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News

Prof. ASADA Masahiko (International Law) of the Faculty of Law elected as a member of the UN International Law Commission (ILC)

Prof. ASADA Masahiko (International Law) was elected as a member of the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) at the 76th United Nations General Assembly held in New York, U.S.A., on November 13 (November 12 local time), 2021. The election of Prof. ASADA is a testament to his qualifications, featuring numerous achievements regarding international law in Japan and abroad as well as considerable work experience in this field, and the high expectations based thereon.

The ILC was established in 1947 based on a UN General Assembly resolution. It has drawn up draft texts of important multilateral treaties, such as the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic and Consular Relations, the four conventions on the Law of the Sea (Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone, Convention on the High Seas, Convention on the Continental Shelf, and Convention on Fishing and Conservation of Living Resources of the High Seas), the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and has been playing an important role in the codification and development of international law.

The ILC consists of 34 members, and all the members are elected at the UN General Assembly plenary session every five years. The tenure of a member is five years. Prof. ASADA will serve as a member of the ILC from 2023 to 2027.

© Message from Prof. ASADA Masahiko

I was elected a member of the United Nations International Law Commission. This is all thanks to the cooperation extended by all of you at Doshisha University. The Commission is tasked with drafting treaties. I will make use of my experience as its member in my future research and education.

UYAMA Satoru, a graduate of Doshisha University, won gold in the men's fencing epee team event at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics!

In the men's fencing epee team event at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, which took place on July 30, 2021, UYAMA Satoru, a graduate of Doshisha University (belongs to Mitsubishi Electric; graduated from the Faculty of Commerce in 2014), participated in matches as a member of the Japanese national team.

In the final, UYAMA showed a spectacular performance, contributing to the Japanese team winning a gold medal.

Winning a medal in this event was the first such feat in the history of Japanese fencing, and this gold win brought great excitement to people all over Japan.



Congratulations to Mr. UYAMA! We look forward to your continued success in the future!

TANAKA Nozomi, a fourth-year student in the Faculty of Health and Sports Science, finished eighth in the women's 1500 meters at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics!

TANAKA Nozomi, a fourth-year student at the Faculty of Health and Sports Science, competed and finished eighth in the final of the women's 1500 meters at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics on August 6, 2021.



This was the first time for a Japanese athlete to advance to the final in this event and, of course, the first time to win a prize. (By the way, this was the first time in 93 years since the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics that a Japanese athlete—whether man or woman—has advanced to the final of a middle-distance event at the Olympics.)

She ran her own race in every round, from the preliminary to the final, and competed boldly with the world's top runners without getting nervous, even on this grand stage. Her remarkable performance gave great excitement to people across Japan.

Congratulations to Ms. Tanaka!

We look forward to your continued success in the future!

Report: “Doshisha Summer Session 2021” (organized by Center for Japanese Language and Culture)



Center for Japanese Language and Culture hosted “Doshisha Summer Session 2021” conducted online for two weeks, from July 19, 2021 to July 30. It has been 5 years since the last summer session was held. The students joined online from Korea, China, Taiwan, Israel, USA and Australia. The program was composed of Japanese language classes as well as Japanese culture classes under the title “Traditional Culture and Life in Kyoto”. There were also some guest lectures: “Zazen” by

Kameyama Hakuitsu Osho, the chief priest of Kongozan Homan-ji, “Japanese *Kimono* Culture” by Mr. Hiroshi Takada, the third-generation president of Komonya Takada Katsu, the specialist in *Komon* and “Life in *Kyomachiya*” by Ms. Tanaka Mineko, the owner of Tondaya 13th generation. Those classes were delivered from a majestic temple, a *kimono* shop with colorful *kimono* fabric rolls and a historical *Kyomachiya*, each of which imparted not only its practical knowledge but also its genuine atmosphere to those present there.

The participants had some opportunities to interact with 26 students of Doshisha University and Doshisha Women’s College of Liberal Arts as they joined some classes to help the participants’ studies as volunteers. They had a great time inside and outside the classes with their friendship fostered. It’s our pride to let you know an online reunion was spontaneously organized among the students in mid-August soon after the program ended.



Renewal of Doshisha University Digital Collections

Doshisha University Digital Collections is the digital preservation to ensure access to the rare materials owned by Doshisha University.

Among a number of historical materials which belong to the University, documents and letters related to Kakuma Yamamoto and Soho Tokutomi, who had deep connections with Doshisha University, documents of Japanese history such as castaway's diaries written in the latter part of the Edo period, and documents of Japanese research written by non-Japanese authors are included in the Collection and published online.

In addition, pre-modern Japanese works such as old manuscripts called "Koshabon" and old movable type printings called "Kokatsujibon", picture scrolls called "Emakimono", poem cards called "Karuta", official bulletin board called "Kousatsu" and other various kinds of materials can be viewed online as well.

Through the use of an IIIF (International Image Interoperability Framework) compatible viewer, you can smoothly view high-resolution images from the Collections.

We will facilitate the utilization of the rare materials of our University by making the content available to people worldwide, and fill a role as an academic-information infrastructure.

Report: "Quiz Rally 'Kyoto tour -Arashiyama-' " (presented by SIED)

On Saturday, October 16, 2021, Quiz Rally Kyoto Tour ~ Arashiyama~ was conducted by SIED, and a total of 13 people including six local students and seven international students joined us!

This event aims to promote international exchanges and understanding of different cultures. During the event, participants were divided into small groups with SIED staff and strolled around the famous places in Arashiyama to solve the quizzes created by SIED.

There are mainly five famous places in Arashiyama: 1) Tenryuji Temple which is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, 2) Togetsukyo Bridge, 3) Kimono Forest, 4) Bamboo Grove, 5) Nonomiya Shrine.



