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Global Campus, Global Future

Jichinsai Marks the Start of Construction



A Shinto priest performs the traditional ground purification

An Auspicious Beginning

By Rasmly Nguyen
Staff Writer

Representatives from Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ) and Showa Women's University (SWU) gathered with officials from Tokyu Construction on March 13th to perform the Jichinsai, or groundbreaking ceremony, for the New TUJ Campus project.

The ceremony, held to gain the blessings of the local Kami and mark the beginning of a promising construction schedule, took place at the building site in a purpose-built shrine.

Neatly piled mound of dirt for the ceremony

The Jichinsai ceremony is one of the few purely Shinto traditions still performed today, and dates back to before Buddhism was introduced to Japan. It is a cornerstone of construction projects across Japan.

Having completed the Jichinsai for TUJ's new campus, workers from Tokyu Construction can feel at ease knowing that any bad luck in the area has been dispelled and that the local Kami has granted them safety and good fortune.

Symbolically, the ceremony also marks the next step in SWU and TUJ's ongoing collaboration.

The ceremony itself takes just under thirty minutes to perform, although hours of planning are often necessary. About forty people attended the TUJ event, including the two Shinto priests who presided.

Before the Ceremony

A large red and white tent was erected just outside of the main construction area, serving as an ersatz temple meant to house a Shinto himorogi, or temporary shrine; constructed for the event between two bamboo trees.

In front of the himorogi, two rows of chairs were placed, divided down the middle by an open pathway, as key element of the ceremony. This path, or *sando* in Japanese, is the main approach that symbolically allows the Kami to enter and exit the area.

The Himorogi

In addition to the central path, offerings to the Kami are also traditionally set out upon the Himorogi and include Yamanomono (food from the mountains), uminomono (food from the sea), as well as rice and jars of sake.

In proper fashion these were all arranged on the shrine for the TUJ ceremony; alongside a neatly piled mound of dirt topped with a few blades of grass just to the right.

This mound, serving as a representation of the "ground" to be broken, is a key focal point of the Jinschinsai event. At the foot of the shrine wooden tools for "breaking" the mound are placed; notably a sickle, hoe and a spade.

Upon arriving at the TUJ construction site in March, guests led into the makeshift temple, and then directed to a hand washing area where they could perform ablutions. In the front row, Chancellor Mariko Bando, Chairperson Midori Kaneko, and Dean Bruce Stronach sat to the right of the center aisle, with members of Tokyu Construction company to the left.

What is Jichinsai?

Jichinsai, or land purification ceremonies, are performed before the beginning of construction on any new building to invite the local Kami, or god, to the site and gain its blessing. Typically, a Shinto priest performs the ceremony on the construction site, with members of each party involved in the building in attendance. The priest purifies the land to prepare for the presence of the Kami, guides the Kami to the site, bestows prayers and gratitude, and finally guides the Kami back to whence it came.

Once everyone was present at the TUJ ceremony, the two priests began the ritual by offering prayers before the shrine. Guests watched in silence as the priests began cleansing the area of bad luck and malicious spirits. The first priest waved a wand of leaves in the direction of the four corners of the room while the second scattered petals on the ground.

After the cleansing, the priests began summoning the local Kami, first by chanting in unison, and then shifting to a steadily rising "ahhhhh" tone. Attendees were asked to stand and bow their heads while the rising tone hit a climax and then steadily decreased until the chanting was complete.

The Kami is summoned

Having broken the "ground," the priests called representatives from SWU, Tokyu Construction and TUJ forward to pay respects. Each participant was presented with a small wooden relic and directed to the altar while others stood in unison, bowed, clapped and prayed.

The ritual ended with a celebratory drink of sake, with guests drinking in unison to the final blessings of the priests, and more chanting to send the Kami off in thanks.

Anticipation

Enthusiasm Grows as Building Takes Shape

By Keili Hamilton-Maureira

TUJ's move is on the horizon, and anticipation is already stirring among students and faculty. The new location in Setagaya-ku is not only more accessible to popular areas of Tokyo like Shibuya, but promises a larger campus, with shared facilities such as gyms, auditoriums, a pool and cafeteria. For students, this means a major improvement to campus life and the experience offered by TUJ.

"A new environment and change of place will definitely uplift the students," remarks Aimer Imai, a Psychology major at TUJ who is looking forward to an opportunity to enhance her studies, "if we're in the right environment then we have the right mindset to study and learn."

With particular hopes geared towards more facilities and proper canteen areas, students should find the new campus location better suited for their needs.

