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Message from the Dean



We are halfway into the new academic year and we started the fall semester with more new direct-admit students than ever, over 150. At the beginning of the 2009-10 academic year, we were looking forward to Temple University and TUJ's 10-year review of accreditation by the Middle States Associations of Colleges and Schools. I am happy to report that Temple University was successful in having its

accreditation reaffirmed. I am even more pleased to report that the committee's appendix on the site visit to TUJ includes the following, "Temple University can rightly be proud of Temple University of Japan."

In addition, we will be working with Musashi University, our Japanese partner, to host the national symposium of the Japanese Association of Student Service Organizations this November. This is a major annual conference and the first time a non-Japanese university has had a significant role participating in and supporting the conference.

As international higher education becomes more and more the focus of universities around the world, TUJ can take pride in being one of the largest full-service, overseas campuses of an American university for 28 years. That kind of stability is extremely rare as is demonstrated by recent events in internationalization of American higher education. The Chronicle of Higher Education estimates that in the next 15 years the number of globally mobile students will triple, to about eight million.

One important mission for an educational institution is creating public goods for the community. In that sense, TUJ can play a very important role in Japanese society for young people who want to remain in Japan, yet develop the skills they would otherwise learn abroad, such as cultural empathy, cross-cultural communication and English-language ability. Hopefully after experiencing the multinational, cross-cultural environment of TUJ, they will be motivated to continue their studies abroad, for example, at Temple University Main Campus.

Dr. Bruce Stronach

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# Flashback of the 2010 **TUJ Alumni Reunion**



The 2010 TUJ Alumni Reunion at the Hyatt Regency Tokyo was guite a success due in large part to the overwhelming responses from our alumni-over 120 in attendance. The three-hour gathering seemed to fly by in minutes, as old and new friends met and mingled. The event was honored by Midori Kaneko, chair of TUJ Board of Overseers, along with the two newest members of the board: Akihiko Kubo, president and CEO of Weber Shandwick Japan, and William Bishop Jr., director of government and public affairs, Nippon Becton Dickinson.

TUJ Dean Bruce Stronach took the floor to introduce the new Japanese major and highlight the diversity of our university. Andrew Edsall, MBA, of the Alumni Association followed Dean Stronach and illuminated the Fox School of Business MBA program's impressive rise in rankings from 51 to 43 in a recent FT poll. The Alumni Relations Office teased a new TUJ alumni card currently in development, as well as the launch of Third Thursdays The third Thursday of every month, beginning January 2011, will be a TUJ Night. Event locations and times will be announced via e-mail, and alumni with the new card will be entitled to special discounts. The final news update of the evening was the announcement of the TUJ Alumni Association election.

2010 Alumni Association Candidate List:

- · Edwin Omura, MBA '10, for Presidentt
- · Antonio Canales, BA '07, for Vice President
- Shiho Fukushige, BA '10, for Treasurer
- Yurie Mishiro, BA '09, for Secretary
- · Mai Yoshida, BA '03, for Associate Committee Member 1
- · Jonathan Harrison, MSEd '06, for Associate Committee Member 2

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The success of the reunion can also be measured by the significant funds raised by the sale of the event's raffle tickets. TUJ and student activities will benefit from the Dean's Fund-to which the money will be allocated. Riding the momentum of this year's triumph, TUJ looks forward to continuing working with the Alumni Association Committee and its new leadership to plan the 2011 reunion.

We thank our sponsors Miyako Hotel, Hyatt Regency and others for their generous support, along with our alumni, friends and the TUJ family.



#### **Big Success: Annual JALT Conference and TESOL Student** and Alumni Reception in Nagova

The 36th Annual International Conference on Language **Teaching and Learning & Educational Materials Exposition** (JALT 2010) was held at Aichi Industry and Labor Center in Central Nagova, Nov. 19-22. This is the largest international

conference of language teachers and researchers in Japan, and because many TUJ TESOL students and graduates are active professionals in the field, the conference is a good place to network and reconnect with old friends. Approximately 65 students and graduates made their public debuts with presentations in the Graduate Student Showcase, including seven master's and doctoral students. The TUJ booth also was busy with visitors every day of the conference.

