

TUJ Times



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Construction is on schedule and underway at the New TUJ Campus.

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A Better Student Life Beckons at the New TUJ

By John Szalas

With the formal opening a year away and some details yet to be determined, the physical plans for the New TUJ Campus are coming into focus, and the expected benefits accruing to TUJ students and TUJ's academic programs are starting to take shape.

The most significant change is that the new campus promises to offer students and faculty a more traditional college environment; one purpose-built for education.

While Azabu Hall and Mita Hall have served exceptionally well over the past 20 years, they were not specifically designed for use by an academic institution. With its growth over the past two decades, many of TUJ's facilities in Minami-Azabu now have a pronounced ad hoc quality to them that came about as the university expanded into neighboring buildings or acquired additional rooms from other businesses within the office buildings it occupies.

Although the new campus is only slightly larger than the combined area of the existing structures in Tokyo now used by TUJ, the new facility is designed and built for a university, and that promises a much more efficient use of space and better experience for the entire TUJ community, students especially.

On the academic front the Art, Communication and Japanese language programs will have better facilities and expanded academic offerings, while the library will get an upgrade.

The improved classrooms available to Art and Communications majors will feature integrated technology assisting creative design. A new all-purpose production room will be available with audio equipment, extensive storage, a built-in green screen, and brand new computers with advanced video editing software. The new equipment will not only enhance student academic work, but will allow for the creation of a new production track within the Communications major, expanding professional options for TUJ graduates.

Art students, in turn, will have the chance to display their works at the new gallery space adjacent to the entrance lobby, with a

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continual rotation of new works planned. Additionally, faculty from the Environmental Design Program at Showa Women's University (SWU) will guest lecturer from time-to-time within the Art program at TUJ, and vice-versa, broadening the academic horizon for students from both schools.

The Japanese language program at TUJ is currently vetting ideas for collaboration with Showa's English Language and Communication programs. Although specific TUJ activities such as the Hanami Event and yomu yomu club will continue as before; over time it is hoped that Showa students might eventually join in some activities with their peers at TUJ. A more formal student matching system might also evolve organically between the schools with native Japanese speakers paired with English speakers in both formal academic and informal co-curricular settings.

The plans for the new TUJ library promise additional benefits for students, including a large common study area and 6 individual study rooms, as well as more computers for student research and extra study carrels. Library staff are also hoping for longer opening hours and additional staff to assist students with individual research.

Currently, TUJ's library cooperates with Musashi University's library, but with proximity to SWU's facilities, resource sharing between TUJ and SWU should also develop naturally and quickly. TUJ alumni, as before, will have access to the new TUJ library with borrowing privileges, and will be able to use Temple University's research databases.

The Office of Student Services is analyzing how Temple students might participate in SWU festivals and campus activities. Each November, for example, Showa Women's University holds its Cosmos matsuri that draws over 10,000 people annually. TUJ is already scheduled to participate in the 2019 festival and the event will be open not only to students, but to TUJ alumni, staff and faculty as well.

The biggest impact on student life, however, is likely to be access to large dedicated student spaces – to lounge, to eat, to study and to hang out – including outdoor spaces and access to athletic facilities. A real university campus. Even better, the surrounding area in Setagaya-ku, specifically the Sanganjaya area, is a popular place for restaurants. The heart of Shibuya-ku is just a 30-minute walk, or quick metro ride away with access to Shibuya Station in two stops. And the nearest station, Sangen-Jaya, is a only four-minute walk from the New TUJ Campus, itself a major improvement. A lot for students to get excited about.

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Alumni workers at the auction tables.

Alumni Spirit at FCSC/YMCA Dinner

By Geo Otsu

TUJ alumni turned out on November 9 to show their spirit and support for the Tokyo community by volunteering at the 60th anniversary dinner of the Foreign Community Support Committee (FCSC), an NGO composed of foreign business leaders and ambassadors.

Originally founded to help the foreign community, the organization now raises funds for charitable causes in Japan including the Challenged Children Program that it runs together with the YMCA.

