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Professor Tomoko UEKI appointed as New President of Doshisha University



Professor of Faculty of Letter, Tomoko Ueki, was selected as the 34th President of Doshisha University at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Doshisha Educational Corporation on November 30, 2019. Professor Ueki will replace the current President, Professor Takashi Matsuoka, whose term end on March 31, 2020. Professor Ueki’s presidential term runs from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2024.

Tomoka Sato of the Canoe Sprint Team (Sophomore at Faculty of Health and Sports Science) Wins in WK2 200m and Mixed K4 Races at Asia Pacific Sprint Cup 2019

See below for her comments.

Tomoka Sato (Sophomore at Faculty of Health and Sports Science)

I am glad that I was chosen again this year as an U21 national team member and that I could participate in the event.

As a result, I ended up winning two races: K2 200m and Mixed K4. In the K2 race, I crossed the finish line 0.37 s ahead of a competitor team from abroad. This was my first victory in an event held outside Japan, which gave me tremendous confidence.

I know that I could not achieve this by myself. I owe this success to everyone who offered me guidance, and especially to Ms. Urata, who has always backed me up as my team partner. I will keep practicing hard, holding much gratitude for the many people who have supported me.



Doshisha Space-DREAM Project—Students from Japan and Abroad Participate in an Active Discussion!



On Saturday, June 1, 2019, Doshisha Space-DREAM Project (Doshisha Research Project for Active Life in Space Engineering and Medical Biology) held a satellite meeting at Muromachi campus for graduate students. This meeting was planned as a satellite event of the kick-off symposium of Doshisha Research Project for Active Life in Space Engineering and Medical Biology to provide students with an opportunity to participate in the Project. A number of guests were invited to the meeting, including a Russian doctor, Dr. Ilia Rukavishnikov from the Russian Academy of Sciences, Prof. Daniela Santucci from Istituto Superiore di Sanità (National Institute of Health), Rome, Italy, and Dr. Fuminori Kawano, Associate Professor at Matsumoto University, Japan. These guests introduced their research, each of which aims to tackle global health challenges using space medicine.

Representing Doshisha University, seven graduate school students participated in the event under the guidance of Dr. Akihito Ito, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Science and Engineering, and Dr. Hisashi Kato, Assistant at the Faculty of Health and Sports Science. In total, 22 graduate school students gathered from global institutions, including the Russian Academy of Sciences, Kyoto University, Osaka University, Kobe University, Matsumoto University, Osaka Medical College, Kindai University, Kyoto Seika University, and Tokushima University, to participate in an active discussion.

Atsushi Oshima, who is in the second grade of the master's program at Doshisha University Graduate School of Health and Sports Science, commented, "I have learned at the satellite meeting that a wide variety of research performed in space, which is an extraordinary environment, plays an important and essential role in solving various health problems suffered by humans living on the Earth. I spent a valuable time, exchanging opinions with the students of graduate schools of other universities. I will make use of expertise that I acquired in this event in my future research activities."

Doshisha Week 2019 successfully ended

From November 25th to November 29 2019, “DOSHISHA WEEK: 2019 Advance Creativity and Collaboration in Research” was held at University of Tübingen for the first time. There were three symposia during this event.

On November 25th, two researchers and one graduate student from Doshisha Space-DREAM Project and one researcher from UT gave their presentations entitled “Doshisha Space-DREAM project: A Great Contribution to Maintaining Human Health Both in Space and on Earth”.

From November 26th to 29th, more than 20 law researchers of Doshisha University, University of Tübingen, other universities around the world, and private organizations gave presentations entitled “Modernity’s Challenges to Law and Dispute Resolution”.

On November 29th, two researchers of Doshisha University Center for Baby Science, three researchers of UT and one researcher of other university gave presentations entitled “Baby Science: Past, Present, and Future”. Active discussions lasted after the presentations. Attendees also deepened engagement at the receptions that were held at each night. Doshisha University and University of Tübingen are expected to collaborate and corporate further to enhance research exchange.



For the First Time in the World! Doshisha University Faculty and Graduate school of Law Enter into an Academic Exchange Agreement with the International Criminal Court (The Hague, Netherlands)



Doshisha University Faculty and Graduate school of Law (Dean : Prof. Naoshi Takasugi) and the International Criminal Court (hereinafter called the “ICC,” Registrar: Peter Lewis) entered into an Academic Exchange Agreement in order to provide the university’s faculty and graduate school students and teaching staff members with more opportunities to have hands-on experience of legal and diplomatic practices abroad, and thereby improve the quality of the university’s education and research

and promote their internationalization. Doshisha University is the first university in the world that has entered into an Academic Exchange Agreement with the ICC. After the conclusion of the Agreement, a wide variety of exchange activities will be conducted, including an internship program for students, cooperative seminars and research projects provided through collaboration between both organizations, acceptance of teaching staff (visiting professional program), and an internship program and research stay for teaching staff. We are determined to promote a close cooperation for the future development of the two organizations.

