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67th Foundation Anniversary and a commemorative ceremony

On June 1, 2016, Gifu University marked the 67th Foundation Anniversary and a commemorative ceremony was held at the university auditorium.

Firstly, in the "President Report," President Hisataka Moriwaki spoke about the ranking of Gifu University based on the world university ranking data, and expressed his resolve to reinforce the strengths of Gifu University for a bigger role in society in the future.

As a new program starting from this year, the Ceremony for Commendation of Gifu University Alumni Association President was held, and it was followed by the recipients' keynote speeches. The Commendation of this year went to:

- Mr. Yasuhiko Ichihashi, President of Hino Motors Ltd., a graduate of the Faculty of Engineering

- Mr. Mikio Sugiyama, Honorary Chair, Gifu Shimbun Newspaper and President of Gifu Broadcasting System Inc., a graduate of the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences (it was "Gifu Agricultural Technical College" when he was a student).

Later in the 47th Gifu University Forum, also part of the 67th Foundation Anniversary, the invited guest speaker, Professor Toshiyuki Horie, Faculty of Letters, Arts and Sciences, Waseda University gave a speech titled "Kotobano-atosaki (Japanese words rich in nuance)". Professor Horie is a native of Gifu Prefecture and the Akutagawa Literary Prize winner.

In addition to these commemorative events, the following programs were also held:

- Title Conferment for Professor Emeritus (for 15 people)
- Commendation of Teaching and Administrative Staff (for 4 people)
- Commendation of Students (for 20 people)
- Presentation of Certificates of Gratitude for Contributors and,
- Singing of Gifu University Song

Title Conferment for Professor Emeritus

Name	Former Affiliation
Professor Shinichi Kawakami	Faculty of Education
Professor Takayuki Ezaki	Graduate School of Medicine
Professor Toshio Matsuoka	Graduate School of Medicine

Professor Yoshimi Matsuda	School of Medicine
Professor Yukio Kitade	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Fumio Fujii	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Keitetsu Rokugo	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Masahiro Morita	Information and Multimedia Center
Professor Setsuko Sato	Faculty of Education
Professor Seiichi Era	Graduate School of Medicine
Professor Shoichi Emura	School of Medicine
Professor Kazutoshi Kiuchi	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Takeshi Sato	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Satoshi Yoshida	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Kohji Maruo	Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences

Commendation of Teaching and Administrative Staff:

(excellent contribution to education and research activities)

Professor Minoru Sasaki	Faculty of Engineering
Professor Hiroyuki Koyama	Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences
Professor Kazuo Kuwata	United Graduate School of Drug Discovery and Medical Information Sciences

(excellent contribution to social activities)

Mr. Daizo Muto	Section Chief, Student Support Division, Student Affairs Department
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Commendation of Students

Ms. Minami Watanabe, 4th year of Training Course for School Teachers, Faculty of Education

Ms. Moe Miyajima, 4th year of Training Course for School Teachers, Faculty of Education

Ms. Shiori Nagao, 4th year of Training Course for School Teachers, Faculty of Education

Ms. Momoko Watanabe, 4th year of Training Course for School Teachers, Faculty of Education

Ms. Nao Sato, 3rd year of Department of Policy Studies, Faculty of Regional Studies

Ms. Kaho Kinugasa, 3rd year of Department of Policy Studies, Faculty of Regional Studies

Mr. Masayoshi Hasegawa, 5th year of Medical Course, School of Medicine

Mr. Hodaka Furukawa, 5th year of Medical Course, School of Medicine

Ms. Megumi Ohashi, 3rd year of Nursing Course, School of Medicine

Mr. Masanori Okubo, 2nd year of Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Mr. Tomonori Tanaka, 3rd year of Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Ms. Haruka Asano, 3rd year of Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Science, Faculty of Engineering

Ms. Miki Idota, 3rd year of Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Science, Faculty of Engineering

