Culture opened (reorganized)  
2002 Apr 1 Josai International University: M.A. in Welfare and Social Studies (Graduate School of Humanities), MBA in International Administration established laced of Mikio Mizuta as a project to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the foundation of Josai University  
2003 Jan 25 Restoration of Mikio Mizuta's birthplace completed, as Josai University's 40th anniversary project  
Apr 1 Josai University: MBA in Business Innovation (Graduate School of Business Administration) established  
2004 Apr 1 Josai University: Department of Management Studies (Faculty of Business Administration), M.A. in Material Science (Graduate School of Sciences) established Josai International University: Department of Medical Pharmacy (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences), Departments of Culture and Social Work Studies, and of Management and Social Work Studies (Faculty of Social Work Studies) established  
Apr 10 Kyonan Seminar House completed  
Apr 19 Josai Awa Learning Center completed  
May 27 Noriko Mizuta takes office as Chancellor of Josai University Educational Corporation  
2005 Jan 21 Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building completed  
Apr 1 International Center for the Promotion of Arts and Sciences (JICPAS) established Josai University: M.A. in Medical Nutrition (Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences) established Josai International University: Department of Management Science (Faculty of Management and Information Sciences) reorganized; Department of Media and Information (Faculty of Media Studies), Business Design Program (Graduate School of Business Design, and Welfare and Social Studies Program (Graduate School of Social Work Studies) established  
Apr 19 Medicinal Plant Garden (Otaki City) opened  
2006 Apr 1 Josai University: Department of Social and Economic Systems (Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies), Departments of Pharmaceutical Sciences six-year and four-year programs (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences) established Josai Base College: Department of Business Studies established Josai International University:

Department of Wellness Tourism (Faculty of Tourism), Department of Medical Pharmacy six-year program (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences) inaugurated  
2007 Apr 1 Josai International University: Department of Social Work Studies (Faculty of Social Work Studies) reorganized  
Oct 25 Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building No. 2 opened  
2008 Feb 15 Makuhari Campus opened  
Apr 1 Josai International University: Department of Inter-Cultural Studies and Department of International Exchange Studies opened in the Faculty of International Humanities  
2009 Jun 30 Statement issued announcing the opening of the Department of Social and Environmental Studies in the Faculty of Social and Environmental Studies  
2010 Apr 1 Josai International University: Department of Social and Environmental Studies opened in the Faculty of Social and Environmental Studies  
Apr 16 Ceremony to mark the 45th anniversary of the foundation of Josai University Educational Corporation  
2011 Apr 1 Course in Visual Arts established in the Faculty of Media Study, Josai International University  
Apr Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building No. 4 opened  
Jul 22 Josai University Educational Corporation Center for Innovation established  
Oct Josai University Educational Corporation Center for Graduate Studies established  
Dec 9 Josai University Mizuta Museum of Art (premises) opened  
2012 Apr 1 Josai University Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Pharmacy Graduate Course Pharmacy Specialty (latter doctoral course) and Pharmacy Specialty (doctoral course) established Josai International University Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (doctoral course) established Josai International University Faculty of Nursing, Department of Nursing established  
Apr 28 Ceremony to mark the 20th anniversary of the foundation of Josai International University  
May 22 Josai International University Prince Takamado Memorial Sports Park completed  
2013 Apr 1 Josai International University: Master's degree program in International Administration established in the Graduate School of International Administration, and master's degree program in Global Communications established in the Graduate School of Humanities  
Apr 12 Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building No. 3 opened  
Nov 21 Institute for Central European Studies established  
2015 Feb 12 Josai University Educational Corporation Tokyo Kioicho Campus Building No. 5 opened  
May 21 Josai Center for ASEAN Studies established  
2016 Sept 1 Akira Shirahata appointed President of Josai University  
2017 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



# Alumna's experience in Paraguay

by Yamaguchi Moe,  
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This autumn, I moved to Paraguay as a member of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV), an organization that is overseen by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). I plan to work there for two years. I'm staying with a family in a small village that is six hours by bus from the capital, Asuncion. I teach music, crafts and PE at the local elementary school. The children were born and raised in

this village, which is far from any urban centers, so they don't have many opportunities to meet a lot of people. This has led to a lack of communication and social skills. Therefore, it is our mission to improve this situation through emotional education.

