

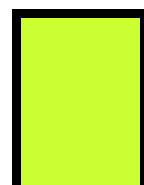
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Gifu University Library wins the Grand Prix at the 2016 Education and Study Support Skill Competition for Librarians

Gifu University Library won the Grand Prix at the 2016 Education and Study Support Skill Competition for Librarians organized by the Tokai-Hokuriku Region National University Library Association.

In this competition, university libraries are honored for their excellent work in their education and study support activities. The major purposes of this competition are to enhance skills of library staff in their study support activities for university students, to encourage students to use the library more often, and to upgrade the levels of students' information literacy. Applicants to the competition are the member libraries of the Tokai-Hokuriku Region National University Library Association.

There were five applications this year to the competition. Among them, the "Library Tour (Book Borrowing Game by Group*)" organized by Gifu University Library was presented with the Grand Prix at the 2016 Education and Study Support Skill Competition for Librarians.

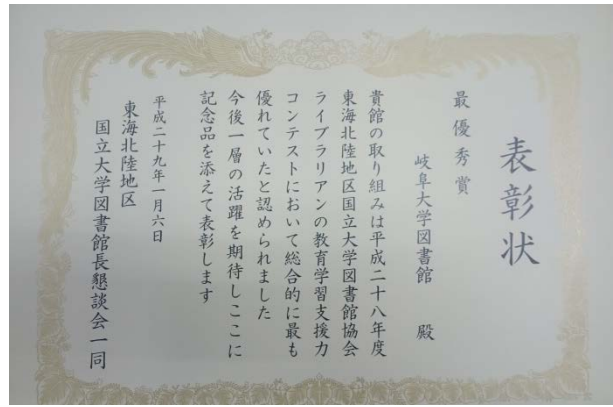
On January 6, 2017, the awarding ceremony was held. Gifu University was highly praised for its ingenuity in the Library Tour game. One of the judges in the competition made the following comment: "Gifu University Library's innovative idea of urging newly-enrolled students to use the library through the Library Tour game, which is an unprecedented, pioneering method to help students to come to know more about the library."

With the wining of the Grand Prix at the 2016 Education and Study Support Skill Competition for Librarians as a great momentum, Gifu University Library will continue to do its utmost to make the facility more accessible and open to all visitors.

*Library Tour: participants are divided into multiple groups and compete in the number of correct books they borrow by checking the list of books they are given



Scene of the awarding ceremony



Certificate of Grand Prix

Members of “Raise Election Awareness among Gifu Youths” carry out an election promotion campaign at Gifu University

On January 12, 2017, members of “Raise Election Awareness among Gifu Youths” (a volunteer group of Gifu University students) carried out a promotion campaign for the gubernatorial election of Gifu Prefecture to be held on January 29, 2017. At the request of the Gifu City Secretariat of the Board of Election, the members assembled together in front of the University Hall, and urged the students to cast their votes for the election.

During a lunch break, the members handed out flyers about the gubernatorial election to the students heading to the dining hall or the stores by saying, “Please go to the polls on January 29. Gifu University also sets up an Early Voting Station on campus.”

The followings are the details of the Early Voting Station at Gifu University. We hope that the university students become more interested in the politics and elections, and are actively engaged in various events to stay well-informed on the world of politics.

Gubernatorial Election of Gifu Prefecture – Early Voting Station within Gifu University

Opening Time & Date: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2017

Place: No. 6 Meeting Room, 2F University Hall, Gifu University



Happi coat-clad members of the “Raise Election Awareness among Gifu Youths” calling on the students to vote



Members distributed flyers to each passing student

The Faculty of Education holds a Special Seminar titled, “Future Direction for Faculty of Teachers Training and Graduate School of National University”

On January 18, 2017, the Faculty of Education held a special seminar titled, “Future Direction for Faculty of Teachers Training and Graduate School of National University” by inviting Mr. Koji Yanagisawa with the University Promotion Division, the Higher Education Bureau of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) as a guest speaker. The target audience were the staff of the faculty of education, graduate school of education, vice principals of education faculty-affiliated schools. About 100 people including teaching and administrative staff joined the seminar.

