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Gifu University holds a Symposium, “School Managerial Staff Training: How to Foster School Principals.”

On February 9, 2016, Gifu University held a Symposium, “School Managerial Staff Training: How to Foster School Principals” as a part of “Inquiries to Improve Comprehensive Skills of Teachers in 2015” of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT).

The symposium was held at Gifu University with the participation of about 100 people including university staff from across the county, members of board of education within Gifu Prefecture, school officials, students and parents.

At the beginning of the symposium, the report on “School Managerial Staff Training Program Developed via Close Collaboration between Professional Schools for Teacher Education and Board of Education” was introduced to the audience. This report was compiled for the Inquiries to Improve Comprehensive Skills of Teachers in 2015. “

Next, Mr. Tsuyoshi Mori from the Educational Personnel Division, Elementary and Secondary Education Bureau of the MEXT delivered a keynote address under the title, “Educational Policy on School Managerial Staff Training.”

After Mr. Mori’s speech, with Professor Kiyooki Shinohara of Gifu University serving as a moderator, a panel discussion started focusing on how to promote school managerial staff training. As panelists, beginning with Mr. Mori, Mr. Shinya Takaoka, Chief Executive of the National Center for Teacher’s Development, Mr. Mineo Hayakawa, from Gifu City Board of Education, Mr. Kazuhiko Mizukawa, Executive Director for Compulsory Education, Gifu Prefectural Board of Education and Professor Hiromichi Kojima from Ryukoku University engaged in a lot of robust discussion over staff training programs.



Mr. Mori delivering a keynote address



A scene from a panel discussion

International Students from Viet Nam take part in a Gifu local industry inspection bus tour

On February 16, 2016, Ogaki Kyoritsu Bank Ltd, the Vietnamese Youth and Student Association in Tokai, Japan (VYSA TOKAI) and N&V Bridge organized a Gifu local industry inspection bus tour. The tour was joined by nine international students from Gifu University, Nagoya Institute of Technology, Toyohashi University of Technology, Nagoya University of Economics and the Japanese language schools. From Gifu University, Mr. Ta Quang Duoc, a first-year student of the Master's Program, the Graduate School of Engineering attended the tour.

The tour participants visited the following three companies; Japan Insulation Co., LTD., Muto Seiko CO. and Tokai Powdex & Chemical System (TOP). All the participants were given a rare opportunity to closely observe factories, offices and product assembly lines of all these three companies.

After all these inspections, Mr. Ta said that he had an invaluable experience of observing the details of the Japanese companies and caught a glimpse of how international workers are doing their job in the workplace in Japan.



An official of Muto Seiko CO. explaining to the tour participants



Group Photo

The 10th Press Conference by the President

Gifu University held the 10th Press Conference by the President on February 17, 2016. First, President Hisataka Moriwaki introduced the new Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology that is scheduled to be established in April 2017, in association with the University's Future Vision for 2025.

Next, Dr. Hirokazu Fukui, Chair of the Preparation Committee for the Establishment of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology, explained the details of the Graduate School. In the following question and answer session, many questions were raised by the reporters. The 10th Press Conference provided the public with another opportunity to know the most up-to-date information about Gifu University.



President Moriwaki speaking to the reporters



Dr. Fukui speaking to the reporters

“Local Communities and Gifu University International Students” Forum

On February 17, 2016, the Gifu University Head Office for Glocalization (GHOGL) and the International Student Center jointly held a forum titled “Local Communities and Gifu University International Students” (also co-hosted by the Center for Collaborative Study with Community). Around 50 people attended the Forum, including international and Japanese students, faculty and administrative members, and visitors from outside of the Gifu University.

This Forum consisted of two sessions: “The Gujo Area and International Student Homestay Programs” and “The Takayama Area and International Student Internship Programs.”

