

Great Voyage

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Message from the Vice President for Global Affairs

Greetings from Doshisha University

Four months have passed since I took my current position as Vice President for Global Affairs and Executive Dean of the Organization for the Promotion of Global Cooperation. Even in such a short span of time, I have realized how the University is involved waves of global exchanges.



Among the 42 foreigners with whom I have personally exchanged business cards are representatives from our invaluable partners abroad: Hanoi University of Science and Technology, Western Michigan University, Amherst College, University of Oslo, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, University of Tubingen, the Associated Kyoto Program (AKP), Stanford University, the Kyoto Center for Japanese Studies, National Taiwan Normal University, Soochow University, Tamkang University, Zhejiang Gongshang University, and Korea University. Through these meetings I have been satisfied to see that our partnerships with these institutions are well established and on firm ground.

I was invited by AKP, Stanford, and Tubingen to attend each of their farewell parties at the end of their courses this term at Doshisha. Students, faculty, staff, and host families got together to celebrate students' successful completion of their studies, full of smiles and regret at parting. When I saw the student participants of these programs leaving with fond memories of their stay here at Doshisha, I realized these programs are indeed irreplaceable for the internationalization of Doshisha.

Let me look back for a second upon one of my not-so-unusual days during the spring semester. First, in the morning I attended a service of the Buddhist order that I belong to, and then visited a clinic for authentic oriental medicine, receiving acupuncture and moxibustion. After finishing a not-so-unusually long meeting with staff of the new intensive courses for TOEFL in the afternoon, I attended the University of Tubingen's farewell party where I proposed a toast, then attended a party for a Japanese volunteer student group for activating the chapel hour program offered by the University's Center for Christian Culture, and finally I attended a meal gathering just after the end of Ramadan, enjoying wonderful Islamic food and talking with international students and faculty. What a multi-cultural and multi-religious day it was! Things around me go like this day after day, and it will certainly take a few more months before such a globalized everyday life becomes familiar!

Shiro Yamada

Professor Koji MURATA appointed as New President of Doshisha University

Professor of the Faculty of Law, Koji Murata, was selected as the 32nd President of Doshisha University at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Doshisha Educational Corporation on January 26. Murata has replaced the former President Eiji Hatta, whose term ended on March 31, 2013. Murata's presidential term runs from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2016.



Profile of President Koji Murata

Birth:	July 13, 1964
Degree:	Ph.D. in Political Science
Specialties:	American Diplomatic History, International Security Policy Studies
1987	Graduated from Doshisha University (Department of Political Science, Faculty of Law)
1989	Received Master's degree in Political Science from the Graduate School of Law, Kobe University
1995	Received M.Phil. degree in Political Science from the George Washington University in the US
1998	Received Ph.D. degree in Political Science from the Graduate School of Law, Kobe University
1995-1999	Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Integrated Arts and Sciences, Hiroshima University (American Studies)
1999-2000	Associate Professor at the Faculty of Integrated Arts and Sciences, Hiroshima University
2000-2005	Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, Doshisha University
2005-present	Professor at the Faculty of Law, Doshisha University
2011-present	Dean of the Faculty of Law and the Graduate School of Law, Doshisha University

New Faculty of Global and Regional Studies launched in April 2013

The 'Faculty of Global and Regional Studies' is concerned with the interdisciplinary intellectual foundation of local cultures, histories and societies. From a global perspective it carries out research on a variety of problems confronting contemporary society. The students of the faculty, belonging to one of the three courses, Europe, Asia-Pacific or Americas, make use of the various languages used in these regions, analyze problems by themselves, and think about ways to resolve them. Through four years of study and research from a global perspective, students acquire the ability to be active within the international community.

The faculty consists of one major divided into three courses of which the selected course becomes the axis for regional research and further comprehensive research concerning the crossover of associated regions and their connection to global problems. While these three regional divisions have their own distinctive characteristics in the formation of their cultures and societies, they continue to exert influence on one another in their development. In pursuing an understanding of contemporary society, a necessary approach is to articulate the perspectives from both the global and regional perspectives.



New Buildings opened in April 2013

Ryoshinkan

Ryoshinkan, named in relation to Doshisha's educational philosophy of “education of conscience,” is connected directly to the Imadegawa subway station, equipped with a new cafeteria and an open lounge, as well as one of the biggest Learning Commons in Japan. The Learning Commons provides an independent learning environment for students who hope to take an active role in the global community.



Shikokan

Shikokan is located just north of the Imadegawa Campus, and it is where The Institute of the Liberal Arts, Faculty of Global and Regional Studies, and Graduate School of Global Studies are located. This new building symbolizes “internationalism,” one of the three educational principles of Doshisha University.



Doshisha Symphony Orchestra performs in Prague

On March 16, 2013, Doshisha Symphony Orchestra performed at the Dvorak Hall of Rudolfinum in Prague in the Czech Republic. The orchestra embarks on an overseas tour every three years, with the last performance taking place in Florence, Italy, in 2010. It is always a great opportunity for the member students of Doshisha Symphony Orchestra to perform on the international stage, and becomes an invaluable experience for their future endeavors.