During his speech, Mr. Yanagisawa said, “We now live in an era of rapid change. Schools and students’ ways of studying are constantly changing. University teachers who are at the very source of such changes, are expected to become fully aware how best they can stay connected to society and keep on transforming themselves to adapt dynamic societal changes and meet the needs of local residents.”

People in attendance were given a chance to contemplate the future direction for universities and graduate schools to live up to the expectations of the public for more accessible universities which can provide both subject study and interdisciplinary study opportunities to students.



Mr. Yanagisawa giving a speech



People intently listening to Mr. Yanagisawa's speech

The 9th Press Conference by the President is held

On January 18, 2017, Gifu University held the 9th Press Conference by the President.

First, President Hisataka Moriwaki gave a summary of “Strengthen functions of Training Course for School Teachers” of “Gifu University Future Vision Toward 2025.”

Next, Professor Naotake Iketani, Dean of the Faculty of Education explained the details of the training course for school teachers of the Faculty of Education. After his explanation, Professor Eiji Kasai and his two students of the Faculty of Education introduced “The 65th Graduation and Completion Work Exhibition of Art Education Course of Faculty of Education / The 10th Student Work Exhibition / Gifu University Art Festival.” This event offers the Faculty students an opportunity to make presentations about their study and research achievements at the university.

With regard to the this event, Professor Kasai said, “The Graduation and Completion Work Exhibition continues to be held since the establishment of the Faculty of Education with a view to publicizing the results of our educational research activities in the Art Education Course. We will mark the 65th anniversary of the event this time. To fulfill our social responsibilities, the teaching staff and the students join hands in creating many more fine art works.” Ms. Yuki Yoshimoto, a 4th year student of the Faculty of Education (major: Art Education Course) followed him and said, “I portrayed an image of my classmate who inspired me a lot to become a teacher together. I try not to forget the enthusiasm I had in mind while drawing this painting, and now I am ready to get into the real world.” She said this while standing in front of her oil painting. Lastly, Ms. Maya Noritake, a 2nd year student of Master’s Program of the Graduate School of Education (major: Art) made the following comment with holding her works in her hand: “I made all these works through many talks with the students at the Music Education Course, and it was a great experience for me. I would like to continue to produce a lot more works even after starting to work as a teacher.

In “The 65th Graduation and Completion Work Exhibition of Art Education Course of Faculty of Education / The 10th Student Work Exhibition / Gifu University Art Festival,” in addition of the work exhibition, the Music Education Course students will hold a graduation music concert. We sincerely hope that many people come to see their art works and listen to their music performances, the fruit of the students’ endeavors for improvements.



President Moriwaki giving a speech



Professor Iketani giving a speech



Professor Kasai making a presentation



Ms. Yoshimoto speaking about her work



Ms. Noritake explaining about her works



Campus tour for other art works after the press conference

An Early Voting Station is set up at Gifu University for the 19th Gubernatorial Election of Gifu Prefecture

On January 20, 2017, an Early Voting Station for the 19th Gubernatorial Election of Gifu Prefecture was set up at No.6 Meeting Room on the second floor of the University Hall. The first Early Voting Station was set up within the university for the Upper House election held last summer. Just like this Upper House election, the Early Voting Station for the 19th Gubernatorial Election of Gifu Prefecture was set up at the request of the Gifu City Secretariat of the Board of Election with a view to offering the university students, the teaching and administrative staff an opportunity to be actively engaged in various election events, and to stay well-informed on the world of politics. Gifu University students served as election observers and voting administrators.

On January 20, a total of 117 people cast their ballots at the Early Voting Station. The 19th Gubernatorial Election of Gifu Prefecture is held on January 29, 2017 and we hope that the day will give a strong momentum for the university students to think proactively about nation's politics and voting.