TUJ's Graduate TESOL Program held the Annual College of Education Student and Alumni Reception at the Nagoya Marriott Associate Hotel, Saturday, Nov. 20, A total of 90 students, graduates, faculty and staff from all over Japan joined the reception and shared a good time together. The conference will be held next year in late November, and we hope to see you in Tokyo!

> For more news and information. please go to www.tuj.ac.jp/alumni.



**January 20, 2011** TUJ Third Thursday at ONCE Nakamerguro, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Review of Japanese Major**

Fall 2010 has been an exciting start to the academic year with the launch of our new Japanese-language major. Upon the official announcement, TUJ received many inquiries from all over the world, and we realized just how much the demand for such a major has been building up overseas and locally. The Japanese major will impact strongly both the lives of our students and the university's continued expansion in Japan.

From a global perspective, students will have the opportunity to spend four full years in Japan developing language proficiency while pursuing an American undergraduate degree. From an academic perspective, the most notable change will be to the course inventory. The program has created 11 new, and revised three, courses to heighten the overall program standards, and new courses will be introduced to keep up with the increasing demand for domestic study of American majors.

The successful introduction of the Japanese major is another step forward in our mission to provide truly international education. Temple University Japan is a leader and innovator in both traditional and contemporary practices of American higher education in a Japanese context, and we strive to improve constantly this unique intellectual environment that transcends borders.

For more information, please contact tujinfo@tuj.ac.jp.

#### **Enrollment Update**



In fall 2010, TUJ had a record number of direct admit (JA) students in the Undergraduate Program. There are about 160 new JA students from all over the world-a group so large that, for the first time ever, the new student orientation was split into two sessions: domestic admits and international visa-sponsored admits. In addition, TUJ received 60 study abroad students from the U.S. International Programs Office, including those currently enrolled at Main Campus, bringing

the total undergraduate population to over 800. These numbers indicate continued internationalization of TUJ's student body with 40 percent from the U.S. and 40 percent from Japan; the other 20 percent represents students from over 50 countries around the globe!

Currently, the business major is TUJ's most popular, but the new Japanese-language major, launched this fall, is expected to grow quickly. The major was developed to satisfy the needs of our non-Japanese students and help them to obtain jobs in Japan after graduation.

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**JASSO Symposium** 

Temple University Japan played a major supporting role in the success of international symposium, Globalization in East Asia and the Future of University Education-a first for a non-Japanese university. The symposium, held in Odaiba Nov. 27, was co-hosted by TUJ's partner, Musashi University, and the Japan Association of Student Services Organization. TUJ's Bruce Stronach, dean, Phil Deans, chief academic officer and associate dean, and Kentaro Sawa, manager of Career Development Office, shared their views on international education and careers. Joining them were distinguished speakers from Japan, China and Korea, including Dr. Akito Arima, former minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and recipient of the 2010 Order of Culture. TUJ will continue to contribute to the globalization of Japanese higher education through collaboration with Japanese government and universities.

#### **TUJ MBA Alumni Association**

The TUJ MBA Alumni Association was founded in 2008 with the objective of developing a strong membership and network among MBA alumni in Japan and across the globe. The association promotes continuing activities and interests in support of MBA alumni and student welfare, including fundraising activities for the annual MBA needs-based student scholarship. The Alumni Association is gearing up for its 3rd annual Alumni Gala in 2011. Building on the feedback from last year's 100+ participants, the planning committee will be focused on ensuring that next year's gala will be a successful and enjoyable event for alumni, family and friends.

Another important annual event is the election of officers of the TUJ MBA Alumni Association. Positions include president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. These officers work proactively with graduating class representatives and the MBA director to carry out the association's mission. As the end of the year approaches, elections will be held for these positions, and MBA alumni are highly encouraged to participate in the nomination and voting of officers who will carry on the mission in 2011 and beyond.

#### A Whole New Look for TUJ Alumni Card! New TUJ Alumni Card will be launched in January. 2011. Further information will be posted on

www.tui.ac.ip/alumni.

