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2016 Fall Entrance Ceremony for the Gifu University United Graduate School of Agricultural Science and the United Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences is held

On October 3, 2016, the 2016 Fall Entrance Ceremony for the Gifu University United Graduate School of Agricultural Science (UGSAS) and the United Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences (UGSVS) was held at the Educational Research Information Exchange System Room and the Office of Dean of UGSAS respectively.

At the ceremony, Dr. Masateru Senge, Dean of UGSAS read an address and gave a word of encouragement to the newly enrolled students.

The number of students who are admitted is:

UGSAS: 7 for doctoral program

UGSVS: 5 for doctoral program



Dr. Senge reading an address



Scene from the entrance ceremony

Agricultural Delegation from Nghe An Province, Viet Nam pays a courtesy call on President Hisataka Moriwaki

On October 4, 2016, Mr. Nguyen Tien Duc and Mr. Trinh Thach Lam of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Nghe An Province, Viet Nam visited Gifu University to pay a courtesy call on President Hisataka Moriwaki and conduct some on-site inspections for agricultural technology exchanges. The two delegates were accompanied by the Gifu Prefectural government officials to Gifu University.

In November 2015, Gifu Prefecture and Nghe An Province signed a “Memorandum of Understanding on Friendship and Cooperation between the Gifu Prefectural Government, Japan and The People’s Committee of Nghe An, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam” aiming to build friendly relationship and mutual prosperity through respecting cultures and traditions of each nation, and deepening understanding with one another. The two were invited to Gifu Prefecture to facilitate technological exchanges particularly in the field of agriculture. Their visit to Gifu University was part of their on-site inspection programs.

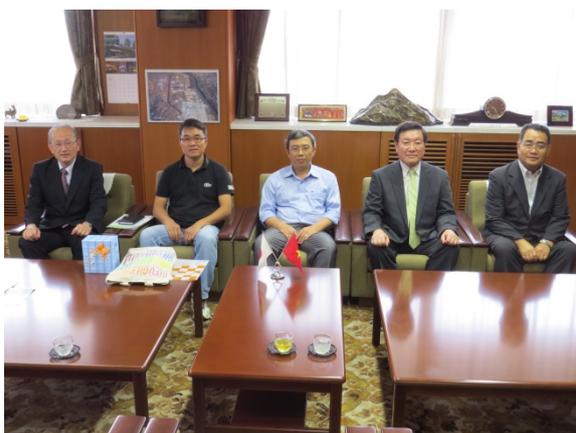
Their meeting with President Moriwaki was joined by Dr. Fumiaki Suzuki, Executive Director for International Affairs and Public Relations, Dr. Hirokazu Fukui, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences, and Ms. Junko Sugaya, Director of the International Planning Division. In the meeting, they talked about future acceptance of agricultural trainees from Nghe An Province to the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences, and agreed to mutual cooperation towards a common goal of “cultivating highly capable human resources in agriculture.”

After their courtesy call on the President, the delegates got briefed on educational programs in agriculture at the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences. Later, they inspected a cultivation site of “Fairly Wing,” a new variety of ornamental plant at the Gifu Field Science Center located within the campus. There, the delegates and the staff exchanged opinions about possible production of “Fairly Wing” in Viet Nam in the future. Lastly, the delegates met the two students from Viet Nam who are studying at Gifu University. They are: Ms. Nguyen Ngoc Thanh Tam (supervised by Professor Koji Tsuchida) and Mr. Nguyen Phu Khanh (supervised Associate Professor Takeo Onishi). The two students introduced their research activities to the delegates, and the delegates and the students engaged in some discussions about the students’ future careers after

obtaining degrees at Gifu University.



The delegates meeting with the President



Group photo

(from left: Dr. Suzuki, Mr. Trinh, Mr. Nguyen, President Moriwaki and Dr. Fukui)

Female Researcher Career Path Support Seminar, “Men Feeling Displaced, Women Pressed for Time: Challenges for Female Researchers Remain in the Workforce”

On October 4, 2016, Gifu University held a “Female Researcher Career Path Support Seminar” at the Gifu University Satellite Campus. This Seminar was held as part of “*Seiryu-no-kuni* (Pure Water Country) Gifu Women Support Project*” of an Initiative for the Implementation of the Diversity Research Environment (Collaboration Type), sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

As a guest speaker, Ms. Kiri Minashita, a sociologist and poet gave a keynote speech titled, “Men Feeling Displaced, Women Pressed for Time: Challenges for Female Researchers Remain in the Workforce.”