Ms. Yukari Ono, 3rd year of Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Science, Faculty of Engineering

Mr. Yuya Asano, 3rd year of Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Mr. Shota Kutsuna, 3rd year of Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Ms. Manami Ito, 3rd year of Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Ms. Chisato Takahashi, 3rd year of Course of Applied Life Science, Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences

Ms. Natsuko Haga, 3rd year of Course of Agricultural and Environmental Science, Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences

Ms. Marina Tomiyama, 4th year of Joint Department of Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences

Presentation of Certificates of Gratitude for Contributors

(contribution to the development of educational and research activities through private funds)

Ms. Wakie Takagi

Ms. Masami Nishii

Mr. Mitsuhiro Tajiri

Ms. Chigusa Kameyama

(contribution to the improvement of environment for education and research work)

Ms. Rumi Aoyama and Mr. Hideyo Aoyama, the presidents of General Incorporated Foundation International Club

Mr. Masato Yamaguchi, President of CHUBU YAKUHIN CO. LTD.

Mr. Hajime Tanaka, President of MUTO SEIKO CO.

Commendation of Gifu University Alumni Association President

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President Moriwaki making a presentation



Mr. Sugiyama delivering a speech



Professor Horie giving a speech

Gifu University Student Team Wins the Gold Prize at “The 8th Die & Mold Student Grand Prix”

The Japan Die & Mold Industry Association held the “Intermold 2016 Die & Mold Asia 2016 Japan Metal Stamping Technology Exhibition 2016” in Osaka on April 22, 2016. Gifu University student teams took part in the exhibition and one of the Gifu University student teams won the Gold Prize at “the 8th Die & Mold Student Grand Prix” in the press mold category, and the other team won the Silver Prize in the plastic mold category.

In this competition, participating students first displayed dies, molds and molded samples of their own making and later explained the details from designing, modifications to formation of dies and molds to the examiners. As company employees are free to visit the exhibition booths of the students, they can directly communicate with each other. The competition is now becoming an important venue for students and company employees to discuss various issues arising from actual manufacturing sites.

Gifu University team won the gold prize in the plastic mold category in 2014, and another gold prize in the press mold category in 2015. This year’s gold prize winning by the Gifu University team marks a victory in these competitions for three years in a row.

On May 9, the two teams and their instructors reported their achievements to President Hisataka Moriwaki. In the meeting at the President Office, one of the students said, “Our seniors won the gold prizes for two years in a row, and their great success gave us a strong push to win in the competition. I also believe that our strong teamwork led us to secure the Gold and Silver Prizes of this time.” President Moriwaki praised their victories and said, “It is truly outstanding results. I hope that the team members will tell their joys and convey the importance of tackling challenging assignments to their juniors.”



Team members reporting to the President



Group photo

The 5th Gujo Dance Workshop

On May 11, 2016, the International Student Center held the 5th Gujo Dance Workshop at the Yanagido Kaikan building. The Gujo Bon Dance is one of the traditional local performing arts and is designated as a significant intangible folk cultural asset in Japan. Around 40 people including international and Japanese students, teaching and administrative staff joined the workshop.

The workshop is annually held as part of exchange promotion activities between Gifu University and Gujo City, Gifu Prefecture. Gifu University and Gujo City have been enjoying a long, thriving relationship through a “Summer School Gujo Program” under which many international students at Gifu University stay at local residence in the city. Gifu University and Gujo City also signed the agreement for the promotion of academia-government cooperation in March 19, 2012.

Before the opening of 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. 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. Mistuo Endo and Ms. Rie Kumazawa from Gujo Hachiman Town, home to Gujo Dance were kind enough to visit Gifu University to teach students how to dance. At the beginning of the workshop, the two instructors briefly explained about Gujo City and Gujo Dance, then the participants practiced two dances called, “Kawasaki” and “Harukoma” both of which are the most popular dances in Gujo Dance.