On November 1, 2019, Prof. Naoshi Takasugi, Dean Faculty and Graduate school of Law, and Christian Mahr, ICC Director of the Division of External Operations within the Registry, attended the signing ceremony of the Agreement held at Doshisha University Imadegawa Campus. Director Mahr said that he was honored to witness the conclusion of the world's first Academic Exchange Agreement between the ICC and a university. He also mentioned that he was hopeful that this cooperation will allow Doshisha University students to acquire a deeper understanding of the ICC as the first step to increase Japanese people working as ICC staff members. Meanwhile, Dean Takasugi of the Faculty and Graduate school of Law said, "Conscience Education is the origin of Doshisha's educational philosophy and Liberalism is one of the principles that lie at the heart of our educational philosophy. I believe that these principles have much in common with the ICC's philosophy. I hope that the conclusion of the Agreement with the ICC will enable our students to acquire a global perspective and help us develop personnel who can contribute to international society.

International Students Interact with Local Residents, Learning about Nishijin-ori, Ecological Handicrafts, and Traditional Home Cooking of Kyoto

International students currently involved in Japanese Special Seminar 74, which is offered by Center for Japanese Language and Culture, had a fun time, interacting with local residents and leaning about a traditional industry of Kyoto.

[June 14] The students visited the home-studio of Ms. Mineko Nagasawa who leads a handicraft group "Tezukuri Jiyu Kobo – Kimama Group," and learned about ecological handicrafts that make effective use of materials to be discarded in order to reduce waste and create something useful for society. They also learned about traditional Japanese crafts, creating their own unique pieces, such as framed lamps and windchimes made of waste cloth of *Nishijin-ori* fabric and wooden frames used for its weaving, and coasters made of waste pieces of tatami mats. In the evening, they were entertained with dishes of traditional home cooking of Kyoto, called *kyo no obanzai*, prepared by Ms. Nagasawa and local residents. Obanzai dishes are ecological dishes made of fresh seasonal ingredients cooked carefully so that no waste is created. The students fully enjoyed the plain taste of obanzai, cooked with *dashi* soup stock, while learning about how to have an eco-friendly diet.

[June 28]

The international students had a tour of the weaving studio of Mr. Nobouo Kimura, a crafts person of Nishijin-ori obi (sash), and then listened to his





lecture given at Doshisha University Karasuma Campus. The lecture was offered as part of the event designed to provide the students with an opportunity to interact with the members of the women's club in the Muromachi area in the school's neighborhood. The framed lamps and other pieces that the students had made were placed in the classroom, which promoted active conversation between the students and local residents.

In the lecture, Mr. Kimura explained the history of Japanese clothing, the origin of the name "Nishijin-ori," and the current situation of the Nishijin-ori industry. Compared with Japan's "bubble economy" years, the shipment value of kimono and obi sashes as well as the number of Nishijin weavers have drastically decreased. All of the Nishijin weavers are now 70 years old or older, which suggests that Nishijin-ori is a declining industry. Mr. Kimura concluded his lecture by saying with eagerness in his voice, "The whole country needs to work on developing personnel that help keep our nation's traditional industries alive." After the lecture, one of the international students commented that all the students had turned pale noticing the seriousness of the issue while listening to the lecture. Regarding how to protect the Nishijin-ori industry, they provided suggestions and opinions such as: "use SNS to effectively promote the charms and increase sales of the products," "diversify the products in response to new trends," "create more opportunities to wear kimono, just as in Indonesia, which has established Batik Day on which everybody wears traditional clothes," and "Japanese young people need to take an interest in the traditional industries of their own country and think what they should do for their future."

After the lecture and opinion exchange, the local residents helped the students put on Nishijin-ori kimono. Fascinated by the softness and shining beauty of the fabric, they came to actually realize its great value.

Doshisha University Elected to the T.I.M.E. Association Advisory Committee

Doshisha University was elected as a member of the Advisory Committee of the T.I.M.E. (Top Industrial Managers for Europe) Association, which is a consortium of leading technical universities and engineering schools in Europe. The election took place at the General Assembly 2019 held from October 16 to 18, 2019, at Université Paris Saclay and CentraleSupélec in France.