When I was in my second year at JIU I studied as an exchange student at the University of Hawaii, Hilo, for 10 months. There were students at the university from Oceania, such as Papua New Guinea, who planned to dedicate their efforts to their country once they went home. I noticed how poor my values were in comparison, as I had always thought only of becoming financially wealthy. It seemed that they were so happy

compared to others, even though we were sharing the same experience. I became envious of how comfortable they appeared.

After that, I was always grateful of the opportunities I had, and began to study international cooperation. When I was a fourth year at JIU, I took part in a study program that went to Vietnam. Meeting children in orphanages made me think that if we reach out, the lives of children suffering from economic problems will change. With the recommendation of a professor from JIU, I became interested in joining the JOCV. I decided to do research on international cooperation by going to a country and gaining firsthand experience.

I chose Paraguay as my pre-

ferred place of work and took the JOCV examination. Physical fitness was an important criterion for selection, but I was confident in my physical strength as I had taken part in the Honolulu Marathon during my time at the University of Hawaii. In mid-February this year, I was notified that I had been accepted by the JOCV. From July, I took a 70-day Spanish (the official language of Paraguay) course for a total of 210 hours, and I mastered Spanish.

In the future, I would like to make use of the experience gained from my time in the JOCV and enter a graduate school in the U.K. I would eventually like to work for an international organization, such as the United Nations.



## Seminar on pharmacy tackles issues of aging society, insurances

by Center for Public Relations

The 20th International Education Seminar on Pharmacy was held July 24, with Dr. Puree Anantachoti, an associate professor at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, which has a tie-up with Josai International University, as the guest speaker. Dr. Puree is also head of the International Education Collaboration. The seminar coincided with the return of fifth-year students to the university after completing 11 weeks of practical training at hospitals and pharmacies.

The theme of the seminar was "An encounter with the world leads to new Pharmacy — the originality and contrivances in medical insurance programs of advanced countries facing a super-aged society." Dr. Puree gave a lecture on medical insurance programs to the students, describing the basic idea behind medical insurance plans, as well as the originality in medical insurance programs of major advanced countries, and how to deal with a society that is rapidly aging.

Dr. Puree explained how to avoid an increase in the number



of patients in need of high medical subsidies, while rises in medical costs are pressuring financial conditions in advanced countries as their populations age. Dr. Puree, then, briefed the audience on how citizens should access national medical services, and introduced an example of a country in which local governments, equivalent to prefectural governments in Japan, are responsible for operating medical insurance programs, and are allowed to pro-

vide different levels of medical insurance services from each other. Finally, Dr. Puree emphasized that it is important for citizens of each country to understand medical insurance programs to make them better.

The International Education Seminar on Pharmacy has been held periodically since November 2009, with globally renowned pharmacists, university faculty officials and researchers invited to give lectures.

## 109 students start practical nursing training

by Center of Public Relations

A nursing threshold ceremony was held Sept. 9 at the Faculty of Nursing on Togane Campus. The ceremony involved 109 male and female freshman students of the nursing faculty, who were preparing for their practical nursing training to start at medical institutions. Watched by an audience that included officials of medical institutions and local governments in neighboring Togane City, male

students were provided with emblems to wrap around their left arms, while their female counterparts put pure white nursing caps on.

"May my life be devoted to service and the high ideals of the nursing profession," the students said as they took an oath together, renewing their commitment to the service. In December, the students will start practical nursing training program at nearby medical institutions.

## Sugibayashi gets honorary doctorate

by Mutsuo Nakamura,  
Center for Admissions and Public Relations

On Aug. 6, JIU President Kenji Sugibayashi received an honorary doctorate from Malaysia's Management & Science University (MSU) for his international academic achievements as a pharmaceutical researcher, as well as his contributions to the joint education programs between MSU, Josai University and Josai International University. The honorary doctorate was conferred during MSU's graduation ceremony.

"Thanks to the great efforts of many people around me, I have the honor to accept this doctor-

ate," said Sugibayashi. "MSU, a highly global university, has been a very important partner for Josai University, Josai International University and Josai Junior College. I believe we'll be able to further strengthen our ties. Since MSU is involved with hospitals and hotels, we'd be able to collaborate not only in nursing and pharmacy, but also in management and tourism," he added.

