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Preface

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

I am very pleased to be able to send Seventh Quarterly News of Shimane University's International Exchanges to concerned people, aiming at further promotion of Information Exchange with the returned international students from Shimane University.

It is my great pleasure to be able to tell you the progress situation of our recent International Corporation with concerned institutes.

First, we had held the signing ceremony with four institutes of Kingdom of Thailand, namely Thammasat University, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Princess Chulabhorn College Pathumthani and Hanamaru Japanese Language School at Bangkok on September 2nd.

Our president, Professor Shotai Kobayashi, had signed the Agreement of Corporation with respective institute's president, and talked about furthering academic international exchanges than before.

Second, it's proud announcement that we can see the daylight of launching the subsidy funds for international students' getting employment in companies of Shimane Prefecture after their graduation from Shimane University. Concerning about actively running this subsidy funds, we are planning to inform you how to seek the talent international students eligible for this fund in a couple months.

As the concluding remarks, it is much to my delight that this Quarterly News would contribute to further deepening the cooperation of researches, student exchanges and creation of new projects.

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1: Shimane University International Exchange Topics

Shimane University's recent international events are as follows.

◆Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand to Japan visited Shimane University. (November 12, 2014)



His Excellency Mr. Thanatip Upatising, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kingdom of Thailand and Ms. Upatising, Mr. Salil Wisalswadi, Minister of Thailand Board of Investment and their party made a courtesy call on our University, accompanied by a party of Mr. Nagaoka, chief advisor at the Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor, Shimane local government.

Attendees from Shimane University are as follows, namely President Kobayashi, Dr. Shiwaku, Vice president for planning and General affairs, Dr. Takeuchi, Vice president for Academic and International Affairs, Dr. Otani, Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Arase, Dean of Faculty of Life and

Environmental Science, Dr. Hattori, Dean of Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering, Dr. Ando, Director of Center for International Exchanges and Mr. Omura, Secretary General of Academic and International Department with the staff of the Center of the International Exchange Division.

◆The terpsichorean art performance from Republic of India. (October 29, 2014)

We had the terpsichorean art performance by Kalakshetra Academy Bharatanatyam: the traditional India dance team dispatched by the Ministry of Culture, Republic of India.

This team consisted of 15 distinguished dancers, and gave its presentation in the assembly room, 3rd floor of the student hall, Matsue campus, 2:00 p.m. through 3:30 p.m. on October 8. Over 100 people, both of in and out of the University, enjoyed it with great impression.



◆We concluded the academic exchange agreement with Minnan Normal University. (September 17, 2014)



We held the signing ceremony of the academic exchange agreement with Minnan Normal University, the People's Republic of China on Friday, September 12, with Dr. Li Jinjin, President, Dr. Huang Qing and Dr. Guo Bao Lin of Minnan Normal University in attendance.

Minnan Normal University, situated in Fujian Province, is designated by the Province as the University of significance. The relationship between Minnan Normal University and Shimane University has begun with that researchers from Minnan Normal

University attended the international research conference held in Shimane University.

◆The 5th International Students' Field Trip to Ohnan Town (September 12, 2014)

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 5 International Students' Field Trip to Ohnan Town for the purpose of promoting international students' understanding of Japanese Culture and Humanity from September 6 to 9, 2014.



◆The academic exchange agreements were signed with 4 institutions of higher learning in Thailand

(September 5, 2014)



We held the signing ceremony of the academic exchange agreements with Thammasat University, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Princess Chulabhorn's College Pathumthani and Hanamaru Japanese Language School on September 2 in Bangkok.

At the ceremony, we had 15 people concerned, including Presidents and vice-Presidents of respective institutions mentioned above.

◆Shimane University Summer School 2014 (August 1, 2014)

Shimane University held a summer school for international students from partner universities. This year, 6 students from 3 partner universities: Kent State University (U.S.A.), Nanjing Forestry University (China), and Beijing University of Agriculture (China), participated in this program.

From July 7th to July 24th, 2014, the summer school students took intensive lectures about Japanese language, Japanese culture, history and industry, and Shimane Prefecture.



