

SPRING-TERM CHANGES AT TUJ

New Learning Center



The Writing Center at the Tokyo campus was expanded in January into a Learning Center that includes the language lab. In addition to tutoring in writing, students can now receive tutorial help in reading academic texts, as well as assistance in Japanese, Korean, Chinese, math, psychology, and computer technology.

Osaka Campus

The Osaka campus of the graduate education program moved from the YMCA to a building opposite JR Osaka station at the beginning of this term. The new location reportedly is just a short walk from Osaka station.

The new facility has two classrooms that can be converted into a single room. This single expanded room was put to good use when one of the lecture series was held for 90 people on February 19.

The new Osaka campus has a larger library than the previous campus and more speedy computers according to Tomoko Nemoto, assistant director of the graduate educational program. In addition to being the new home for the program, the facility is expected to be used for various other TUJ academic programs.

On November 20, more than 70 alumni and guests, including two representatives from the YMCA, attended a party at the Miyako Hotel in Osaka hosted by the graduate education program.

The new address of the Osaka campus is Osaka Ekimae Bldg. 3, 21st floor, 1-1-3-2100, Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka 530-0001. The contact numbers are Tel (06) 6343-0005, Fax (06) 6343-5511.

T-Time

Since the beginning of January, TUJ has set aside an hour in the middle of the day called T-time when there are no undergraduate classes or faculty office hours.

The purpose of T-time is to free undergraduate students and teachers for meetings, club activities, student government activities, special seminars, and lectures and other events.

TUJ FUND RAISING GOES ON

New Building Fund Grows

The TUJ Building Fund continues to grow. Donation pledges now amount to ¥218 million, but a lot more money is needed to construct the new TUJ campus.

Of this amount, alumni contributed ¥106 million, including a \$1 million (¥105 million) donation by Koji Shimada (EdD '75). Faculty, staff, students and friends of TUJ gave ¥112 million. Corporations mainly donated the remainder of the money.

TUJ officials expect the number of foreign and Japanese students to grow as a result of the removal of many barriers by the education ministry.

Because TUJ is housed in a building designed for corporate offices, Dean Kirk R. Patterson would like to relocate to a multi-tenant international educational center. The money in this fund will help achieve the goal of a new TUJ campus with expanded educational facilities.

Annual Fund: Donations for Scholarships and Other Causes

The amount of money collected this year for scholarships and other purposes totals ¥10.6 million. Alumni, faculty, and staff gave approximately ¥700,000 for scholarships, and the university doubled this amount, so students were able to receive ¥2.1 million in scholarship money to pay for their education expenses.

Parents of APP and undergraduate students dug into their pockets and gave ¥3 million to the university.

Phillip Morris donated ¥5 million to support the NGO program that is run by the Continuing Education.

The Ogasawara Foundation contributed ¥1 million to upgrade the biology lab. Alumni also made donations for specific purposes, such as the library and for film editing equipment.

The annual fund-raising campaign continues until the end of June. Alumni are urged to reflect on the benefits that they have received from their education at

EDITORS' NOTES

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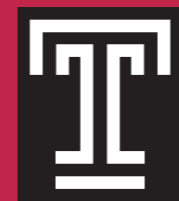
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EDUCATION MINISTRY OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZES TUJ

As of February 14, TUJ alumni and students can use the degrees and credits they earned at TUJ to apply to any university in Japan, national, public, or private, for enrollment in graduate studies or in undergraduate programs. In the past, some universities accepted TUJ credits but others did not because the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports, Science and Technology did not officially recognize TUJ as a university.

That has now changed. The education ministry notified TUJ in February that it recognizes TUJ as the first "Foreign University, Japan Campus."

"This recognition speaks highly of Temple University as an institution of higher education and of American education general," said former U.S. ambassador Howard Baker.

"It's been a 23-year process, with the last three years being the most intense," added Kirk R. Patterson, dean of TUJ.

According to Dean Patterson, "with this recognition and the confirmation of our academic quality that it represents, TUJ

will be better able to meet the needs of its growing student body. At the same time, we are well aware that as the first Foreign University, Japan Campus, we have a special responsibility to work even harder to contribute to the further development of the Japanese education system."

To be officially recognized as a foreign university in Japan, TUJ needed to meet a number of criteria, including offering degree programs equivalent to those at its parent institution (Temple University, in Philadelphia) and having recognition as a full university in its country of origin (the United States).