In her speech, she talked about problems that many women are facing, a declining birthrate and relationship between men and women from various viewpoints and based on a rich store of data. The participants have become more aware of women issues thanks to her easy-to-understand way of talking.

A total of 61 people joined the seminar including the teaching and administrative staff of Gifu University and its partner organizations, researchers and citizens.

The seminar offered a rare opportunity for people to recognize many challenges that are posed to working women today, and to contemplate future business operations and the image of society we could pursue.



Professor Masako Hayashi, Vice President for the Promotion of Gender Equality and Diversity making an opening speech



Ms. Minashita, a guest speaker

* *"Seiryu-no-kuni (Pure Water Country) Gifu Women Support Project"*

"Seiryu-no-kuni (Pure Water Country) Gifu Women Support Project" is part of the MEXT's "Initiative for Implementation of Diversity Research Environment (Collaboration Type)." The project aims to reinforce research activities of female researchers through unique partnership among Gifu University, Gifu Pharmaceutical University, Gifu Women's University and API CO., Ltd., and their joint research programs. It is also designed to revitalize local communities by enhancing mobility of female researchers within regions and securing workplaces for them. The project is expected to increase percentage of female researchers in workplace and their assignment for higher positions at universities (positions equal to or higher than lecturers or associate professors) by executing "positive actions" such as collaboration type joint research projects, open recruitment of female teaching staff and leadership education programs.

JSPS Screening Committee Prize 2016 is awarded

Professor Toru Iwama of the Graduate School of Medicine and Professor Masaharu Komiyama of the Faculty of Engineering were awarded a Screening Committee Prize 2016 of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS).

JSPS regularly examines research work reviewing results produced by the Screening Committee members, and reflects them properly on the members' selection for the following year. This practice aims to upgrade the level of members' screening skills for JSPS's Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research whose major objective is to facilitate academic and research activities.

From 2008, JSPS awards the Screening Committee members for their exemplary evaluation of individual research work based on robust verifications. In 2016, a total of 268 members were awarded the Screening Committee Prize out of about 5,700 members who demonstrated excellent evaluation skills in the first screening process for the Grants. Two professors of Gifu University were awarded this year after the prize went to the university professors in 2014.

On October 14, 2016, the commendation ceremony was held at the Office of President and President Hisataka Moriwaki handed the certificates to Professor Iwama and Professor Komiyama.

President Moriwaki congratulated them on their acceptance of the prize, and gave them the following word of encouragement, "Acceptance of JSPS's Screening Committee Prize is a real honor for all of us, and such a great achievement will certainly contribute in a profound way to accelerate the university's research activities. We are expecting you to lead and give advice to researchers by making the best use of your research evaluation capabilities.

After the ceremony, President Moriwaki and Dr. Hideto Fukushi, Executive Director for Academic Research and Information frankly discussed the Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research screening system and the methods with the two professors for some time at the Office of President.



Group photo

(from left: Dr. Fukushi, Professor Komiyama, Professor Iwama and President Moriwaki)



Meeting with the President

Cooperation Agreement between Gifu University and Yoro Town

On October 14, 2016, Gifu University and Yoro Town, Gifu Prefecture signed a Cooperation Agreement. It aims to form and grow a lively community and contribute to develop human resources by building a comprehensive and close partnership in multiple fields, and deepening the relationship sustainably and extensively.

By the latest signing between Gifu University and Yoro Town, Gifu University now has cooperation agreements with 19 municipal governments.

At the signing ceremony, Mr. Takashi Ohashi, Mayor of Yoro Town made this comment: “With a declining birth rate, aging of society and population outflow in mind, we expect Gifu University to play a major role in the fields of community-building, education, health and medicine. By strengthening ties with the university, we could go through days with significant change and dynamics.” In response, President Hisataka Moriwaki said, “Yoro Town has a long history and is blessed with rich tourism resources. I will encourage Gifu University students to make proposals for establishment of “Yoro Brand” and community-building.”

Gifu University and Yoro Town will continue to hold talks for a stronger partnership by carrying out all kinds of programs and projects. They include: providing unique childcare and development of education, establishment of “Yoro Brand” using regional resources, effective use of empty lands and empty houses, development of human resources for disaster prevention and community-building, and holding workshops for regional revitalization.