Jose Flores, a student worker at TUJ's Help Desk, expressed his anticipation for a more spacious building, suggested that it would aid in functioning of services like computer services and information technology, "it's definitely going to be neater and more organized," he remarked.

Network Administrator Thomas Gurney proposed that the new campus should affect the student experience positively. "As staff," he offered, "I'm most excited about the new location and environment that is definitely better suited for students."

TUJ's current campus in Minato-ku is housed in an office building shared with a Japanese company. Although it has served admirably for over 20 years, the current space is not a traditional campus, a problem the new facility will address.

Students and faculty expressed excitement at the prospect of an enhanced undergraduate University experience, with a majority feeling that the new campus would promote a much more close-knit environment with the new location providing a real sense of place and a strong Temple identity.

"We will finally transition from working in a standard office building to working in a traditional university setting," remarked one staff member. It is exciting, and and "it is great to see the enthusiasm from students and staff about the move in 2019."

Keili is a Communications Studies major at TUJ. When she is not writing or working, she can usually be found watching reruns of American talk shows or telling her husband to stand still while she draws him.



Perspective image of the new TUJ building

College Sports Reformers Stay Positive Despite Setbacks

By Kaz Nagatsuka

Japan Times Staff Writer

Change can be a painful procedure

That is apparently the case for the leaders working to revamp the landscape of college sports in Japan. It has been a couple of years since discussions aimed at forming a Japanese organization similar to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which oversees college athletics in the U.S., and establishing athletic departments at universities began.

These reform measures are intended to give more legitimacy and governance to college sports in Japan. Sports teams at Japanese universities are given access to school facilities and some subsidies, but are not formally recognized as belonging to the school.

In order to change this, a joint project between the University of Tsukuba, Temple University and Dome Corporation has carried out research on collegiate sports in the United States to examine what would work in Japan.

The project is divided into three phases, with Tsukuba as the test case. The project has recently completed its second phase, which was devoted to preparing an athletic department with a "transitional athletic director" at the Ibaraki Prefecture-based national institute.

Speaking to the audience in a report event at Tsukuba's Tokyo campus on Wednesday, Jeremy Jordan, an associate professor for the School of Sport, Tourism and Hospitality Management at Temple, emphasized — as he has repeatedly done — that the aim of the project is not to copy the U.S. model, but to create one suitable for Japan.

"Hopefully, by sharing information about what's happened over the hundred years in the U.S. in terms of college athletics," said Jordan, an NCAA faculty athletics representative and one of the project leaders.

"It helps you build a model that fits here in Japan, maybe skip some of the painful points

that we've had in the U.S. in terms of college athletics, and continue to help student-athletes develop both in the classroom and athletically."

Tsukuba was originally scheduled to start up its athletic department in April, after this past year's transitional period.

But Shinzo Yamada, one of the sports administrators at Tsukuba, said his team pushed back the launch to give the transitional team another year of preparation.

Tsukuba has more than 40 sports teams but their reactions to the formation of the athletic department, which is a step into the unknown for them, has been muted.

In fact, only three teams — the baseball team and the men's and women's handball teams — have agreed to act under the umbrella of the athletic department. The men's and women's volleyball teams have agreed to take part as associate members.

But the project team is not disheartened by the blunt response. The members are not naive and knew it would not be easy to change the culture of something that has been in place for decades. Jordan hinted that things are moving slower than they originally thought. But he added that it's probably "how it should be," to allocate more time to educate those who are associated with college sports in Japan.

"So that people can really be thoughtful about why they want it to happen, why this change should happen," Jordan said.

Daniel Funk, a professor in the same department as Jordan at Temple, described the project as "a big ship in the ocean," because once it starts moving, it becomes "very hard to turn."

Still, Funk seemed a little perplexed to see resistance from sporting officials at Japanese universities, because universities have facilities and already let their students play sports, yet have left them as "private organizations" to act outside their institutional systems.

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So looking back at the last two years serving as director of the research project, Funk said that the group has tried to come up with “a change management strategy.” The idea is to persuade officials of universities and college sports clubs to understand why the moves are necessary and how it benefits them.

“So moving forward, I think that would be a direction to help other universities deal with both the external and internal politics change,” he said.

Yuhei Inoue, an assistant professor in sports management at the University of Minnesota who has also been a key member on the research project, insisted that developing relationships is highly important in Japan when you attempt to modify something.

“So whatever model you try to bring over here, how you explain it to people like coaches and school officials is important,” Inoue said. “I think that it is really significant to communicate with them well and earn cooperation from them.”