"Now that TUJ is on the same level as other universities, I hope to see an increase in the number of students," commented Taku Shinohara, former editor of *The Temple Voice* and a 2002 TUJ graduate. "However," he added, "TUJ needs to maintain a certain level of improvement in the service it offers to students to retain its brand recognition and to provide the level of education that students at all educational institutions require."



Dean Patterson addresses reporters at a press conference.

Since 1982, when Temple University set up the Japan campus, TUJ administrators have been trying to gain recognition from the education ministry so that TUJ could sponsor student visas, resolve disadvantageous tax issues, and receive a deferment for students paying into the National Pension Plan.

Perhaps the most contentious issue has been the student ineligibility to obtain commuter passes. The new recognition paved the way for resolving this and other long-standing issues. As a result, TUJ should be able to attract more students, including international students.

RAILWAY PASSES AT LAST

After 23 years of negotiations, the burden on students to pay full fare for commuting to TUJ has been lifted. TUJ students can now obtain the same discounted transportation passes that students at other universities have been able to purchase.

JR East and other railway companies are issuing discount passes to degree-seeking TUJ students as a result of the education ministry's decision to recognize TUJ.

"I am very happy to obtain a pass," said Yuichi Takahashi, a senior at TUJ and the former president of its student government. "All my friends at TUJ are excited to know that we are the first TUJ

students to enjoy this privilege."

The discounts apply to commuter passes and long-distance tickets.

"We are grateful to JR East and other railway companies for eliminating this long-standing inequity in the treatment of TUJ and our students and, more importantly, for helping ease the financial burden borne by TUJ students as they strive to realize their educational and career dreams," Dean Kirk R. Patterson said.

The amounts of money that students are able to save depend on distance and railway line, but many students can save from 30% to 70% on the passes.



Students display their new discounted train passes.

MORE BENEFITS FROM RECOGNITION

TUJ Now Able to Sponsor Student Visas

On March 10, two foreign TUJ students became the first to receive student visas sponsored by Temple University Japan. The Ministry of Justice granted TUJ the right to sponsor student visas as a result of the recognition TUJ received from the education ministry.

"I am really lucky to be able to switch to a student visa at this time, since my cultural activities' visa was to expire this month," said Jesse Moore, an American. Victor Weber, the second person to receive



Jesse Moore is holding his student visa

a student visa, will attend TUJ in the summer session.

Until recently, TUJ was only able to sponsor short-term cultural visas. These visas were generally limited to students who were studying in the United States and did not allow for foreign students to spend sufficient time in Japan to pursue full degree programs.

TUJ officials now believe they can sponsor visas for students from other countries as well.

"We are very grateful to the Justice Ministry for quickly recognizing TUJ's designation as Japan's first Foreign University, Japan Campus," said Kirk R. Patterson, dean of Temple University Japan. "This will enable TUJ to respond positively to the requests we receive from overseas students who want to get an American education while learning about Japan."

While gratified to receive this and other benefits as a result of the new status from the education ministry, TUJ officials say they will continue to work on addressing various tax-related issues that TUJ faces.

The officials stress that TUJ is not seeking government subsidies, but they believe the Japanese government should give the same tax status to TUJ as other universities to enable TUJ to provide even better programs and facilities for its students.

Government Loans Available

Students who apply to TUJ for undergraduate or graduate degree programs are eligible for low-interest loans from the Japanese government as a result of the recent recognition of TUJ as the Japan campus of a foreign university.

These loans are different from the loans available to students who go to Japanese universities, but they are the same type of loans that Japanese students can receive to study abroad.

Students need to apply for these loans from the schools they are now attending. The schools have to be Japanese high schools or undergraduate programs. The loans are also available to students who received a degree within the past two years from these schools and programs.

The Japan Student Services Organization, which is under the education ministry, issues the loans.

Pension Payment Exemption

TUJ students can defer paying into Japan's pension scheme as long as they are full-time students and have made the necessary arrangements.

In the past, TUJ students over 20 years old were expected to pay into the scheme, even though students at Japanese universities were allowed to defer payment. TUJ students now enjoy the same deferral privileges as other Japanese university students.

To be eligible for this deferral, students must apply to their local Shakai Hoken Jimusho (Social Security Office).

