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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.

I am very pleased to be able to send Fifth 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.

The contents of this Quarterly News are related to the enhancement of Academic International Exchanges with partner universities of Shimane University, the information capable of getting external funds and so on.

As you may know, Japanese government has pronounced the policy to foster the human resources with global competitiveness and set the strategic goals, namely increase up to 300,000 international students from foreign countries and also increase the number of Japanese students to study abroad up to 120,000 until FY 2020. Shimane University has

been taking the great efforts to cultivate the students capable of globalization incorporating with partner universities and concerned institutions according to Japanese government policy. In this context, we would like to keep in touch with you for the purpose of building up the talented students with global view through academic international exchanges.

As I informed you about coming events in the Fourth Quarterly, we are convening the two new projects in the following manner.

The first one is the new strategic project which intends to make the alliance among Japanese Language Department in our partner universities and distinguished Japanese Language School in Southeast Asia for the purpose of seeking the talented students to study in Shimane University. We are organizing the steering committee with three firms of Asia at Shimane University February 12th.

The second one is the meeting in which we are inviting two representatives of established alumni association and two preparatory committees of returned international students from Shimane University to Matsue and confer on the achievements of respective communities, business and develop the action plan of next year incorporating with us on this February 20th.

I believe these meetings will provide an excellent opportunity to establish a new relationship between partner institutes and Shimane University through these strategic 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.

◆The delegation of Hasanuddin University made a courtesy call on our President (2014.1.17)

On December 27th, the delegation of the Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University in Indonesia, led by Dr. Andi Jayalangkara Tantra, visited our campus and made a courtesy call on our President, Prof. Shotai Kobayashi. The Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation between Shimane University and Hasannudin University has concluded on December 17th, they talked about new academic exchanges plans in several area, for example student exchange program over the faculties.

We hope that this Memorandum helps develop a deeper understanding and relationship between the two universities.



◆Shimadai International Party for Foreign and Japanese students 2013 was held (2014.1.10)



December 21, 2013, Shimane University had organized the Sixth international Party for the purpose of enhancing mutual understanding and International Exchanges among international students, Japanese students and concerned people. With the support of approx. 200 participants, the party was successfully held. In part 1, after Dr. Shotai Kobayashi, President of Shimane University, made the opening statement, Japanese students reported on their experiences in programs overseas. After them, some stages by the Philharmonic Chorus, laido group, Japanese traditional music club, and some international stages were exhibited. At the finale, international students joined in the fashion show with wearing beautiful traditional cloths. In part 2,

at cafeteria, participants had enjoyed buffet style meal and exciting game which was planned by students. Also they enjoyed Salsa dance lessons lectured by international students. Based on the result, Shimane University is furthermore expanding the wave of International Exchanges like this event.

◆Concluding Memorandum of Understanding Agreements with Chonbuk National University (Korea) (2013.12.18)

On December 5th, Shimane University and Chonbuk National University concluded the Memorandum of Understanding at Chonbuk National University.

Dr. Hattori, who is the Dean of the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary of Science and Engineering was a leader of the delegation of Shimane University on behalf of our President and Shimane students visited and stayed Chonbuk National University from 3rd to 5th December and participated in the signing ceremony for Memorandum of Understanding and a Supplementary Agreement for Student Exchange on December 5th. Dr. Geo-Suk Suh, who is the

welcomed the delegation and gave them a warm greeting. We hope that these MoU Agreements help develop a deeper understanding and relationship between the two universities.



President of Chonbuk National University

2: Information of Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs



Independent Administrative Institution
Japan Student Services Organization

► Follow-up Research Fellowship

Shimane University's DEAD LINE ⇒ February 21nd (Fri), 2014

Outline: International students who have returned to their countries after having studied in Japan and who are currently active in education, academic research or public administration, are invited to a Japanese university to conduct joint research with relevant academics.

Beneficiary: Returnees from Japan with nationalities of developing countries and regions.

Eligibility: Under 45 years old. At least one year after returning from Japan.

Research period: 60-90 consecutive days.

Benefits: (1) Round-trip Air fare and (2) Daily allowance (¥11,000/day) for the recipient and (3) Remuneration for cooperation (up to ¥50,000) for the research advisor.

►►► For more information, http://www.jasso.go.jp/exchange/tanken_e.html

► Follow-up Research Guidance

Shimane University's DEAD LINE ⇒ February 21nd (Fri), 2014

Outline: JASSO dispatches research advisors to visit international students who have returned to their countries after having studied in Japan and who are currently engaged in education or research at schools to provide advice and academic support.

Eligible countries and regions : Developing countries and regions.

Period of dispatch : The length of stay in the dispatched area is 7-10 days.

Benefits : (1) Round-trip Airfare, (2) Living Expenses (¥16,000 / for each day of stay in the dispatched area), (3) Expenses for Guidance (Maximum amount of ¥100,000).

►►► For more information, http://www.jasso.go.jp/exchange/shidou_e.html



Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

► Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers, 2nd Recruitment

Shimane University's DEAD LINE ⇒ April 18th (Fri), 2014

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.