In “The Gujo Area and International Student Homestay Programs,” a talk was given by Mr. Sumi Yukihiro, Chair of the Gujo Hachiman International Friendship Association (GIFA). As of 2015, members of GIFA have welcomed in their homes international students participating in the Gifu University Summer School Program every year for twenty consecutive years. Mr. Sumi commented that the interactions with people of different cultures in the homestay programs have enabled the residents to get a fresh look at the cultures of Gujo and Japan, to build ties with people of different nationalities, and to develop greater respect for the diversity. He concluded his talk by saying that these experiences would play an important role in the revitalization of the local community.

In the session of “The Takayama Area and International Student Internship Programs,” Ms. Takeuchi Yumiko of the *Machizukuri* (community-building) Spot, an NPO that coordinates internship programs, gave a talk about the pros and cons of accepting international students. She made suggestions about things that should be reconsidered and improved when accepting international students in the programs. She also expressed expectations for the universities that send their students overseas to these programs.

The two sessions were followed by student presentations. Mr. Wiklund Simon Tor (Sweden), an international student studying at the Japanese Language and Culture Studies Course, Gifu University and who stayed with a host family at Gujo during last year’s Summer School, gave a presentation on his experiences during his homestay. He said that the good memories he formed then compelled him to come and study again at Gifu University. Ms. Yuan Yushan (China), a special auditing student at the International Student Center, spoke about hospitality she learned while working at a shop in an inn during her internship in Takayama, Gifu Prefecture. Ms. Wu Xian

(China), who also did her internship at Takayama, talked about what she gained through her job at an inn, and expressed her gratitude to the people involved. Ms. Kimura Tomoe, a fourth-year student at the Faculty of Regional Studies, talked about why her studies in the United States led her to decide to seek employment at an inn in Takayama after graduation, and about her hopes for the future.

In the question and answer session, the speakers exchanged ideas with the audience about inbound tourism and other related topics. Through the discussions with the participants of international exchange programs, this Forum proved to be a valuable opportunity for strengthening the ties between the community and Gifu University.



Mr. Sumi Yukihiro



Ms. Takeuchi Yumiko



Mr. Wiklund Simon Tor



Ms. Yuan Yushan



Ms. Wu Xian



Ms. Kimura Tomoe

Gifu University Gender Equality Promotion Office: Gifu *Seiryu* Gender Equality Network Meeting

On February 19, 2016, the Gender Equality Promotion Office held the Gifu *Seiryu* Gender Equality Network Meeting (Gender Equality Meeting for Municipalities in Gifu Prefecture). Such meetings first began in 2011 and are held annually for local municipal officials who work to promote gender equality. This year marked the fifth meeting, which was attended by 16 people—ten officials from eight municipalities and six representatives from Gifu University.

The meeting consisted of two sessions. The first session addressed the topic of “How to achieve a healthy work-life balance.” Participants discussed the effects of introducing of no-overtime days and the differences in after-school care programs by regions while introducing their own work environments.

In the second session, participants exchanged opinions regarding “Difficulties in promoting gender equality” and “How to collaborate with the community in promoting gender equality.” They also shared information about actions to be taken by each municipality under enforcement of the Act on Promotion of Women's Participation and Advancement in Workplace.

The Gender Equality Promotion Office will continue to address various challenges ahead for gender equality while working with municipalities in Gifu Prefecture.



Participants exchanging opinions

The United Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences: The 7th Joint Symposium of Veterinary Research among Universities of Veterinary Medicine in East Asia

The Gifu University's United Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences (UGSVS) held the 7th Joint Symposium of Veterinary Research among Universities of Veterinary Medicine in East Asia in Vietnam on February 22, 2016.

The symposium was attended by people from the following universities:

- Gifu University,
- Iwate University,
- Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine,
- Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology,

(all of which are the members of UGSVS)

- Tottori University,
- Yamaguchi University,
- Kagoshima University,

(all of which are the members of Yamaguchi University's United Graduate School of Veterinary Science)

- The University of Tokyo,
- Seoul National University,
- National Taiwan University,
- Vietnam National University of Agriculture

The symposium featured keynote lectures concerning veterinary research activities and sessions for students to give presentations, where participants actively exchanged opinions and information. Eight students from UGSVS gave oral presentations. This symposium proved conducive to the human resource development of young researchers, and served as a venue for exchange among veterinary researchers in Asia.