President Hisataka Moriwaki casting his ballot at the Early Voting Station
Gifu University students serving as election observers and voting administrators

Gifu University Delivery Lecture (at Gifu University Hayano Residence Seminar House) continues in 2017

On January 21, 2017, the 5th (final) Gifu University Delivery Lecture for 2016 was held at Gifu University Hayano Residence Seminar House whose titled was “Landscape and Town” and lectured by Associate Professor Yoshifumi Demura of the Faculty of Engineering. Gifu University Delivery Lecture started in 2016 at the House to publicize the results of the university’s educational research activities and to provide a place to learn to local residents.

All the planned five lectures were over on January 21, and twelve people who attended every lecture were given small commemorative gifts (Gifu University original goods) to honor their full attendance. A total of 173 people joined the lectures and many positive messages were found in the survey at every lecture. They read, “Lectures were easy to understand,” “I am pleased that the lecture themes were quite inspiring and instructive to me.”

Gifu University plans to hold eight delivery lectures in 2017 in response to growing demands from local residents.

Please see the lecture contents and the schedule at Gifu University website to be posted around mid-March 2017.

Gifu University would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation to everyone who came to Gifu University Hayano Residence Seminar House for the delivery lectures in 2016. We look forward to your continued attendance in 2017.



The 5th lecture in session



We welcome your visit to Hayano Residence Seminar House in 2017.

Cooperation Agreement between the Center for Collaborative Study with Community, Gifu University and the Juroku Bank is signed

On January 25, 2017, the Center for Collaborative Study with Community of Gifu University and the Juroku Bank concluded a “Cooperation Agreement between the Center for Collaborative Study with Community, Gifu University and the Juroku Bank toward Creation of Society Friendly to Lifetime Players and Open to Everyone” The major objective of this agreement is to expedite forming of society where everyone can be an active player for life under the strong partnership between the Center for Collaborative Study with Community and the Juroku Bank.

In the signing ceremony, Mr. Mizutani, Director of the Customer Service Section of the Juroku Bank gave a speech and said, “The Juroku Bank has been actively motivating senior citizens to participate in various social activities by providing venues for lifelong learning to them. We also hold “*Kururu Seminar**1” on a regular basis with a view to revitalizing local communities. Such activities include support for various volunteer activities and creation of clubs and circles. With the conclusion of the cooperation agreement, we would like to build a strong tie with Gifu University, and make greater contributions to local communities.” In response, Professor Koichi Masukawa, Director of the Center said, “Gifu University is promoting COC*2 and COC+*3 projects for regional revitalization and the Center for Collaborative Study with Community has been a major driving force for executing these two projects. To make a substantial progress, the Center will keep on working hard to build society friendly to lifetime players and open to everyone. To this end, the two institutions will jointly address the issues related to super-aging society, and greater utilization of senior citizen powers for sound growth of children and youngsters in addition to “*Kururu Seminar*.”

The Center for Collaborative Study with Community and the Juroku Bank will pursue creating of society friendly to lifetime players and open to everyone by holding more productive “*Kururu Seminar*” and tackle problems that our aging society faces today.

*1 *Kururu Seminar*: started in October 2001 for senior citizens doing more listening, looking and doing

*2 COC (Center of Community) projects:

projects of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). Their objectives include reinforcing university functions to be a core of local communities where people,

information and technology are brought together for problem-solving. To achieve these objectives, universities are expected to promote regional-based education, research and social contribution.

*3 COC+ (Center of Community Program for Local Revitalization) projects:

projects of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). Their objectives include assembling people together to regions for revitalization by:

- offering attractive job opportunities to students in collaboration with universities, local governments and businesses and,
- supporting university's curriculum reform efforts necessary to cultivate personnel sought by

regions.



Professor Masukawa (right) shaking hands with Mr. Mizutani after signing

The 3rd Medicine-Pharmacy-Veterinary Partnership Meeting is held (sponsored by Gifu Foundation for Research Promotion of Healthy Aging and Drug Discovery)

On January 27, 2017, the 3rd Medicine-Pharmacy-Veterinary Partnership Meeting was held at Gifu Pharmaceutical University.

