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The 10th Meeting with Senior High School Principals in Gifu Prefecture

The 10th meeting with senior high school principals within Gifu Prefecture was convened at Gifu University on July 7. Started in 2006, this annual meeting has become a venue for opinion exchanges concerning the current state and challenges that the University and senior high schools in Gifu Prefecture are facing today. This meeting was established with a view to facilitating mutual understanding among the University staff and school principals, and this year marked the 10th anniversary of its establishment. In the meeting, 17 senior high school principals including Mr. Akira Niwa, Principal of Gifu Senior High School and Chair of the Gifu Association of Upper Secondary School Principals, attended the meeting. Twenty board members and faculty members including President Hisataka Moriwaki and Dr. Satoshi Ema, Director-General of the Organization for Promotion of Higher Education and Student Support (ORPHESS) joined the meeting from Gifu University.

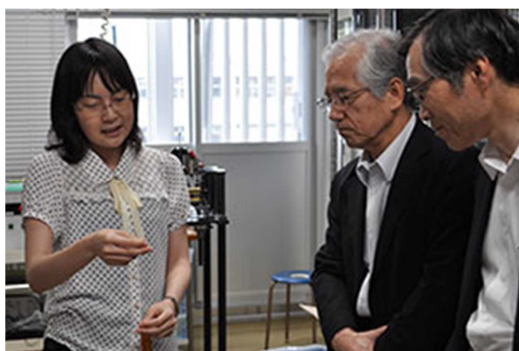
First, President Moriwaki made a presentation about ongoing reform efforts of Gifu University and “Gifu University’s Future Visions for the Year 2025.” Next, Dr. Ema spoke about the University’s continued engagement in forming a strong connection between senior high schools and the University. He also remarked on the roles of the Student Support Division of ORPHESS. Later, the participants discussed university entrance examinations, student job-seeking activities and support programs for students with special needs with Dr. Ema as a moderator.

After the meeting, the principals were invited to inspect the laboratory of Associate Professor Akiyoshi Takeno of the Material Chemistry Course, Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Science, Faculty of Engineering. A graduate student who came from a senior high school in Gifu Prefecture and is conducting research at the laboratory explained world’s first “nano porous fibers*,” as well as new material development using ozone microbubble technology, to the visiting principals. A frank exchange of opinions followed between the principals and the students. One principal asked, “After being admitted to Gifu University, what kinds of things do you believe you ought to have studied much harder when you were a senior high school student?” After the laboratory inspection, the principals were guided to the Academic Commons on the first floor of the University Library, which opened this June.

*nano porous fibers: revolutionary synthetic fibers jointly developed between Gifu University and fiber makers both inside and outside of Gifu Prefecture



President Moriwaki made a presentation about Gifu University's Future Visions



Opinion exchange at the laboratory of Associate Professor Takeno

The 4th Press Conference by the President

The 4th Press Conference by the President was held on July 15.

At the beginning of the conference, President Hisataka Moriwaki introduced the latest Gifu University team to win the Kitamura Commemorative Prize, and the completion of the Academic Commons as part of “Gifu University’s Future Visions for the Year 2025.”

After the President’s speech, Associate Professor Yoshifumi Demura, Associate Professor Koji Kamiya of the Faculty of Engineering and the students of the Department of Civil Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering reported that they won the Kitamura Commemorative Prize at the Design Competition of Public Policy organized by the Committee of Infrastructure Planning and Management on July 6 and 7. Their pioneering concept of groundwater use for regional revitalization earned the team the prestigious public policy prize.

Associate Professor Daisuke Hirouchi then spoke about the completion of the Academic Commons, which consists of three different spaces; Academic Core, Active Learning and Media Commons at Gifu University. All of them are designed to offer comprehensive academic support for the students.

In the following question and answer session, a lively back-and-forth took place between the University officials and reporters.

The 4th Press Conference by the President was another opportunity for the University to disseminate campus information extensively to the public.



President Hisataka Moriwaki speaking to the reporters



Associate Professor Demura reporting on the competition



Mr. Takayuki Kondo, a team member, also reporting the competition



Associate Professor Hirouchi speaking about the Academic Commons

Summer School Program 2015

Closing Ceremony & Farewell Party

The International Student Center held the Summer School Program Closing Ceremony & Farewell Party in the Second Dining Hall on Wednesday, July 22.

A total of 80 people attended the ceremony and party, including President Hisataka Moriwaki, Dr. Fumiaki Suzuki, Executive Director for International Affairs and Public Relations (Director of the Gifu University Head Office for Glocalization: GHOG), 21 Summer School students, members of the Gujo Hachiman International Friendship Association (GIFA), who arranged the Gujo Program for the students, host families, student tutors and the staff of the International Student Center.

In the Summer School Program 2015, all 22 students successfully completed the program. They included 17 students from Lund University, Sweden in the eight-week course, and two from Northern Kentucky University, U.S.A. and three from Mokpo National University, South Korea in the four-week course.

First, Dr. Toyohide Takeuchi, Director of the International Student Center, made the opening remarks and introduced the host families. Next, President Hisataka Moriwaki offered congratulatory words to the students and delivered a speech. Then, Mr. Yukihiro Sumi, Chair of GIFA gave a speech and proposed a toast, which signaled the start of the ceremony and party. All of the participants enjoyed lively conversation with one another and took pictures with the host families including children. They shared many wonderful memories of Gujo with the host families.

