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News

Riko Hosokawa (Faculty of Health and Sports Science) of the Swimming Club Wins the 42nd Swiss Open Synchronized Swimming Championships

From June 30 to July 2, 2017, the 42nd Swiss Open Synchronized Swimming Championships was held in Zurich, Switzerland. Doshisha University Swimming Club's Riko Hosokawa (fourth-year student of the Faculty of Health and Sports Science) participated in the event as a member of the Japanese team, which emerged as winners in the events of team technical routine, team free routine, and free routine combination.

Comment of Hosokawa:

I was able to participate in the 42nd Swiss Open as a Japanese B team member and helped to win the titles.

When I participated in the Swiss Open as a high school student, I didn't even have a chance to play in any event. So, I'm very pleased to have been able to participate in all the team events and win the gold medals.

I couldn't have achieved this without continuous instruction from teachers, and support from my parents.

I am also pleased to have played various roles as a sub-leader of the team, such as assisting the team leader, which gave me a lot of fulfillment.



Japan's First 'International Mediation Center' to be Established

Doshisha University and the Japan Association of Arbitrators (hereinafter called JAA) will establish the Kyoto International Mediation Center under the agreement on the cooperation regarding the operation, etc. of the 'Kyoto International Mediation Center' as a public interest corporation following authorization from the Cabinet Office of Japan (expected in the first half of 2018).

The Kyoto International Mediation Center will provide Japanese enterprises with an environment where conflicts and disputes can be resolved in a friendly manner inexpensively and expeditiously. Recently, mediation has been gathering attention worldwide as a way to resolve international business conflicts and disputes, as the limitation of a suit or arbitration has been recognized and the advantages of mediation has become understood. Mediation is widely utilized in the US and Europe, and in Asia the Singapore International Mediation Centre was established in 2014. In Japan, however, mediation has not been familiar among Japanese companies as a tool for dispute resolution, though conciliation for domestic relations is well known.

In the near future, the Kyoto International Mediation Center, with its headquarters at Doshisha University, will operate the center in cooperation with JAA, and conduct education and research on international mediation, as well as develop professionals who can handle international mediation.



2017 Fall Semester Foreign Language Honors Recognition Ceremony

On December 7, the 2017 Fall Semester Honors Recognition Ceremony in foreign languages was held at Clarke Chapel on the Imadegawa Campus. Doshisha University adopted the Foreign Language Honors System in the 2006 spring semester, and has regularly recognized high-achieving students in foreign languages with the aim of preparing graduates with a high level of language proficiency, and to create citizens with international scope and vision.

Presided over by Director of the Division of Academic Affairs Kyoji Inaoka, the ceremony saw President Takashi Matsuoka offer a congratulatory message and presented a



recognition certificate and a commemorative gift to each of the 16 winning students, comprising one from the Faculty of Letters, one from the Faculty of Economics, one from the Faculty of Commerce, one from the Faculty of Science and Engineering, three from the Faculty of Global Communications, and nine from the Faculty of Global and Regional Studies (seven students in English, two in French, one in Chinese, one in Spanish, and five in Korean).

Kaori Fujii (Graduate School of Science and Engineering) Receives Poster Award at EMLG/JMLG Annual Meeting 2017

From September 10 to 14, 2017, the Joint EMLG (European Molecular Liquids Group)/JMLG (Japanese Molecular Liquids Group) Annual Meeting 2017 was held at Fukuoka University, where Kaori Fujii (Major of Applied Chemistry, Graduate School of Science and Engineering) received the Poster Award.

Fujii examined the excited-state proton transfer of cyanonaphthols in protic ionic liquids by time-resolved fluorescence. As a result, a new fluorescent component was observed in an excited state in certain protic ionic liquids. It is considered that, based on detailed analysis of the spectral dynamics, the new component comes from cyanonaphthols and anions in PILs, which led to the discovery of the reaction mechanism unique to ionic liquids. This achievement, as well as the presentation, was highly commended for the award.

Title of Presentation:

‘Excited-state proton transfer of cyanonaphthols in protic ionic liquids’

Presenter:

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Professor Jiro Senda (Faculty of Science and Engineering) Receives SAE Fellow Award

From April 4 to 6, 2017, the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) World Congress was held in Detroit, US, where Professor Jiro Senda of the Faculty of Science and Engineering (Department of Energy and Mechanical Engineering) received the SAE Fellow Award.

He was awarded for his long-time achievements in the area of spray and combustion engineering/ engine combustion and the implementation of related conferences inside and outside of the country, as well as for achievements in the following academic societies.

