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Fall 2015 Joint Degree Awarding Ceremony for the Gifu University United Graduate School of Agricultural Science and the United Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences

On September 24, the Fall 2015 Joint Degree Awarding Ceremony for the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science (UGSAS) and the United Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences (UGSVS) was held at Gifu University Auditorium.

The students who completed the Doctorate Course or the course for Dissertation Doctorate of the respective schools received their diplomas at the ceremony.

The ceremony was also attended by the Dean of the Department of Agriculture of the Graduate School of Integrated Science and Technology, Shizuoka University as a guest, as well as the President, Executive Directors, Auditors, Vice Presidents and the Deans of UGSAS and UGSVS, Gifu University.

The number of students who completed the courses was:

- UGSAS: 2 for Doctorate Course, 1 for Dissertation Doctoral
- UGSVS: 7 for Doctorate Course, 2 for Dissertation Doctorate



President Moriwaki hands the certificate to a student



President Moriwaki delivers a speech

Two Entrance Ceremonies for the Fall 2015 are held

The two Entrance Ceremonies for the Fall 2015 were held on October 1:

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Science (UGSAS) at the Joint Seminar Room, United Graduate School Building,

The United Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences (UGSVS) at the Dean's Office of the same building.

At each entrance ceremony, respective deans delivered congratulatory speeches and gave encouragement to the newly-enrolled students.

The number of students enrolled was as follows:

UGSAS: 7 for Doctoral Course

UGSVS: 7 for Doctoral Course



Gifu University Selected under Center of Community (COC+) Program by MEXT

Gifu University applied for a Center of Community Program for local revitalization called “COC+ Program” sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), and was successfully selected. The aim of the COC+ Program is to encourage people who can play key roles for local revitalization to settle in the local community. Under this program, the universities will work for job creation that attracts students in collaboration with municipalities and local companies. The universities will also strive to implement necessary reforms in educational curriculums to develop the human resources that the community needs. MEXT selected 40 projects among 56 applications from national, public and private universities and technical colleges.

The overview of the project of Gifu University is as follows:

Project Name: Step Up in Gifu & Positive Effect on Gifu – Collaboration for Cultivation of Community-Based Business Leaders

Project Outline:

In an effort to be a regional-oriented university, Gifu University has been promoting the COC Project to cultivate community-based human resources who can play an active leadership role in the region and who can address regional issues using their specialized knowledge. Furthermore, considering that the population outflow from Gifu Prefecture has been excessive, it is particularly necessary to cultivate people who understand the attractiveness of local companies and settle in Gifu to make a contribution to the revitalization of local businesses.

Therefore, in this project, Gifu University will work together with municipalities and companies in Gifu, and grow ties with universities in Gifu as well as in Aichi with the aim of contributing to local revitalization by providing job opportunities in Gifu to students who study in Gifu and elsewhere.

This project is co-organized by Gifu University, Chubu Gakuin University & College, Chubu University, Nihon Fukushi University, Gifu Prefecture, the Gifu Employers' Association, the Juroku Bank Co, Ltd., the Ogaki Kyoritsu Bank, Ltd., and Mynavi Corporation (private job information provider).

“Uta-Tube” on the Gifu University Campus

Public recording of “Uta-Tube,” a TV program of Japan Broadcasting Corporation’s (NHK) Nagoya Station, was held on the Gifu University Campus on September 8, 2015. Uta-Tube is a music show targeting young audience and “Hazzie,” a musician popular among young people and “cinema staff,” a rock band from Gifu Prefecture were invited to the recording this time. They gave brilliant live performances in the University Auditorium.

In addition to the recording of their live performances, “Mini-Lecture by Professor Toshihiro Yamada of the Faculty of Education” and “Discussion Session Between Students and Guests” were recorded. The TV crew also visited Gifu University facilities such as a student dining hall of the University Hospital and a farm affiliated to the Faculty of Biological Sciences to shoot introductory footage for the program.

Uta-Tube on the Gifu University Campus was broadcast four times on the NHK General TV channel in the Chubu region’s seven prefectures including Aichi on September 26 and October 10, 24 and 31, 2015.



Professor Yamada (left) and Uta-Tube’s hosts talking about the Mini-Lecture



Live performance by cinema staff

The 6th Press Conference by the President

Gifu University held the 6th Press Conference by the President on September 16, 2015. At the beginning of the conference, President Hisataka Moriwaki introduced this year's project of sending a scholarship student to the U.S. National Institute of Health as part of the "University's Valor V Drug Scholarship Program for Overseas Research and Training," referring to "Gifu University's Future Visions for the Year 2025." Then, Dr. Yukio Kitade, Professor of the Biomolecular Science Division, the Graduate School of Engineering, explained the details of this project.