#### International Baccalaureate **Diploma Program**

Temple University, Japan Campus, held a 15-hour seminar from Aug. 9 to 11 for gualified teachers of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) to enhance their professional skills. TUJ is proud to be the first authorized seminar provider in Japan to deliver a category-3 topical seminar by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

The category-3 seminar is for IB teachers who teach Japanese literature studied as a first language, and is highly specialized to target Japanese native or near-native educators. TUJ expects to expand IB Professional Development seminar offerings in the future, and continue to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to developing and promoting international education in Japan.

#### Alumni Watch!



Yosuke Hanazawa, BA '99, currently works as public relations director for Kizuki (www.rental819.com), a motorcycle sales and rental company. Since he got his license at age 16, Hanazawa has been involved with motorcycles. His interest and passion have led him to a career with Rental819, the motorcyclerental segment of Kizuki, for which he hosts tours all over Japan showcasing the company's wide selection of vehicles to foreign nationals. His enjoys sharing the experience of riding through the country roads of Japan on a motorcycle. Yosuke is thankful to TUJ for all the support and education he was provided, allowing him to turn his passion into a career. hanazawa@e-kizuki.net

Andrew Edsall embarked on a new adventure June 9, 2010-the day he and

Yuko Ando were married in Kanagawa. Edsall is a recruiting specialist in technology for I Search Worldwide, Tokyo. Away from the office, he enjoys reading, exercising, photography and enjoying life. He is an active member of both the Breakfast Toastmasters and the TUJ MBA Alumni Association. Edsall is looking forward to the 2011 MBA Gala, which provides a platform for networking and philanthropy. Each year, a current MBA student who demonstrates leadership, academic excellence and need is awarded

a scholarship from the funds raised at the gala. We wish Andrew all the best and congratulate him on his next step in life.

Nikolai Dythtchenko, LLM '10, is working currently as assistant general counsel at Chartis Far East Holdings K.K., a management company overseeing general insurance operations





### **TUJ Career Fair**

Over 90 students and alumni took part in the annual oncampus career fair held Nov. 2. TUJ hosted representatives from companies that run the gamut from consumer products to B2B to finance,

including Apple, Barclays Capital, Hitachi Chemical, KPMG and Sojitz. The representatives gave individual and group presentations in which they showcased their product lines and possible career paths to the students and alumni, who then got the chance to ask questions and show off their own skills in private interviews. Participants reaped the benefits of experiencing firsthand potential careers and employers, while the representatives got a taste of TUJ's student and alumni enthusiasm and ambition.

of American International Group, Inc., in Japan and Korea. After graduation,

Dythtchenko spent an incredibly hot summer in New York City-the heat wave compounding the stress of studying for the rigorous state bar examination. He took the BarBri exam preparation course in downtown Manhattan during the day and worked nights at the office trying to keep up with his regular job in Japan. TUJ congratulates Nikolai on his remarkable achievement of passing the New York Bar Exam.



In 2008, Migusa Teramura, LLM '10, graduated from TUJ, passed

the New York State Bar Examination, and began her career in law. Working as a U.S. attorney in Japan has been as intellectually stimulating and international as being a student at TUJ's law school. Attending TUJ allowed Teramura to achieve her career goal without having to give up the lifestyle she cherishesstaying in Tokyo with her family. She recently started working

at the Tokvo office of a U.S.based international law firm. In her free time, she enjoys being with her beautiful dog and family, as well as spending time with close friends, and has recently taken up golf.



Kris Kent is a 2009 **MSEd TESOL** araduate. He is currently employed at Fuiimigaoka

Gakuen in Shibuya and is also working as an adjunct instructor for the Academic English Program (AEP) at TUJ. He is enjoying the challenge of teaching AEP high school and graduate prep courses. His research is focused on teaching writing in a second language, as well as the use of drama techniques in the ESL classroom to improve oral skills. Kent spends most of his free time keeping up with NHL hockey and tries to get back home to Alberta, Canada, once a year to visit with friends and family.