President Moriwaki (right) and Mr. Ohashi shaking hands after signing

The 2nd Gifu Nice Rice Project, “Rice Harvesting and Drying on a Rack”

On October 20, 2016, Gifu University held the 2nd Gifu Rice Project, “Rice Harvesting and Drying on a Rack” 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.

In this Gifu Nice Rice Project, Gifu University staff and FC Gifu members work together in rice production from planting through sale so that they become more aware of ideal environment for rice cultivation and conservation issues.

On October 20, Mr. Suzuki Castanheira Bruno Junichi (forward) and Mr. Tsubasa Aoki (midfielder) from FC Gifu were invited to this event, and 20 first-grade students of the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences, who are receiving practical training for field applied sciences, joined the two players.

They harvested rice called “*Hatsushimo*” which was planted by the elementary school children during the 1st Gifu Nice Rice Project, “Parent-Children Rice Planting and Soccer Game in Muddy Field” in May this year. “*Hatsuhimo*” is one of the famed rice varieties of Gifu Prefecture.

The participants harvested rice under the instruction of Gifu Field Science Center staff on a beautiful sunny day. Mr. Suzuki and Mr. Aoki both experienced operating a combine harvester. Later, the participants tied the harvested rice grain in bundle and put it on a rack to dry. They harvested rice in the area of about 530 m² of the Farm.

After harvesting and drying, an autograph-signing session was held for the students and in this session, all students had a chance to speak to the players. Everyone had a great smile on their face with the autographed papers in hand.

Mr. Suzuki said that it was the first rice-harvesting experience in his life, and Mr. Aoki commented that he has only a distant memory of harvesting when he was a child, but both expressed a great joy in joining the event together. At the end of the event, Mr. Suzuki and Mr. Aoki called on the students to come to the Gifu Nagara Stadium to cheer for FC Gifu in soccer matches.

The rice harvested is sold at a sales store at the Yanagido Farm from November and part of rice is going to be presented to the FC Gifu members.



Group photo

A Bus Departure Ceremony for “Business Training” of Industry, Academia, Banking Institution and Government Collaboration Region-Based Human Resource Development Project is held

On October 20, 2016, the Bus Departure Ceremony for “Business Training” of Industry, Academia, Banking Institution and Government Collaboration Region-Based Human Resource Development Project was held at the rotary in front of *Yanagido Kaikan* Hall, Gifu University. This ceremony was held prior to the opening of the 1st business training which forms part of “Mechanical Engineering and Manufacturing Course” of the Faculty of Engineering. This course is designed to assist students in undergoing practical training at actual production sites of companies.

The project is included in the Industry, Academia, Banking Institution and Government Collaboration Region-based Human Resource Development Project of Gifu Prefectural Government, and is now drawing a lot of attentions nationwide. This is because it aims to convey the real charms and attractions of Gifu businesses and industries to the students, and encourage them to land jobs within Gifu Prefecture. The target students of this project are the third grade students of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, the Faculty of Engineering, Gifu University.

At the ceremony, on behalf of the 13 companies within Gifu Prefecture, Mr. Tomohiko Okamoto, President of NABEYA, CO., LTD. gave the following words of encouragement to the students: “We all expect you to feel the dynamism of business management of mid-and-small size companies of Gifu Prefecture and to become responsible for managing and leading these companies in the near future.”

The training will last until the latter half of January 2017, and the report meeting by the participating students is scheduled to be held in February.



Professor Wang Zhigang, Vice President for Industry-Government-Academia Collaboration of Gifu University giving a speech



Mr. Okamoto giving words of encouragement to the students



A student expressing his expectations for the project

The 1st Cambodia-Japan Rectors' Conference

On October 20 and 21, 2016, the 1st Cambodia-Japan Rectors' Conference was held at the Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC), Royal University of Phnom Penh. From Gifu University, President Hisataka Moriwaki, Professor Akiyoshi Takagi of the Faculty of Engineering, Professor Ken Hiramatsu of the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences and Ms. Junko Sugaya, Director of the International Planning Division attended the conference.

The 1st Cambodia-Japan Rectors' Conference was jointly organized by Nagoya University and Royal University of Phnom Penh with an aim to further promote academic exchanges among universities between Japan and Cambodia.

Delegates from 12 Japanese universities including Gifu University, officials of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and officials of Bangkok Office of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) joined the conference, whereas representatives of 20 Cambodian universities attended the conference.