Sugibayashi also received the Asian Federation for Pharmaceutical Sciences (AFPS) Nagai Distinguished Scientist Award this year. The award is given to outstanding pharmaceutical researchers in Asia, in honor of the Founding President of AFPS, Professor Tsuneji Nagai.

## Professor Nobuhiro Shiba receives Medal for Merits from Slovenia

by Center for Admissions and Public Relations

On Sept. 11, Josai International University Professor and Josai Institute for Central European Studies Deputy Director Nobuhiro Shiba received the Medal for Merits, a state decoration, from the Republic of Slovenia in recognition of his long-term achievements in studying the history of the former Yugoslavia, including Slovenian history.

Over the years, JIU has focused on Central Europe in research and exchange activities. Every year, JIU sends its students to the Visegrad Group (V4) countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) of Central Europe through



the study abroad program while offering Hungarian, Polish and Czech courses on campus. At JIU, numerous V4 exchange students contribute to the campus atmosphere, facilitating mutual understanding among Japanese and European students through exchanges and dialogue.

### KAMOGAWA CORNER

Kamogawa locals and JIU students enjoy exchanges

by JIU Times

Approximately 600 students and local people braved the stormy weather of Typhoon No. 21 to attend the 12th Wellness Exchange Day at Josai International University.

Events included performances by the music club from Awatakushin Prefectural High School and the Japanese drum club from Kisarazu Comprehensive High School, soccer



tips from members of Orca Kamogawa FC, a hula dance performance by local citizens and a gymnastics performance by Togane RG. In addition, the attendees enjoyed a screening of

"Kotchi baachan (grandma)," a movie co-produced by the city of Kamogawa and Dongseo University from South Korea that won the Asian Student Film Festival Special Jury Prize.



# Kioicho has first university festival

by Tomoko Hirose,  
Josai International Center for  
the Promotion of Art & Science  
(JICPAS)

On Oct. 1, Josai University, Josai International University and Josai Junior College held their first joint university festival, "JOSAI TRIVERSITY FES," at the Third Building on the Kioicho Campus. Students of these three schools had long hoped to hold a joint festival at their Tokyo campus base. In order to achieve their goal a University Festival Organization Committee was established, which put together the inaugural festival.

At the opening ceremony, President of Josai International University professor Kenji Sugibayashi, stated, "This university festival demonstrates and embodies the love we hold in our hearts." Two further addresses were delivered by the presidents of the two other universities. Following these, the student representative from the organizing committee made the opening speech, and explained:

"We struggled to overcome a lot of difficulties in order to carry out the first university festival at Kioicho. However, we joined forces and worked together in a spirit of co-operation, and solved all the problems we faced. We also hope that this university festival will create bonds with the people who live locally around the campus."

All the seminar groups from the Faculty of Media Studies at Josai International University helped to make the festival a success by applying their specialized knowledge to construct and design the stage and the sound systems. A performance by the drama club and the JIU idol group entertained an appreciative audience. The spacious stage on the first floor also hosted the JIU brass band from the Togane Campus and hula dancers from outside the university as guest performers. The classrooms housed film and performing arts workshops, and an animation workshop run by the faculty from the Media Studies Department and exchange students from



ASEAN countries who were able to present their cultures. The food stall was kept busy selling popular dishes such as sushi, fried noodles and oden (a one-pot winter dish).

With Halloween just around the corner, the haunted house was a particularly popular attraction and people had to queue for over an hour to gain entry.

A large number of local residents attended and enjoyed the festival. We sincerely hope to see everyone again at next year's "JOSAI TRIVERSITY FES"!



## Zambia diplomat visits for lecture

by Mutsuo Nakamura,  
Center for Admissions and Public  
Relations

On July 12, Victor Mumba, First Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Zambia in Japan, paid a courtesy visit to JIU President Kenji Sugibayashi and gave a lecture for the Department of International Exchange Studies. This visit was motivated by his interest in JIU's study abroad and exchange programs, and its fostering of global human capital — he learned about JIU's promotion of global networks from a copy of JIU Times that was given to him by his ambassador in 2014. Furthermore, he wished to introduce his country to JIU students.

