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## **Gifu University signs a partnership agreement with Toki City**

On August 2, 2016, Gifu University and Toki City, Gifu Prefecture concluded a partnership agreement.

The major objectives of the agreement include:

- Creation and growth of regional society full of vitality
- Human resource development for the future, and
- Contribution to the promotion of educational and cultural activities of citizens

To meet these objectives, both Gifu University and Toki City agreed to strive for building a comprehensive and close partnership in multiple fields and keep on promoting bilateral cooperation in a sustainable and expansive fashion. Toki City is the 18<sup>th</sup> local municipality that Gifu University has signed a partnership agreement with to date.

In a signing ceremony, Mr. Yasunari Kato, Mayor of Toki City made the following statement: “We need more know-how than ever before in a number of fields in the days of decentralization. In this respect, Toki City is very looking forward to having cooperation in the fields of medicine, education and many other crucial fields of study and research from Gifu University, one of the excellent comprehensive national universities. In response, President Hisataka Moriwaki said, “Toki City has thriving agriculture and productive local businesses for years. With education, academic-industrial collaboration and internationalization as keywords, Gifu University wishes to further advance collaboration with Toki City. Among others, under the new partnership, we would like to provide our students with more opportunities to study in local communities.”

Gifu University and Toki City are planning to hold talks and discussions to implement measures for natural disaster prevention and reduction, opening life-long learning classes for citizens, and workshops for teachers of elementary and junior high schools within Toki City. They also work together to expand opportunities for the university students to be sent to regions for their practice of teaching.



President Moriwaki (right) and Mr. Kato shaking hands after the signing ceremony

## **“Gifu Prefecture and National University Corporation Gifu University Partnership Promotion Meeting” in 2016 is held**

On August 5, 2016, the “Gifu Prefecture and National University Corporation Gifu University Partnership Promotion Meeting” in 2016 was held at Gifu University.

The meeting was set up based on the “Partnership Agreement between Gifu Prefecture and National University Corporation Gifu University” concluded on March 28, 2008 as a venue to discuss issues among the Governor of Gifu Prefecture and the President of Gifu University and other officials from cross-sectional and comprehensive points of view. Since the conclusion of this agreement in 2008, discussions have been made among the members every year.

On August 5, in the presence of Governor Hajime Furuta of Gifu Prefecture and President Histakata Moriwaki of Gifu University, the participants discussed how to reinforce regional disaster mitigation measures and promotion of international exchange in Gifu Prefecture and Gifu University. With regard to disaster prevention, they confirmed the importance of further development of human resources who will be responsible for regional disaster mitigation, and they also agreed that the Gifu Disaster Mitigation Center, which was jointly established between Gifu Prefecture and Gifu University in 2015, would play a crucial role in preventing natural disasters in the future.

Gifu University continues to address issues related to local communities by strengthening ties with municipalities including Gifu Prefecture.



President Moriwaki giving a speech



Governor Furuta giving a speech

## **The Center for Collaborative Study with Community signs a tourism partnership with ORGAN**

On August 5, 2016, the Center for Collaborative Study with Community of Gifu University signed a tourism partnership with ORGAN, an incorporated non-profit organization in Gifu Prefecture. ORGAN has been working for the promotion of tourism around the Nagara River areas by carrying out various events and activities such as “Nagaragawa Onpaku”, experience-oriented programs for visitors supported by the local professionals. Mr. Yusuke Kaba, President of ORGAN is currently serving as a lecturer at Gifu University and local coordinator for the Center for Collaborative Study with Community.

This new tourism agreement between the two institutions aims to contribute to human resource development and regional revitalization by addressing a wide range of issues about promotion of tourism around the Nagara River areas. To this end, the two endeavor to share human resources and form a mutual, extensive partnership. ORGAN is the first organization that the Center for Collaborative Study with Community signed such a comprehensive partnership with.

In the signing ceremony, Mr. Kaba said, “Gifu University, a base for wisdom will have a greater impact on tourism promotion across Gifu Prefecture. In this regard, I hope that Gifu University and ORGAN can build a truly diverse cooperative relationship.” In reply, Mr. Koichi Masukawa, Director of the Center for Collaborative Study with Community said, “The Center so far has barely involved in tourism business in regions. Active participation by the students and the teaching staff of Gifu University in tourism industry could produce region-oriented personnel, and by encouraging their participation, the university can give benefits of wisdom back to local communities.”

Next, Mr. Tomotaka Hori, Director of Tourism and International Affairs Bureau, Department of Commerce, Labor and Industry of Gifu Prefecture, who served as a coordinator of this partnership commented, “Gifu Prefecture is seeking to create a base for tourism promotion, and we all look forward to this new partnership which will be truly beneficial to everyone concerned.”

The members of the Center for Collaborative Study with Community and ORGAN will continue to hold talks to discuss how to conduct survey and research for student

internship, marketing and drafting strategy plans, as well as how to address various regional issues in partnership with local residents and organizations.