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

2: Information of Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs



Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

▶ Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers 2015, 2nd Recruitment

Shimane University's DEAD LINE ⇒ April 17th (Fri), 2015

Outline: 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.

Fellow Eligibility:

1. Be a citizen of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.
(JSPS treats Taiwanese and Palestinian researchers in this manner.)
2. Hold a doctorate degree when the Fellowship goes into effect, which must have been received on or after April 2, 2009, or be scheduled to receive a doctorate degree before the Fellowship goes into effect.

Duration and Commencement of Fellowships:

1. Fellowships are awarded for a period of 12 to 24 months.
2. Successful candidates must start the Fellowship in Japan from September 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015.

Terms of Award:

1. A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS regulations)
2. A monthly maintenance allowance of ¥362,000
3. A settling-in allowance of ¥200,000, Overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage, etc.

▶▶▶For more information, <http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/postdoctoral.html>

▶ **Invitation Fellowship Programs for Research in Japan 2015 (Short-term, Short-term S), 2nd Recruitment**

Shimane University's DEAD LINE ⇒ April 17th (Fri), 2015

Outline: 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.

Short-term

Purposes:

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.

Eligibility :

Overseas researchers with an excellent record of research achievements.

Duration and Commencement of Fellowships:

1. Fellowship tenure must be at least 14 days; up to 60 days.
2. Successful candidates must start the Fellowship in Japan from October 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Terms of Award:

1. Supply international air tickets (based on JSPS's regulations)
2. A monthly maintenance allowance of ¥18,000 per day
3. Domestic Research Trip Allowance (¥150,000)
4. Overseas travel accident and sickness insurance



Short-term S

Purposes:

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.

Eligibility :

Overseas researchers who are Nobel laureates or recipients of similarly high-level international prizes with exceptionally outstanding records of research achievements and who currently occupy a leading position in their subject field.

Duration and Commencement of Fellowships:

1. Fellowship tenure must be at least 7 days; up to 30 days
2. Successful candidates must start the Fellowship in Japan from October 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Terms of Award:

1. Supply international business-class air tickets (based on JSPS's regulations)
2. A monthly maintenance allowance of ¥42,000 per day
3. Domestic Research Trip Allowance (¥150,000)
4. Overseas travel accident and sickness insurance



▶▶▶For more information, <http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/how.html>

3: Message from a staff of the Center for International Exchanges



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Project Instructor

The Center for International Exchanges, Shimane University

I have just become a member of the Center for the International Exchanges in October, and would like to give a brief expression to my enthusiasm for the work I am engaged in here, in place of the self-introduction.

I had been teaching Japanese language and culture at the Universities in Indonesia and Papua New Guinea since 2008 until I returned to Japan this year. As I was in those countries I realized how a good many of students were interested in Japan, and I tried to make a good guidance as possible on Japan for the students. I saw that most of them hoped to come to Japan in order to deepen their study and some of them even wanted to work at a job related to Japan.

One of important issues and measures in our center is to support such students who are learning in Matsue and Izumo. It is my great pleasure to stand by the students so that they will make a productive study here to lead up to fulfilling experience.

These days, as you know, mutual dependence between countries in the world has been more and more tightly. Accordingly it is certainly worth promoting our relationship for all of us. I am looking forward to meeting you at Shimane University.

4: Introduction of a Partner University

File No.6.

Ningxia Medical University (China)

Ningxia Medical University and Shimane University concluded academic and student exchange agreements in 2009. Before that, we had accepted 22 researchers from Ningxia Medical University as Ningxia special researchers in the project of Human resource development of Shimane University and successfully 10 researchers out of 22 had entered to doctoral course after that. After we concluded agreements, we accelerate our cooperation in exchanging students and researchers. Also the graduate's alumni association is about to inaugurate.