Awards received at previous, related conferences (Paper Awards and Society Awards)

1992 The Marine Engineering Society in Japan Incentive Award

1997 The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers’ Engine Systems Division Achievement Award

2001 JSAE (the Society of Automotive Engineers of Japan) Outstanding Technical Paper Award

2001 ILASS-Japan (Institute for Liquid Atomization and Spray Systems-Japan) 10th Anniversary Paper Award

2002 Journal of Engine Research Best Paper Award

2005 JSAE Outstanding Technical Paper Award

2012 SAE & ISAE Small Engine Technology Conference (SETC) Special Recognition Award

2015 JSAE Technological Contribution Award



Professor Senda also received three fellow awards from the related societies other than SAE.

In relation to winning the SAE Fellow Award, Professor Senda was interviewed by SAE International TV about his research activities, and a video titled ‘Spray and Combustion Science Laboratory (Jiro Senda, Eriko Matsumura)’ was created and made available to the public, marking the first time a video has been made about such a laboratory in Japan.

Report: “The World of ZEN” (presented by SIED)

On November 12th (Sun.), SIED and Kyoto Management Study Group co-hosted “The World of ZEN” at Myoshin-ji temple.

As is the third annual event with the study group, we invited local and international students at Doshisha University as well as the members of the study group in the aim of intercultural exchange among the students and the professionals working in various fields.

The participants first practiced Zazen (sitting meditation). By being able to concentrate on inner selves in the serene space, they were able to get refreshed and notice something important whether about themselves or about the world around them.

After the zen meditation, a monk at the temple gave a sermon filled with everyday examples. It taught the participants lessons and practices easy to carry out in one’s daily life.

In the following group discussion, they talked about the essence of Zen practice, reasons behind its popularity in the world, how different values and perspectives affect the way we think about certain things, and so on.

Last but not least, the participants enjoyed a Buddhist cuisine called “shojin ryori” prepared by a specialty restaurant, “Ajiro.” In the Buddhist cuisine, each menu holds a religious meaning; the participants felt the significance of the zen practice and appreciation toward food with every bite.

In the short three hours, the participants were able to expand their world by sharing opinions and different perspectives in the world of Zen.

SIED strives to provide places for you to meet new people and experience various cultures. There are still many of our events coming up in the semester, and we hope to see you soon!



Report: “Let’s Make Shimenawa” (presented by SIED)

On December 15th (Fri.), SIED held “Let’s Make Shimenawa” at the International Community Lounge on Imadegawa campus, and we welcomed 12 students including seven international students from Finland, Morocco, Germany, Korea, China, and Taiwan.

In the event, the participants first learned about the Japanese New Year’s traditional ornament called “Shimenawa.” Shimenawa is a traditional sacred rope often hung on doors during the New Year holidays. After learning about shimenawa, each participant decorated their own shimenawa by using various artificial flowers, lace ribbons, and colorful decorative threads.

The participants were surprised by the modern look of the finished products; many welcomed this New Year by following the Japanese tradition of displaying shimenawa with a modern twist.

SIED will host various events in 2018. If you are interested in intercultural exchange or want to experience different cultures, our events will be the perfect place for you! We look forward to see you soon!