The T.I.M.E. Association is an international consortium established to develop competent global human resources in engineering by promoting efforts through cooperation among universities in Europe, including the Double Degree Program for Master's and Doctoral Degree. Doshisha University has been a member of the T.I.M.E. Association since February 2015.

The T.I.M.E. Association is run by an elected Advisory Committee representing 13 member institutions, which plays many roles, such as setting the future goal of the Association.

The election of the Advisory Committee members is conducted at the annual General Assembly when the vacancy occurs due to the expiration of members' term. At this year's General Assembly, Doshisha University stood in the election, and was successfully elected as a member of the Committee. As the only one elected from among the universities in Asia this year, the university is expected to proactively participate, based on a different point of view, in the activities promoted by the organization constituted mainly by universities in Europe. We are determined to fulfill our duty to fully meet such expectations.

Meanwhile, at this year's General Assembly, a proposal was presented to change the official name of T.I.M.E. to "Top International Managers in Engineering," and then approved. I believe that this decision represents the intent of T.I.M.E. to expand its activities not only in Europe but to the entire world. Considering the fact that Doshisha University was elected as a member of the Advisory Committee under these circumstances, the university is required to provide high quality efforts both inside and outside T.I.M.E. during its term (for six years until 2025). Accordingly, it is presumed that the university's contribution to T.I.M.E. will become an issue drawing much attention.

As this year's annual General Assembly marked the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the T.I.M.E. Association, an anniversary event was held concurrently. Meanwhile, this year's event drew many more participants than usual because part of the event was co-hosted by CESAER, an organization founded in 1990, which incorporates 53 member universities of science and technology in Europe.

At the General Assembly held over three days, workshops were provided focusing on topics, such as the future development of the Erasmus Program, and the strategies for gathering international students. In addition, a joint symposium was held in collaboration with CESAER on the theme, "Novel approaches in S&T education and training tackling the challenges of the 21st Century." At these programs, the participants actively exchanged opinions on subjects including the direction that education of science and technology should head for in the future. Furthermore, the International Study Fair was held for students of Université Paris Saclay and CentraleSupélec. At the Fair, about 30 universities of those attending the General Assembly presented a booth exhibition to introduce their universities. About 50 students visited the booth of Doshisha



University, and we explained the Double Degree Program to them, and introduced the fields of study that the students can currently apply for and the outline of its laboratories.

Using the election to the Advisory Committee as momentum, Doshisha University plans to further promote its international exchange activities as part of its efforts to achieve one of the six visions specified in the university's VISION 2025, 'Further Enhancement of Internationalism.'

Report: “World Kitchen -Nagashi somen-” (presented by SIED)

On June 9th (Sun.), SIED and the International Exchange Association in Kyotanabe City co-hosted “World Kitchen ~Nagashi somen~” at a local café called “Bio Tatara.” 30 people including local residents, international students and local students joined to experience local Japanese culture through “nagashi somen,” one of Japanese summer traditions.

The event start off with the speech from Ms. Merry from the association. She shared with the participants interesting stories about bamboo in Taiwan. After learning much about the bamboo, the participants made their own bamboo cups from the local bamboo. Then, it was time to try “nagashi somen”. Many participants seem to be the first time to try “nagashi somen”. With bamboo cups full of soup made from soy source and Kyotanabe tea in their hands, they caught the noodle floated down the bamboo lane with chopsticks. They also enjoyed cherry tomato, grape and jelly floated down the bamboo lane. The onigiri (Japanese rice balls) of takenoko (young bamboo) and Japanese traditional sweets known as ‘Pon Gashi’ or ‘Pon Candy’, something like pop rice, are also delicious.

After enjoying the taste of Japan, the participants took a tour of the café which still maintains the traditional form of an old Japanese house. Participants listened carefully to the introduction of various ideas such as the entrance and the elaborated garden from Mr. Tanaka.



Report: “Let’s Dance Awa Odori! -Season 2-” (presented by SIED)

On July 6th (Sat), SIED hosted “Let’s Dance Awa Odori! –Season 2–” at Doshisha Rohm Plaza theater space on Kyotanabe Campus. Awa Odori is a traditional dance that has a history of over 400 years in Tokushima Prefecture. SIED invited Awa Odori instructors from Tokushima for this event. At first, the instructors showed us several



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styles of Awa Odori called “Female dance” or “Male dance”. All the participants fascinated by their performance including characteristic steps and call. We also invited a professional Japanese drums and Shamisen player. The powerful sound of Japanese drum and the beautiful melody of Shamisen resounded through a theater space. Subsequently, the participants listened to a small lecture about Awa Odori, put a Japanese towel around their own head, and practiced the dance and Awa Odori’s call. Although they struggled in the beginning, they performed admirably and also enjoyed it lastly. In the end of the event, we danced Awa Odori in a big circle. All participants felt a sense of unity, as if we join a big Awa Odori festival.