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
S t u d e n t s	7,966
U R L	http://www.nxmu.edu.cn/



5: San'in Snapshots

●月照寺 (Gessyo-ji)

Gessyo-ji is an old temple in which the tombs of the Family of Matsudaira, the successive Lords of Matsue Domain, are situated. In 10,000 square meters of the precincts, the tombs of the first to the ninth Lords solemnly stand.

From the middle of June to the beginning of July, 30,000 hydrangeas are in bloom to show off its beautiful blue and violet of flowers.

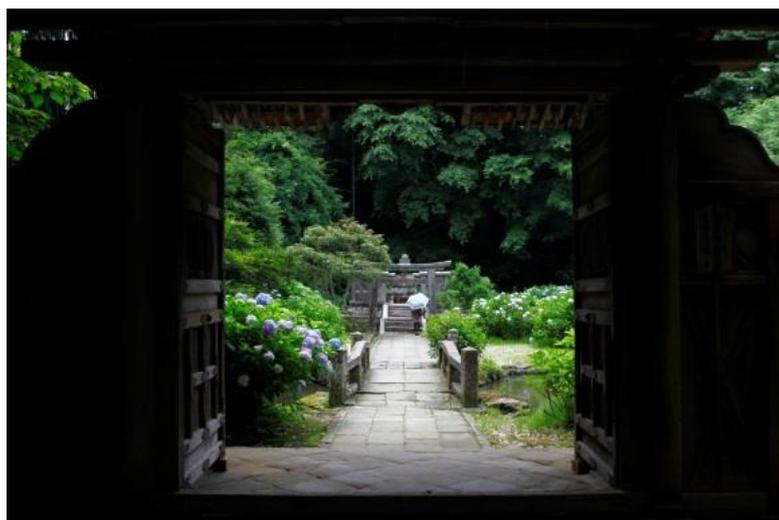
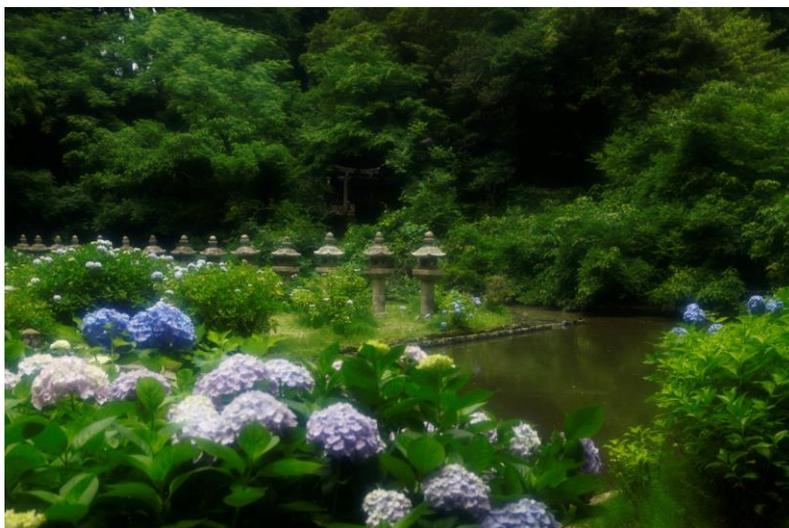
You go through the gate inside the precincts of the temple when the tomb of the seventh Lord Fumai, who is famous as the tea-ceremony master, will come into the sight. He loved the Way of the Tea and diffused the tea culture over Matsue.

This gate has the splendid openwork of grapes, Lord Fumai's favorite.

The adult-man-tall tortoise of stone, which stands beside the sixth Lord Munenobu's tomb, is also well-known for its curious legend story. That tortoise tradition appears in 「Glimpses of unfamiliar Japan」, the account of impressions on the San'in District by Lafcadio Hearn (Koizumi, Yakumo in Japanese), a teacher as well as a novelist born in Greece who once lived in Matsue.

It says that; the tortoise would often move into the town at night and do violence to people. The chief priest of the temple preached it a sermon, and got it to bear on its shell the stone monument with the past Lords' credit inscribed. Since then the tortoise has been staying still on the spot.

However, you should provide for "a rainy day" when it is rather dark.





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