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The 66th Foundation Anniversary

On June 1, Gifu University marked the 66th Foundation Anniversary, and a commemorative ceremony was held at the University Auditorium where around 150 students, alumni, teaching and administrative staff attended.

First, President Hisataka Moriwaki made a president report entitled, “Gifu University: Present Status and Policies.” He introduced ongoing efforts of Gifu University by citing individual successful examples of the government’s Center of Community (COC) programs, the University’s programs for developing human resources in the molding industry, activities of IC-GU12*¹ and the project for creating emergency medical networks. The President underscored the importance of disseminating a strong message to the public about the University’s contributions to regions, state and the world by enhancing its presence in these fields. Moreover, the President explained the University’s future policies by referring to the “Future Visions from the Third Period Onward*².”

The President report was followed by a series of awarding: the title conferment for professor emeritus, the commendation of teaching and administrative staff and the students, and the presentation of certificates of gratitude for contributors. Later, all the participants sung the University song, “Warera Tabo no Haru nishite (In Spring filled with Hopes)” in chorus which uplifted the spirit of people there.

At the end of the ceremony, Professor Takashi Onishi, President of the Science Council of Japan and President of Toyohashi University of Technology delivered a commemorative lecture under the theme of “Society with Dwindling Population & Future Visions of National Universities.” His lecture also marked the 45th Gifu University Forum.

Professor Onishi made mention of the financial difficulties and effects of the population decline in Japan that national universities face, and suggested steps that universities should take, such as accepting more adult and international students, and working to raise the percentage of Japanese students who go on to universities.

In addition, he presented future visions for the country’s national universities. Specifically, his recommendations entailed national universities becoming more proactive, relevant and vital institutions by utilizing local private-enterprise and

government funds as a means of diversifying funding, giving back to the local community, and drawing upon more diverse pools of human resources.

He also mentioned the national universities need to create tax incentives to help secure endowments, and to consider restructuring and consolidating universities given Japan's continuously falling population and poor fiscal state. The participants were given a meaningful opportunity to learn about visions for national universities from wide range of perspectives.

*¹ IC-GU12: the International Consortium of Universities in South and Southeast Asian Region for the Doctoral Education on the Agricultural Science and Biotechnology

*² Future Visions from the Third Period Onward: Gifu University's grand visions for the year 2025



President Moriwaki makes a president report Professor Onishi delivers a lecture

Title Conferment for Professor Emeritus

President Moriwaki conferred the title of Professor Emeritus on the following fourteen professors:

Name	Former Affiliation
Professor Takako Takiuchi	School of Medicine
Professor Hiroaki Hoshi	Graduate School of Medicine
Professor Takashi Nakamura	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Haruhisa Kawasaki	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Katsuo Asato	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Mitsuo Yamaga	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Yusuke Honjo	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Akira Ito	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Kazuhiro Takamizawa	Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences

Professor Masanobu Kimura	Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences
Professor Mitsuro Hyakumachi	Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences
Professor Yasuo Matsumoto	Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences
Professor Kiyokazu Goto	Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences
Professor Shigeki Tasaka	Information and Multimedia Center

Commendation of Teaching and Administrative Staff

President Moriwaki handed out the certificates of commendation and gifts to the following four professors who devoted themselves to educational and research work:

Professor Akira Hara, Graduate School of Medicine
 Professor Mamoru Koketsu, Faculty of Engineering
 Professor Yasuyuki Suzuki, Medical Education Development Center
 Professor Mayumi Yamamoto, Health Administration Center

Commendation of Students

President Moriwaki handed out the certificates of commendation and gifts to the following twenty students who made outstanding academic achievements in 2014:

Ms. Kazu Ota, 4th year of Health and Physical Education Course, Faculty of Education
 Ms. Moe Miyajima, 3rd year of Home Economics Education Course, Faculty of Education
 Ms. Mayuko Tanaka, 3rd year of English Education Course, Faculty of Education
 Ms. Momoko Watanabe, 3rd year of Home Economics Education Course, Faculty of Education
 Ms. Miho Fujiwara, 3rd year of Department of Policy Studies, Faculty of Regional Studies
 Ms. Miho Menjo, 3rd year of Department of Policy Studies, Faculty of Regional Studies
 Mr. Takafumi Morishima, 5th year of Medical Course, School of Medicine
 Mr. Takahiro Asano, 5th year of Medical Course, School of Medicine
 Ms. Fumika Hatano, 3rd year of Nursing Course, School of Medicine
 Mr. Jumpei Yoshikura, 3rd year of Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering
 Ms. Asuka Kutsukake, 3rd year of Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering
 Mr. Yusuke Yamanaka 3rd year of Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Mr. Yuhei Mori, 3rd year of Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Science, Faculty of Engineering

