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# **Time to Move Forward**



We usually mark our days by the cycles of the calendar year, but for all of us in Japan there is now a new cycle, the one that began **March 11.** We are still dealing with the problems created by those events and they are still fresh in our minds. But it is also time to begin looking forward again. Those events will have their effects

on this summer's power cutbacks and reduced air conditioning. Tokyo 2011 may look like the Tokyo of 1961; a city of *uchiwa*, yukata and kaki-gouri. There's nothing wrong with that; it's kind of pleasant in a nostalgic way. But while the stricken Northeast will take many years to recover, and there are lingering, indirect effects in Tokyo, there is no doubt that we in Tokyo and at TUJ are rapidly getting back to normal.

The completion of the spring 2011 semester was a huge accomplishment, as symbolized by the daruma ceremony conducted by President Hart, U.S. Embassy Consul General Paul Fitzgerald and myself at the end of graduation. Now it is time to turn our attention fully to the future development of TUJ. The crisis has created an opportunity for us to reassess what we do at TUJ and what new programs we might create for our future development, including new non-degree programs such as Englishlanguage education for primary and secondary public school teachers, business law programs for Japanese corporations, and administrative staff development programs for Japanese universities. In particular I would like to develop more programs in collaboration with multinational firms in Japan and Japanese firms that will help them increase their global competitiveness through an educated workforce.

The US-Japan relationship since World War II is one of the most interesting in modern history. Why? Because the reigning theory in international relations, one put forward many years ago by Karl Deutsch, is that while alliances are often based on military or economic necessity, the alliances that last the longest and remain the strongest are those in which the partners share deep cultural ties and/or similarities. Nothing could be less true for Japan and the United States. They share almost nothing in terms of traditions, religion, culture, social norms of behavior or ways of thinking. For twenty-five years they vied for control of the Pacific; Japan attacked America's Pacific Fleet without warning, and the U.S. used nuclear weapons against Japan, the only time in history this has occurred. And yet, somehow, these two dire enemies have developed one of the longest lasting and stable alliances in modern history.

I have thought much of that bond between these two great countries and what role we at TUJ play in it. We are an international institution with students, staff and faculty from many different countries other than the U.S. and Japan. But, on the other hand, we are an American university that exists clearly and openly as an American institution within Japan. The stresses and strains in this situation are clear for all to see, and yet the benefits for both TUJ and Japanese society are also very clear. But in the end, when it came to a crisis, TUJ's commitment to Japan, which is Temple University's commitment to Japan, was also very clear for all to see.

TUJ will have been in Japan for 30 years next year. I assume we'll be here for 30 more years at least. So, now that the crisis is

over, it is time to look to the future, to get back to normal. In other words, to move forward with the never-ending process of developing an American university in Japan as a world-class institution for the benefit of students from all over the world.

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Dr. Bruce Stronach

# Goodbye, Chiyo



Chiyo Watabe retired from the staff of the TUJ library June 23, 2011, after having worked at the library in various positions for over 20 years - most significantly as the interlibrary loan librarian. Watabe has worked diligently to establish good relations with libraries throughout Japan, helping hundreds of students and faculty members secure difficult-to-locate research materials, and being the public face of the library in nego-

tiations with Minato-ku and Musashi University. She is leaving to spend more time with her family and to pursue personal interests. TUJ extends its warmest thanks to Chiyo and wishes her luck in her future endeavors, as she will be greatly missed at TUJ.

**Every dollar invested in TUJ makes a critical differ**ence by providing access to learning and preparing leaders for tomorrow. Through your generosity, TUJ will be able to support the brightest young minds in the pursuit of higher education.

# TUJ Relief Fund



TUJ launches special scholarship for afflicted students.

In the aftermath of the devastating March 11 earthquake and tsunami that hit Eastern Japan, TUJ has established a Special Disaster Relief Scholarship for undergraduate students who have been affected by the disaster. The fund was set up in conjunction with the relief effort at Temple University Main Campus in Philadelphia, and aims to ease the financial difficulties faced by degree-seeking students affected by the disaster.

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# TUJTIMES





## 2011 Commencement



Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ) held its 2011 commencement ceremony on Sunday, June 5, at the Shinagawa Prince Hotel, Tokyo. The ceremony for the Class of 2011 recognized the achievements of 276 undergraduates and graduates of master's and doctoral programs.