"JIU produces high-caliber global human capital by making the most out of its study abroad programs. These programs benefit our students in the advancement of their foreign language, cross-cultural and other relevant communication skills, which are all highly valued in society," said Tomohiko Yoshida, JIU vice president, and head of the Faculty of International Humanities and the Center for International Education, who welcomed Mumba along with President Sugibayashi.

Later, Mumba delivered a lecture in English to students — including those with study abroad experience — of the Department of International Exchange Studies, focusing on the administration, industries and tourism of his country, located in Central Southern Africa.

In developing global human capital, JIU's NGO/NPO Support Center plays a central role promoting international cooperation and development, as well as expanding and strengthening JIU's efforts on international education.



Top: The school Festival was held at Togane Campus on Nov. 4 and 5. "Make everlasting connections" is the theme; Bottom left: A picture book workshop; Bottom right: Beijing opera performance by Shenyang Normal University students



# Let's exchange!

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by Csaba Polgar

My name is Csaba Polgar and I am a scholarship student from Hungary. Before coming to Japan I'd just finished my second year at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) in Budapest, where my major is Japanology. Ever since I was a kid, I have always had an interest in Asian culture, in particular Japanese culture. Like many from my generation, my first exposure to it was through television, which was an integral part of my childhood. During my university years I've started to learn more about the culture and history of Japan, which I absolutely love. One of the main reasons, apart from



improving my language ability, I wanted to come to Japan was to learn more about Japanese literature. Primarily because my bachelor's thesis is about Ibuse Masuji's novel "Black Rain." During spring break I'm planning a trip to Hiroshima so I can learn more about the events that transpired there.

There is still so much more to learn about Japanese culture, which I intend to do during my stay. I've always believed that to learn a new language, not only do you have to understand the culture, but also the way the people think. To do so I believe you have to live in that country at least for a while. That way you can learn a language much better and faster. Thanks to JIU I can do that. There are a lot of interesting courses at JIU that deepen my knowledge of both traditional and popular culture.

I believe that I have a great opportunity to learn more about Japanese culture and that I can use this knowledge in the future as a translator.

by Sara Skare Rutledal

My name is Sara Skare Rutledal. I am from Norway and the University of Bergen, where I study Japanese at the Faculty of Humanities' Department of Foreign Languages. Here at Josai International University I am enrolled in the Faculty of International Humanities' Department of Inter-Cultural Studies in Togane as part of the Japanese bachelor's program at the University of Bergen.

Foreign languages have always been an interest of mine and I started studying Japanese in my second year of high school. My

grandfather used to tell me how important and useful languages are, so I decided to follow his advice and continue studying Japanese at university.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to study as an exchange student in Japan. I have had a lot of interesting experiences and I hope to have more before I return to my home country. I have experienced both academic and personal growth, met people from different countries and cultures, and learned new things about myself. Getting to be friends with people from around the world is exciting, and I have learned a lot about how to be respectful of other cultures and recognize when cultural differences appear instead of getting mad at someone for being rude.



It's a completely new experience to talk to someone from a different country and have a common language other than English, and although it has been challenging, I have become more confident in my Japanese. Using a language other than my mother tongue on a daily basis has been interesting, and while there are times when I struggle to find the right words, it has been good for my academic growth. I doubt I would have been able to learn as much as I have these last few months if I had not come here as an exchange student.

I look forward to my last semester here, and hope I can continue experiencing new things, improve my language skills and expand my world even more.

## Serendipity | Finding things other than what you are looking for — Vol. 19

by Estelle Le Meur, Project Coordinator  
Université Catholique de Lille, France

As a student, I had learned a bit of Italian, German and Spanish. But as I was about to start higher education, I saw it as an opportunity to do and learn new things. I thus decided to learn a language that couldn't be more different from my native French: Japanese.

Later, to improve my Japanese, I applied to do a year abroad in Japan during the first year of my master's studies at the Université Catholique de Lille. The timing was very good as my university had just signed an agreement with Josai International University. I set foot in Japan for the first time in September 2010, and my year abroad is still one of the

most exciting experiences I've had in my life.

After my time abroad, I finished my studies at university in Lille, graduated and found a job. A year after I started working, I learned that the International Relations Office at the Université Catholique de Lille was looking for a new member for its team as it was developing new types of programs for international students. I soon learned that the first university where they were testing one of these programs was Josai.

