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## Preface

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As has been noted before in Shimane University's Charter, we continued to implement the diversity of academic exchanges with our 39 partner universities of many countries, especially Asian countries, for the purpose of fostering the brilliant students and making the research network of world class.

We have been supporting to build the alumni association of returned international students from Shimane University in each their country cooperating with willing volunteers since 2007. In fact, Indonesian returned International students had set their alumni association at Andalas University in 2008, and Nepalese returned international students also established their one at Tribhuvan University in 2011. At the present time, Korean, Chinese and Sri Lanka's alumni association are preparing to set up in cooperation with concerned people.

Aiming at promotion of Information Exchange with the returned international students from Shimane University and interested persons, we would like to send the Second Quarterly News of Shimane University's International Exchanges to people concerned. The contents are related to the efforts for enhancement of Academic International Exchanges with partner universities of Shimane University, the information capable of getting external funds and so on.

We are certainly welcome the frank exchange of views on the contents of this Quarterly News from relevant people. It is our great pleasure that this Quarterly News would contribute to further deepening the cooperation of research, student exchanges and creation of new projects than before.

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## 1: Shimane University International Exchange Topics

Shimane University's recent international events are as follows.

### ◆ New Returned International Student Alumni Association

Since 2007, we have been supporting to build the alumni association of returned international students from Shimane University in each their country cooperating with willing volunteers. As the result, we are pleased to tell you the establishment of Indonesian returned International student alumni association in 2008 and Nepalese returned international students alumni in 2011. At the present time, Korean, Chinese and Sri Lanka's alumni association are preparing through the great efforts of concerned parties and people. We are looking forward to your continued support.

### ◆ Signing Ceremony Held for Agreement of Cooperation between Semey State Medical University and Shimane University (2013.1.28)



On January 28th, 2013, Shimane University welcomed Rector Tolebay Rakhypbekov of Semey State Medical University, and held the signing ceremony for Agreement of Cooperation between Semey State Medical University and Shimane University at Matsue Campus, Matsue city in Japan. During the ceremony, President Shotai Kobayashi, Shimane University and Rector Rakhypbekov exchanged their views and recognized the benefit of our relationship.

### ◆ Shimadai International Party for Foreign and Japanese students 2012 was held (2012.12.15)

December 15, 2012, Shimane University had organized the Fifth International Party for the purpose of enhancing mutual understanding and International Exchanges among international students, Japanese students and concerned people. With the support of more than 150 participants, the party was successfully held.



### ◆ The delegation of President Shotai Kobayashi visited at University of Arkansas, University of Texas at Tyler and Tulane University of the US. (2012.10.16-20)



For the purpose of promoting academic international exchanges, President Shotai Kobayashi visited at University of Arkansas, University of Texas at Tyler and Tulane University in the US with Professor Yasunori Ando and Assistant Professor Naomi Kagawa in the following manner. University of Arkansas has been oldest partner university in the US for Shimane University since 1993. On October 16, the delegation of Shimane University made a courtesy call to Dr. G. David Gearhart, Chancellor, Dr. Sharon L. Gaber, Provost, and executives of University of Arkansas, and agreed at furthering student exchanges and strategic cooperative researches between two universities



▶▶For Full articles and details, visit our website at <http://kokusai.shimane-u.ac.jp/english/>

## 2: Information of Joint Research Project

### ●Japan Society for the Promotions of Science

#### ▶ Postdoctoral Fellowships for Foreign Researchers, the 2nd Recruitment (2013-2014)

The fellowship's purpose is to provide opportunities for young postdoctoral researchers from other countries to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. The program allows such researchers to advance their own research while contributing to the progress of research in Japan and the counterpart countries.

Applications for this program must be submitted to JSPS by a host researcher in Japan through the head of his/her university or institution. They should make this contact well in advance of the host institution's application deadline.

**Shimane University's DEAD LINE ⇒ April 26th (Fri), 2013**

▶▶▶For more information, [http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/fy2013/appli\\_long\\_2013.html](http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/fy2013/appli_long_2013.html)

#### ▶ Postdoctoral Fellowships(Short-term) for North American and European Researchers, the 5th recruitment (2013-2014)

The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities to young pre- and post-doctoral researchers from the US, Canada and Europe to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. In so doing, the program is designed to help advance the research of the visiting fellows, while augmenting opportunities for young researchers to come to Japan from the US, Canada and Europe.

Applications for this program must be submitted to JSPS by a host researcher in Japan through the head of his/her university or institution. They should make this contact well in advance of the host institution's application deadline.

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#### ▶ Invitation Fellowship Program for Research in Japan (Short-term, Short-term S) the 2nd Recruitment (2013-2014)

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) carries out fellowship programs that allow researchers in Japan to invite overseas researchers to Japan. Based on a submitted visit plan, fellowships are awarded in the categories and for the purposes listed in the table below.

Applications for this program must be submitted to JSPS by a host researcher in Japan through the head of his/her university or institution.

Categories	Purposes
Short-term	Invite overseas researchers with excellent records of research achievements for short-term visits for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of research in related fields through discussions, opinion exchanges, lectures and other means.
Short-term S	Invite overseas researchers with eminent records of research achievements to Japan for purposes corresponding to those records. They offer advice and cooperate in research activities throughout the host institution and give lectures or conduct other activities at other research institutions, thereby elevating the international appraisal of the standard of research conducted in Japanese universities and other institutions and contributing to the advancement of scientific research in Japan.