This meeting was held as part of projects of the Gifu Foundation for Research Promotion of Healthy Aging and Drug Discovery. The Gifu Foundation for Research Promotion of Healthy Aging and Drug Discovery was jointly created by Gifu University and Gifu Pharmaceutical University in March 2006 in an effort to sophisticate and differentiate research work through active exchanges and strong partnership among researchers of the two universities. The 3rd Medicine-Pharmacy-Veterinary Partnership Meeting was convened to celebrate the opening of the Center for Highly Advanced Integration of Nano and Life Sciences (G-CHAIN) at Gifu University on October 1, 2016 as well. The center is the body that enables researchers and scholars in medicine, pharmacy, veterinary and biotechnology to join various research collaborations.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Hideto Fukushi, Executive Director for Academic Research and Information, Vice President of Gifu University gave an opening speech. Then, Professor Hideharu Ishida of the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences and Director of the Center made his presentation about the advantage and the features of G-CHAIN under the title, “Overview of the Center for Highly Advanced Integration of Nano and Life Sciences (G-CHAIN).”

Next, the two professors spoke about their research activities on sugar chain, one of the main study themes of G-CHAIN. First, Associate Professor Hiromune Ando gave a speech titled, “Challenge for sugar chain function analysis centering around creation of refined molecules.” Associate Professor Kenichi Suzuki of the Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Science, Kyoto University (iCeMS) followed, and spoke under the title, “Cell membrane and signaling mechanism unveiled through highly-accurate molecule observation.”

Associate Professor Hiroaki Kamishina of the Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences also made his presentation titled, “Sharing medicine through alliance among medicine, pharmacy and veterinary” and talked about the merits of in-campus collaboration.

Lastly, Professor Hidefumi Fukumitsu of Gifu Pharmaceutical University closed the meeting by his speech. He said, “Gifu University and Gifu Pharmaceutical University share the same campus site and the two institutions will continue to work together by taking advantage of this ideal location.” Many questions were raised from the audience and the 3rd Medicine-Pharmacy-Veterinary Partnership Meeting offered people a great opportunity to further promote research collaboration of the two universities in the years to come.



Dr. Fukushi giving an opening speech



Professor Ishida making a presentation



Associate Professor Ando making a presentation



Associate Professor Suzuki making a presentation



Associate Professor Kamishina taking questions



Many students from both universities attending the meeting

Degree Awarding

Degree	Diploma Number	Name	Date of Degree Awarding	Dissertation Title
Ph.D. in Medical Sciences	Otsu*-No.1489	Kensaku Seike	January 18,2017	Novel penA mutations identified in Neisseria gonorrhoeae with decreased susceptibility to ceftriaxone isolated between 2000 and 2014 in Japan

* Completed by dissertation only

Foreign Researchers Accepted by Gifu University in January

Faculty	Name (Country)	Title,University	Period	Research Title
Faculty of Engineering	Aji Syailendra Ubaidillah (Indonesia)	Lecturer, University of Muhammadiyah Mataram	2017/1/11~ 2017/4/10	Genetic model within the porphyry copper-gold deposit in South West Lombok, Indonesia
Faculty of Engineering	Celestino Correia (East Timor)	Lecturer, National University of East Timor	2017/1/13~ 2017/2/9	Study on low power integrated circuit design
Faculty of Engineering	Carlito Pinto (East Timor)	Lecturer, National University of East Timor	2017/1/13~ 2017/6/29	Development of automatic coffee beans discriminating system using deep neural network model
Faculty of Engineering	Borja L.C.P Antonino (East Timor)	Lecturer, National University of East Timor	2017/1/13~ 2017/6/29	Collection of speech corpora in Timor Leste and its application
Faculty of Engineering	Jaime Dodinho Soares (East Timor)	Lecturer, National University of East Timor	2017/1/13~ 2017/2/9	Study on new fabrication method suggestion of the motor core
Faculty of Engineering	Joni Aldilla Fajri (Indonesia)	Lecturer, Faculty of Civil Engineering and Planning, Islamic University of Indoneasia	2017/1/23~ 2017/2/21	Survival of fecal indicator bacteria in a local water environment