The reporters from the media asked many questions during the question and answer session and this press conference proved to be a positive occasion for the University to offer campus information to the public.



President Moriwaki speaking to the reporters



President Moriwaki speaking about Gifu University's Future Vision

Cooperation Agreement with Minokamo City

On September 18, Gifu University concluded an agreement with Minokamo City to promote mutual cooperation on regional revitalization.

The main objective of the agreement is to contribute to the formation of an energetic community and its development, the cultivation of human resources who can lead the next generation and the promotion of citizen's educational and cultural activities. Under this agreement, the two entities will develop a comprehensive and close relationship in various fields, and deepen their cooperation in a sustainable and expansive manner. Gifu University has been building such relationships with municipalities in Gifu Prefecture, and this is the 11th agreement with local governments.

In the signing ceremony, Mr. Hiroto Fujii, Mayor of Minokamo City said, “Our major challenge will be how we encourage young people to settle in this region and play an active role. We intend to put our all efforts in setting up occasions where local people and students can discuss the problems of the community, so that we can discover the actions we should take to address them.” President Hisataka Moriwaki commented, “Minokamo City is a major city of the Chuno region of Gifu Prefecture, and has various prominent features in history, industry and agriculture. Concluding the agreement with Minokamo City is an honor for Gifu University, and we consider it important for our educational and research activities. I hope that this agreement will accelerate further cooperation.”

Gifu University and Minokamo City will jointly provide venues of dialog between the students and local people, called “Gifu Future Center,” and organize and provide systematic training for city officials.

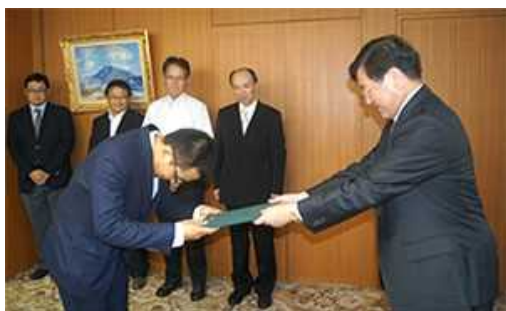


President Moriwaki (right) shakes hands with Mayor Fujii (left) at the signing ceremony

Fall 2015 Certificate Ceremony for Basin Water Environmental Leaders

On September 24, Fall 2015 Certificate Ceremony for Basin Water Environmental Leaders (BWEL) was held for a third-year doctoral student of United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Mr. Yang Yan (China). This ceremony took place at Office of the President in attendance with President Hisataka Moriwaki, Dr. Hideto Fukushi, Chair of BWEL General Committee, Dr. Koji Kageyama, Director of the River Basin Research Center, Dr. Fusheng Li, Director of the BWEL Promotion Office and Dr. Ken Hiramatsu who was the supervisor of Mr. Yang.

After President Moriwaki handed the certificate to Mr. Yang, they had time to talk in English. During the conversation, President encouraged Mr. Yang to work hard as an environmental leader in China.



Certificate Ceremony



President Moriwaki talks with Mr. Yang



(from left in the front row) President Moriwaki, Mr. Yang, Dr. Fukushi

(from left in the back row) Dr. Hiramatsu, Dr. Kageyama, Dr. Li

Degree Awarding

Degree	Diploma Number	Name	Date of Degree Awarding	Dissertation Title
Ph.D.in Medical Sciences	Ko ^{*1} -No.995	Hiroshi Yoshimura	September 9, 2015	Past-behavioural versus situational questions in a postgraduate admissions multiple mini-interview: a reliability and acceptability comparison
Ph.D.in Medical Sciences	Ko-No.996	Kaori Tanaka	September 9, 2015	ALDH1A1-overexpressing cells are differentiated cells but not cancer stem or progenitor cells in human hepatocellular carcinoma
Ph.D.in Medical Sciences	Ko-No.997	Mina Kikuchi	September 9, 2015	Remarkable increase in fluoroquinolone-resistant Mycoplasma genitalium in Japan
Ph.D.in Medical Sciences	Otsu ^{*2} -No.1482	Akemi Morikawa	September 9, 2015	Expression of Beclin-1 in the Microenvironment of Invasive Ductal Carcinoma of the Breast: Correlation with Prognosis and the Cancer-Stromal Interaction
Ph.D.in Medical Sciences	Otsu-No.1483	Kenji Fukuno	September 9, 2015	Expression of indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase in leukemic cells indicates an unfavorable prognosis in acute myeloid leukemia patients with intermediate-risk cytogenetics
Ph.D.in Engineering	Ko-No.481	Yoshihisa Kato	September 30, 2015	Experimental study on flow control of a rectangular jet
Ph.D.in Engineering	Ko-No.482	Tatsuhiko Suzuki	September 30, 2015	Determination of friction low in metal forming
Ph.D.in Engineering	Ko-No.483	Nur Saifullah Bin Kamarrudin	September 30, 2015	Non-intrusive measurement of temperature distribution in the engine cylinder and its effect on knocking phenomena
Ph.D.in Engineering	Ko-No.484	Hitoshi Fukagawa	September 30, 2015	Development of high efficiency hole-preparation technology using blast for aircraft CFRP
Ph.D.in Engineering	Ko-No.485	Kaneyoshi Takamatsu	September 30, 2015	Several discharge phenomena observed in winter upward lightning
Ph.D. in Agricultural Science	Ko-No.646	Yang Yan	September 24, 2015	Improving the Snowmelt Simulation of Hydrological Model in Amur River Basin Based on Remote Sensing Data
Ph.D. in Agricultural Science	Ko-No.647	Muhammad Navis Rofii	September 24, 2015	Effects of Manufacturing Parameters on the Temperature and Vapor Pressure Behaviors of Mat-Formed Panels during Hot Pressing