Mr. Daiki Kato, 3rd year of Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Science, Faculty of Engineering

Mr. Yuta Isobe, 3rd year of Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Mr. Akihisa Hasebe, 3rd year of Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Ms. Yuna Morishima, 3rd year of Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Ms. Haruka Ogawa, 3rd year of Course of Applied Life Science, Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences

Mr. Tetta Sugiura, 3rd year of Course of Agricultural and Environmental Science, Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences

Ms. Haruka Iseri, 4th year of Course of Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences

Presentation of Certificates of Gratitude for Contributors

President Moriwaki handed out certificates of gratitude and gifts to the following two individuals and two companies, who provided great support and assistance for the projects of the University.

Those who contributed to the development of educational and research work:

Mr. Masaaki Kametani

Mr. Mitsuhiro Watanabe

Business establishment which contributed to create better environment for educational and research work:

Kowa Co., Ltd.

Valor Co., Ltd.

International Students Translate Gujo Hachiman Travel Brochure

Gifu University and Gujo City^{*1} have a partnership agreement for close and comprehensive collaborations in multiple fields. As a part of partnership activities, the International Student Center of Gifu University asks the residents of Gujo City to offer lodging to the international students who come to Gifu University for a summer school program. To repay their gratitude, three international students happily accepted the request of Gujo City to translate the “Gujo Hachiman^{*2} Travel Brochure.”

Gujo City has already published the “Gujo Hachiman Travel Brochure” in Japanese, English, Chinese and Koreans for foreign tourists and for promotional activities. With the cooperation of Gifu University international students this time, Indonesian and Thai brochures are now available to the foreign visitors.

The three international students are:

Mr. Kevin Tantono of the Faculty of Engineering (Indonesia)

Ms. Prasomsri Hataichanok of International Student Center (Thailand)

Ms. Kanittha Srimoung of International Student Center (Thailand).

In the process of translation, three did not simply translate the brochure from Japanese into their native tongues. They actually visited Gujo Hachiman Castle and other tourist destinations and worked their hardest to express their impressions and feelings in order to introduce the attractions of the city to the people in their home countries.

Two of the students who were accompanied by a Gujo citizen visited the office of Dr. Fumiaki Suzuki, Executive Director for International Affairs and Public Relations on Friday, May 22nd and reported him about the completion of the brochure in Indonesian and Thai. The meeting was joined by the Associate Professor of the International Student Center.

On the same day, reporters of three major newspaper companies, Asahi, Chunichi and Gifu interviewed the students. Mr. Tantono from Indonesia made this comment: At first, I was not quite sure about the translation, but it turned out to be a great experience for me and for the improvement of my Japanese. “I am growing more attached to Gujo when I saw beautiful autumn leaves and serene winter landscapes there,” said Ms. Hataichanok from Thailand.

*1 the city located in the middle of Gifu Prefecture

*2 an old castle town famous for the well-organize water conduits for fire prevention



Students interviewed by the newspaper reporters

The Fourth Gujo Dance Workshop

International Student Center held the fourth Gujo Dance^{*1} Workshop at Yanagido Kaikan Hall on Wednesday, May 13th 2015. Around 50 people joined the workshop including international and Japanese students and the university staff. This workshop is held every year as a part of exchange activities with Gujo City^{*2}. Gifu University and Gujo City have a partnership agreement and under this agreement, various exchanges are undertaken such as summer school programs for international students.

Prior to the workshop, members of an international exchange support group, “Sepia Kai”, helped the international students get dressed in summer kimono they chose. They tried their hands at dancing wearing wooden clogs. Everything was the first-ever experience for them. International students in colorful summer kimono were busy with taking pictures with one another and having great fun even before the start of the workshop.