Some students looked nervous and their movement seemed a little odd at first, but they soon became good at dancing and moved well to music.

In the competition to determine the outstanding dancers, six international students from South Korea, Sweden, China, Malaysia and Myanmar were chosen by the instructors as the “best performers” and the instructors presented them with small gifts. All the participants were later handed out the certificate of participation in the workshop from the instructors.

At the end of the workshop, all joined a commemorative photo-taking session and the 5th Gujo Dance Workshop marked another great success this year.



”Kawasaki” dance



Group Photo: everyone poses for “Kawasaki”

The 2nd Press Conference by the President in 2016

Gifu University held the 2nd Press Conference by the President on May 18, 2016.

In the press conference, President Hisataka Moriwaki first explained about Gifu University's Future Vision for 2025 as of April 1, 2016 in relation to the start of Third Mid-Term Objectives of Mid-Term Plan by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

Next, Dr. Masata Sugito, Executive Director for Planning, Evaluation and Fund spoke about Gifu University's Third Mid-Term Objectives of Mid-Term Plan and Plan for 2016.

Lastly, Dr. Fumiaki Suzuki, Executive Director for International Affairs and Public Relations, and Dr. Hideto Fukushi, Executive Director for Academic Research and Information addressed the University's ongoing efforts about "Highly Strategic, Strongly Motivated Objectives and Plan."

Please access the following URL for Gifu University's Future Vision for 2025, Plan for 2016 and Highly Strategic, Strongly Motivated Objectives and Plan (Japanese only).



President Moriwaki explaining about the Future Vision for 2025



Dr. Sugito explaining about Third Mid-Term Objectives of Mid-Term Plan

President Hisataka Moriwaki visits Viet Nam

From May 22 to 25, 2016, President Hisataka Moriwaki, Professor Hirokazu Fukui, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences and other members of Gifu University delegation visited Hanoi and Vinh City, Nghe An Province, Viet Nam.

From May 22 to 24, the Gifu University delegation accompanied Mr. Hajime Furuta, Governor of Gifu Prefecture and other government officials on their visit to Southeast Asia including Viet Nam for the promotion of tourism and local specialties of the prefecture.

President Moriwaki is currently serving as Chair of Gifu and Viet Nam Friendship Association. As part of this Friendship program, the University delegation held a meeting with the representatives of Japanese companies established in Viet Nam from Gifu Prefecture and met with the executive members of Nghe An Provincial Party Committee. They also visited Vinh University, Nghe An Department of Foreign Affairs, as well as the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, and the Bank for Investment and Development of Viet Nam (BIDV) in Hanoi during their stay in Viet Nam.

In the meeting with the executive members of Nghe An Provincial Party Committee, the University delegates exchanged opinions with Mr. Nguyen Dac Vinh, Secretary of the Committee over future cooperation in the fields of agriculture and human resource development.

During their visit to Vinh University, the delegates and Prof. Dr. Dinh Xuan Khoa, President, extensively talked about creation of a partnership between the two universities.

On the final day of May 25, the University delegation visited Thuyloi University and made a courtesy call on Prof. Dr. Nguyen Quang Kim, Rector, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Canh Thai, Vice Rector and Ms. Pham Hong Nga, Head of International Cooperation Department. The United Graduate School of Agricultural Science (UGSAS) of Gifu University concluded a faculty-level agreement with Thuyloi University in June, 2015.

At the beginning of the courtesy meeting, Rector Nguyen and President Moriwaki alternatively expressed their appreciation for a long-term cooperation and friendship between the two universities. Later, they introduced their respective priority research

activities and discussed how to expand the current partnership in the years to come.



Meeting with the executive members of Nghe An Provincial Party Committee



Visit to Vinh University



Visit to Thuyloi University



Visit to Thuyloi University

Clean Campus Campaign in Spring 2016

On May 25, 2016, Gifu University carried out a campus-wide “Clean Campus Campaign in Spring 2016.”

