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Preface

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It is my great pleasure to introduce myself as a visiting associate professor of the Center for International Exchanges assigned from Japan International Cooperation Agency under the scheme of 'Shukko' which is one of the human resource management systems of organization in Japan. A year has almost passed from last April, my assigned date from JICA.

Most of the undergraduate students in Shimane University would like to study in USA and European countries. However, most of 180 international students in Shimane University are from Asian and African countries. It is important to try to study in USA and European countries due to tackling the advanced study and research. On the other hand, students are required to know the remaining countries except developed countries to overlook the world and challenge the real internationalization of individual and Shimane University. There are histories, cultures and knowledges rooted in each area and country all over the world. I would like to grow the students to have such broad outlook and promote the balanced internationalization of Shimane University.

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1: Shimane University International Exchange Topics

Shimane University's recent international events are as follows

◆Ski Training Program for International Students at Mt. Daisen



The Ski Training Program for International Students was held at Mt. Daisen, Tottori, from February 16 to 17. This year, 22 students of Shimane University and 30 students of Tottori University participated in this trip. Most of the international students experienced skiing for the first time though, they improved amazingly after training supported by instructors by the end of second day.

Initially we were worried that we might not be able to hold this ski program as we didn't have enough snow because of the warm winter. However, just a few days before the event, we had enough snowfall and it enabled us to enjoy skiing at Mt. Daisen surrounded by the beauty of nature. Also they

deepened their friendship with students of both universities during their stay in Training Center.

◆Shimane University Alumni Association Sri Lanka was established.



On December 16th, 2015, the ceremony of establishing Shimane University Alumni Association Sri Lanka was held at Kandy, which is the second largest city in Sri Lanka, and three members from Shimane University including President Dr. Yasunao Hattori, Prof. Hiroaki Ishiga at our Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering, and Prof. Harumi Ao at our Center for International Exchange, attended the ceremony.

This Alumni Association was established by the great efforts of the graduated students of Shimane University, who are now active as faculty members of University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka. It became the third International Alumni Association of Shimane University.

At the ceremony, the Director of the Alumni Association, Prof. Pitawala at faculty of Engineering of University of Peradeniya addressed that he would like to contribute to development of Sri Lanka more than ever based on what he studied in Shimane University.

Also, President Dr. Hattori expressed that he would like to enhance the relationship between Sri Lanka and Shimane University on the occasion of the establishment of the New Alumni Association.

Shimane University will be working on enhancing University's Globalization by strengthening the collaboration with the Shimane University International Alumni Associations in each country.

◆Vice-President of Ningxia Medical University made a courtesy call on President Dr. Hattori.



Prof. Tian Shuqing, Vice-President of Ningxia Medical University, and 5 members visited Shimane University and made a courtesy call on President Dr. Hattori on December 10th, 2015.

Dr. Hattori talked about our active exchanges between the two universities since we concluded the academic agreement in 2004, and expressed his expectation for the development of our student exchanges in the future.

Prof. Tian also extended his gratitude for the efforts towards the friendship between our universities and our greeting. He made a suggestion to invite some professors from Shimane University as lecturers, and to have classes for the students of Ningxia Medical University.

After the meeting, Shimane University Student Ambassadors made a presentation about Shimane University to them, and showed them around the campus.

◆Shimane University International Party 2015



For the purpose of enhancing the mutual understanding among International students, Japanese students, Faculty members and concerned people, Shimane University organized the 8th International party on December 5th, 2015.

Over 150 participants from 24th countries joined the party and deepened their friendship.

In the 1st part of the party, after the opening statement by President Dr. Yasunao Hattori, Shimane University offered a letter of appreciation to Mr. Ishibashi, who is the Mayer of Ohnan town in Shimane Prefecture, to express our sincere gratitude

for their hospitality and support for our international students as the visiting place of our field trip every year.

In the party, Japanese students and International students made a speech about their experiences of studying oversea. Also, some of international students performed their traditional dances and songs on the stage, the participants enjoyed their wonderful performances.

In part 2, at cafeteria, participants had enjoyed buffet style meal and exciting game which was planned by students. Based on the result, Shimane University is furthermore expanding the wave of International Exchanges like this event.



◆The Delegation from the Indonesian Consul General visited Shimane University



Mr. Wisnu Edi Pratigny, the Indonesian Consul General, Mr. Herry Laksono Maryadi, the Consul, and Mr. Slamet Winardi, a secretary of Socio-Cultural & Education Affairs, visited Shimane University on November 20th, 2015.