When the Party was in full swing, the Program Completion Certificate presentations began. Every time Dr. Takeuchi handed a certificate to a student, the hall erupted with big applause. After the presentations, Mr. Mårup, Emil from Lund University, Ms. Clark, Catherine from Northern Kentucky University and Ms. Jeong Hwayeon from Mokpo National University spoke about their experiences in Japan and expressed their appreciation to everyone concerned in Japanese.

In the presentations, Mr. Mitsuaki Senoo, a fourth-year student of the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences who served as a Summer School tutor for four years, was also given a letter of appreciation and a gift from Dr. Takeuchi.

At the end of the ceremony and party, all of the student tutors sang some songs in a chorus for the departing students and took group photos.

Before returning to their home countries, the Summer School Students will continue to enjoy the rest of their stay in Japan, such as watching the Nagara River Fireworks or visiting various places across the country. It is strongly hoped that these students come back to Gifu University as exchange students in the near future.



Dr. Takeuchi hands a program completion certificate



Student tutors sing in a chorus



Group Photo

Two Senior Lecturers from the National University of Timor-Leste Make a Courtesy Call on the President

Senior Lecturer, Dr. Cancio Monteiro and Director and Senior Lecturer, Mr. Joao Cabral of the National University of Timor-Leste made a courtesy call on President Hisataka Moriwaki on July 22, 2015. Their meeting with the President was joined by Dr. Shuichi Nonomura, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Hiroki Yoshida, Associate Professor and Dr. Yasuhiro Takahashi, also Associate Professor of the Faculty of Engineering. Dr. Fumiaki Suzuki, Executive Director for International Affairs and Public Relations, and Ms. Junko Sugaya, Director of the International Planning Division of Gifu University were in attendance at the meeting. Dr. Monteiro and Mr. Cabral are currently receiving training at Gifu University as participants in the “Project for the Capacity Development of Teaching Staff in the Faculty of Engineering, The National University of Timor-Leste” offered by JICA from July 7, 2015 under the instruction of Dr. Yoshida and Dr. Takahashi.

In the meeting with the President, Dr. Yoshida who has long been engaged in the JICA Project and is serving as the chief project supervisor this time, presented a brief outline of the JICA Project including its future schedule, and talked about the progress in signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a faculty-level agreement between the faculties of engineering of the National University of Timor-Leste and Gifu University. Later, Dr. Monteiro spoke about the necessity of increasing project support staff of Gifu University, and the expansion of research fields of cooperation in view of future JICA projects. They actively exchanged opinions about further collaboration between the two universities.

Based on this meeting, Gifu University will examine concrete measures for how to cooperate with the JICA Project, and thereby contribute to the development of the Faculty of Engineering, National University of Timor-Leste in the future.



Meeting with the President

Security Export Control Workshop

On July 29, 2015, Gifu University held a security export control workshop for faculty and administrative staff of Gifu University, inviting Mr. Kenichi Watanabe, an export control adviser of the Center for Information on Security Trade Controls. The aim of this workshop is to keep the staff informed on the importance of compliance with laws and regulations concerning security export control, which is a prerequisite for the increasingly global activities of the University, as well as the latest versions. The workshop has been held annually from 2010 and this year marked the sixth year of the workshop, and a total of 65 staff members attended.

In the opening speech of the workshop, President Hisataka Moriwaki, Chief Export Control Officer of Gifu University, said, “Gifu University has been strategically promoting globalization activities based on the University’s ‘Future Visions for the Year 2025,’ and is anticipating active cooperation with academic and research institutions overseas and the acceptance of more international students and researchers. This should be a valuable opportunity for us to learn about security export control.”

In the lecture, Mr. Watanabe spoke about the export control system and current trends, especially emphasizing matters to be careful about when providing technologies to foreign countries, researchers and students, by citing actual cases. After the lecture, the participants took a quiz to deepen their understanding for security export control. The workshop proved to be more productive for the participants than ever before.



Scene of the workshop

Degree Awarding

Degree	Diploma Number	Name	Date of Degree Awarding	Dissertation Title
Ph.D. in Medical Sciences	Ko*-No.994	Takahide Nawa	July 15, 2015	Continuous Intravenous Infusion of Nicorandil for 4 Hours Before and 24 Hours After Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Protects Against Contrast-induced Nephropathy in Patients with Poor Renal Function

* Ko: type of diploma

Foreign Researchers Accepted by Gifu University in July

Faculty	Name (Country)	Title, University	Period	Research Title
Faculty of Engineering	Amin Mohamed Abdelhadi Tahoun (Egypt)	Assistant Lecturer, Kafrelsheikh University	July 10, 2015 - May 31, 2016	Studies on Salmonella enteritidis infection in chicken in Kafrelsheikh province
Faculty of Engineering	Morina Adfa (Indonesia)	Assistant Professor, University of Bengkulu	July 22 - Aug. 6, 2015	Antifungal activity of Toona sinensis essential oil against wood rot fungi