Mr. Masukawa (right) and Mr. Kaba shaking hands after signing

## Open Campus 2016

From August 8 through 10, 2016, Gifu University held the Open Campus 2016. A total of 6,032 people visited the university for three days, and the event was a huge success full of excitements.

Each faculty staff introduced courses, helped visitors to have lecture and practical training experiences, offered them facility tours and explained about entrance examinations. In addition, the university students volunteered to guide people around the campus, opened a talk session between the university students and visitors. They also distributed the Gifu University-produced beverage called, “*Yasa-cha*” Tea to visitors for tasting. A variety of events and activities of the Open Campus 2016 highlighted the university’s unique characterization, features and attractions, which drew a large crowd during the three days.







## The 8<sup>th</sup> PUSH Project in 2016

### ~Push Hard (Chest Compressions) Push The AED Button Campaign~

“The PUSH Project” is a promotional campaign of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). CPR practice sessions open to public at 44 venues across Japan on August 10 every year. August 10 is called a “healthy heart day” in Japan because a combination of the number of 8 and 10 can be pronounced “ha-to (heart)” in Japanese.

Participants of these sessions undergo a brief yet intensive CPR “PUSH Course.”

In Gifu, the “PUSH Course” opened at the Event Corner on the First Floor of the Gifu University Hospital on August 8, 2016. About 50 people including many elementary school students learned how to press the breast bone and use automatic external defibrillator (AED) by using a lifesaving drill kit called “Schooman.”

Anyone may suffer from sudden cardiac arrest anywhere anytime. Gifu University Hospital will continue to hold the similar CPR practice sessions at schools, cities and towns and we expect more people to join these sessions in the future.



Participants practicing CPR

## **Medical Education Development Center (MEDC) holds The 61<sup>st</sup> Medical Education Seminar & Workshop**

The Medical Education Development Center (MEDC) of Gifu University held “The 61<sup>st</sup> Medical Education Seminar & Workshop” at Gifu University for three days from August 19 to 21, 2016. A total of 118 people attended from across the country. This event is one of the core activities of MEDC and is held four times a year to develop new medical education and its promotion as well as to improve education for medical staff by discussing a wide range of topics.

In the 61<sup>st</sup> Medical Education Seminar & Workshop, active discussions unfolded among the participants. They exchanged opinions about the given topics such as new specialist physician system, class teaching, student assessment, identity building of medical staff, active learning, cultivation of simulated patients, and Rubrics evaluative criteria.

On the first day of the seminar, Professor Tetsuhiro Maeno, Faculty of Medicine, University of Tsukuba, and Professor Tsuyoshi Tada, School of Medicine Center for Medical Education and Clinical Training, Shinshu University, spoke about a participatory medical examination training program introduced at their respective universities. On the second day, Dr. Hiroshi Yoshimura, Okinawa Prefectural Nanbu Medical Center & Children’s Medical Center, made a presentation entitled, “Multiple, miniature interviewing method to screen medical students before and after graduation.”

During the session, the 2<sup>nd</sup> “MEDC Fellow & Associate” Certificate Award Ceremony was held. This is a new program launched by MEDC to promote its core functions as a collaboration center for medical education in Japan.

All the participants coming from around the country, were given a rare opportunity to extensively discuss the given topics and to form a friendship with one another.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Medical Education Seminar & Workshop will be held at Hyogo College of Medicine from October 22 to 23, 2016.



Seminar in session

## Summer School opens to assist the work of teaching and administrative staff

From August 22 through 24, 2016, Gifu University held the Summer School to assist the work of the teaching and administrative staff and help children to learn about their parents' work at the university during their summer vacation.

On August 22 and 23, "Kids Summer School" was held at the Gifu University Hospital and about 50 children whose parents are working for the School of Medicine or the Hospital attended. In two days, children experienced pathology assessment, observed x-ray apparatus and learned how to use medical equipment under the instructions of doctors and student volunteers.

On August 23 and 24, "Chamomile Children's University Program" was held at Gifu University and Gifu Women's University. A total of 25 children of the staff of the two universities attended. They joined crop harvesting at a farm field and enjoyed making pizzas and mayonnaise in each university.

On the final day of the school, all children were given a certificate of completion and the three-day-long Summer School programs which were filled with cheers and joy of children came to an end.



Children are taught how to operate endoscope by a doctor



Children making mayonnaise

## **“Open Lecture 2016: the Forefront of Cancer Medication” is held under Tokai Training Program of Oncology Specialist**

On August 27, 2016, an “Open Lecture 2016: the Forefront of Cancer Medication” was held under Tokai Training Program of Oncology Specialist\*.

The lecture opened at Gifu University Satellite Campus, and around 90 people attended to listen to the latest medical therapies for colon and rectum cancer, multiple myeloma, breast cancer and lung cancer.