In the courtesy call on the President Dr. Yasunao Hattori, after the welcome speech, the President explained the current situation between Shimane University and a partner university in Indonesia, and asked for cooperation in increasing the number of International students from Indonesia.

The Consul General told that many students in Indonesia would like to have a chance to study in Japan, and he requested us to broaden the academic relation with non-partnership universities in Indonesia.

After the courtesy call, the delegation had a meeting with members of international relations in Shimane University, and made an active discussion about specific methods for increasing the number of international students from Indonesia.

On this occasion of their visit, we hope the wide academic exchanges between Japan and Indonesia will be further advanced.

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

2: Report from Shimane University Alumni Association

With the great cooperation by Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung and the other members of Shimane University Alumni Association Nepal, Shimane University participated in the Educational Fair in Nepal on February 2016, for the first time. We would like to introduce the report from Dr. Gurung about the fair.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. Gurung and the Alumni Association in Nepal, and we hope that Shimane University and the International Alumni Association in each country will collaborate in various ways to enhance our relationship.

Shimane University in Education Fair 2016 in Nepal



Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung
Executive Director, Nepal Development Research Institute.
The member of Shimane University Alumni Association Nepal.

Shimane University participated in the 9th Education Fair-2016 held in 13th February at Yak & Yeti Hotel, Kathmandu Nepal organized by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) in collaboration of Embassy of Japan in Nepal and Japanese Universities Alumni Association, Nepal (JUANA). The international student section of the Shimane University coordinated with Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, a member of Shimane University Alumni Nepal.

Shimane University sent the package of information and materials that included: university brochures & program information, booth decoration materials etc. Dr. Gurung organized the booth in the fair.



Nepalese student listing to Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, study in Shimane University

The opening program of the Education Fair 2016 was addressed by Dr. Prem Paudel, Vice President of JUANA, Mr. Hideki Yonekawa, Vice President of JASSO, Mr. Kiyohiko Hamada, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Nepal. There was a short presentation about Study in Japan Fair 2016 by JASSO, about Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho:MEXT) scholarship by Embassy of Japan in Nepal and study experience in Japan by JUANA Member.

This year, experience was shared by Honorable Member of National Planning Commission (NPC), Nepal Dr. Sunil Babu Shrestha.

At least 300 visitors received information about the Shimane University and life in Matsue. About 80% visitors were interested for post graduate level and 20% for undergraduate level. Majority of the visitors were curious to know the language medium of study (English or Japanese), the basic criteria for getting admission and life in Japan. The visitors belonged to not only students seeking admission in universities in Japan but also personnel running education consultancies in Nepal, teaching Japanese language in Nepal. Small gift (a ball pen) together with set of brochure/program were presented to the visitors, sent by Shimane University. There were altogether eleven universities participated in the Education Fair 2016 and all the booths were full crowd of visitors from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

3: Information of Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs



Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

► Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers 2016, 2nd Recruitment

Shimane University's DEAD LINE ⇒ April 13th (Wed), 2016

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, 2010, 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, 2016 to November 30, 2016.

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.



► Invitation Fellowship Programs for Research in Japan 2016 (Short-term, Short-term S), 2nd Recruitment

Shimane University's DEAD LINE ⇒ April 13th (Wed), 2016

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:

To invite overseas researchers with excellent records of research achievements for short-term visits to Japan and provide them opportunities for discussions, opinion exchanges, lectures and other activities.

Eligibility :

As a rule, researchers who hold full-time positions in an overseas research institution and satisfy the following requirements:

1. Be a citizen or a permanent resident of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. To be eligible, researchers of Japanese nationality residing overseas must have lived in the other country for at least 10 years and been actively engaged in research in that country throughout the period.
2. Overseas researchers in a position equivalent to a university professor or associate professor as of 1 April 2016.
3. Overseas researchers with an excellent record of research achievements.

Duration and Commencement of Fellowships:

1. Fellowship tenure must be 14 to 60 days.
2. Successful candidates must start the Fellowship in Japan from October 1, 2016-March 31, 2017

Terms of Award:

1. Supply international air tickets (based on JSPS's regulations)
2. A monthly maintenance allowance of ¥18,000 per day
3. A research support allowance is available to cover cooperative research-related expenses (Applied by a host researcher).
4. Overseas travel insurance

Short-term S**Purposes:**

To invite overseas researchers with distinguished records of research achievements to Japan for purposes corresponding to those records, and to provide them opportunities to offer advice and cooperate in research activities throughout the host institution and also to give lectures or conduct other activities at other Japanese research institutions.