Mr. Mitsuo Endoh from Gujo Hachiman Town, home to Gujo Dance was kind enough to visit Gifu University to teach students how to dance. At the beginning of the workshop, he briefly explained about Gujo City and the Gujo Dance, then the performances of drums, shamisen strings and a flute were demonstrated. These music instruments are played for traditional dances in Japan. Mr. Endoh showed the students how to dance “Kawasaki” and “Harukoma,” both of which are the most popular dances in the Gujo Dance. Mr. Endoh coached the participants in their steps and body movement.

Everyone looked nervous and their movement seemed a little odd at first, but they soon became good at dancing and moved well to music. They also beat the drums so that they could release stresses, and they worked up a good sweat during the workshop.

In the competition to determine the outstanding dancers, Mr. Endoh chose six international students and presented them with small gifts such as cloth bags and “tenugui” towels. In addition, all the participants were handed out their certificates of completion of Gujo Dance. At the end of the workshop, all joined a commemorative photo-taking session. Everyone enjoyed Gujo Dance to their fullest. The Fourth Gujo Dance Workshop marked another great success this year.

^{*1} Gujo Dance: a significant intangible folk cultural asset in Japan

*2 Gujo City: the middle region of Gifu Prefecture



Practicing “Kawasaki” dance



Beat a drum



International students dancing in circle



Group photo session

The 2nd President Press Meeting for 2015

The 2nd President Press Meeting for 2015 was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

Firstly, President Moriwaki Hisataka briefly introduced the contents of the next presentation about the newly opened “Gifu Disaster Mitigation Center*1” by two speakers in association with the “Future Visions from the Third Period Onward*2.”

Next, Director of Gifu Disaster Mitigation Center, Dr. Masata Sugito (Executive Director for Planning, Evaluation and Fund) and Dr. Maki Koyama, Kyoto University Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies spoke about the objectives of the Center and a planned symposium for disaster prevention and reduction. They also mentioned Dr. Koyama’s action plan for disaster measures. Dr. Koyama was appointed to be Associate Professor of the River Basin Research Center, Gifu University on June 1, 2015, and she joins the activities of the Center.

In the meeting, the two expressed their hopes and commitments to address disaster problems and said, “We would like to intensively discuss disaster prevention and reduction issues from interdisciplinary perspective and foster disaster specialists in collaboration with Gifu Prefecture.”

In the following question and answer session, many questions were raised by media reporters. The President’s press meetings are held on a regular basis and they are becoming an invaluable opportunity for the university to disseminate campus information to the public.



Presentation by President Moriwaki



Dr. Sugito explains about the Gifu Disaster Mitigation Center

Speaker & Speech Title:

- President Moriwaki
“Future Vision from the Third Period Onward”
- Dr Sugito and Dr. Koyama
“Activities of Gifu Disaster Mitigation Center and the Scheduled Symposium”

*1 Gifu Disaster Mitigation Center: jointly established by Gifu University and Gifu Prefecture on April 1, 2015

*2 Future Visions from the Third Period Onward: Gifu University’s grand visions for the year 2025

Gifu Nice Rice Project: “Soccer Game & Rice Planting in Muddy Field”

Gifu University and Gifu Football Club (FC Gifu) concluded the Gifu University and FC Gifu Partner Agreement for Environmental Conservation on March 18, 2015. Under this Agreement, the two institutions started “Gifu Nice Rice Project” for the purpose of letting people know more about rice production and nature preservation. In this project, Gifu University and FC Gifu will join hands from rice planting to harvesting and sales. As the first event of this project, Gifu University and FC Gifu co-hosted “Soccer Game & Rice Planting in Muddy Field” at North Farm of Gifu Field Science Center, the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences on Saturday, May 23, 2015. A total of 43 people attended including the pupils of Gifu University Education Faculty Affiliated Elementary School and the children enrolled in FC Gifu Soccer School.

First, children were divided into four teams and played Soccer games. Covered in mud, children tirelessly kept on chasing a ball. Later, Dr. Sinya Oba, Vice Director of Gifu Field Science Center, spoke about the positive impacts of rice paddies on environment to the children. During the lecture, children showed a strong interest in the frog eggs Dr. Oba presented to them.

After Dr. Oba’s lecture, both children and their parents began planting “Hatsushimo” rice seedlings one by one at the word of command of staff.

During this event, some children put the frogs and the ladybugs they caught in their hands and were curiously watching them. All the participants were given a rare opportunity to feel nature at first hand.