Comment from Doshisha Symphony Orchestra:

It was our great pleasure to perform in front of a large audience at the Dvorak Hall in Prague on March 16. We received a big round of applause and standing ovation at the end of the concert. All the members were deeply moved by the warmth of the Czech audience.

On behalf of all of the orchestra members, I'd like to thank all the former members, advisory teachers, Doshisha University and others for their tremendous help and support for making it happen. We truly appreciate your continued patronage and support of Doshisha Symphony Orchestra.



‘MEET JAPAN’ held to Welcome New International Students

On May 18, 2013, the Office of International Students (International Center) held Meet Japan at Hello Hall on the Kyotanabe Campus to offer new international students an opportunity to experience traditional Japanese culture firsthand, as well as to meet with Japanese students and senior international students. At the event, many members of the Japanese culture circles, such as the Japanese Music Club, Calligraphy Club, Tea Ceremony Circle (‘Shiseikai’), Flower Arrangement Circle (‘Hikari’), and Kyoto Student Origami (folding paper) Circle (‘Colorful’), gathered together, making it a hugely enjoyable event with a festival atmosphere. It was attended by 27 international students, 7 Japanese students and 26 circle-related people. All the participants enjoyed the Meet Japan event and the opportunity to learn more about one another.

The Hikari flower arrangement circle, located at the entrance to Hello Hall, offered international students the chance to learn about the history of ‘ikebana’ (Japanese flower arrangement) as well as important techniques for arranging flowers. This took place among the relaxing surroundings of beautifully arranged colorful flowers. On a mini stage in the center of the hall, members of Japanese Music Club played historic Japanese instruments, such as the koto (harp) and shakuhachi (bamboo flute). There were a variety of musical performances, including traditional pieces such as ‘Spring Sea’ (composed by Michio Miyagi) as well as those arranged in contemporary styles, and others performed only with the shakuhachi. The musicians added to the atmosphere by wearing Yukata (casual summer kimono). The Calligraphy Club offered hands-on calligraphy workshops alongside a display of the members’ works. International students had fun trying to write their favorite Kanji characters or those which stand for their names, guided by club members. Some Chinese students who had already experienced calligraphy demonstrated their ability to visitors. The participants were very much impressed by their skill at using a brush. The Origami corner proved to be a popular part of the event. Once participants had chosen a design to make, such as an animal, flower, heart or Sumo wrestler, members of the Kyoto Student Origami Circle took time to carefully show them how to make the appropriate folds. The participants got very much involved in creating their favorite items, which included a rose flower and the character of ‘My Neighbor Totoro’.

A temporary open café was set up in an open space in front of the hall, where members of the Shiseikai tea ceremony circle served green tea and showed how to drink Japanese tea in the proper manner. Both Japanese and international students were able to enjoy a relaxing tea time together.

It was a rather warm, humid day, but all the participants spent a wonderful time together while also enjoying a concurrently held event for incoming students called ‘Shaberi-ba’ (Chatting Place) organized by the Department of Student Support Services, Kyotanabe Campus.



Study in Europe Fair 2013 held at Doshisha

On May 19, Study in Europe Fair, ‘Study and Research in Europe – Quality-Diversity-Opportunity’ was held at Lucent Plaza, Ryoshinkan, co-hosted by the Delegation of the European Union to Japan and Doshisha University (the fair also took place at Meiji University in the Kanto region on May 17 and 18). More than 40 higher education institutions and universities from more than 10 European countries participated in the fair at Doshisha University, attracting around 600 visitors, double that of last year.

At each booth, representatives from European higher education institutions and universities were on hand to answer questions about the procedures of study abroad programs, scholarships and student life, which provided the visitors with a good opportunity to obtain detailed and specific information on the schools they were interested in. The response to the presentations prepared by the participating institutions and universities were very positive, showing deep interest in the fair.

To help promote study abroad opportunities for students of Doshisha University, the Organization for Promotion of International Cooperation will continue to take an active role in organizing these kind of events in the future.



Japan Education Fair in Turkey held

On March 16, 2013, the Japan Education Fair in Turkey, co-organized by Doshisha University and the Consulate-General of Japan in Istanbul, took place in the former office of the Consulate-General of Japan in Istanbul.

The Japan Education Fair in Turkey was primarily targeted at students who wish to study at graduate schools in Japan. It was held as part of MEXT’s Project for University Network for Internationalization (Global 30), in which eight universities selected for the Global 30 – Tohoku University, University of Tsukuba, the University of Tokyo, Nagoya University, Kyoto University, Kyushu University, Keio University and Doshisha University – participated. More than 200 local students visited the fair, together with members of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), representatives from the Consulate-General of Japan, and the news media.