The NCAA was founded in the U.S. in 1906 (it was initially called the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States), essentially because there were too many injuries and deaths related to college football.

I hope Japan is “not forced to move quickly,



Members of the research project on college sports in Japan (from left) University of Tsukuba associate professor Tsuyoshi Matsumoto, Temple professors Jeremy Jordan and Daniel Funk, Yuhei Inoue, an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota and Shinzo Yamada, an administrator at Tsukuba, pose after their presentations on March 7.

because of a crisis,” Funk said. He wants college sports in Japan to promote “well-being” for the students and student-athletes.

Despite meeting more resistance than originally anticipated, Jordan remains optimistic that the project will eventually work due to growing interest from collegiate officials in Japan.

“It seems like for their interests, because every time we come over here, there’s more and more schools that are coming to these functions, it

seems there’s a lot of discussion, the government wants to create this – Japanese version of the NCAA.”

The project will next go into the third and final phase, in which Tsukuba will designate its director and vice director of athletics and prepare to actually run its athletics department.

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Students and Faculty Present at The Global Temple Conference

Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ) sent a delegation of six to attend the 12th annual Global Temple Conference (or “Global Temple”) held on Main Campus in Philadelphia on November 15.

This was TUJ’s first ever participation by multiple faculty and students together with accompanying staff.

“We’re especially proud in this 35th Anniversary Year to be represented at the Global Temple by two respected professors and two talented students,” said TUJ Chief Academic Officer Alistair Howard. “It’s been a great pleasure for our group of faculty, students and staff to meet President Englert and Provost Epps in historic Sullivan Hall.”

The 12th annual Global Temple was a whole-day symposium showcasing “Temple in the World and the World at Temple.”

The conference featured papers, panel discussions, film screenings, performances, and poster presentations on a wide range of global topics by over 150 faculty, students and staff in the Temple community.

“Highlights of the trip were presentations by Hikari Hida and Jeffrey Mazziotta at the Global Temple,” said Associate Professor Mariko Nagai, who moderated the TUJ student panel. “They represent the best of TUJ – high-level academic work delivered confidently, embodying diversity and multiculturalism, and international outlooks.”

Nagai herself presented “Occupied Bodies in Shizuko Suzuki’s Haiku,” touching on the Occupation period state-sanctioned prostitution portrayed in a series of haiku written by a forgotten Japanese female poet, Shizuko Suzuki.

Hikari Hida, a sophomore political science and Asian studies double major, presented “Forging Identity: Being Hafu in the Monoracial Japan,” discussing the historical image of mixed-race Japanese and her own experience as a half-Japanese woman.

“I am so grateful to have gotten the opportunity to go to Main Campus and explore Philly for the very first time,” said Hida, who was recommended by two professors as one of the two student presenters. “Highlights of the trip included...the warm response I received after my presentation that apparently resonated with a crowd that I wasn’t sure would.”

Presenting “Defending Freedom and Democracy: F.P.A. of the U.S. Escalation in Vietnam,” Jeff Mazziotta, Class of 2017

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(Political Science), shared his views and analyses on the implications of the war. The recent graduate was recommended for his award-winning capstone paper.

“The opportunity to take part in the Global Temple was both rewarding and inspiring,” said Mazziotta. “The meeting with the President and Provost was also particularly rewarding and it was a wonderful chance to nourish these important relationships.”

“The trip exceeded my expectations in almost every way and was an experience I will cherish for a long time,” he added. In the faculty panel, Associate Professor James Brown presented “Russia’s North Korea Policy: Facilitator of Belligerence or Contributor to Peace?,” exploring his insights on the political behaviors of Russia, the U.S., and China towards North Korea. Brown echoed Nagai on the excellence of the two student presentations and added, “I also valued the opportunity to introduce myself to faculty at Main Campus.”

With fruitful exchanges and successful participation by the delegation, CAO Howard concluded noting, “We look forward to next year.”



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TUJ Librarian Tom Boardman

Connecting You to a World of Resources

By Keili Hamilton-Maureira

The library at Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ), located on the 4th floor of Azabu Hall, is a quiet refuge for students and faculty alike. The shelves are filled with a carefully maintained collection of academic materials and leisure reading, with over 60,000 books and numerous journals and periodicals.