Serendipity — finding something else other than the thing you were actually looking for. I had found, yet again, a way to strengthen my links with Josai even though looking for a job was my main intention.

Welcoming the students from Josai, either within the framework

of our short-term programs or as exchange students, always fills me with joy, as I can relate to all the differences there are between Japan and France. I can count on the fact that they will take back lasting memories and share them with potential students for our university.

For Japanese students, France offers a different way to study in class. In France, the classes are arranged so that the students communicate with each other to exchange ideas. France is famous for its food and this is also something that is interesting for students, such as tasting new types of cheese and different regional dishes.

I recently had an interesting discussion about Lille's famous Wazemmes Market and the fruit that is sold there. One student explained that she was surprised because she could buy fruit by the kilo. That made me laugh as I remember myself being surprised because I could NOT buy fruit by the kilo when I was a student in

Togane.

Serendipity — happy coincidence. Sometimes, I allow myself to think that it might be serendipity for Japanese students who come to the Université Catholique de Lille and find me, a former exchange student from Josai who knows their professors

and their campus.

As I write these lines, what really strikes me is that, in the end, my special link with Japan and Josai is all about serendipity, and I hope I can awake the same feeling toward France in students from Josai who come to the Université Catholique de Lille.



RYŪKEI YASUKAWA, THE LITERARY ARTIST FROM TÔGANE

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the ASEAN Young Women  
Leadership Programby Midori Yoda and Yuna Sato,  
students from the Department  
of International Exchange  
Studies, and Mika Satomi,  
student from the Faculty of  
Tourism

We joined the ASEAN Young Women Leadership Program, which aims to encourage young women from the region to become leaders in this global era, to gain a better understanding of many histories, cultures and world views, while communicating with other non-native English speakers. Five students from Japan are proudly representing the country: two from Josai University and the three of us from Josai International University. The other students are from 20 countries, including Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, who are members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. JU and JIU students are

visiting Malaysia and Vietnam.

We were in Malaysia for five months and we are now in Vietnam. Malaysian people are cheerful, kind and friendly, so we enjoyed staying there. Most Malaysian food is spicy. Although we had never tried anything quite like it before, we were not afraid and accepted the challenge, and tucked in.

We studied hospitality and tourism at Management & Science University (MSU) in Malaysia. In our Tour Operation Management class, we learned how to plan a real tour and implement the plan. In our Event Management class, we planned and carried out an actual event. We were the organizers; every single last detail of the tour and the event was our responsibility. We communicated with classmates in English, which allowed us to develop our English skills. In addition, the local students asked for our opinions about how things would be done in Japan and we would answer questions as Japanese representatives.

We've experienced many cultures in this program. The majority of Malaysian people are Muslims, followers of Islam, who pray five times a day. Islam is a strict religion. For example, they fast

from sunrise until sunset during Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim year; they don't eat pork or drink alcohol; and Muslim women cover their hair and their bodies. We tried fasting for one day during Ramadan and found it very difficult. Japan has traditional clothes like kimono and Malaysia has the baju kurung, which is a type of national costume. The baju kurung is a loose, full-length dress that covers almost the entire body, and they are often worn with a head scarf (tudung). We each bought a baju kurung. They are very light and cool. Local people wear them for ceremonies, but they can also be worn casually. We saw many kinds of colorful baju kurung at MSU.

We are trying to improve our leadership skills through our experiences in Malaysia and Vietnam. We have been able to improve our communication skills and learn so much about other cultures, particularly about religion and language in Malaysia. In addition, Malaysian people are always smiling or laughing, so I think we developed our sense of humor. We want to continue communicating with people and learning about other cultures in Vietnam.





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●徒歩の場合  
1. 副都心線池袋駅乗換有楽町線池袋駅下車、池袋駅南口から徒歩10分  
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## Book on nutrition published

by Han Liu

Pharmacy nutrition guidance from pharmacists and registered dietitians produced by Nikkei Medical Development Division has been published. One of its authors is Kenji Sugibayashi, President of Josai International University, as well as a professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Josai University.

According to professor Sugibayashi, the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Josai University, which consists of one department — the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences — and two professional schools — the School of Pharmacy, specializing in nurturing pharmacists, and the Department of Clinical Dietetics and Human Nutrition, specializing in nurturing registered dietitians — is the largest pharmacy faculty in Japan. In addition, the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences offers four majors that provide students with a wide range of career opportunities. Nowadays, interdisciplinary sciences are increasingly important. He hopes that the students, as well as the young faculty members will make good use of all the university has to offer and work hard to develop their careers.