After the lecture, many participants said, “It was a great opportunity for me to listen to the forefront of cancer medication from the experts firsthand.”

### **\*Training Program of Oncology Specialist**

Gifu University has been a member of Training Program of Oncology Specialist of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) since 2008. The program aims to cultivate medical staff with professional expertise in cancer treatment including surgeries, radiation treatment and chemotherapy.



Satellite Campus is full of people attending the lecture

## **The 5<sup>th</sup> UGSAS-GU Roundtable & Symposium 2016 is held**

On August 29, 2016, the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science (doctoral course) held The 5<sup>th</sup> UGSAS-GU Roundtable & Symposium 2016 at Juroku Plaza in front of JR Gifu Station. The participants included delegation from member universities of International Consortium of Universities in South and Southeast Asia for the Doctoral Education in Agricultural Science and Biotechnology (IC-GU12, 17 universities from 7 countries in South Asia), members of Indonesian Directorate General of Higher Education (DIKTI) and delegates of one observing university.

The 5<sup>th</sup> UGSAS-GU Roundtable & Symposium started with a welcome speech by President Hisataka Moriwaki. A total of 91 participants including vice-president / chancellor of member universities, young researchers (mainly those who have completed courses of Gifu University graduate schools) discussed Dual / Double Degree Programs at doctoral course, and Sandwich Program as part of “International Partnership Activity aiming for Guaranteeing Quality of Doctoral Education in Agricultural Science and Biotechnology and Increased Social Contribution.” The delegates of four universities which have established joint laboratories with Gifu University reported ongoing programs and projects carried out at these laboratories.

Later, the signing ceremony was held for National University of Laos for its official membership of IC-GU12 after all participating member universities and organizations agreed with the university’s full participation in IC-GU12.

On August 30 at Gifu University, The 5<sup>th</sup> UGSAS-GU BWEL Joint International Symposium 2016 was held at which Gifu University alumni who have completed master’s course served as lecturers. All of them have already distinguished themselves as renowned scholars in overseas academia.

On August 31, the participants were invited to join an Expedition Tour, and inspected an irrigation and drainage plant at Inuyama Wier for Irrigation in Aichi Prefecture, visited Inuyama Castle and enjoyed walking around the ancient castle town. They later observed a manufacturing process of medicines at Naito Museum of Pharmaceutical Science and Industry at Kakamigahara City, Gifu Prefecture.

Every participant actively made proposals and exchanged opinions concerning the

future of IC-GU12 during the sessions of this three-day 5<sup>th</sup> UGSAS-GU Roundtable & Symposium 2016, and this international meeting became an invaluable opportunity for everyone to step up mutual collaborations in the years to come.



Group photo



President Moriwaki making an opening speech



Bogor Agricultural University giving a speech



Scene at a Roundtable & Symposium

## **Meeting with the members of Indonesian Directorate General of Higher Education (DIKTI)**

On August 29, 2016, the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science held a meeting with the members of Indonesian Directorate General of Higher Education (DIKTI) at Juroku Plaza in front of JR Gifu Station.

From DIKTI, Dr. Purwanto Subroto and Mr. Adhrial Refaddin joined the meeting. From Gifu University, President Hisataka Moriwaki and Dr. Fumiaki Suzuki, Executive Director for International Affairs and Public Relations attended. In addition, from the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Dr. Masateru Senge, Dean, Dr. Tohru Mitsunaga, Vice Dean, and Professor Kohei Nakano were in attendance.

In the meeting, the participants discussed how to create a double-degree program at a doctoral course in a collaborative education framework between Gifu University and Indonesian universities. Later, two Indonesian government-funded students who are studying at Gifu University made their research presentations and spoke about their life in Japan.

On August 30, the members of DIKTI and 9 Indonesian students studying at Gifu University were invited to the Office of Dean at the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science and exchanged opinions with one another.

The participants of these two meetings extensively talked about a wide range of topics, and the meetings gave a great momentum for everyone concerned to make a big step forward to facilitation of future collaborative education schemes between Gifu University and Indonesian universities.



President Moriwaki (center) and Dr. Purwanto Subroto (right)



Participants exchanging opinions





An Indonesian student making her presentation



Members of DIKTI meeting Indonesian students at the Office of Dean



Group Photo in front of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science building

**Foreign Researchers Accepted by Gifu University in August**

Faculty	Name (Country)	Title, University	Period	Research Title
Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences	Abdel-Rahman Abdelsatar Elsayed Abou-Rawash (Egypt)	Professor, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Damanhour University	2016/8/1~ 2016/10/31	Pathological study on Marek's disease
Faculty of Engineering	Ariadi Hazmi (Indonesia)	Associate Professor, Andalas Univeristy	2016/8/17~ 2016/8/31	Characteristics of -CG preceded by IC-CG (Hybrid IC-CG lightning)