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▶▶▶For more information, [http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/short\\_term13.html](http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/short_term13.html) (Short Term)

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### 3: Message from a Current International Student



Dhita Larci De Fila (Indonesia) Faculty of Law and Literature

This is my first time to study at outside country, since I was a child I really wanted to live at Japan, and my dream comes true, now I'm here, in Matsue city. Because my University (Andalas University) has partnership with Shimane University and a lot of seniors and teachers had been studied in this University, so I think it is not bad to try the new experience in Matsue as a Shimane University's student, and fortunately I got the scholarship. That time it really makes me extremely happy.

At first time I arrived in Matsue, I think it is really quiet here, and this place really suitable for the students. I have stayed here about 4 months, and I love this city so much. Quiet, peacefully, practical and orderly. The

teachers are really kind and they understand us and patiently teach us. I love them so much. Most of people here using bicycle which makes atmosphere in this city really good. We have a lot of welcome parties, from Faculty, University and from International Students Association. Shimane University has many good facilities, like campus canteen, International centre, library, laboratory, research room, work station, sport field, etc. Not need to be worry, the people of Shimane is really kind and helpfully, they want to help when you have some trouble situations.

Shimane has many delicious Japanese Traditional Snack (*wagashi*) and kinds of tea (*matcha*, *ryokucha*, *umecha*, etc), compared with the other places in Japan, Shimane's snack and tea is really nice and cheaper. Shimane has a lot of Shrines for people who fall in love or want to love and to be loved by someone, in which the most famous Shrine is Izumo Taisha at Izumo, and Yaegaki Shrine at Matsue.

There are many things of Shimane (especially Matsue) to make you love this place. I hope I can spend my time in this city again after I graduate at my University in Indonesia, because Matsue is part of my life and my second hometown now.

### 4: Introduction of a Partner University

#### File No.1. University of Arkansas

L o c a t i o n	Fayetteville, Arkansas, United States of America
E s t a b l i s h e d	1871
T y p e	Public, Flagship, Land-grant and Space-grant state university
A c a d e m i c s t a f f	1,058
A d m i n . s t a f f	2,942
S t u d e n t s	24,595
U n d e r g r a d u a t e s	20,433
P o s t g r a d u a t e s	4,162
O t h e r s t u d e n t s	398 (Law School)
U R L	<a href="http://www.uark.edu/home/">http://www.uark.edu/home/</a>

Shimane University and the University of Arkansas(UA) concluded an academic exchange agreement in 1993, and this year will be our 20th years.

We have been promoting international mutual exchange programs. Many students join our language program to UA every year for improving their English, experiencing other cultures, challenging themselves and meeting new people.

We have also accepted students from UA every summer, and we provide them Japanese language and culture class, Home stay, sightseeing tour and so on.



University Seal



Mascot : Tusk the Razorback

## 5: San'in Snapshots

### ● MATSUE CASTLE (matsue-jo)



Completed in 1611 and one of the few remaining original castles in Japan, Matsue Castle was built over a five-year period by Yoshiharu Horio, founder of Matsue City. The central tower is the only such remaining in the San'in Region and visitors are treated to a panoramic view from its top floor. Beautiful camellia and cherry blossoms fill the castle grounds during spring.

### ● LAKE SHINJI (shinji-ko)



Lake Shinji is the seventh largest lake in Japan and has a circumference of 45 km. The brackish water supports an abundance of aquatic life, including sea bass and shijimi clams, which are among the seven delicacies of Lake Shinji. The little shijimi boats that dot the lake in the early morning paint a poetic picture, and the image of the sun sinking behind the tiny island of Yomegashima is not to be missed. Sunsets are best enjoyed on board a pleasure cruise or from the grounds of the Shimane Art Museum. It provides a 60-minute sightseeing tour around Lake Shinji, and the sunset cruise of the last boat is especially popular.

### ● IZUMO TAISHA GRAND SHRINE (izumo taisha)

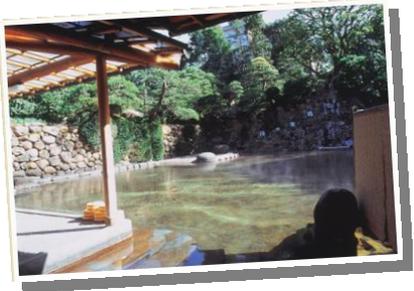


Dedicated to the Shinto god of marriage, Okuninushi-no-mikoto, Izumo Taisha is one of the oldest and most sacred shrines in Japan.

The inner shrine is constructed in the Taisha-zukuri style, Japan's oldest form of shrine architecture, and has been designated a national treasure.

Each year during the 10th month of the lunar calendar, the gods from throughout Japan congregate at Izumo Taisha for their annual meeting. Only in Izumo is this month known as "The Month With Gods." The Shimenawa Rope that hangs at the shrine is the largest in Japan, weighing an impressive 5 tons.

### ● TAMATSUKURI HOT SPRINGS (tamatsukuri onsen)



One of the oldest hot springs in Japan, Tamatsukuri Hot Springs has a history dating back to at least 733 AD, where it was introduced as "The Bath of the Gods" in the Ancient Chronicles of Izumo. You can stay at any one of the 22 traditional Japanese inns that line the banks of the Tamayu River, which runs through the heart of this picturesque hot spring town, or if you prefer, there are luxury hotels available able to accommodate up to 700 guests.



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