TUJ was in the middle of the spring semester when the Great East Japan Earthquake struck. In the immediate aftermath of the quake, the university was forced to suspend all academic programs. As a result of diligent efforts by staff to minimize the impact of the suspension, TUJ was able to restart the undergraduate program within three weeks. Syllabi were revised to accommodate new options offered to students, like distance learning and continuing courses at Temple's Main Campus in Pennsylvania, Pa., USA.

Of the students who left Tokyo temporarily—the majority of whom were international students—approximately 60 percent returned to the Tokyo campus. All undergraduate courses that had been in progress prior to March 11 were completed successfully with only a one-week extension of the semester, and commencement was held according to the original schedule.

Temple University President Ann Weaver Hart travelled to Japan for the ceremony and delivered the keynote address in which she reiterated Temple's commitment to Japan.

President Hart stated that TUJ is the longest-operating foreign university in Japan, which demonstrates a real commitment to global education overall, and that reform of higher education is needed around the world. She highlighted the unique position of TUJ's students: graduating from an American university in Japan and able to "look at the issues facing higher education in decades to come from multiple perspectives that aren't shared by many people you will be working with." She confirmed that Temple will continue to work with Japan's top leaders to ensure TUJ's future success.

She also recognized the extraordinary challenges the students faced as a result of the events following March 11. Noting that these could be the most dramatic experiences in their entire lives, she encouraged them to remember, because they "will shape you and help you shape your thoughts about the future."

Four graduating students gave speeches on behalf of the undergraduate and three graduate programs. They spoke about their memories of life at TUJ and their ambitions. The speakers representing graduate programs—all of whom had studied while working-expressed gratitude to their employers and families for their understanding and support, and shared their joy with them as well as their fellow students.

#### **TUJ MBA Alumni Gala**

The third TUJ MBA Alumni Gala was held at the new Tokyo American Club on June 25, 2011. The theme for this year's Gala was "Giving Back and Looking Forward." About 50 alumni, students, and faculty attended this wonderful event. The event began with a recorded message from Fox Dean M. Moshe Porat, followed by TUJ Dean Bruce Stronach's short speech to congratulate the 15th anniversary of the program.



Minoru Uchiumi, MBA '01.

the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award winner, introduced Marco Dominguez, MBA '05, for the recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award. Marco's career achievement and exceptional support towards TUJ MBA and the MBA Alumni Association earned him the award. He spoke to prospects at an MBA Information Session and gave a lunch time lecture on entrepreneurship to students.

The TUJ MBA Alumni Association would like to thank United Airlines for a pair of tickets from Tokyo to New York. Gordon Stehr, MBA '01, for various Sumo Memorabilia, Marco Dominguez, MBA '05, for dinner tickets at Mayahuel and two bottles of tequila, and Cisco for sponsorship of Webex. Proceeds from the auction were donated to Second Harvest Japan and the TUJ MBA Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

The event was concluded by the remarks by Raymond Gasu, MBA '04. "TUJ MBA Alumni Association is managed by the alumni for alumni. I would like to ask all alumni to give their time for the Association. We need your support."

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Japanese students.

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#### The Goldman Sachs Mochida Scholars Fund

Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ), is proud to announce a new four-year, full scholarship program supported by Goldman Sachs Gives, a donor-advised fund. The Goldman Sachs Mochida Scholars Fund, named after Mr. Masanori Mochida, president of Goldman Sachs Japan Co., Ltd., who recommended the gift to Goldman Sachs Gives, will support academically successful, financially challenged

Eligible applicants include those who wish to enroll between the Fall 2011 and Summer 2013 semesters. Once admitted, each recipient will receive scholarships equivalent to four years' tuition for up to 126 credits, depending on the major. Each scholarship is worth about 5.7 million yen in total. Approximately 80 percent of the amount will be funded by Goldman Sachs Gives, and the remaining 20 percent by TUJ.

The Goldman Sachs Mochida Scholars Fund marks a milestone in TUJ history, reestablishing TUJ's commitment to Japan and the corporate industry. The gift will be an initiation of TUJ's presence in partnering with the corporate world, and a challenge in seeking corporate support to further the education of the only fully operating American university in Japan.