In the following three sessions, representatives of the participating universities discussed and exchanged opinions in accordance with the given themes.

Session 1: Educational and Research Exchange

Session 2: Improving the Quality of University Faculty

Session 3: Career Support for Students

President Moriwaki introduced Gifu University Rearing Program for Basin Water Environmental Leaders (BWEL) at Session 3. This program is designed to produce environmental leaders (both at home and abroad) who can properly assess and evaluate issues related to the water environment from multiple perspectives. Such environmental leaders are expected to address problems of water quality, water resource and irrigation management and protection of ecosystem that many developing countries are facing today. These leaders will plan and implement strategic solutions to the issues and prevent potential risks to the environment. Already 3 students from Cambodia completed the program, and are playing a crucial role in the government organizations such as the environment ministry in Cambodia through utilization of

their academic skills and achievements.

Mr. Va Vuthy and Ms. So Thavin who completed the program came to join the Cambodia-Japan International Student Alumni Association meeting which was also held in Cambodia during the conference. They were happily reunited with their former supervisors, Professor Takagi and Professor Hiramatsu. In the meeting, they discussed and shared opinions concerning the future academic exchanges.



Group photo



President Moriwaki making a presentation



Alumni Association meeting

(from left: Professor Hiramatsu, Ms. So Thavin, President Moriwaki, Mr. Va Vuthy and Professor Takagi)

Medical Education Development Center holds the 62nd Medical Education Seminar & Workshop

On October 22 and 23, 2016, the Medical Education Development Center (MEDC) of Gifu University held the “62nd Medical Education Seminar & Workshop in Hyogo College of Medicine” in cooperation with the Medical Education Center, Hyogo College of Medicine. This 62nd Seminar and Workshop was convened first in three years in the Kansai region (south-western half of Japan) at which as many as 196 people including lecturers attended. Together with publicly invited workshops, a total of 7 workshops, 2 panel discussions and seminars respectively were held during this two-day event.

During the workshops, active discussions continued at the study meeting among simulated patients, clinical training overseas, community-based rehabilitation (CBR) matrix, team-based learning (TBL), mental preparation for research work, creation of scenarios and helping students build their business careers.

In the seminar, Assistant Professor Takeshi Hida of Nagoya University made a presentation under the title, “Connection between Student Education and Patient Education by Interprofessional Education Device (iPED): Qualitative Analysis of Interviewees.” Mr. Hida is a developer of iPED and he spoke about the results of qualitative analysis on effectiveness of small-scale trials.

During the panel discussions, the participants talked and shared information about various challenges and problems with regard to institutional research (IR) in education and learning, and evaluation criteria of the Accreditation System in Medical Education. Lively opinions exchange and discussions continued for some time among many ardent participants.

The Medical Education Development Center holds a medical education seminar and workshop four times a year with a view to contributing to promotion, development and improvement of education for medical staff in Japan as a collaboration center for medical education.

The next 63rd Medical Education Seminar & Workshop will be held at Juroku Plaza in front of JR Gifu Station from January 27 through 29, 2017.



Workshop for “Study Meeting for Simulated Patients”

The Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences 2nd Open Seminar: “Science Experience Seminar for Junior High School Students” is held

On October 22, the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences 2nd Open Seminar, “Science Experience Seminar for Junior High School Students” was held at Gifu University to help junior high school students to increase their interest in science by offering them some experience programs in biology. This seminar started last year by the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences.

A total of 32 people joined the seminar including 25 students and 7 parents from junior high schools of three prefectures in the Tokai Region*. Three lectures were ready for the participants. They were: “Let’s look at the microscopic world” (offered by the Applied Life Science Course), “Microbe in the soil” (offered by the Agricultural and Environmental Science Course) and “Let’s take a look at the world of parasites” (offered by the Joint Department of Veterinary Medicine Course). The participants were invited to join the lectures of their choice, and under the instructions of teaching staff, they observed food cells and microbes in the soil by microscopes. In the lecture of parasites, students not only observed parasites by microscopes but also made parasite samples. The participating students put many questions to their instructors about quite unfamiliar phenomena unfolding in front of their eyes, and many other simple questions. They all had meaningful science experiences during the seminar.