Temple Professors to Display Art in Tokyo

The artwork of three Temple University professors will be exhibited at Galleria Nike at the High School and Junior High School of Art and Design in Suginami-ku, from June 30 to July 8, 2005. Admission is free.

Professor Charles Schmidt's paintings and drawings will be displayed, but he will remain in the United States. His protégés, professors Sarah Steinwachs and McDavid Henderson, will be in Tokyo this summer to teach art courses at TUJ. They plan to visit the gallery.

Fujiko Komatsu (Tyler '70), an art teacher at the High School and Junior High School of Art and Design, is helping organize the exhibition. An artist herself, she was also one of Professor Schmidt's students.

ALUMNI NEWS: WHAT ARE TUJ ALUMNI UP TO?

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Yasuko (Odano) Steiner (BA '00) has become CIO of Japan's first private aircraft management company, started by her husband, Dominik.

After graduating from TUJ, Yasuko worked as a data engineer.

When her company asked her to transfer to the Hong Kong office, she turned down the offer. She then joined the Customer Service Division of Bridge Information Systems, where she met her future husband, Dominik Steiner. When they discovered that Bridge was preparing for bankruptcy, Yasuko and Dominik left the company, got married, and moved to Zurich.

Their first child, Makoto Dominik, was born in November 2001; the second baby, Renee Sakura, arrived in September 2003.

At the beginning of this year, Dominik decided to work with investors and start up his own company in Japan. As a result, the family will move back to Japan this summer from Switzerland. yasuko@makotosteiner.com



Tomonori Saito (BA '01) a cum laude graduate, will become a published poet when his first book, "Testament", is released by Shimpusha in April.

Four years after graduation, he has finally made his boyhood dream come true. He worked on some of the poems with Professor Marianne Jarvis. Proud of his TUJ degree, he said, "I clearly stated that I'm a TUJ graduate in my writer's profile." tuj1995@yahoo.co.jp

Mina Takahashi (BA '03) started working for the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) as its public relations officer in December.

Although Mina had working experience when she entered TUJ, she knew she wanted to be involved in public relations after graduating. During her studies at TUJ, she experienced a summer internship at Gavin Anderson & Company and another internship at Fleishman-Hilliard Japan, where she continued working as a full-time employee following graduation. After two years of long hours at the prestigious PR firm, she decided to move on.

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Sachie Kawamura (AA '90) will leave her job as a chemotherapist at the end of April. She has been working for five years in outpatient chemotherapy at a hospital in Matsue. She visits patients' homes and builds trust with them and often helps patients cope with their final moments of cancer.

Sachie also translates for foreign visitors at the hospital. "Nursing that I learned in the U.S. 10 years ago is now gradually becoming known in Japan, and I feel that we really need to catch up. I hope some day Japanese nursing will be well established as a result of combining the cutting-edge methodology of foreign nursing with our own," she said. r-nanten@muse.ocn.ne.jp

Susannah McManus, a former editor of *The Temple Voice* and student at TUJ, had a baby girl, Maya Jasmine McManus, on February 24 in Denver, Colorado.

In 1999, Susannah began attending TUJ because her husband had been posted to Tokyo. When Taku Shinohara, then editor of *The Temple Voice*, heard Susannah had layout experience at a newspaper, he recruited her for *The Temple Voice*.

When Susannah's husband was relocated to Miami, Susannah transferred her TUJ credits to The University of Miami and completed the degree she started at TUJ. She also wrote articles for *The Miami Herald*.

Susannah and her husband, Julian, both British citizens, are proud of their American-born daughter. Now living in Denver, Susannah says her daughter is "much lovelier in person, so come and see our little American girl."

B.K. Cottle (MED '03) was recently employed by Dokkyo University and is looking forward to applying his TUJ experience in the classroom.

In September 2004, B.K. and his wife, Hiroko, welcomed their first child, Saya Elise, into their family.

B.K. received his Aikido instructor's license in February 2005 after completing the 11-month Yoshinkan Aikido Senshusei course.

Currently, B.K. is an assistant instructor at the Yoshinkan Aikido Honbu Dojo in Kami Ochiai, Shinjuku, Tokyo. B.K. would like to hear from fellow MED '03 graduates. He can be contacted at bkcottle@hotmail.com.



Mark Smith (EMBA '99) started his own business late last year. His company, Skillhouse Staffing Solutions K.K., is part of the U.K.-based conglomerate Skillhouse, which mainly provides companies with IT and Administrative staffing services (short and long-term assignments and permanent positions).

