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Preface

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I would first like to express my sincere appreciation for your continuing cooperation with Shimane University.

Taking this occasion, we are happy to be able to send the Fourth Quarterly News of Shimane University's International Exchanges to people concerned aiming at further promotion of Information Exchange with the returned international students from Shimane University and interested persons.

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.

In addition to our activities mentioned above, we are planning to implement the two new projects in the following manner.

The first one is the new project which is intend to make the alliance among Japanese Language Department in our partner universities and distinguished Japanese Language School out of Japan for the purpose of seeking the talented students to study in Shimane University. At the present time, we are planning to hold the steering committee with three firms of Asia at Shimane University in coming winter.

The second one, as I told in the Third Quarterly News, is to invite three representatives of established alumni returned international students from Shimane University to Matsue and talk about the achievements of respective communities and develop the action plan of next year incorporating with us within this fiscal year. We would like to officially inform you about the opening notice of these meetings in the near term.

I believe these representatives' visit will provide an excellent opportunity to establish a new relationship between partner institutes and Shimane University through these projects.

As the concluding remarks, it is our great pleasure that this Quarterly News would contribute to further deepening the cooperation of researches, 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.

◆ Concluding the Cooperative Agreement between Hawassa University and Shimane University (2013.10.2)

On September 7th, we conclude the Cooperative Agreement and the Supplementary Agreement for Academic Exchange between Hawassa University in FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETIOPIA and Shimane University. Under this Agreement, we will dispatch and accept researchers to/from our respective universities, engage in a practical medical training and medical education.

We hope that our two institutions mutually benefit from one another and continue in building a promising future through such research and exchange.

◆ International Conference on Networking among Japan-China University Presidents was held at Beijing (2013.10.2)



On September 27th, International Conference on networking among Presidents of Japan-China University was held at Beijing, at which Dr. Shotai Kobayashi, President of Shimane University, Dr. Yasunori Ando, Director of Center for International Exchanges, Mr. Youetsu Omura, Head of Academic and International Department, Dr. Wang Shin, Lecturer, attended.

Participants from Japanese universities are Japanese Embassy in China, Shimane University, Hiroshima University, Okayama University, Yamaguchi University and Tottori University (as an observer). Chinese participants are Capitol Normal University, Ningxia University, Northeast Normal University and Shandong University.

◆ Event Celebrating 20th Anniversary of the establishment of partnership relations between Shimane University and The University of Arkansas (2013.9.26)

On September 18, the ceremony of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of partnership relations between Shimane University and the University of Arkansas was held at the University of Arkansas (United States of America Arkansas Fayetteville). Dr. Shotai Kobayashi, President of Shimane University, Dr. Yasunori Ando, the director of the center of international exchanges, Ms. Asako Hiramoto, a staff member of the educational affairs division and Mr. Takafumi Okada, a staff member of the Faculty of Medicine general affairs division attended it.



◆ The 4th International Students' Field Trip to Ohnan Town from Sep.6 to 9 (2013.9.26)



Thanks to hospitality and cooperation of Ohnan town, Shimane prefecture, which has the Partnership Agreement with Shimane University since 2009, the Center for International Exchanges of Shimane University successfully implemented the 4th International Students' Field Trip to Ohnan Town for the purpose of promoting international students' understanding of Japanese Culture and Humanity from September 6th to 9th.

Total number of international students was 22, and 6 Japanese students and 3 university staffs accompanied them.

This year, the trip is supported by the Nakashima Memorial International Exchange Fund. Our themes of the trip are not only to experience Japanese local traditional culture at Home (Farm) stay, but also to hold International workshops at Yakami-Highschool and Iwami-Higashi-Elementary school to spread our international friendship.

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

2: Message from a Current International Student

Shukhbaatar Unurjargal (Mongolia)
Graduate School of Medical Research



My name is Sukhbaatar Unurjargal, came from Mongolia. I am first year PhD course student of Shimane University School of Medicine. I came to Japan in June 2010 with my son Erdene and from April 2012 entered the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Shimane University School of Medicine. I am very happy to study and live with my family in safety, nice and quiet city like Izumo. Coming to Japan I've got the chance to know and , in general, appreciate Japanese culture which I can characterize now by a great sense of organization, a strong discipline and grate attention to the appearance, always look

good not only in behavior but even in casual things of everyday life.

In this occasion I want to express gratitude to Professor Kohji Miyazaki and my supervisor Dr. Haruhiko Kanasaki for their appreciation and great opportunity to learn more and participate in research team of endocrinology. Moreover the warm and helpful environment of our department and lab favored me a lot to suit into a new environment.

I hope this chance to learn and work in endocrine research will help to bring the best out of me to reach my goal and to help people in my country.

3: Introduction of a Partner University

File No.3.
Ningxia
University
(China)



Shimane University and Ningxia University concluded an academic exchange agreement in 1997.

Not only Students exchange but also academic research exchange is very active between us. We run the International Joint Research Institute of Ningxia Univ. and Shimane Univ. Based on this, we promote research projects based on our both regional problems.

L o c a t i o n	Ningxia, China
E s t a b l i s h e d	1958
T y p e	National University
A c a d e m i c s t a f f	2,600
S t u d e n t s	19,495
U n d e r g r a d u a t e s	16,790
P o s t g r a d u a t e s	693
U R L	http://www.nxu.edu.cn/

4: San'in Snapshots

● Kamiari-zuki (The month of Gods)



In Japan, the 10th month of the lunar calendar is usually called Kannazuki, which means the month of No Gods, because it is said all gods all over Japan leave their living places in this month. On the other hand, in Izumo region, the 10th month is called Kamiarizuki, means the month of Gods, because all gods in Japan come to Izumo to have meetings over how to make people happy in coming future. So in Izumo region, a lot of special events related with gods are held. (The calendar we use today is different from the old one, so Kamiarizuki is actually November now.) For example, they have Kamimukae-sai (to welcome gods) on

Nov. 12th, Kamiari-sai (to celebrate Gods' stay Izumo region) on Nov. 13th, 17th, 19th, Enmusubi-taisai (for Gods' couple matching) on Nov. 17th, 19th and final Karasade-sai (as a farewell event for gods going back to their hometowns). So now is the especially good season to visit Izumo regions to touch its sacred atmosphere and events.



● Japanese Colored Leaves

Autumn in Japan is well known as a season of beautiful colored leaves. Sun'in area also has a lot of places where you can fully enjoy their breathtaking sceneries.



Gakuenji-temple(Izumo)



Adachi Museum(Yasugi)



Matsue Castle(Matsue)

● Doh-Gyoretsu (Japanese Drum Parade)



On 3rd Sunday of October every year, they have a big event called Doh-Gyoretsu in Matsue. Many communitise in Matsue city own their huge Japanese drums, which is called Doh, and they have a parade to walk around the city on the day with playing them. Not only drum players, but also players for small Japanese symbols and wooden flutes go along with them to loudly beat out the traditional rhythm. It is worth watching to feel the energetic soul of Matsue people.





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