Personal Selections, Made for Students

Head Librarian Tom Boardman takes great care in his selections for the library, reading 600-700

reviews a month as a part of his process. The TUJ Library’s collection is constantly updated as majors, classes, and faculty change over time. Current specialties include linguistics, Asian history, art and photography, and more, dedicated to both the students’ needs and requests by faculty. “Our collection is very much curriculum-driven,” explains Boardman, “and we are lucky to have access to all the Main Campus [material], as well.” The library’s link to Main Campus in Philadelphia is a relationship unique to TUJ as an international branch campus, and extends their abilities as a full-service library.

From the TUJ Archives

New Computer Facilities at TUJ

By Taku Shinohara

Temple University Japan (TUJ) opened a new computer room in Spring, 2000. Along with 20 new computers, the lab has external hardware such as an MO drive, a scanner, a CD writer, earphones, microphones and applications in a variety of areas that are all available to students and staff.

TUJ has two new servers available for student and staff to save their work, according to Professor Flex Odiala, the director of the computer program. He added, “There will be four more computers added to the lab and one G4 Macintosh computer for scanning added sometime very soon.”

The new computers have Celeron 400 MHz, 64 MB memory and 6.4 GB hard-disk. Along with general software such as Microsoft Office, Netscape Communicator and others, they all have applications such as Sound Forge for sound editing, Media Studio Pro for video editing, Adobe Photoshop 5.5, Illustrator 8.0 and PageMaker 6.5 and other applications for various classes and student’s needs. Also, Microsoft Visual Studio 6.0 Enterprise for programming is available and will be installed into all computers in the near future.

“I would like to see more students trying out these new applications and hardware which many students generally do not have access to because they are too expensive to buy,” said Professor Odiala.

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The students and faculty are able to request that Main Campus send them articles and textbook chapters, and provide students remote and on-site access to Temple's wealth of online databases and resources. Boardman stresses the importance of online resources, and often visits classes to demonstrate database usage and resource availability. "There is just so much on the portal," Boardman said excitedly, "For example, if you're a movie fan – to go into Kanopy, which is streaming international video – that is just amazing, and every student has access to that."

Community Values

Even with its close ties to Temple Main Campus, the TUJ library is still able to exercise independence in its selection of material. While most research materials have gone online in recent years, Boardman explained that the library makes conscious decisions to keep certain materials available in paper, such as those related to art and photography as well as subscriptions to linguistics materials. These choices support the library's community ties, as the library also lends material to Minato-ku libraries. And residents of Minato-ku are able to apply for a TUJ library card through the TUJ – Minato-ku Guest Patron Program, which provides residents with the ability to check out books and videos.

A Labor of Love

Besides its collection of books, periodicals, and extensive databases, the library supports faculty in other ways. Library tours are given to TUJ classes. The library tries to maintain at least one reserve copy of every textbook used at TUJ.

Did You Know?

TUJ Alumni Have Library Privileges

Alumni may use the TUJ libraries in Tokyo and Osaka, and may check out up to three items at a time. You can access the TUJ library simply by presenting your TUJ alumni card. Alumni can also take advantage of the many TUJ library periodical subscriptions, both in paper and online.

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When new faculty come in or a new course is offered, Boardman asks what materials they need specifically for their courses. "We expect our faculty to take an interest in collection development," he said. In searching for materials relevant to new TUJ courses, he also cross-references syllabi of similar courses at other universities.

The Man Behind the Books

So who is Tom Boardman, the head librarian responsible for selecting and maintaining TUJ's unique and extensive collection?

Born and raised in Wisconsin, Boardman has moved around a lot, in that way sharing a similar experience to TUJ's own global student body. After graduating with his masters from the University of Oregon, he moved to Fairbanks, Alaska and worked as a librarian there for ten years. Needing a change of scenery, he found himself working at San Francisco Public Library.

He traveled to Japan for the first time in the 1990s, discovering his love for Tokyo. "To me, Tokyo is the ideal city," he announced. Luckily, during his job search in Tokyo, TUJ had job openings, and he became the school's librarian in 1992. Though other American universities existed in Tokyo then, Boardman affirmed Temple's unique commitment to its Tokyo branch campus, "Temple has made a considerable investment in its facilities here."

Flipping Pages Towards the Future

As TUJ concludes its 35th anniversary, Boardman reflects on TUJ's past changes and his hopes for the future. The fully equipped library has been in place for over 30 years, and follows Temple Main Campus's lead when it comes to technological advancements. Boardman expressed his hope that the TUJ library will remain a quiet, analog refuge, as TUJ prepares for its move in 2019, to share a campus with Showa Women's University (SWU) in Setagaya-ku, located in central Tokyo near Shibuya.

