

USJF-Funded Study Tour a Major Success

TUJ's recent summer study tour to the U.S. gave 15 local high school teachers a deeper understanding of the diversity of the American people and a wealth of firsthand knowledge to bring back to their students. The program, generously funded again this year by the United States-Japan Foundation (USJF), ran from July 26 to August 1 and featured visits to Philadelphia and New York. The foundation's support helps ensure that Japanese high schools give students accurate information about America that will enable them to contribute later as adults to the development of the U.S.-Japan relationship.

After a one-day orientation and lectures at TUJ, the group jumped the Pacific for two days of lectures at Temple's main campus and field trips in the Philadelphia area, followed by one-day historical and cultural study tours of New York City. The New York leg was added after participants in last year's program expressed a strong desire to see the "gateway to the land of opportunity." Temple University professors, curators, and experts gave comprehensive presentations on American history and cultural studies, including diversity and cross-cultural communications.

Highlights of this year's trip included adopting English names, electing team captains to generate team spirit, and wearing Temple-branded hats and t-shirts to enhance visual identification and group unity. Besides being fun, these practices inspired participants to be more confident and outspoken in discussions and debates.



U.S. study tour participants display their Temple University hats, t-shirts and spirit

TUJ Logo Towels

The newest addition to our lineup of TUJ branded-items is a 20 cm by 115 cm towel. Perfect for outdoor sports or daily use, the towel is now on sale at TUJ's Information Center (open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays) for 1,000 yen.



Two New Associate Deans Named

During the summer TUJ appointed two new associate deans, Ms. Chie Kato and Dr. Hiroshi Kakazu, to upgrade the university's relations with external organizations and handling of nonacademic student services.

Ms. Kato negotiated with the government during the successful effort to get the Japanese Ministry of Education to designate TUJ a "Foreign University, Japan Campus," which solved many longstanding issues. As the associate dean of enrollment management, she will be implementing an administrative concept new to TUJ. Enrollment management approaches all nonacademic student services—from student recruitment to career development and everything in between—as one integrated sector. By breaking down the communication and bureaucratic barriers that have grown up between various administrative departments over the years, TUJ will be able to serve students better.

Building solid ties with external organizations is crucial for any major university. As the associate dean of external relations, Dr. Kakazu will work on partnering with other Japanese universities, academic institutions and governmental bodies, as well as strengthening ties with Minato City. Prior to joining TUJ, he was the senior vice president of the National University of the

Ryukyus. In addition to his extensive experience in university administration, he is also an accomplished academic working in the fields of island economies, tourism and Asian studies.

Ms. Kato's considerable knowledge of TUJ and negotiating skills and Dr. Kakazu's background in academia in Japan and abroad will be valuable assets to TUJ's growth.

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Anonymous: 10 participants

The above were correct as of September 2008

Alumni Reunion 2008 Entices the Masses

If you weren't at the National Art Center's Brasserie Paul Bocuse Le Musée restaurant on November 15 for the 2008 reunion, you missed one fantastic night. People came from all over Japan, and alumnus Sam Onyeisi even flew in from Africa. We not only sold out for the first time in Alumni Association history, we doubled last year's attendance. HOOT!

After an introduction by emcee Ian Gibb, Dean Stronach got the evening going with an eloquent welcoming speech. Next came the unveiling of Red Owl Ale, which the Baird Brewing Company created especially for the reunion and TUJ. The crowd then enjoyed the gourmet food and open bar while the Mike Price Quartet played some invigorating jazz.



Alums enjoyed elegant, elevated dining at Brasserie Paul Bocuse Le Musée



Red Owl Ale possesses some of the same qualities TUJ students do—balance, character and complexity

TUJ faculty members Ada Angel, Fred Myers, Jonathan Wu, Mariko Nagai, Michael Williams and Yojiro Hemmi received awards of appreciation during the evening. We gave away great prizes, too, including passes to Tokyo Disneyland and the movies as well as

gift certificates for The Earl and Fujimamas. Ayumi Nishino took the grand prize, winning dinner for two and a one-night stay at the Miyako Hotel.

We hope to see you at our next history-

making event. In the meantime, get involved by coming to the monthly mixers, and check the website (www.tuj-aa.org) for details on events and food and entertainment discount coupons. Note: If you're thirsting for Red Owl Ale, six-packs are available for a ¥3,000 donation; contact Holly Helt in External Relations for details.

Dean Stronach Delivers Keynote at JAFSA Anniversary Symposium

TUJ Dean Bruce Stronach was one of two keynote speakers at the 40th anniversary symposium of the Japan Association for Foreign Student Affairs (JAFSA), which took place at Keio University on August 1. A nonprofit organization focusing on

international educational exchange activities, JAFSA works to "realize a harmonious society where each member is respected no matter how different one may be in cultural or religious background." The nonprofit has grown significantly over those four decades, and now represents 225 organizations.