This year's gala was held at Tokyo American Club, under the theme "Unleash Your Potential." The TUJ volunteers helped manage the silent auction and raffles during the evening, and their entrepreneurial spirit helped set a record on raffle sales with all money going to benefit disabled children. They also contributed to the successful operation of the event, supporting the reception and the preparation of omiyage bags.

Two members of the TUJ Board of Overseers also serve on the Board of the FCSC. This is the second year TUJ alumni have helped worked the event, wearing red Temple t-shirts to show their pride.

To learn more visit: <https://www.facebook.com/fcscjapan>

An Open Letter to **All** TUJ Alumni

To all TUJ Alumni:

It is an exciting and transformative time in the history of our university. In less than one year, TUJ will relocate to a brand-new and purpose-built campus in Setagaya-ku, Tokyo.

The New TUJ Campus will provide students with an enhanced learning environment including:

- A single building in a traditional university setting
- Usable outdoor space and access to athletic facilities
- A 50,000-volume library
- Expanded studio space for art and photography programs
- A dedicated art gallery for the exhibition of student art
- Modern classrooms with integrated IT infrastructure
- Expansive student common areas and study spaces

The move will also strengthen the growing academic partnership between Showa Women's University (SWU) and TUJ advancing US-Japan cooperation in higher education, including an undergraduate double degree (3+2) program, a student exchange program and joint faculty research.

None of this, however, is possible without your support.

Because TUJ receives no financial support from the Japanese government, or subsidies from its main campus in Philadelphia, the university relies on tuition revenues, and donations from generous supporters to fund its operations.

Tuition money alone, however, cannot build The New TUJ.

A campaign is now underway to help fund the relocation of TUJ and the establishment of a new campus in Setagaya-ku, and I am inviting all TUJ Alumni to donate to this cause. Gifts of at least ¥35,000 (\$300) will be permanently recognized on the grounds of the New TUJ Campus, and gratefully acknowledged in the following way:

- ¥35,000 / \$300 Donor name inscribed on a Paving Brick on the Exterior Walk
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Naming rights for classrooms and public spaces, and other opportunities to create a lasting legacy benefitting future generations, are also available. Information on the campus, and details on how you can donate, may be found online through the following link:

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The New TUJ Campus will advance a global vision of higher education pioneered by Temple University in the 1980s that recognized that the free flow of information and ideas across cultures was critical to the creation of knowledge, and vital to fostering universal values and understanding. TUJ has been providing a superior American-style education in Japan for over 35 years. Your support can be a critical part of the next and most important chapter of our history. Donations in any amount help TUJ create the best possible physical learning environment for students and faculty.

Thank you for your contribution.

Sincerely,



Bruce Stronach
Dean, Temple University, Japan Campus

“It’s On Us” Campaign to Combat Sexual Assault

TUJ has officially launched a campaign to help eradicate sexual assault within the university community. Called “It’s On Us,” the campaign is an extension of the existing “It’s On Us PA” initiative on Temple’s Main Campus in Philadelphia that received funding from the State of Pennsylvania last year.

Initiated by former President Barack Obama in 2014, the US-wide initiative has already expanded to over 500 colleges and encourages everyone at American institutions of higher education to make a personal commitment to end sexual violence on campus.

As part of its participation, TUJ has distributed fliers and cards at new student orientations and mounted posters around campus drawing attention to the issue of sexual violence. In the U.S. sexual violence is considered a form of gender discrimination and is strictly prohibited under the Title IX civil rights law. U.S. colleges and universities receiving federal funding are now required to have a Title IX Coordinator on campus to respond to, and support, students making Title IX discrimination claims, and to report these incidents to university officials.

Effective July 2018, Nicole Depres has been designated the Deputy Title IX Coordinator at TUJ and will report in this capacity to the lead Title IX Coordinator in Philadelphia. As Director of the Office of Student Services, Depres has over ten years of experience with student-to-student conflict and student-care matters at TUJ. As the Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Depres will also serve as the point of contact for students and members of the TUJ community to report incidents covered under Title IX,



Nicole Depres
Deputy Title IX Coordinator

such as sexual assault and dating violence, and she will coordinate with the Main Campus in handling cases in accordance with U.S. law and Temple University regulations.