Group photo

Mr. Ryoichi Akamatsu, Second-Year Student of the Faculty of Education is awarded with the “Land of Clear Waters Gifu Honorary Prize”

The “Land of Clear Waters Gifu Honorary Prize” created by Gifu Prefecture honors people who have contributed to boost the stature of the prefecture by making remarkable achievements in individual specific fields. Mr. Ryoichi Akamatsu, a second-year student of the Faculty of Education was awarded the prize from the prefecture for his winning the 84th Japan Student Athletics Interscholastic Championships in the male high jump category.

On February 22, 2016, Mr. Akamatsu and Professor Kenichi Harada of the Faculty of Education who serves as the University track club coach, made a courtesy call on President Hisataka Moriwaki to report Mr. Akamatsu’s winning.

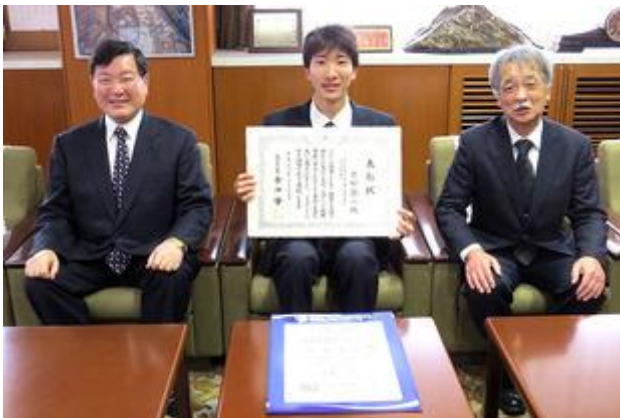
President congratulated Mr. Akamatsu on his victory and said, “It is truly an honor for our university to produce one of the nation’s best athletes in the latest championships.” They also talked about the mental state of athletes and gamesmanship during the competitions. They kept on talking in quite a relaxed and friendly atmosphere from the beginning to the end of the meeting.



Mr. Akamatsu showing his award certificate to President



Meeting at the President Office (left: President Moriwaki, right: Mr. Akamatsu)



Commemorative Photo

(left: President Moriwaki, middle: Mr. Akamatsu, right: Professor Harada)

Faculty of Education: Memorandum of Understanding concluded with Gifu City Education Board

On February 23, 2016, the Faculty of Education concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Gifu City Education Board for the purpose of cooperation regarding the workplace for senior high school students at the Gifu City Special Needs School.

Since 2010, the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences has provided the workplace to senior high school students of the school, which mainly entails work in the field of the University's farm and poultry yard. Upon conclusion of the MOU, the Faculty of Education will begin accepting students of the same school for its cleaning activity from 2016.

The signing ceremony was held at the Gifu City Education Board and attended by Professor Naotake Iketani, Dean of the Faculty of Education, and Mr. Mineo Hayakawa, Superintendent of the Gifu City Education Board. They signed the MOU and pledged to deepen their cooperative relations for the future.



Professor Iketani (left) shaking hands with Mr. Hayakawa

Degree Awarding

Degree	Diploma Number	Name	Date of Degree Awarding	Dissertation Title
Ph.D.in Medical Sciences	Ko ^{*1} -No.1005	Fumitaka Ito	February 17, 2016	Non-invasive Tissue Characterization of Lung Tumors Using Integrated Backscatter Intravascular Ultrasound: An ex vivo Comparative Study with Pathological Diagnosis
Ph.D.in Medical Sciences	Ko ^{*1} -No.1006	Kazuhiro Kobayashi	February 17, 2016	Early microlesion of viral encephalitis confirmed by galectin-3 expression after a virus inoculation
Ph.D.in Medical Sciences	Otsu ^{*2} -No.1485	Akihiro Nishio	February 17, 2016	Prevalence of Mental Illness, Cognitive Disability, and their Overlap among the Homeless in Nagoya, Japan

*1 completed the study of the course

*2 completed by dissertation only