Commenting on the launch of the new scholarship, TUJ Dean Bruce Stronach says: "TUJ is proud to have been chosen as the recipient of the Goldman Sachs Mochida Scholars Fund, one more program in a long tradition of philanthropy by Goldman Sachs and its employees. The fund will give underprivileged Japanese students an opportunity to receive an American university liberal arts education here in Japan, which they would otherwise not have had. Learning critical-thinking skills and communication skills will prepare them for the global workplace while simultaneously creating good citizens for Japan. The gift also highlights the power of good corporate-university relations."

### **TUJ Night**



**TUJ Night offers monthly** opportunities to meet with other alumni and friends to enjoy a few drinks and reminisce about their experiences at TUJ. With a diverse and continually growing crowd, TUJ Night has been successful helping to connect with lost alumni.

The event kicked off in January with 15 alumni in attendance, and riding the success of the first TUJ Night, the February event had over 20 alumni.

TUJ Alumni Relations will continue to co-host the monthly gatherings along with the TUJ Board of Overseers Chairperson. Networking aside, it is always better when you can get together with your fellow alumni in a real world environment and connect on a personal level.

Yurie Mishiro, BA '10: "TUJ Night is a great opportunity for alumni to remember our good and fulfilling college life. The night not only gives me the opportunity to catch up with old classmates, but also a chance to meet new people and share new ideas. I really like TUJ Night because people with different backgrounds and careers can get together in a cozy environment, and trust me, when you end the night, you are already looking forward to coming back next month. I believe that this event can eventually bring benefits to TUJ because we as alumni should consider it our duty to support current TUJ students by raising funds for scholarships and giving career advice and opportunities. I've already marked the third Thursday of each month on my calender and I hope to see more of you alumni over there Aug. 18!"

#### TUJ 2011 Diamond Club Annual Dinner

June 4, 2011, marked the completion of the third successful year of the TUJ Diamond Club Annual Dinner. Nearly 60 people, including alumni, parents, friends and members of the TUJ Board of Overseers, gathered at Tokyo Kaikan for a night not soon to be forgotten.

Proceeds from the dinner will go to support the TUJ Relief Fund for students who have been affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake, and also the TUJ scholarship funds for new and continuing students. With the passion of our guests overflowing, the event raised funds to support this year's cause and will allow the scholarship recipients to continue their education at TUJ.

This was also the second year guests could peruse a joint campus art exhibit featuring TUJ student paintings alongside photography by Department of Journalism students at Temple University Main Campus in Philadelphia. The evening ended with a live taiko show from Taiko Lab Aoyama.

We would like to thank our sponsors whose help allowed us to raise funds for our cause: Berry Brothers & Rudd, Club Med, Delta Airlines, Salvatore Ferragamo and Village Cellars.

To join and support TUJ, please contact us at tujdiamondclub@temple.edu for more information.

#### **Diamond Club Members**

Dean's Circle: Koji & Kim Shimada

Patron: Sun-Kyu Jeon, Yasutoyo Murakami

Benefactor: John and Judith Harrisingh, Midori Kaneko, Mike and Eva Leeds, Anthony Newell, Haruhiko and Keiko Takauchi, Anonymous (1)

Friend: Akoni Japan, Robert Clyde, Hai-Lung Dai, Etsuo Doi, IACE Travel, Yoshiko Ikeda, Robin Jevze, Hiroshi Kakazu, Makoto Koike, Toru Kuroiwa, Mandarin Oriental, Bungo Ohta, Yuii Osaki, Alexander Sanson, Itaru Sato, Hisa Shibata, Fujio Shinchi, Bruce Stronach, Yoshinori Tanabe, Donates Taraile, Lisa Voqt, Yoshikiyo Watanabe, Toshiaki Yokozawa, Anonymous (9)

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#### **TUJ Reunion Save the Date**

**Mark your calendars for 2011 TUJ Alumni Reunion** at Hamamatsucho Tokyo Kaikan, Nov. 11, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.