The TUJ library is Boardman's labor of love. It provides not only extensive resources and materials for study but also demonstrates a commitment to meeting the individual needs of students and faculty. Walk into the library and you'll be met with a friendly face and a helping hand.

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TUJ Dean Bruce Stronach

In Memoriam



Sumiko Iwao, 1935-2018

Sumiko Iwao, Ph.D., a TUJ Board of Overseers member died on January 11, 2018. She was 83.

Dr. Iwao received her Ph.D. from Yale, taught at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and then became a faculty member at Keio University. She was an early leader in Japanese women's studies and social psychology, and a national figure serving on many government committees and commissions including being Chair of the Gender Equality Council and a member of the National Public Safety Commission. In her "second life" she micro-funded the Sakura Secondary School for Girls in Tanzania.

Reflecting upon Iwao's career and life, Bruce Stronach, Dean of TUJ noted that she, "was a model for Japanese professionals, male and female, and we will miss her valued advice and infallible charm."

Dean's Spring 2018 Update

2018 Challenges, 2019 Campus Move, and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

In a video interview format published on-line, TUJ Dean Stronach discusses collaboration with Showa Women's University and TUJ's move in 2019, what the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in 2020 will mean for TUJ, as well as challenges facing the university in 2018.

Highlights from the interview:

Q: More and more Japanese universities are beginning to face declining enrollment. How will this trend affect TUJ?

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Stronach: "It's certainly possible that within the next couple of years a substantial number of private universities may go out of business. Certainly that's a dire problem for Japan, but quite frankly I don't really see it at this point in time as a problem for TUJ.

One of the reasons for that is of course the basic social problem behind this is the decline in the youth population, but there is a secondary problem that is the decline in population in the rural areas of Japan in particular. So, many of those universities are in rural areas. The important thing about TUJ is that we have a very good sense of mission. We know who we are, we know what we do, and we are recognized as one of the most global institutions of higher education in Japan.

Our brand as an American university in Japan, as the only foreign university in Japan, is very strong. The more Japan stresses the need for global education, the stronger we're going to be in the market, the better brand we're going to have, and quite frankly, as an American university, I think that our educational strengths in global higher education are very obvious."

Q: How will TUJ further collaborate with Showa Women's University this year?

Stronach: "Now that we have the basic agreement for the lease done, that's really just the start. There's so much more to do.

Right now what we're working on is primarily the facilities aspect. We are working with our own design architects, and also with the main campus, in order to come up with what we feel will be the best interior design for the building, as well as external landscaping. So that's still a priority at the moment. We're also developing more and more discussions with [SWU] on, first of all, the academic relationship.

We've gone a long way in terms of our discussions on a dual degree program, in which students will study at both SWU and also at TUJ, and receive diplomas from both. We also have to talk about what the rules are going to be for students on both sides of the campus.

One of the best things about this is going to be the flow of students from SWU to TUJ and from TUJ to SWU, so in that mixing of students on both campuses we have to come to an agreement on whose codes of conduct, whose rules of behavior et cetera, pertain to which situations. So, there are many things left to discuss, and we are beginning those discussions now. They will be ongoing over the next year and a half.



Construction underway at the New TUJ Campus in Setagaya-ku

Lastly, TUJ has been chosen by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) as one of 2000 companies around the country which will be supported in our investments in the future development of the region in which we exist. So, as we move to Setagaya-ku, we will be working with SWU and corporate partners with Setagaya city."

Q: How does TUJ plan to leverage the upcoming 2020 Olympics?

Stronach: "As a university, first and foremost, we're interested in any program that supports the academic development of our students. So we think that the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics are going to be a great resource for our students.

First of all, just in terms of academically, I'm sure there are faculty members, particularly those who teach contemporary Japanese society, Asian society, politics, will be able to link the Olympics to their courses.

But also there are going to be many, many opportunities for internships, and also for service learning for our students. So that will be important. As the various committees develop, then our students will have the opportunity to work with those committees, work with the national sports teams, et cetera.

Another area that I think is very important is that there are people on the main campus who are very interested in the Olympics and Paralympics and being in Tokyo in 2020. For example, the main campus television station will be sending over reporters to broadcast and we will be supporting them.

We as an institution will also be supporting the Olympics in various ways. We will be in Setagaya City at that point, and the American Olympic team will also be in Setagaya City, so we anticipate that we will be supporting them. We hope that we will be able to have some Temple University sports teams here to play warm-up games with Japanese national teams.