About 40% of TUJ students are from the U.S. and another 20% enroll from more than 50 countries outside Japan. TUJ embraces diversity and considers its demographic profile as one of the school’s major strengths. TUJ has a variety of support services to address the needs of students with various religious and cultural backgrounds, gender identities, and disabilities. The appointment of the Deputy Title IX coordinator should further enhance the support services provided to a diverse and growing student body.

Owls Fly Home for 2018 Reunion

By Geo Otsu

Over 100 guests gathered to celebrate TUJ and mark the last reunion in the Heisei era and the final alumni gathering before the opening of the new campus in Setagaya-ku. Attendees enjoyed food, music and conversation with classmates and reconnected with long-time TUJ faculty and staff. And they marveled at an incredible view of Tokyo Tower looming overhead.

This year’s party was held at “Place of Tokyo” a venue located at the foot of Tokyo Tower and the illuminated view of the Tower through the glass ceiling of the room was a dramatic and memorable highlight. Guests were also entertained by a special performance by alumna Mami Takahashi (2006), who performed a range of song and dance together with her band.

Five alumni present at the reunion were formally recognized for their contributions to the TUJ New Campus Fund, and efforts to raise additional funds continued into the night. Two individuals, including alumnus Haruka Yasuda, stepped forward to match any donation made the night of the party - up to 250,000 yen. Nine new donors stepped forward by the end of the evening and helped TUJ raise an additional ¥ 990,000 toward the New TUJ Campus.

Thank you for those who came to the party, and we look forward to seeing more alumni next year!



Alumna Mami Takahashi performing at the 2018 Reunion

A Process of Learning

The New Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at TUJ reflects on His Role



By George Miller

My path to TUJ was not a traditional academic route.

I grew up in Wilmington, Delaware and I looked at *The News Journal* nearly every day. During the 1980s, it was an amazing newspaper, loaded with some of the top photographers in the United States. I saw the images they created and I was inspired. I wanted to be a journalist.

After I graduated from college, I found myself working as a photojournalist for a newspaper in nearby Philadelphia and I frequently ran into photographers from *The News Journal*. It was a thrill. Fred Comegys? Pat Crowe? Jim Graham? These guys were legends, and not just in tiny Delaware. Fred was the National Press Photographers Association photographer of the year in 1985.

I spent time in their newsroom over the years and became friends with some of the photographers at *The News Journal*. One, Susan L. Gregg, wound up leaving the paper to become a professor at Wilmington College (now Wilmington University). And in 2001, after I ran into her on an assignment, she asked if I would be interested in teaching photography at the college.

I had never taught before. I didn't know if I could do it. I was comfortable with my photography skills but I'd never walked people through the process of seeing, composing, properly setting the camera and digitally manipulating images. And I had never explained photo theory, the understanding of what made images good.

Most importantly, I had never learned pedagogy. I had no knowledge of how to teach, or how people learned.

So I thought about the teachers that I had studied under, the people who had an impact on my learning and understanding.

There was Jim Thompson, my high school photo teacher and baseball coach. He always said, "Don't just practice. Practice perfect." Do everything the right way, he said, over and over and over again. That's how you master things, whether it's fielding ground balls or snapping images.

Andy Ciofalo, with whom I took several classes at Loyola College (now Loyola University), challenged me to do things on my own. He gave me tasks without a lot of guidance and it was my job to solve problems and finish the job. It was empowering.

Michael Shapiro, my primary instructor during graduate school at Columbia University, created the most dynamic learning environment. He walked us through ideas but he also brought things to life by performing mock press conferences in classes and through other techniques. It was education but it was also so much fun.

I planned my first class as a teacher at Wilmington College with these people in mind. I took the best aspects from each and applied them to my teaching style.

It was rough at first, as it's impossible to really appreciate classroom management until you have to do it. I learned quickly though. And a few years later, I left the practice of journalism to go into academia full time. I became a journalism professor at Temple University in 2007.

With every class I taught, I learned a lot. I saw the ways that students reacted to lessons, so I adapted. I adjusted my lectures

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after every class session and I altered my syllabi every semester. I modified assignments, brought in new ones and tossed aside the assignments that failed. I designed new classes to suit the students' interests and the realities of the industry.