#### **TUJ Law Program Accreditation**

This past February, the Temple University, Japan Campus, School of Law hosted a site evaluation by Charlotte Stretch of the American Bar Association. ABA approval of the law program is required for study abroad students to receive credit towards their Juris Doctor from their home law schools. The ABA first accredited the law program in 1993, and renewed its

In her site evaluation report to the ABA, Ms. Stretch spoke highly of the quality of both the law program's teaching and its students. She noted that the teachers "ranged from very good to excellent," and that the students "were extremely well prepared and participated actively in class."

The law students informed Ms. Stretch that they were "particularly pleased with the small class sizes and the opportunity to learn from faculty members who have extensive experience 'in the field.'" She further noted that many students were drawn to the program for the internship opportunities available.

She concluded that "filt was clear that the Law School views the Tokyo program as an integral part of the entire Law School curriculum and applies the same emphasis on quality of teaching that it applies at the home campus."

#### Temple's Commitment to Japan

On May 1, 2011, a daylong ceremony was held at Temple University Main Campus in Philadelphia to reaffirm the dedication of its mission in Japan. "We gather here today to recommit and reaffirm the unique partnership that Temple University shares with the nation of Japan and the Japanese people," said Temple University President Ann Weaver Hart. "The ties that bind us are not merely professional or diplomatic in nature. They are deeply personal."

A Daruma doll ceremony began the day and was followed by several teach-in sessions on subjects such as Japan's recovery efforts, the economy, and social media use during the crisis. Between the talks, students who had transferred to Main Campus after the disaster shared their stories.

President Hart visited TUJ for the commencement weekend, assuring Temple University's commitment to providing American education to the Japanese government. During her visit to Tokyo, President Hart met with alumni, parents, and political and business leaders to discuss Temple's ongoing effort to support Japan and the education it provides to over 2,000 students.

TUJ finalized its commitment June 5, 2011, when the second eve of the Daruma Doll was filled, and recognized the achievements of the 276 students of the Class of 2011.

# **Alumni Watch!**



Pankaj Garg, MBA '09, first arrived in Japan in 1988. He worked as a software

engineer for over 22 years at companies including Kobe Steel, Yasukawa Electric and Intel, where he gained experience in applied research, product development and strategic marketing. In 2007, Garg took the plunge and founded Innovation Thru Energy (www. ithrue.com) in Tokvo to market and promote IceBattery, a hightech, energy-saving, reusable refrigerant system using cold gel technologies. IceBattery is used for transporting temperature-sensitive products such as fresh vegetables, frozen product and vaccines. The system, which maintains a stable cold-storage environment over an extended period of time, already has been employed by several hospitals, vaccine manufacturers and blood-testing laboratories.

Garg teaches entrepreneurship courses to young students interested in global markets at Tsukuba University



Jonathan Harrison is a 2006 MSEd graduate. He is an

assistant professor at Nihon University, College of Science and Technology, which has campuses in both Tokvo and Chiba. His recent projects include the design and implementation of an outcomes-based curriculum and building an academic writing program. His research interests also include international student-support programs, gaming in education and motivational speaking. He is active with the Yokohama Ketsugo Juiutsu Club and hopes to organize events this year including a university student Pecha-Kucha night in Tokyo. This year he will be presenting in August at Tallinn University in Estonia and in October at the

University of Cincinnati in Ohio, USA. He continues to show his support to TUJ by being an associate committee member of the TUJ Alumni Association. Please contact Jonathan at jon. harrison@nihon-u.ac.jp.

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Kobayashi,



his degree in Asian studies, he spent a few years as reporting director at FM-FUJI while simultaneously serving as creative director at

Fleishman-Hillard Japan. Since 2009, he has been working as a freelance photographer, and also has been involved in creating content for various forms of digital communications. Kobavashi has produced many of the photographs featured in TUJ publications and has served as a photographer at TUJ's commencement ceremonies.

His latest work appears on the cover of the self-titled album of Japanese rock band, MAN WITH A MISSION, which was released in June.



Toshiaki Yokozawa, BA '92, is an independent business owner and an

enthusiastic community philanthropist. In the aftermath of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, Yokozawa, president of Asahi-Ecocarry, a garbage collection company in Tokyo, swiftly responded to the relief call and supplied garbage trucks and operators to the affected areas. The debrisremoval effort will continue for more than a year. He is also an active member of the YMCA/ Foreign Community Supporting Committee (FCSC) and committed to boosting programs for children with mental and physical challenges, and learning disabilities.