To support the Department of Clinical Dietetics and Human Nutrition, the Society for Pharmacy Registered Dietitians was set up in 2006. Based on their strong belief that it is necessary to inform others about the importance of cooperation between pharmacists and registered dietitians, the members of the society, together with many others inside and outside the university, decided to publish a book.

Nutrition can be as much a preventive medicine as pharmaceuticals. I hope that the pharmacists and registered dietitians working at drugstores, as well as the students in the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Josai University, will read the book.

## Exhibition shows Josai athletes as Olympic hopefuls

by JIU Times

An Olympic exhibition is being held at the Mizuta Museum Gallery through Dec. 9, in celebration of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. About 30 panels will explain the history of the Olympic and Paralympic Games as well as the last Tokyo Olympics in 1964. There will also be pictures of Josai University students and graduates hoping to qualify for the Tokyo Games three years from now.







# City to host Myanmar's athletes

by Han Liu

Tsurugashima in Saitama Prefecture will be home to Myanmar's athletes and officials during the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Its registration as an official "Host Town" was announced at a September 19 news conference at City Hall, which was attended

by Tsurugashima Mayor Yoshiro Fujinawa, His Excellency Thirain Zin, Myanmar's Ambassador to Japan, and Akira Shirahata, president of Josai University.

Josai University will provide facilities for the athletes, and the grounds of the university will be used not only for the intensive training or pre-competition camp but also to deepen the friendship

between local people and Myanmar's athletes through various activities.

With the objective of cultivating international exchanges between people in Japan and the country or region, Host Towns can receive national government subsidies for the pre-competition camps and other communication activities. "The students, faculty

members and staff will also participate in the activities held by Tsurugashima to contribute to the communications between Myanmar and Japan, as well as Myanmar and Josai University. It is a good opportunity for the students to understand more about global diversity," said President Shirahata.

The news conference was at-

tended by about 100 citizens and staff. As part of the event, Thi Thi Lay, a visiting professor at Josai University, as well as the friendship ambassador between Tsurugashima and Myanmar, introduced the history, culture and sports of Myanmar, and Myanmar students from the university's Faculty of Contemporary Policy Studies performed a traditional dance.



## Josai team claims 8th in preliminary ekiden race

by Han Liu

The 94th Tokyo-Hakone Collegiate Ekiden Relay Race Preliminary Race took place on Oct. 14, 2017. Josai University Men's Ekiden Club claimed the 8th place, clocking a combined 10 hours, 8 minutes, 50 seconds, which qualified them for the finals after an absence of 2 years. In the upcoming relay race on Jan 2-3, 2018, the club aims to achieve the highest ranking ever -- the 5th place, as well as to be seeded for next year's relay race.

The preliminary race was held at a 20 km race track, in Tachikawa, Tokyo. There are 12 team

members in each participating university, and the cumulative finish times of the fastest 10 team members will be added up to create a total finishing time for each participating university. Josai University Men's Ekiden Club was in the 5th place in the first 5 km, and climbed to the 4th place at 10 km and kept it until the end of the race. The club has successfully re-deemed itself with this year's outstanding performance. The main members of this year are junior and senior students.

The club earned the 12th place last year. It failed the preliminary race with a total time of 10 hours, 19 minutes, 10 seconds.



## Watanabe hurdles to win

by Han Liu

Yoshiro Watanabe, a junior in Josai University's Faculty of Management, won the 200-meter hurdles at a track and field meet Oct. 1 in Itami, Hyogo, in a new Japan record of 22.55 seconds, which equaled the world record set in 1995 by Italian Laurent Ottoz.

The 200-meter hurdles, in

which athletes have to clear 10 76.2-cm-high barriers, is rarely run nowadays, and neither the Japan record nor the world record is official.

Although no longer an Olympic or World Championship event, it was included in the track and field program at both the 1900 Olympics in Paris and the 1904 Olympics in St. Louis.



Construction work on building No. 22 started in October and is scheduled for completion in March 2019. The seven-floor building will house a lecture hall, and research rooms and laboratories of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.