The symposium opened with addresses by Prof. Tatsuya Sakamoto, the vice president of Keio University, and Dr. Katsuhiko Shirai, the president of Waseda University. Dean Stronach followed shortly thereafter with a speech entitled "What Role Does Foreign Student Policy Play in International Competition and Developing Human Resources?" He focused on defining the scarce resources for which universities compete—including students, faculty, and external funding—and on highlighting the difficulties associated with expanding the number and diversity of foreign students in Japan. Stressing the importance of making university administrations more responsive to students and faculty, he concluded, "Open and flexible universities lead to an open and flexible society."

The Q&A session was lively, and many of the questions dealt with foreign student issues such as working in Japan after graduating, the quality of education for foreign students, and communication problems. Dean Stronach answered using several real-world examples from TUJ.



Dean Stronach describes the trials of competing for students, faculty, and external funding

First TUJ Students to Earn Leadershape Scholarships

Steven A. Grapperhaus and Yurie Mishiro became the first undergraduate students from TUJ to earn LeaderShape scholarships to the LeaderShape Institute. The two joined thirty-three other participants from the main campus at the

institute from May 15 through 20 in the Poconos. LeaderShape, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to inspiring young

adults to "lead with integrity", and the purpose of The LeaderShape Institute is to help attendees achieve a breakthrough in their leadership capacity.

Steven and Yurie gained several key leadership skills through a range of activities and interactions with other students from the main campus. They picked up on the importance of building community, the worth of one and the power of all, and the necessity of confronting difficulties head-on. The pair also learned the value of being a leader with a clear vision, living with integrity, and staying in the action.

"It was such a wonderful opportunity for me as a TUJ student to participate in this program," Yurie commented. "That week changed my life. I felt so lucky to be able to meet all the wonderful people at LeaderShape and to find a deeper level of leadership capabilities within myself."

For Steven, interacting with students from the main campus proved to be the

greatest benefit. "In addition to getting excellent training in the principles of personal leadership, including ethics, I learned how to communicate with a diverse group of people. I recommend that all TUJ students apply for the LeaderShape program."

Potent Partnership—A Minato City-TUJ Project Update

Thirty-three fifth and sixth graders from 11 different Minato City elementary schools

enjoyed learning English through games, quizzes, singing songs and more with experienced teachers and international students from TUJ during a three-day event in late August organized by the Continuing Education program. One of several projects TUJ and Minato agreed to pursue in a cooperative agreement signed in 2006, this was the first designed specifically for Minato's elementary schools. The students showed off the results of their training on the final day, acting and singing in English and dancing for an audience of forty parents, grandparents, teachers, and Board of Education officials. The natural English they displayed during these performances both surprised and impressed the guests.

Another recent TUJ contribution to the Minato community was the English-language Citizens' University series that ran from late May to early June. The series, featuring presentations by TUJ professors, was also an overwhelming success. Nearly two hundred participants came to hear expert views on Japan's international relations, its legal system, and recent challenges in the Japanese business world. "The lecture was entertaining and interesting, and the argument was well-balanced," commented a participant who attended Professor Matthew Wilson's lecture on the lay judge system.

This is the second year TUJ has worked with Minato City on the project, which gives the community an opportunity to learn what is being taught at universities in Minato City. Plans are already being made to present a similar series in 2009.



Professor Phil Deans describes the state of Sino-Japanese relations

TESOL Director Kenneth Schaefer Leaves TUJ and Japan

Longtime TESOL program director Kenneth G. Schaefer is leaving Japan at the end of 2008 to return to the main campus in Philadelphia. Prof. Schaefer joined the program in 1984, not long after TUJ launched its Master of Education (M.Ed.) in TESOL in Tokyo and in Osaka in 1982, and served as program director from 1984 to June 2008.

Undergraduate Program

Ellen Nepilly (B.A. '05) is a Tokyo-based author and photographer. While at TUJ, Ellen edited the guide *Tokyo Architecture & Design* and contributed to *Cool Restaurants Tokyo*, both published by teNeues Publishing Group in 2004. She authored *Hip Dining Japan* and *Hip Lounging Japan* for Page One Publishing Singapore, including photographing and writing about the interiors featured, that came out this spring. Her latest book is a profile of Nendo, a Japanese design firm especially popular in Europe at the moment. The German publisher daab issued *Nendo* this July. Ellen managed the project, wrote the text, and also photographed some of the designs.

<http://www.ellen-nepilly.com>



Satoshi Ishizaka (B.A. '95) runs the HR department at Standard Chartered Bank in Japan and is part of the bank's top country executive team responsible for its management here. Satoshi believes many Japanese professionals are



not building global careers and skill-sets, leaving them vulnerable to the enormous socioeconomic uncertainties of future Japan. He considers ancient Rome the world's first and most successful global company, and published a book entitled *Lessons from Ancient Romans for Japanese Executives* (Naze gaishi de romaryu ga seiko shiteirunoka) to help young Japanese cultivate the mindset of 21st-century global professionals and prosper in today's business world.