Overseas Offices

Doshisha University's overseas offices were established in order to further promote its rapid and effective internationalization. At our overseas offices, we are implementing mainly public relations activities to increase the profile of Doshisha University, while at the same time making the most of the characteristics unique to each office. 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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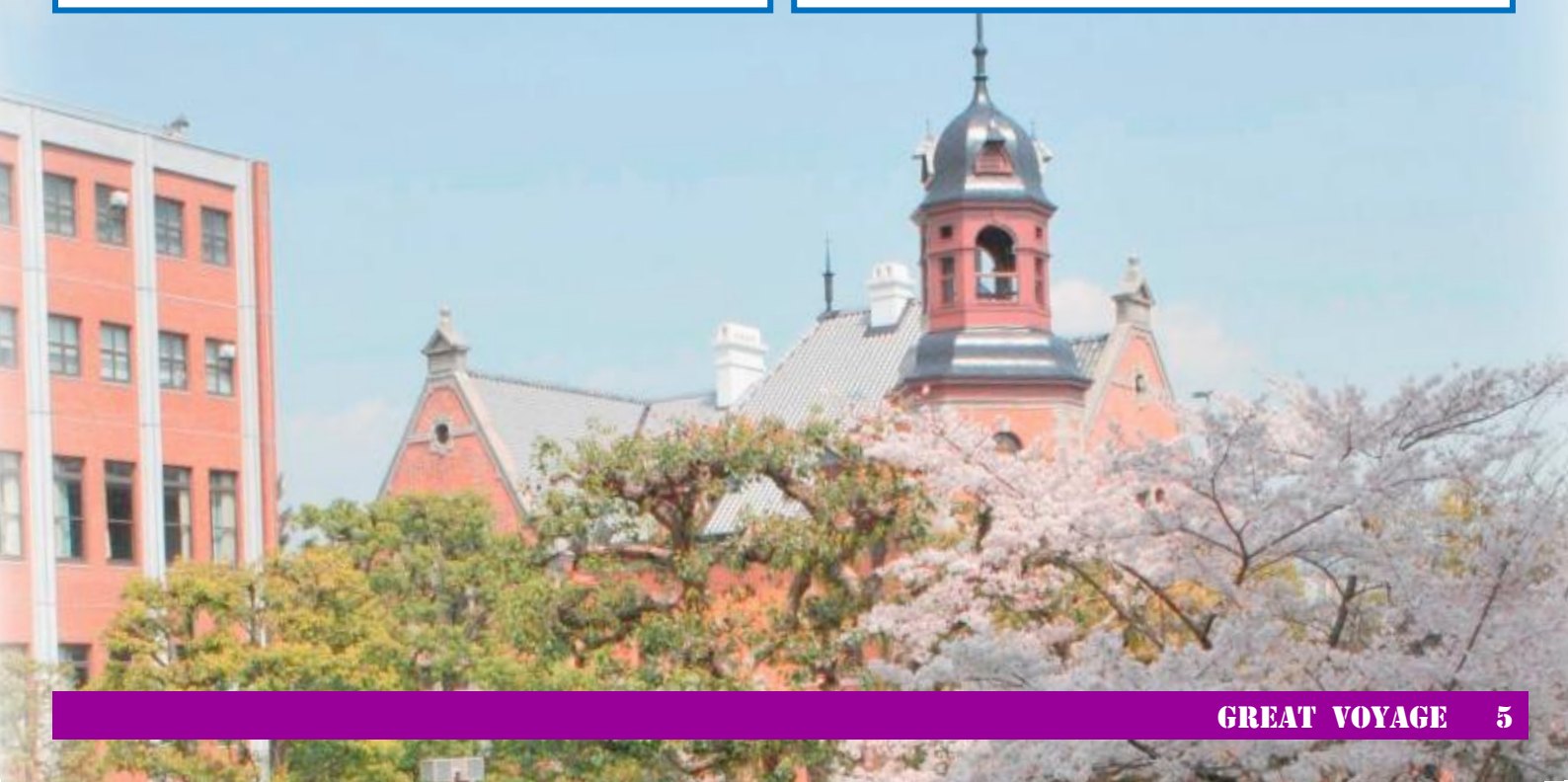
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Message from Director of International Center

Greetings from Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan

Doshisha University proposed the VISION 2025 which will celebrate the 150th anniversary of her foundation. One of central pillar of six visions is "Further Enhancement of Internationalism", its core is to make both ratios of outbound and international students increase to 30% and 13% of all the students in Doshisha University, respectively. We have launched three strategic measures in order to realize this medium-range plan.

1. The Center for Global Education (CGE) have been offering both international and Japanese students a series of inter-disciplinary English courses ranging from humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences to promote their mutual understanding of academic and cultural contexts. The international students who registered with CGE are increasing in number remarkably.
 2. As one of ALL DOSHISHA Educational Evolution Program, we have officially decided to promote the Double Degree Programs (DDP) of Bachelor, Master and Doctor in various special fields with the oversea partners from 2017.
 3. We have established a new oversea office, called as the office of EU Campus at Tübingen, Germany in April, 2017 to strengthen international exchange with European academic institutions. Doshisha University's overseas offices are running in order to recruit international students, and support our students and faculty members.
- I believe these new measures will provide both international and Japanese students with more optional opportunities for their education and profession.



Professor Yuejun ZHENG
Director, The International Center

Greetings from Office of the International Affairs

Warm greetings from Kyoto and we hope this message finds you in bright spirits.

Our office consists of two sections: One is in charge of study abroad programs, and the other is in charge of managing agreements and administrative matters related to international affairs.

We would like to introduce winter season's Japanese cultures since there are interesting traditional customs to celebrate New Year's Day. For the New Year, people prepare special dishes called "Osechi". Each of the dishes has some auspicious meanings to wish a wellbeing. For example, herring roes, Kazunoko, are made a wish

of the prosperity of descendants because of its a large number of roes Cooked black beans are for good health. Lotus roots are regard as foreseeing the future through its holes. Prawn are longevity because their bodies are bent like an aged person. It takes a few days to eat up the whole Osechi. Normally since we don't use the kitchen for the first 3 days of New Year, we need to prepare a lot of dishes to keep for several days. We spend New Year having Osechi with family, wishing much happiness.

If you have a chance to visit Japan in the beginning of the New Year, please try Osechi to believe in omens.

Best Wishes,
Office of International Affairs



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