**Eligibility :**

1. Be a citizen or a permanent resident of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan (JSPS treats Taiwanese and Palestinian researchers in this manner). To be eligible, researchers of Japanese nationality residing overseas must have lived in the other country for at least 10 years and been actively engaged in research in that country throughout the period.
2. 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 7 to 30 days
2. Successful candidates must start the Fellowship in Japan from October 1, 2016–March 31, 2017

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. A research support allowance is available to cover cooperative research-related expenses (Applied by a host researcher).
4. Overseas travel insurance

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

4: Message from a Current International Student



Yan Hongjie (China)
Graduate School of Medical Research

My life in Shimane University: The best choice

During my undergraduate time, a lecture given by a distinguished alumnus on his studying in Japan made a deep impression on me. Two years later, I passed the competitive selection of being an exchange student of Shimane University Faculty of Medicine. A new start came to me full of challenges. But with the patient and kind help of the teachers and doctors, the first part of my overseas stay was filled with happiness and gains. I took part in research on Alzheimer's disease meanwhile learning clinical medical knowledge with undergraduate students, and did clinical observation of intractable cases with all the neurologists. The neurology department with a history of more than 30 years deserved its fine reputation. So I chose to further study here for another four years. The Faculty of Medicine located in a quiet beautiful city called Izumo, but it can still lead you to the world. With the best wishes from the most famous shrine named Izumo Taisha, you have to believe that the harder you work, the luckier you will be. With concentrated guidance from my professor, I got many good experiences at domestic and international conferences, which increased my confidence and broadened my horizon. What matters most was that I could communicate with famous scientists and introduce our research to the world. In summary, studying here is a great opportunity, why don't you join us?

5: Introduction of a Partner University

File No.10 Banaras Hindu University (BHU)

L o c a t i o n	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India
E s t a b l i s h e d	1916
T y p e	Public University
S t u d e n t s	29,865
U R L	http://www.bhu.ac.in/



Banaras Hindu University is one of the largest residential universities in Asia, with over 20,000 students. It consists of 6 institutes and 14 faculties and more than 132 departments. Total student enrolment at the university exceeds 30,000, and includes students from over 34 nations.

Shimane University concluded the academic agreement and the Supplementary Agreement for Student Exchange in 2015, mainly in the field of Raman spectroscopy.

After the conclusion of the agreement, our two universities have promoted the research exchanges positively. Shimane University invited 5 graduated students supported by Japan Science and Technology Agency on January 2016. During their 5 days stay in Shimane University, they deepened their knowledge by taking classes and having experiments of the Raman Spectroscopy.



6: San'in Snapshots

◆MATSUE - City of Water

With Japan's fifth largest lake, Lake Nakaumi, and seventh largest lake, Lake Shinji, to the east and west sides of the city, as well as the Sea of Japan to the north, Matsue is bordered by three bodies of water. However, the title Mizu-no-Miyako (City of Water) is also due to its water scenery within the city. The Ohashi River, bisecting the city centre, flows from Lake Shinji to Lake Nakaumi, and canals have been integrated in the north and south sides of the city centre since its earliest days. Most notably, the moats around the castle remain largely unchanged, and the Horikawa Sightseeing Boat is one of the most quintessential views of Matsue.

You can also take a Sunset cruise to enjoy the famous evening scenery of Lake Shinji, or enjoy the quaint view of shijimi clam fishers on their boats in the morning. Both lakes are included on the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance, as they are home to many migratory birds in winter. Also, Matsue is home to many natural hot springs



◆IZUMO - City of En-musubi

This region is home to many legends about deities and their love lives, and it is also home to the annual meeting of 8 million deities to discuss fate binding—especially that of matchmaking. In addition to many power spots for good luck in meeting one's soul mate, such as Yaegaki Shrine and Tamatsukuri-yu Shrine, there are also many En-musubi spots throughout Matsue, such as the pink mailbox at Karakoro Art Studio. Other spots for En-musubi are more subtle and you'll have to keep an eye out for them, such as the pink hearts in the pavement around the Kyomise Shopping District, and a heart in the natural grain of the wood in one of the pillars of Matsue Castle.

Local restaurants provide lucky En-musubi meals or desserts with the fortuitous red (or pink) and white colour combinations, and in the rainy season, the locals celebrate Enshizuku (drops of En, the rain that binds everyone together) with En-musubi themed cocktails at bars around town. Although many of the good luck spots and items are frequented by young singles, En can be your ties with anyone, such as children, friends, or business partners. Having good En will ensure many harmonious relationships.





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