Mark is seeking small to medium-sized specialty or general staffing-related companies to purchase. Mark is also interested in investing in a start-up operation if a professional can offer a strong business plan in specialty staffing. Mark.Smith@skillhouse.co.jp

Toru Kitakaze (LLM '04) attended the swearing-in ceremony for admission to the New York State Bar in January in Albany. He took the July 2004 bar exam.

Toru continues to work for the contract department of Agilent Technologies Japan, Ltd.,

WORLD TRAVELER SETTLES DOWN ON A VINEYARD

Profile: Nick Hasumi (BA '95)

Nick Hasumi has forsaken globetrotting, working for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and being an export manager to become a farmer, or more specifically a grape grower in Nagano. In the next three or four years, he hopes to become a winemaker, once his grapevines have matured.

Far from enjoying the life of a country squire, Nick is toiling seven days a week. "It's quite tough, but I enjoy doing it," he said.

In May, Nick will plant wine grapes in his vineyard. It will take at least three years for those grapes to be ready for pressing into wine. Meanwhile, he is growing table grapes (*kyoho*), which he describes as "naturally sweet, crisp, and fresh."

"My goal is to produce my own wine brand from my own grapes. I want to start my winery in this place."

Nick's dreams do not stop with producing his own wine. "After I have my own wine brand, I would like to provide a place where people can actually taste my wine. The place would include a tasting room, a restaurant etc...."

After Nick graduated from Temple University, he traveled. "I have been to more than 60 countries so far," he says. "I had chances to enjoy local cuisine and drinks. Especially when I traveled in Chile and Argentina, I enjoyed their low-priced, but high-quality wine every day."

After he returned to Japan, he said, he became very interested in learning more about wine.

"As soon as I found out there was a wine-tasting class at TUJ offered by the Continuing Education Department, I signed up immediately," Nick said. "To me, taking the class was just like opening a door to the world of another planet."

At the end of the term, the students and teacher visited a winery. Sandra Shoji, the wine expert who taught the wine-tasting class, recalled, "When we were at Coco Farm and Winery, Nick started to walk with me along the path, and he asked, 'does Bruce accept volunteers?'" At this point, Ms. Shoji looked at the dapper urbanite, and reminded him that being a city lad he might find vineyard work hard going. He replied, "No problem."

Ms. Shoji then approached the manager to pave the way for Nick to offer his volunteer services. "And voilà. Nick was the talk of his class for quitting his posh job and heading to Coco to be a wine guy," says Ms. Shoji.

Every weekend after that, Nick volunteered to work in the vineyard. He quit his job as the export sales manager for a tool production company and started to work full time as a salesperson for the winery.

which is a California-based company specializing in measuring instruments. It was disappointing for both Toru and TUJ that he could not have his degree and credentials printed on his name cards. A company rule restricts those designations to legal department employees.

"Things that I learned in the program really help me at work. For example, when finding differences in contracts between the Japan and the U.S. sides, I can make a strong argument since I know the legal background of both sides very well," said Toru. toru_kitakaze@agilent.com

"My title was salesperson," he says, "but I still had tremendous opportunities to get involved in production work."

Nick says working at the winery was like attending school. "Everyday, I learned new things. The wish to create my own new wine grew bigger and bigger in my mind. So I decided to move to Nagano in 2004 for my new adventure."



Nick looks over his vineyard.

In 1992 and 1993, when Nick studied at TUJ, he had no idea he would someday become a wine aficionado. Instead, he was honing his academic skills to transfer to the main campus to study RTF (Radio, Television, and Film).

After graduation, he headed for Hollywood to make his name in show business. Instead, he landed a job with the Los Angeles Dodgers. "My title was assistant to the director of Asian relations, and my responsibilities included translating for Japanese players and coaches as well as gathering baseball-related information," Nick said.

Nick is trilingual in English, Spanish, and Japanese. He also speaks Turkish and is studying Korean.

Nick, the wine connoisseur, world traveler, former Dodger employee, and present-day vineyard tender, is certainly a good example of a TUJ student who has carved a niche for himself in Japan because of his international outlook.

For more information about Nick Hasumi, check his website in Japanese at <http://blog.livedoor.jp/niconiconick>. If you want to taste Nick's grapes, you can contact him at nickhasumi@yahoo.co.jp.

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