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College of Education

After finishing his masters at TUJ, **Takao Yamazoe** (M.Ed. '93) continued teaching English at public high schools in Shiga, Japan. In 2006 he earned a second masters degree in corpus linguistics—the study of language as expressed in "real-world" text—from Ritsumeikan University's Graduate School of Language Education & Information Science. He currently teaches at Hachiman Commercial High School in Shiga, utilizing data from the Japanese High School English Textbooks Corpus he developed while at Ritsumeikan. Along with three co-authors, Takao has published three vocabulary books for high school students under the guidance of Kyoto



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Eric Bray (M.Ed. '93) completed his Ph.D. in educational studies last year through the University of Nebraska. He did his dissertation research with students at an online distance university in Japan, and a book based on his thesis, *Japanese Online Distance Education: Learners' Perspectives*, is available on Amazon. When he graduated from Temple in 1993, Eric left his mother, who was visiting at the time, behind in Kyoto to go off and celebrate with the lads in Tokyo. Feeling bad about this, he promised to take her to his graduation in Lincoln, Nebraska—and did!

<http://www.ericbray.com>



MBA

James Mok (MBA '00) worked on the largest system implementation project in Coca-Cola history while finishing his MBA at TUJ. After gaining experience in managing large-scale projects in Europe and the U.S., James launched two IT ventures in Japan before founding Apriso Japan in 2001. He now oversees Apriso's consulting team in Japan, China and Korea. James is an inventor with two patents, and he has published and spoken extensively on Japan's enterprise IT culture, project management and thought leadership in supply chain and manufacturing management. His recent articles can be found in *Japan Inc.*, *ThinkIT* and *Solution IT* magazines.

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Law School

Akiko Tanioka (LL.M. '08) got married in July 2008, with many of her friends from Temple Law School attending the couple's traditional Japanese-style wedding reception. This was a year of graduations for Akiko: She not only graduated from law school and the single life, she also finished the management trainee program at American International Group she started in 2006. "Temple Law School really opened the door to a new life and career for me," Akiko says, "and I am truly grateful to all my professors and friends for their warm support and friendship."

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How a Humanitarian Is Born

"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."

That quote comes from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, passed in 1948 to end the discrimination people suffer because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, beliefs and other factors. TUJ graduate **Catherine Hagan** (B.A. '07), the president and founder of a Ghana-registered nongovernmental organization (NGO) called the Right to Rights Foundation, believes in the declaration's message wholeheartedly. Ghana signed the declaration, yet many Ghanaian citizens are still denied their rights. Catherine's organization wants to change this, and believes doing so is possible if enough people share the vision of making their country a better place.

Although Catherine was born in Los Angeles, California, she spent much of her childhood traveling the world because of her father's profession. The youngest child and only girl after three boys, Catherine grew up appreciating having a happy home. As a child, she loved to dance, and spent her time choreographing and performing dances with her girl group. She wanted to be a dancer or a lawyer.

Catherine is extremely close to her mother, Ernestina, and has been greatly influenced by the latter's humanitarian work. A past president of the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) in Ghana, Ernestina Hagan was the chief female lawyer who ignited the public's awareness about the killing of women in Ghana's capital in 2000.



Catherine with her mother and inspiration, Ernestina Hagan, January 2007

As she was growing up, Catherine accompanied her mother everywhere, including FIDA meetings and visits to remote villages where Ernestina gave public awareness talks on domestic violence and girls' education issues. Catherine heard firsthand from victims in FIDA cases as well as the counsel her mother

dispensed.

"After I sat through a case with my mum, she would explain the situation and the steps that had to be taken next," she recalls.

Catherine entered TUJ in 2006 to study international affairs. As she explored current world issues, she found that poverty and its effects on people in Third World countries touched her deeply. Prof. Geeta Mehta's NGO class further changed her life, giving her in-depth knowledge about NGOs and an opportunity to work at MSSRF, Dr. M. S. Swaminathan's foundation in Chennai, India.

After the NGO class trip, Catherine knew she wanted to follow in Dr. Swaminathan's footsteps and make a similar difference in Ghana. She established her foundation even before graduating magna cum laude from TUJ in 2007 with a B.A. (Hons.) in international relations.

Catherine and the foundation's staff and volunteers have carried out various projects to raise awareness on the issues affecting Ghana. They work with organizations such as FIDA, the Forum for African Women Educationists, and the Run for the Cure Foundation, an NPO dedicated to eradicating breast cancer in Japan.



Catherine speaks about the value of microcredit loans at the 2007 Festival of Colors

Where to from here? "I believe knowledge is power," Catherine says, "so in the near future I see myself getting a law degree in human rights law."

For more information, visit the foundation's website at <http://www.righttorightsfoundation.org> or email Catherine at Catherine@righttorightsfoundation.org