Participants were able to learn about each place by seeking for the correct answers to the quizzes and the guidebook made by SIED staff which contains explanations and anecdotes about these famous places helped participants to solve the quizzes. In addition, local students, who are Japanese native speakers explained the contents of the guidebook in an easy-to-understand way for international students. Also, international students told local students about some famous places in their home country, which let us enjoyed international exchanges even more.

The time set for the quiz rally was 2 hours and 30 minutes, and when the time was up, the ranking was announced. At the moment of the announcement, the first-place team was filled with bright smiles and surprises while the other teams smiled bitterly. They were a little different, but everyone was smiling. We were glad that they were happy with the prizes we prepared and also the participants were exchanging their contact information and hanging out together after the event.

Due to the state of emergency we were not able to carry out much events during the spring semester. We were forced to postpone this event as well, but were glad to finally be able to hold it after a six-month delay. Seeing the smiling faces of the participants and the scenes of communication that I hadn't seen in a while really warmed my heart!

SIED will continue to hold many events under the COVID-19 infection prevention to allow international exchange and to create wonderful encounters and connections.

We look forward to your participation.



Report: "Speed Friending" (presented by SIED)

On October 28, 2021, SIED hosted an event, "Speed Friending". The name, Speed Friending, means to make friends in a short time, and the event aimed to have fun conversations with new students and get to know each other. In addition to the purpose of international exchanges, the event was held via zoom which allows Doshisha students living outside of Japan due to COVID-19 to join and meet with Japanese students.

Many international students from various countries such as Canada, China, and Argentina came to join our event! At the beginning of the event, participants were divided into groups and self-introduced themselves to each other, and had a little chat in Japanese. Then, a mini quiz competition was held with all the participants. The content was a quiz that guesses the hometown of one members from each group. Giving a famous image of the country as hint seemed to help participants deepen their understanding about each country.

After the mini-quiz, the participants enjoyed chatting about many topics such as autumn events in their home country and their hobbies, etc. with occasional group shuffles.

In the end of this event, some participants exchanged their Instagram accounts with each other and it seems that this event became a good starting point for making new friends in Doshisha as we intended.



On the questionnaire, many international students said that they want more opportunities to speak Japanese, want to join face-to-face events, and interact with Japanese students. We are happy that the participants did enjoy their time, and hope they had wonderful experiences through our event.

We will host various intercultural events both online and face-to-face through the year, so don't miss it! We hope that our events will make as many students smile as possible; you are welcome to join our events to look for new friends, or come with your new friends.

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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Greetings

Message from Executive Dean, Organization for the Promotion of Global Cooperation

Greetings from Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan

It is a great honor for me to greet you as the Executive Dean of the Organization for the Promotion of Global Cooperation.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the government of Japan had imposed strict restrictions on the new entry of foreign nationals which went on for a long time. This prevented international students from fulfilling their wishes to study at Doshisha University, and we were truly saddened by this.

However, the government of Japan has finally reopened its borders and begun accepting new entry of foreign nationals. We hear that some international students successfully entered Japan already, and we very much look forward to welcoming our exchange students soon. As the infection control measures remain effective, many people in Japan, including Japanese, are still forced to live in inconvenient conditions. Yet, we truly hope that all students who come from overseas will enjoy their time to the fullest in Kyoto and at Doshisha University.

Kyoto retains its old traditions and is home to many historic Buddhist temples and shrines. Another characteristic of Kyoto is that it feels like as if time is passing by slowly.

Jo Neesima, the founder of Doshisha University, left Japan for America, defying an overseas travel ban, and studied at Amherst College in the middle of the 19th century. He founded Doshisha Academy here in Kyoto in 1875 with a strong ambition to establish a university with Christianity as the core foundation of its education. There were just eight students at its opening ceremony, but there are around 28,000 students, including graduate students, studying at Doshisha University today.

In 2025, Doshisha will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of its founding. In preparation for the 150th anniversary of Doshisha, the Organization for the Promotion of Global Cooperation is further deepening the globalization of research and education to create more opportunities than ever for international students and Doshisha students to learn together by accepting international students on an ongoing basis.

In 2021, we opened a new student resident called “Keishiryō Dormitory,” where international students and Doshisha students live together. I would like to continue making the utmost efforts to provide educational environments for international students and Doshisha students to deepen their bonds, not only in the classroom but also in various places on our campuses.

Neesima wrote: “Loving a person may seem smaller in scale than loving a country, but if you could love any person in the world as your neighbor, then love will spread beyond borders.” Doshisha has been carrying on his spirits since its founding. So, please know that no matter which country or region you are in, you are a precious neighbor of ours.

We very much look forward to welcoming you at Doshisha University in Kyoto.

ATARASHI Shigeyuki
Executive Dean, Organization for the Promotion of Global Cooperation



Greetings from Office of International Affairs



Warm spring greetings from Kyoto!

Cherry blossom season is one of the most popular times of the year in Japan.

The season usually starts in late March and it normally takes about 7 to 10 days to reach full bloom.

For Japanese, Cherry blossom, Sakura, is a special flower which represents celebration and new beginnings. Doshisha recently held Convocation Ceremony for students admitted in the 2022 academic year. They took photos in front of Sakura trees and celebrated the start of their campus life.

Kyoto has many famous Sakura spots and one of which is the Kyoto Gyoen National Garden.

There are Sakura trees throughout the park, but especially, Shidare-zakura (weeping cherry) trees at the north end of the garden, located just across the street from Imadegawa campus, are breathtakingly beautiful.

You can enjoy Sakura trees in both Imadegawa and Kyotanabe campus as well.

We hope you will come to visit here next spring and would like you to see the beautiful scenery with your own eyes.

Best Wishes,
Office of International Affairs



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