So there are many ways in which I feel we will benefit both academically, and that we will be able to support the main campus in their interests. We as an institution will be able to support the city of Tokyo and also the Olympics Committee in fulfilling their mission. In doing all of that, we think this is yet another very good opportunity for us to brand TUJ in Tokyo and in Japan."

The full version of the video interview can be found on the TUJ website's "About Temple"

www.tuj.ac.jp/about/japan-campus/dean

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Building a Family Network to Benefit TUJ Students

By Paul Gaspari
TUJ Office of Student Services

Temple University's Japan Campus is an integral part of Temple University's expansive global community and the school prides itself on its role connecting students from around the world. One of the primary goals of the Office of Student Services (OSS) is helping students develop a strong bond among themselves and with TUJ immediately after their acceptance to the university.

The Office of Student Services is the first window into TUJ for newly admitted students from the time of their admission until their arrival on campus for New Student Orientation and class registration. After Orientation, OSS continues to support students during their entire tenure at the university. Services include student visa-sponsorship, facilitating student housing, organizing student activities and excursions, organizing on-campus events, and providing on-going assistance in adjusting to life in Japan.

For most students the transition to higher education can be stressful. For Japanese students, this may be the first time they are in an English-only learning environment, while for international students this may be the first time they are away from home and, for many, the first time in a foreign country. OSS works closely with students and their families to make the transition to TUJ as successful and as smooth as possible.

To better meet our goal and fulfill our mission, the Office of Student Services is seeking a more active engagement with student families leading to an expanded support network that will directly benefit TUJ students.

Currently OSS organizes a welcome reception for the families of students matriculating in the

spring and fall terms. In the immediate future, the Office would also like to establish an affinity committee composed of a dedicated cohort of interested parents and guardians, and members of the university administration. The affinity committee will serve as an advisory body for OSS providing input, ideas and counsel as the Office seeks to improve and enhance student services at TUJ.

If you are interested in having a more active role at TUJ and participating in this initiative, please contact us at: tujdev@tuj.temple.edu

Temple University, Japan Campus is a unique educational environment, and we look forward to working with you as we make the institution a better place for your student to learn and acquire the skills necessary for a successful future.

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Honoring History Looking to the Future

By Geo Otsu

A reunion dinner welcoming former TUJ Board Member, Takao Tanimoto, and other senior administrators instrumental in the foundation and early development of TUJ was held on February 28th at the Tokyo American Club.

Takao Tanimoto, Chairperson of TUJ's Board of Overseers in the mid-1980s who had a later career as president of his family's steel trading company, was the honoree. Fondly remembered as a generous supporter of students, Tanimoto was also regarded as a capable administrator who helped shepherd TUJ's first move from its original campus site in Shiba Koen to its next location in Shibuya-ku.

In recognition of his service and efforts in the 1980s, Temple University in Philadelphia established a scholarship in honor of his father and namesake, Takao Tanimoto (Sr.) who died

during the younger Tanimoto's time at TUJ. The "Takao Tanimoto Memorial Scholarship" helped underwrite tuition expenses for TUJ students studying abroad at Main Campus in Philadelphia.

In addition to Tanimoto, guests included the distinguished lawyer, diplomat and former Japanese Ambassador to Ghana, Kazuko Asai, who was advisor and counselor to the leadership of the TUJ and the TUJ Board during Tanimoto's Chairmanship.

Welcomed by TUJ's Dean Stronach, Senior Associate Dean Chie Kato, and longtime Facility Manager Kiyomi Hirooka, the gathering was an opportunity to reconnect and honor TUJ's impact across the generations. Joining the festivities were several alumni from the 1980s, some of whom were recipients of the Tanimoto Scholarship and were eager give their regards to Tanimoto himself.

TUJ alumna Okitsu, who attended the event, said she was honored and grateful for the opportunity that the scholarship provided. After graduating from Temple Philadelphia she went on to receive a Doctor of Medicine degree from University of Miami Medical Center. A letter of thanks from another recipient of the scholarship was presented to Tanimoto during dinner. The alumna, Meiko Sperbek, currently living in the US, wrote that she had eventually earned her Ph.D. from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, eventually working as an adjunct Associate Professor at Adelphi University and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Guests of the dinner shared conversation and memories, as well as photos of the early days of TU President Richard Englert. The legacy of the Takao Tanimoto Memorial Scholarship recipients has left a valuable mark, and we hope these lasting connections will continue to foster ongoing support of TUJ.

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