Gifu University declared itself “Environment University” in 2009 and has been working hard to create an environmentally-friendly university. As part of these efforts, Gifu University carries out a clean campus campaign twice a year.

On May 25, a total of 708 people including the executive members, teaching and administrative staff and students joined the campaign. They spent about an hour picking up trash and weeding within the campus.

Staff from Gifu Pharmaceutical University, part of its facilities is within the Gifu University premises, also took part in the campaign.

In this biannual clean campus campaign, participants also engage in cleaning activities along the nearby Shinbori River. This time, around 30 people from different faculties worked together to pick up cans, bottles and weed around the riverside.



People picking up trash along Shinbori River



Students cleaning up in the campus

The 6th United Graduate School of Agricultural Science Seminar, “TOBITATE! Young Ambassador Program: Internship” is held

On May 25, 2016, the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science (UGSAS) held The 6th United Graduate School of Agricultural Science Seminar, “TOBITATE! Young Ambassador Program: Internship” at Gifu University. A total of 61 people attended. They were 27 students, 24 administrative and teaching staff and 10 company employees.

After an opening speech by Professor Masateru Senge, Dean of UGSAS, a Research Internship Debriefing Meeting began where 6 students made presentations about their research work at a “Research Internship” class, one of the UGSAS regular classes. All of them went to the IC-GU12*¹ partner countries overseas for training.

They introduced life in foreign countries, struggles for smooth communication with their supervisors during their research activities. They said that they went through a lot of unique experiences which they would never have had in their labs at Gifu University. They also expressed their hopes of using their experiences overseas for their future study and research work.

Next, representatives of six companies of the Industry Subcommittee*² made presentation about their line of business and delivered speeches concerning ideal images of university students that businesses and industries are pursuing today.

After their speeches, some attendees asked the speakers about their employment policy for doctoral course students. Active opinion exchange between the speakers and the attendees continued for some time.

Lastly, Dr. Mayumi Yamamoto, Director of Health Administration Center gave a speech about health management while staying abroad. Students who are planning to join research internship programs overseas or attend international conferences soon were listening to her in earnest.

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

Industry Subcommittee*²: Composed of seven companies in the Tokai Region specializing in biological and biotechnological research and development. Its founding objective is to foster highly-skilled professionals

Program

1. Research Internship Debrief Meeting

Places of Internship:

Bogor Agricultural University, PT Great Giant Pineapple (GGPC: the biggest pineapple plantation in Indonesia), The University of Lampung, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IITG), National University of Mongolia

2. Introduction of Business & Ideal Images of Students

(speeches by employees of the Industry Subcommittee member companies)

Member Companies: Ichimaru Pharcos Co., Ltd., Gifu Shellac MFG, Saladcosmo, Sanyu Consultants Inc., Taiyo Kagaku Co., Ltd., Pokka Sapporo Food & Beverage Ltd.

3. Health Management While in Overseas Countries

Dr. Mayumi Yamamoto, Director, Health Administration Center



A student making a presentation



Taiyo Kagaku Co., Ltd. employee introducing his company

Cooperation Agreement between Gifu University and Motosu City

On May 27, 2016, Gifu University and Motosu City signed a Cooperation Agreement.

The major objectives of this Agreement include:

- Creation and development of a dynamic community
- Human resource development for next generation, and
- Promotion of educational and cultural activities for citizens

Gifu University and Motosu City agreed with achieving the above objectives through building a comprehensive and close relationship in diverse fields and extensively strengthening partnership.

By the latest signing between the University and the City, Gifu University now has cooperation agreements with 16 municipal governments.

At the signing ceremony held at the Motosu City Government building, Mr. Tsutomu Fujiwara, Mayor of Motosu City made this statement: “Gifu University and Motosu City have already been working together in human resource development for years. Through the conclusion of Cooperation Agreement today, we are looking forward to joining forces with Gifu University to address issues in wider fields. Also, by bolstering a cooperative relationship with the University, we will put more efforts into building a better community for the future.”