After the seminar, Dr. Hirokazu Fukui, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences handed out certificates of completion to individual students. Some of the participants later joined the “University Cafeteria Tour” and enjoyed lunch at the dining hall of the university. They were given a rare chance to know part of the campus life first hand, and they all spent invaluable time at Gifu University.

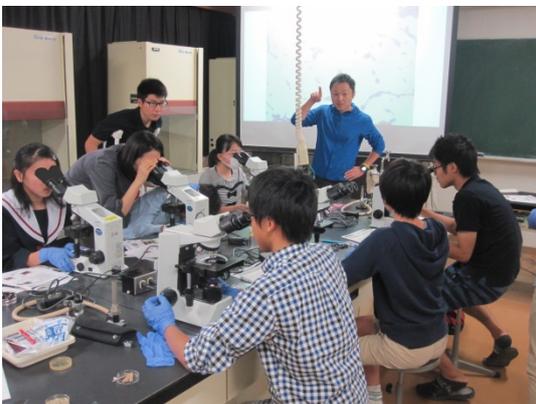
*Three prefectures of the Tokai Region: Aichi, Mie and Gifu Prefecture



Opening ceremony



Lecture: "Let's look at the microscopic world"



Lecture: "Microbe in the soil"



Lecture: "Let's take a look at the world of parasites"



Closing ceremony



Dr. Fukui handing out a certificate of completion to a student

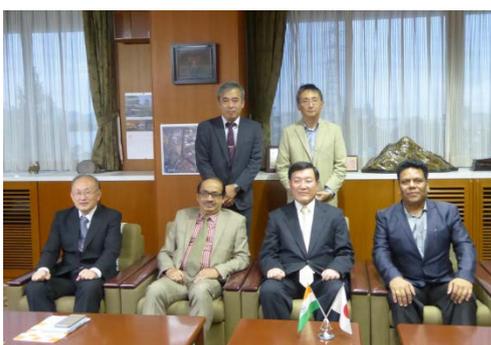
Vice Chancellor of Assam University pays a courtesy call on President Moriwaki

On October 25, 2016, Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath, Vice Chancellor and Professor Sanjib Kumar Panda of Assam University, India paid a courtesy call on President Hisataka Moriwaki. The meeting was joined by Dr. Fumiaki Suzuki, Executive Director for International Affairs and Public Relations, Dr. Masateru Senge, Dean of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science (UGSAS), Dr. Hiroyuki Koyama, Advisor to the President, Dr. Tohru Mitsunaga, Vice Dean of UGSAS.

The School of Life Science, Assam University and UGSAS concluded the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on July 19, 2012, and Assam University is currently a member of IC-GU 12*.

During the meeting with the President, they discussed how to promote mutual cooperation towards a signing of university-level agreement and university-wide educational collaboration in the new future.

The two delegates were later invited to the UGSAS building and they actively exchanged opinions with the teaching staff about a realization of double-degree program at doctoral program with a view to further facilitating exchanges of students at doctoral programs, researchers, teaching and administrative staff based on the current MOU between the School of Life Science and UGSAS.



At the Office of the President



At the Office of the Dean of UGSAS

*IC-GU12: "International Consortium of Universities in South and Southeast Asia for the Doctoral Education in Agricultural Science and Biotechnology" which was created under the initiative of Gifu University.

Gifu University Fair in Guangxi University, China

On October 26, 2016, “Gifu University Fair in Guangxi University” was held at Guangxi University (Nanning, China), one of Gifu University’s partner universities overseas.

The major purpose of this fair is to promote Gifu University and Gifu Prefecture at Gifu University’s partner university overseas and the first fair was held in China. As part of Gifu University Staff Development (SD) Program, two university staffers stayed at Guangxi University for about a month to make preparations and run the fair.

Throughout the day October 26, the poster session was held at a space ready for the fair at which Gifu University-produced plastic-bottled beverage, “*Nomiyasu*” Water and “*Yasa-cha*” Tea were on display. As many as 130 came to see the fair.

Professor Hirokazu Fukui, Dean of the Graduate School of Applied Biological Sciences, Gifu University, and the two university staffers made presentations about Gifu University as well as ongoing double-degree programs at the Graduate School of Applied Biological Sciences. Professor Fukui made the following comment to the audience: “Gifu University is well prepared for accepting students from Guangxi University. We sincerely hope for building a strong partnership between the two universities through active educational and research activities.” Besides their presentations, Associate Professor Ningjing Sun, and alumni of Guangxi University who studied at Gifu University, delivered addresses about Gifu University.