In addition to individual consultations at each university’s booth, there were special sessions held under the theme of Scholarships, Study in Japan, and Job Opportunities, all of which attracted a large amount of interest. At the reception following the fair, many attendees from different universities and nations enjoyed the opportunity to exchange ideas and opinions relating to the field of education, increasing the chances of some form of collaboration in the future.

For Our Partner Institutions:

Are you or your students thinking of making a visit to the Doshisha campus? The International Center can arrange such activities as discussion sessions, a cultural exchange party, and a campus tour. If you are interested, please contact us at ji-kksai@mail.doshisha.ac.jp at least two months in advance. We also have accommodations on campus at a reasonable rate. We are looking forward to your visit!

Arie Oka (Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences) Receives Outstanding Paper Presentation Award

On May 24 and 25, 2013, the 2013 Research Presentation Meeting of the Marine Acoustics Society of Japan was held at Tokyo University, where Arie Oka (Biological Information Laboratory, Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences) received the Outstanding Paper Presentation Award. The award is given to students and young researchers who conduct outstanding research presentations. Arie Oka clarified the differences in the biosonar system among bats by using several species of bats with different ultrasonic signals.



Megumi Hatanaka (Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences) Receives RWB Stephens Prize at 2013 International Congress on Ultrasonics



From May 2 through 5, 2013, the 2013 International Congress on Ultrasonics was held in Singapore, where Megumi Hatanaka (Biomedical Information Course, Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences) received the RWB Stephens Prize.

The prize is presented to young researchers in recognition of their outstanding work in ultrasonics and the excellent presentation of the results. It is sponsored by Elsevier B. W., a world leading publisher of scientific, technical and medical literature, in remembrance of Professor R.W.B. Stephens.

Hatanaka's research was highly commended for its development of an innovative optical device using ultrasonic waves.

Theme of Presentation : Ultrasonic optical lens array with variable focal length and pitch

Presenter (Award Winner) : Megumi HATANAKA (first-year student in Master's Course, Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences)

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Professor Hirota (Faculty of Science and Engineering) Receives Research Achievement Prize from JSPM

Professor Ken Hirota (Department of Molecular Chemistry and Biochemistry, Faculty of Science and Engineering) received the Research Achievement Prize, which forms part of the 51st Japan Society of Powder and Powder Metallurgy (JSPM) Awards. The Research Achievement Prize is offered to researchers who have published an outstanding research achievement concerning powder and power metallurgy in the journals of JSPM and other academic journals.

Professor Hirota has achieved distinguished results in his research of the fabrication of new monolithic and hybrid materials by combining ceramic powder synthesis and various kinds of sintering processes.

His contribution to the research and development of MnZn ferrites, synthetic powders of sol-gel derived ZrO₂-Al₂O₃ and Y₂O₃ solid solutions, tough ceramics synthesized by HIP sintering, ZrO₂ ceramics with both high strength and toughness developed by pulsed electric-current pressure sintering, single-crystal titanium dioxide fibers with bronze structure synthesized using supercritical hydrothermal method, and hybrid magnetic metal and ferrite composite with high density, was highly commended.



Doshisha University's overseas offices were established in order to further promote its rapid and effective internationalization. At our overseas bases we are implementing mainly public relations activities to increase the profile of Doshisha University, while at the same making the most of the characteristics unique to each base. In addition, we are undertaking various efforts to recruit overseas students, support our students while they are studying overseas, and provide on-site support to members of our faculties while they are overseas.

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Greetings from the International Center, Doshisha

A great voyage is always something you can fully understand only in retrospect, reflecting upon a precarious balance between the pain you felt when leaving everything behind and the joy you feel to realize what you have achieved thereby. Before it is finished, a great voyage is always a wild roving, a daring to throw away old familiar things, an act of dreaming of some unknown horizon ahead, some uncharted space beyond.



So it was for our school founder, Jo Neesima. The ship he boarded in 1864 for his great voyage for America was the one quite appropriately named: The *Wild Rover*. After ten years of “roving,” he returned to his native country to establish the Doshisha as a quintessential fruit of his daring dream about a new future for his fellow believers.

Times have changed since then, and yet they have not. Even now, a great voyage is still calling you away from the old and familiar, from the ease and habits, toward some new experience and new world. That is how hope has been renewed again and again for us all, particularly the young at heart. So what deters you from embarking now upon your own great voyage on your own *Wild Rover*?

Nobuyoshi Saito
Director,
The International Center
Doshisha University

Dear Partners,

Greetings from Kyoto!

We, Internationalization Promotion Office, are in charge of the government-led projects of “Global 30” since 2009, and “Go Global Japan” since 2012. The former is to encourage international students to study in Japan, while the latter aims for nurturing Japanese students into global citizens with international experience and communication abilities in foreign languages. Doshisha is one of the only three institutions that were selected for both projects.

The five-year project of Global 30 has entered its final year, and, thanks to your cooperation, we believe that we are achieving great success, having received the highest evaluation in 2011.

We appreciate your continuous and generous support, and hope many more students have a valuable experience in Kyoto and around the globe!

With best wishes,
Staff of the Internationalization Promotion Office



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