Every class and every semester has been a new experience, which keeps me fresh and on my toes.

I have to constantly change, as journalism is constantly changing. Every instructor must adapt to the students, who are also constantly evolving. They learn differently now, thanks to different technologies and different life experiences. It is a massive challenge to stay ahead of the world.

In August, I became the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at TUJ. I now oversee the faculty and many of the support staff who make this place run smoothly. It's a huge job. And again, I find myself in a similar situation; while I have held administrative and leadership roles in the past, no one has ever actually taught me how to be a leader.

I think about the people I know who have been effective leaders, able to get the most out of their teams while keeping everyone

excited and challenged. It's difficult, as the best leaders stay in the background. They quietly make things happen so that people can do their best work possible.

I'm fortunate to walk into a situation where the foundation is already very solid. Dean Bruce Stronach and the other leadership here, including my predecessor, Alistair Howard, have built up enrollment, academic standards and financial stability.

My job is to let everyone know how valuable they are to this university, and to make sure they have the support they need in order to make this a positive learning environment for the students.

Now, I find myself in the position of coaching my employees who have their own staffs to lead, and I'm trying to set a good example for what a leader can be. I try to subtly teach them that everyone's opinions need to be heard and considered, that the machine runs the smoothest when everyone buys into the mission, and that humility can be a powerful tool.

I've only been with TUJ a few months. I'm really happy here. And I'm learning every day.



George Miller interviewed by a student in his office at TUJ

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Changes to GI Bill Hit TUJ Veterans

By John Szalas

The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act, or the **Forever GI Bill** was signed into law by President Trump August 2017. Drafted to help restructure and streamline the system through which US military veterans access GI Bill benefits, the bill has also had a significant and unintended negative impact on the university's large veteran population due to TUJ's location outside the U.S. mainland.

While the legislation expanded benefits by eliminating a "use it or lose it" provision that terminated a veteran's educational benefits 15-years after the end of their military service, a welcome change for most veterans, it has also had two significantly negative consequences.

The bill reduced the overall housing allowance for veterans as a partial offset to pay for the expansion of tuition coverage; a difficult financial hit alone. The more devastating change for TUJ students, however, is the way housing allowances are now calculated for veterans attending school abroad.

Previously, the housing benefit under the GI Bill was determined using the location of a school's main campus. In the case of TUJ, Philadelphia. Now, student-veterans attending schools outside the US mainland receive a blanket benefit rate of \$1650 per month, regardless of the cost of the city where they study.

According to the Pentagon's own standards, the revised housing allowance under the new legislation is quite meager. The Travel Management Office at the US Department of Defense, the office that sets foreign allowances for active duty personnel and staff, budgets \$6882.11 a month, excluding utilities or moving expenses, for staff living in the Tokyo. A vast gap from the \$1650.11 provided to students. Even less central areas well outside Tokyo command rents exceeding the GI Bill allowance.



Compounding the problem for many veterans is that they are older, so when they do return to school it is often with families in tow who need support while the veteran is out of the work force completing an academic degree program.

According to TUJ's Office of Student Services, enrollment of US military veterans – currently 16% of the overall full-time student population - remains steady despite the growing financial burden the new legislation created. They acknowledge the financial difficulty many student-veterans are experiencing, but suggest there may be some options available through traditional sources of financial aid that could help some students mitigate the impact of the recent changes and better prepare financially prior to enrolling at TUJ.



TUJ Joins The Common Application

John Szalas contributing

First-year students applying to the undergraduate program at Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ) for 2018-2019 will have the ability to do so through The Common Application, an online college application platform that supports more than three million applicants, teachers and counselors across the United States and around the world every year.

In Japan, TUJ is the second institution to adopt the Common App after Doshisha University. More than 800 member colleges and

universities worldwide now use the technology. By becoming a Common App member, TUJ will streamline its application process and gain exposure to many prospective students who may not have otherwise considered the institution.

U.S. institutions do not typically have an entrance exam, but instead require applicants to submit transcripts from their secondary schools and previous institutions, as well as documentation such as SAT/ACT scores and teacher recommendations. Although the Common Application allows applicants to apply to multiple universities through one account, specific universities may also require additional documentation or personal essays.