Prior to the opening of the fair, the Program Office (Gifu University’s Overseas Office at Guangxi University) has been significantly developed and become fully functional. We are convinced that development of Gifu University’s overseas offices will accelerate Gifu University’s efforts for globalization.

Gifu University Fair in Guangxi University became an invaluable opportunity to disseminate information about Gifu University to the world.



Professor Fukui making a presentation



Ms. Okumura, university staff, introducing bottled beverage



Mr. Nakanami, university staff, explain university faculties



Entrance of the Program Office

The 6th Press Conference by the President in 2016

On October 26, 2016, Gifu University held the 6th Press Conference by the President.

First, President Hisataka Moriwaki spoke about the newly-established "Center for Highly Advanced Integration of Nano and Life Science" in association with the Gifu University's "Future Vision for 2025."

Next, Professor Hideharu Ishida, Director of the Center, provided a briefing on the roles and missions of the Center.

Gifu University advocates to "become a core base for regional revitalization and to form a nationwide, international education base in fields with great strength and advantage" for achieving Gifu University's Period III of the Mid-term Objectives and Plan. Towards this goal, "Center for Highly Advanced Integration of Nano and Life Science" was established in October, 2016 as a next-generation life science research base. It is expected that the Center will play a crucial role in centralizing the university's teaching bodies and assembling superb researchers into one research base with great strength in specific fields under the governance of President.



President Moriwaki making a speech



Professor Ishida explaining about the Center

The 68th Gifu University Festival

The Gifu University Festival is organized independently by the University students as a festival of their studies, research work, and cultural and sports club activities. The festival is held annually to publicize their achievements for the year to people from inside and outside of the University. It aims to create opportunities for the students to review their studies and activities together with the community and push them forward for the future.

The 68th Gifu University Festival “*Wa*, Harmony”

From October 27 through 30, 2016, the 68th Gifu University Festival was held. The theme of this year’s festival was “*Wa*, Harmony” in hopes of active exchanges between the university students and the local residents, and building up extensive human and community networks.

It sometimes rained during the four days, but many people came to enjoy various events and activities which were mostly organized and run by the university students. Such events and activities include: events on stage, live performances by comedians, sports competitions, indoor exhibitions and flea markets, etc.

Thank you very much for your coming to the 68th Gifu University Festival.





Children at Day-care Center visit the Office of the President in Halloween costume

On October 31, 2016, as part of Halloween events, twenty-nine children at “*Hohoemi*” Day-care Center of Gifu University visited the Office of the President.

When the children entered the Office calling out, “Trick or treat?” they were warmly welcomed by President Hisataka Moriwaki and Ms. Miki Tsukiyama, Secretary to the President, and they were given a boxful of sweets and snacks.

Later, they visited the Human Resources Development Department and were given another boxful of sweets and snacks from a senior manager and the administrative staff there. The Department is responsible for operation and management of the day-care center.

Their visit to the Office of the President and the Department has become one of the unforgettable moments in autumn filled with children’s big smiles.



Group photo at the Office of the President



President Moriwaki handing out sweets and snacks to the children



At the Human Resources Development Department

Degree Awarding

Diploma Number	Degree	Name	Date of Degree Awarding	Dissertation Title
Otsu [*] -No.1488	Ph.D. in Medical Sciences	Jun Saito	October 19,2016	Increased plasma serotonin metabolite 5-hydroxyindole acetic acid concentrations are associated with impaired systolic and late diastolic forward flows during cardiac cycle and elevated resistive index at popliteal artery and renal insufficiency in type 2 diabetic patients with microalbuminuria

* Completed by dissertation only

Foreign Researchers Accepted by Gifu University in October

Faculty	Name (Country)	Title, University	Period	Research Title
River Basin Research Center	Reni Desmiarti (Indonesia)	Senior Lecturer, Head of Chemical Engineering Department, Bung Hatta University	2016/10/3~ 2016/12/31	Enhanced Disinfection for Ensuring Drinking Water Safety Relating to Enteric Virus by Combined Application of Plasma Oxidation
Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences	Doaa Hosny Abdelhady (Egypt)	Lecturer, Department of Clinical Pathology, Faculty of Vet. Medicine, Kafrelsheikh University	2016/10/17~ 2017/4/17	Effects of anti-inflammatory drug on inflammation of the gut