In the “Gifu Nice Rice Project,” members are planning to harvest the rice with the FC Gifu’s professional soccer players in October and sell the rice on the day of FC Gifu soccer game is held at the Nagaragawa Stadium in November.



Children are chasing a ball in the field



Participants are intently listening to Dr. Oba

Clean Campus Campaign in Spring 2015

Gifu University carries out campus-wide clean campus campaigns twice a year in spring and autumn. On Wednesday, May 27, students and the university staff took part in “Clean Campus Campaign in Spring 2015.” These cleanup activities take place across the country around May 30 (5.30) because this number can be also read “gomi zero” in Japanese meaning no garbage.

A total of 721 students and the university staff joined the campaign despite sweltering heat on that day.

In the clean campus campaigns, participants pick up trash at riverbanks and the roads close to the campus as a part of community cleanup activities. About 30 students and the staff from each faculty walked along Shinboriwa River (approx. 2km long) and picked up cans, bottles and plastic bags, etc. for about an hour. They also worked together to eradicate the non-native plant, *Coreopsis Lanceolata*.



At the Faculty of Education

University of Ghana Delegation Meets President Moriwaki

Provost Prof. Ebenezer Oduro Owusu and Associate Professor Boniface B. Kayang of College of Basic and Applied Sciences, University of Ghana visited the Office of President and met President Hisataka Moriwaki on Friday, May 29th, 2015. Dr. Hideto Fukushi, Executive Director for Academic Research and Information, Dr. Fumiaki Suzuki, Executive Director for International Affairs and Public Relations, Associate Professor Kenji Oya of the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences and Ms. Junko Sugaya, Director of International Planning Division joined the meeting.

University of Ghana is the oldest and largest public university in Republic of Ghana. It is located in Legon, northeast of Accra, Capital of Ghana. The number of students enrolled is approximately 40,000 today.

Exchanges between University of Ghana and Gifu University began when some of the former students of Gifu University started to teach at University of Ghana after completed their doctorates at Gifu University. Associate Professor Boniface B Kayang is one of them. He graduated from the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science in 2002. Through his good offices, the teaching staff of the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences, Gifu University and College of Basic and Applied Sciences, University of Ghana are jointly engaged in research activities concerning wildlife, biology of farm animals and infectious diseases in African continent. To further accelerate their research activities, the officials of both faculties are preparing for conclusion of faculty-level agreement.

In the meeting with the President, they talked about possible collaborations of research on food production, preservation, management and transportation of grasscutter (alias: greater cane rat) meat, a staple protein source for people in Ghana.

It is hoped that conclusion of faculty-level agreement between University of Ghana and Gifu University will further facilitate active exchanges between the two institutions in the years to come.



Meeting of University of Ghana delegation and President Moriwaki



Commemorative photo

Degree Awarding

Degree	Diploma Number	Name	Date of Degree Awarding	Dissertation Title
Ph.D. in Medical Sciences	Ko*-No. 991	Mariko Suzuki	May 20, 2015	Regulation by heat shock protein 22 (HSPB8) of transforming growth factor- α -induced ovary cancer cell migration
Ph.D. in Medical Sciences	Ko*-No. 992	Kentaro Morishita	May 20, 2015	Postinfarction Cardiac Remodeling Proceeds Normally in Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating Factor Knockout Mice
Ph.D. in Medical Sciences	Ko*-No. 993	Yuka Hayakawa	May 20, 2015	High salt intake damages the heart through activation of cardiac (pro) renin receptors even at an early stage of hypertension

* Ko: type of diploma

Foreign Researchers Accepted by Gifu University in May

Faculty	Name (Country)	Title, University	Period	Research Title
Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences	Louisa SAWYERR (Ghana)	Research Officer, Cetntre for African Wetlands, University of Ghana	May 21 – July 3, 2015	Studies on infectious diseases in wildlife animals in Ghana

外国人研究者の受け入れ（5月）

受入部局	氏名 (国名)	所属・職名	期間	研究題目
応生	ルイザ サウヤー Louisa SAWYERR (ガーナ)	ガーナ大学アフリカ湿地帯 センター 研究官 Research Officer, Cetntre for African Wetlands, University of Ghana	2015.5.21～ 2015.7.3	ガーナ共和国における野生動物の感染症に関する研究 Studies on infectious diseases in wildlife animals in Ghana