In response, President Hisataka Moriwaki of Gifu University said, “As a core base for regional revitalization, it is essential for the University to foster the youths who are truly needed to achieve regional growth. We would like to step up our efforts in human resource development by encouraging our students to visit regions, find problems, look for solutions so that they become capable of resolving issues when they go back to their hometown after graduation.”

Gifu University and Motosu City are going to hold many talks to address challenges such as moving-in or settlement programs and animal damage control.



President Moriwaki (left) and Mayor Fujiwara holding a Cooperation Agreement paper in their hands

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

On May 29, 2016, Gifu University held “Parent-Children Rice Planting & Soccer Game in Muddy Field” at the Yanagido Farm of Gifu Field Science Center, the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences, Gifu University. This event is part of promotional activities of a Gifu University and Gifu Football Club (FC Gifu) Partner Agreement for Environmental Conservation.

The “Parent-Children Rice Planting & Soccer Game in Muddy Field” is the second activity of “Gifu Nice Rice Project” after the first one held last year. In this Project, Gifu University officials and FC Gifu members join hands from rice planting to rice sale so that people become more aware of ideal environment for rice cultivation and think deeply about environmental issues. This time, a total of 28 children from third to fifth grade of Gifu University Education Faculty Affiliated Elementary School and those from FC Gifu Soccer School attended the event.

First, Professor Shinya Oba, Director of the Gifu Field Science Center, spoke about weed evolution and agricultural chemicals development. He mentioned the history of rice cultivation and explained the importance of agricultural chemicals and the impact of their use on paddy fields in plain Japanese. Children were intently listening to him with ancient rice, rice seedlings and weeds in hand. Later, children and their parents entered the muddy field ready for them. While letting out a big cheer, they began planting “Hatsushimo” rice seedlings at the word of command of staff.

Next, children were divided into four teams and played soccer games. Covered in mud, children were tirelessly chasing a ball caring nothing about falling to the mud.

During the event, children enjoyed catching frogs and long-horned beetles, eating baked potatoes harvested in the same field. This event gave a rare opportunity to the participants to be exposed to rich natural environment and all seemed very happy about this occasion.

In this Gifu Nice Rice Project, the participants and the FC Gifu members are scheduled to harvest the rice they planted this time, and sell the rice at the Farm of Gifu University in October.



Participants listening to Professor Oba



Parents and children planting rice



Children and parents in the field (a total of 53 participants)



Children chasing a ball in mud

Degree Awarding

Degree	Diploma Number	Name	Date of Degree Awarding	Dissertation Title
Ph.D.in Medical Sciences	Ko ^{*1} -No.1026	Yoshihiko Kitada	May 18,2016	Blockade of Sphingosine 1-Phosphate Receptor 2 Signaling Attenuates High-Fat Diet-Induced Adipocyte Hypertrophy and Systemic Glucose Intolerance in Mice

*1 Completed the study of the course

Foreign Researchers Accepted by Gifu University in May

Faculty	Name (Country)	Title, University	Period	Research Title
Faculty of Education	Ahmed Attia Ahmed Sallam (Egypt)	Lecturer of curricula and teaching methods of science, Faculty of education, Tanta University	2016/5/1~ 2016/9/30	Changes in elementary teacher's efficacy beliefs and anxieties during a science methods course
Faculty of Engineering	Morina Adfa (Indonesia)	Assistant Professor, University of Bengkulu	2016/5/2~ 2016/5/16	Antifungal activity of <i>Toona sinensis</i> essential oil against wood rot fungi
Faculty of Engineering	Mugesh Govindasamy (India)	Professor, Indian Institute of Science	2016/5/7~ 2016/5/28	Organoselenium Compounds and their Biological/ Biomedical Applications