Ph.D. in Agricultural Science	Otsu-No.145	Toru Uchiyama	September 24, 2015	Studies on Insecticide Resistance of the Smaller Tea Tortrix, <i>Adoxophyes honmai</i> Yasuda (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)
Ph.D.in Veterinary Science	Ko-No.443	Takuya Yokoyama	September 24, 2015	Excitatory Modulation of Serotonin on Chemosensory Activity in Rat Carotid Body
Ph.D.in Veterinary Science	Ko-No.444	Yasunori Suzuki	September 24, 2015	Studies on Molecular Epidemiological Analysis and Characterization of Mobile Genetic Elements Involved in Staphylococcal Food Poisoning
Ph.D.in Veterinary Science	Ko-No.445	Thammakarn, Chanathip	September 24, 2015	Studies on the Control of Avian Influenza by Enhancement of Bio- security
Ph.D.in Veterinary Science	Ko-No.446	Yoshiko Munemura	September 24, 2015	Studies on the Diagnostic Method of Enzootic Bovine Leukosis using the Quantity of Bovine Leukemia Virus Genome as an Index
Ph.D.in Veterinary Science	Ko-No.447	Hiromichi Mitake	September 24, 2015	Studies on the Modes of Maintenance of Rotavirus A in Cattle
Ph.D.in Veterinary Science	Ko-No.448	Takafumi Suzuki	September 24, 2015	Studies on Biological Binding Properties of Feline Anti-insulin IgGs
Ph.D.in Veterinary Science	Ko-No.449	Abdul Razaq Irshad	September 24, 2015	Studies on the Development of Piggyback Programmable Syringe Pump and Multiple pFSH Injection Regimen for Superovulation in Cows
Ph.D.in Veterinary Science	Otsu-No.138	Junko Sato	September 24, 2015	Pathological Studies on Cerebellar Cortical Abiotrophy in Rabbits
Ph.D.in Veterinary Science	Otsu-No.139	Sota Kobayashi	September 24, 2015	Epidemiological Study on the Infestation and Transmission of Bovine Leukemia Virus in Japan
Ph.D.in Medical Science	Ko-No.29	Yuka Aoyama	September 30, 2015	3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl CoA lyase (HMGCL)

*1 completed the study of the course

*2 completed by dissertation only

Foreign Researchers Accepted by Gifu University in September

Faculty	Name (Country)	Title, University	Period	Research Title
Faculty of Education	Htaik Nandar Kyaw (Myanmar)	Lecturer, Defence services academy	Sep. 9 - Oct. 11, 2015	Promotion of collaborative research on double-hypernuclear experiment in Myanmar
Faculty of Engineering	Aye Aye Min (Myanmar)	Lecturer, Mandalay University	Sep. 9 - Oct. 11, 2015	Promotion of collaborative research on double-hypernuclear experiment in Myanmar
Faculty of Engineering	Antonio Flores Caballero (Spain)	Researcher, University Carlos III of Madrid	Sep. 23, 2015 - Jan. 3, 2016	Humanoid robot hand
Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences	Asmaa Ghalep Attia Saleh (Egypt)	Assistant lecturer, Department of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Damanhour University	Sep. 15, 2015 - Sep. 14, 2016	Pathological study on equine herpesvirus
Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences	K.M.A Tareq (Bangladesh)	Assistant Controller of Examination, Patuakhali Science and Technology University	Sep. 22, 2015 - Sep. 11, 2016	Studies on the fertilizing ability of mammalian spermatozoa