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, 2014 to November 30, 2014.

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.jps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/fy2014/appli_long_2014.html

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

Shimane University's DEAD LINE ⇒ April 18th (Fri), 2014

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, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

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, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

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/short_term14.html

3: Message from a Current International Student

Pham Hoang Anh (Vietnam)
Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering



“Shimane University - my good choice for study abroad”

Time flew by so fast since I came to Shimane University in October 2010. Before going to Japan there were many things I had worried about. I did not know anything about living in Japan and I could not speak even one Japanese word. After coming here, everything became easy when I met new friends along with attending Japanese classes. Soon I found out that Japanese culture is very familiar to me. Every people are extremely kind and friendly. I became adapted very quickly and I started enjoying the city. I can say that living in Japan is very safe and comfortable even for those, who cannot speak Japanese.

Concerning study and research in Japan, I am impressed by the search facility at our laboratory. We can start doing experiments any time, using any kind of equipment as long as we want. It is totally different from what I have been experienced in my country. I am also impressed by Japanese researchers. They are very hard working and professional. We can discuss with them about any problem of the research theme. They can always share with me the most updated knowledge and invaluable suggestions. Throughout my doctoral course at Shimane University, I have enjoyed doing research, attending various conferences and having discussions with many outstanding researchers. All of these opportunities help me improve my knowledge, experience and research manner. For those who want to study abroad, I think that Shimane University is definitely a good choice that you will never have to regret about.

4: Introduction of a Partner University

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Tribhuvan University (Nepal)

Tribhuvan University is the biggest university in Nepal consists of over 150,000 students.

Shimane University and Tribhuvan University concluded an academic exchange agreement in 1991. We exchange students, researchers since our partnership had started. Especially the cooperative researches in Earth Science field have been actively implementing. Moreover, in 2011, the Shimane University alumni association was established for further promotion our long lasting relationship between Shimane University and returned students/researchers in Tribhuvan University.

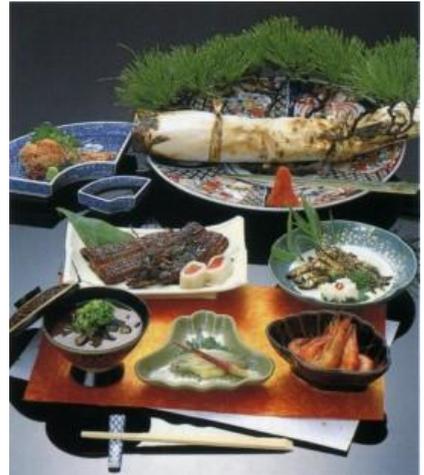


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E s t a b l i s h e d	1960
T y p e	National University
A c a d e m i c s t a f f	12,656
S t u d e n t s	150,000
U R L	http://tribhuvan-university.edu.np/

5: San'in Snapshots

● The Seven Delicacies of Lake Shinji

Lake Shinji is connected to the Sea of Japan via Lake Nakaumi, and therefore has a mix of fresh water and salt water, giving rise to a unique and varied food culture. The whitebait of early spring, the Shijimi clams and eel of summer, the shrimp of autumn, and the bass, smelt, and carp of winter are collectively known as the seven delicacies of Lake Shinji, "Shinjiko Shitchin". The amounts and variety of fish that can be harvested from Lake Shinji varies throughout the year, so try out some local restaurants to taste the season's best during your stay. The Shijimi clams however, being harvested all year long, are certainly the most famous and popular not only for tourists but also local citizens at everyday meals.



● Shijimi Clam Fishing Boats

Lake Shinji is synonymous with Shijimi clams, among the many other fish and shellfish found there. These clams are incorporated in various local dishes. This variety of clam, also known as Yamato Shijimi (*corbicula japonica*), is larger than other kinds of Shijimi and is well-suited for miso soup and other dishes. Try some while you're here, or buy some handy packets to make this nutritious dish

once you get home!
Early in the morning
(mon/thurs/fri) enjoy the

beautiful view of the white fishing boats on Lake Shinji and Ohashi River gathering Shijimi clams. The fishers of Lake Shinji take in one of the largest hauls of Shijimi clams in Japan, coming to a grand total of approximately 6,000 tons per annum. The Shijimi shellfish are gathered using a tool resembling a basket tethered to a rake. This rake-like tool is called a 'joren'. The sight and sounds of the early morning fishers speckled across the lake offer a peaceful view for early risers.



● Meimei-an Tea House



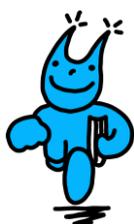
Just off Shiomi Nawate Street, standing on a low hill with a superb view of the castle, you can find Meimei-an Tea House. Commissioned in 1779 by Lord Fumai, the 7th Lord of Matsue Castle and a

noted patron of the tea ceremony, the tea house was tended to for many years by one of his closest retainers. Moved to its present site in 1966 on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the lord's death, Meimei-an is renowned for its characteristic thickly thatched roof. Tea and wagashi (Japanese confectionary) are served in the adjoining tea room, Hyakuso-tei.





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