Another benefit of the Common App for student applicants is that it doubles as a college research tool. As you search for academic institutions within the program, you may select parameters such as public or private school, coed or single gender, student population and location, allowing each student to find a school best suited to their needs and personal preference. It also tracks application deadlines for each institution, and provides applicants advice on preparation, payment plans, and transfer requirements.

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According to Senior Associate Dean for TUJ and Associate Dean for Enrollment Management Chie Kato, “the Common App will make it easier for students to apply to TUJ. 60% of TUJ students are non-Japanese and a majority of them apply from the U.S., where it is a standard tool to apply to colleges. This is another way to improve services for students coming from all over the world.”

The current TUJ page on the Common App also includes

Minato Citizens University 2018

Globalization is re-writing the idea of community by both expanding its reach and atomizing it simultaneously. Communities are aging, internationalizing and fragmenting through an increase reliance on social media that can also promote isolation.

Minato Citizen’s University, a series of lectures open to Minato-ku residents and held in universities across the ward, seeks to mitigate the less desirable effects of globalization by bringing people together in the traditional way: around common interests and within their own neighborhoods.

TUJ has been a major supporter of the Citizen’s University since its beginnings in 2006, and it lends a unique aspect to the program being the only participating institution offering its lectures in English.

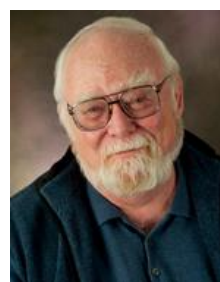
This year TUJ offered talks on topics including, *Tackling the Issue of Food Waste in Japan*, *A World without Mass Media and the Impact on Communities*, *Finding Yourself in Your Community—The Importance of Cross-cultural Communication*, and *Outsiders and the Community in American Art and Literature*.

TUJ’s participation each year is driven not only in its desire to be a good neighbor and member of the community, but also to help draw positive connections between its own globalizing role as an English language institution in Japan and the benefits such trends can bring to both Japan generally, and Minato-ku specifically. The TUJ lecture on food waste, for example, not only highlighted the global scale of the problem, but illustrated how local action at the ward level could benefit everyone by promoting conservation, preservation and wise usage. Other useful tips included a tutorial on the App “tabete” that helps connect local residents to food sources at discount prices.

TUJ has a unique role to play as the only foreign university in the ward. According to Etsuko Suzuki of the TUJ Dean’s Office who works in Community Relations, “Temple is helping to drive internationalization in Japan which is recognized. So at the community level, participating in these activities, and showcasing our strengths as an English speaking organization, is not only what is expected of us from Minato ward, but one that benefit’s TUJ as well through good relations”.

information on the pending campus move to Setagaya-ku in 2019 providing potential applicants the most up-to-date information about what to expect as a student. While TUJ has seen record application and enrollment numbers over the last few years through its own online application system implemented more than a decade ago, the university hopes to reach more students globally through this new initiative. Temple Main Campus became a member of The Common App in 2014.

In Memorium



Dean William Sharp
1941-2018

Dr. William Sharp has died. Dr. Sharp was instrumental in the founding of TUJ and served as schools’ first director and dean from 1982-1985, and then again from 1989-1992. Between those two appointments, he directed Temple’s Institute for Languages and International Studies in Philadelphia and served as associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences.

TUJ’s current dean Bruce Stronach noted, “Dr. Sharp was indeed a Founding Father of TUJ and he will forever be an important part of our history.”

Sharp first joined Temple’s History Department faculty in 1969, teaching courses in Latin American history and helped develop curricula in Latin American Studies, Black History, and Asian Studies on the Philadelphia campus. Sharp also directed the Honors Program for the College of Arts and Sciences.

A native of Minneapolis, he earned a bachelor’s degree in American history from Stanford University and served two years in Colombia with the Peace Corps. He later received his master and doctoral degrees in Latin American history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A past president of the Northeast Region National Collegiate Honors Council, Sharp was chair of the American Association of Colleges and Universities in Japan for many years, representing American universities in Japan’s educational, business and governmental circles. He was also a past president of the Temple University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Cortland College Interfaith Center in Cortland, NY on July 14, 2018.

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