Through this event, we hope the students deepened their understanding of Japanese culture. SIED is planning to hold various kinds of interesting events. We look forward to seeing you in our future events!



Overseas Offices

Doshisha University’s overseas offices were established in order to further promote its rapid and effective internationalization. At our overseas offices, we are implementing mainly public relations activities to increase the profile of Doshisha University, while at the same time making the most of the characteristics unique to each office. In addition, we are undertaking various efforts to recruit overseas students, support our students while they are studying overseas, and provide on-site support to members of our faculties while they are overseas.

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Message from Director, EU Campus Office



Professor Yoshihiko Wada

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the genesis, purposes and activities of “Doshisha EU Campus at Tübingen University,” in short “Doshisha EU Campus.” The EU Campus is Doshisha’s first “Overseas Campus” which was established in 2017 within the campus of the University of Tübingen, one of the most renowned universities in Germany. This achievement was possible because two universities have enjoyed very successful and trusting relationship in the last 30 years. For example, faculty members from two universities in different fields have been involved in fruitful research collaboration. Approximately 25 students come to Doshisha from the Japanese Studies Center at the Tübingen University every year. They study Japanese language, culture, religion, and modern society, etc. for one year in Kyoto. In order to strengthen the relationship, the University of Tübingen decided to provide Doshisha spaces for a small campus several years ago. Thus, the EU Campus was established in 2017 and the first educational activities were launched in 2018.

The purposes of Doshisha EU Campus are: 1) to provide learning opportunities to Doshisha students in terms of intercultural and European studies, etc., and 2) to facilitate research collaboration between two universities and beyond, i.e., universities in European countries.

1) Educational Opportunities

Doshisha EU Campus hosts one semester-long program during spring semester, i.e., “Doshisha EU Campus German Language and Inter-Cultural Studies.” This program started accepting students in Spring 2019, and ten students participated in that year. Feedbacks from the participants were extremely positive and encouraging. Some of them even expressed that they would like to go back to Tübingen for further studies.

In the fall semester, another program is going to be launched in September 2020, i.e., “Doshisha EU Campus European Studies Program.” This program consists of variety of courses on European studies from different disciplines, such as theology, literature, philosophy, law, policy studies, sociology, and economics. We extend warm welcome to Tübingen students and foreign students studying at Tübingen University to participate in these courses and study together with Doshisha students.



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2) Research Collaboration

EU Campus tries to become a hub for research collaboration not only between Doshisha and Tübingen Universities, but also with other research institutions throughout Europe. We have co-organized three large international symposia in the past. The last one was held successfully at University of Tübingen in February 2019 on the topic of “Challenges for Aging Societies.” Between February, 25 and 27, 2020, we will hold the third symposium in Kyoto on the topic of “Challenges toward Building Societies Filled with Respect for ‘Diversity.’” If you happen to be in Kyoto on these days, you are welcome to join us for this event.

We also had another type of research meeting, called “Doshisha Week” in November 2019 in order to illuminate research activities at Doshisha (for details, please see Page 3 of this issue).

Through various activities on EU Campus, we would like enable students to have the same inspiring and enlightening intercultural experiences which Joe Neesima, the founder of Doshisha University, did in New England, USA in the 19th century. We will try to improve the quality of these programs and events as well as to come up with more innovative activities both in education and research in the future. Please stay tuned for further development of Doshisha EU Campus at Tübingen University.

Yoshihiko Wada, PhD, Director, EU Campus Office, Professor, Faculty of Economics

Greetings from Office of International Affairs

Warm greetings from Kyoto,

Our office consists of two sections: One is in charge of study abroad programs, and the other is in charge of managing agreements and administrative matters related to international affairs.

We would like to introduce “Amherst House” which is located in our university and it was designated as a registered Tangible Cultural Property on June 17, 2005.

Amherst House was built with funds collected by the alumni and their families of Amherst College (our founder, Joe Neesima’s Alma Mater) in the U.S. including S.B. Nichols (the first student representative of Amherst-Doshisha program which was opened in 1921 by Amherst College commemorating the 100th anniversary of its founding to send Amherst alumnus to Doshisha). Its dedication ceremony was held on October 29, 1935, as part of Doshisha’s 60th anniversary. Since then, Amherst House has been a center for the activities of student representatives and fellow students visiting from Amherst College. Although Amherst House was used to be a dormitory for Doshisha students, it has been used as an accommodation facility, mainly for foreign researchers visiting Japan since the end of May 2009.



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