

## Alumni Reunion 2006 Brings Back Friends and Memories

Over 100 people—including TUJ alumni, staff, faculty, and members of the Board of Governors—gathered at the Tokyo American Club on October 17 for the first-ever reunion hosted by TUJ's Alumni Association. Alumni Association Vice President Michiyo Matsuoka started the night off by introducing the Association's activities. Dean Kirk Patterson then welcomed everyone with a brief



Michiyo Matsuoka, vice president of the Alumni Association, gives her welcome speech.

message and a *kanpai*. The evening featured a slide show displaying scenes from past alumni events, and various Temple-branded goods were handed out in appreciation of the many kind donations from TUJ alumni and guests. Association steering committee members also described what the fundraising, communication, career development, and event coordination subcommittees do.

The night was an overwhelming success, with attendees clearly enjoying the chance to reconnect with classmates and the greater TUJ community. This year's reunion was scheduled for three hours after the Alumni Association decided two hours was too short a time. Sure enough, many alumni were still deep in conversation at 10 p.m. after the event's formal close. As they left,



Plenty of happy alumni and faculty gathered to reconnect at the reunion.

every attendee received an *omiyage* bag containing an original TUJ mug, a brochure about TUJ and another about the Temple Educational Center project, and information on future events. The Alumni Association steering committee is looking for more members, by the way, so please e-mail [alumni@tuj.ac.jp](mailto:alumni@tuj.ac.jp) if you're interested.

## TUJ's Cooperative Agreement with Minato City Off to Strong Start

In May, TUJ and Tokyo's Minato City concluded a basic agreement to cooperate on a host of projects meant to foster international understanding and cross-cultural communication. The arrangement focuses on education, culture and community development, and it will also promote human resource development through internships and other means.

"I expect this strong partnership with TUJ to further enrich Minato City's character as an international locale, and to help us develop into a mecca for international cultural exchange," Minato Mayor Masaaki Takei stated.

"We've long contributed to the local community, primarily by providing a high-quality American university education," TUJ Dean Kirk Patterson said. "This new arrangement allows us to undertake a

broader array of activities."

The cooperation kicked off on July 31 with three days of training workshops for Minato City teachers. About a dozen junior high English teachers joined the morning workshop to improve their skills in teaching listening, speaking, and team teaching. The afternoon workshop for elementary school teachers was especially popular because English-language education in Minato City's elementary schools started this April. The workshop, attended by about 30 teachers, covered various topics, including how to use storytelling to teach English to elementary students.



Minato City Mayor Masaaki Takei and TUJ Dean Kirk Patterson signed an agreement to foster mutual understanding and cooperation.

## English Program for Minato City Junior High School Students a Hit

This summer, TUJ offered its first English-language program for Minato City junior high students, and the results were very positive. The five-day language program was one of several projects TUJ and Minato agreed to pursue in the cooperative agreement signed in May, and TUJ provided the course to the city at a special discount. The city introduced the program to its 10 public junior high schools, resulting in 22 students coming to TUJ to enjoy learning English with our experienced teachers and international students. The attendees' parents paid the tuition this time around, but the program was such a success that the city is considering covering some of the costs next year.



A participant gives a speech in English during the closing ceremony.



Minato City junior high students pose with instructors and TUJ students, who helped with the luncheon and also led discussion sessions.

## Symposium on Yasukuni Draws Over 300

The Institute of Contemporary Japanese Studies held a symposium on September 24 at the Tokyo American Club to address the sociopolitical issues surrounding Yasukuni Shrine, the controversial symbol of Japan's wartime actions. Yasukuni has highlighted sensitive aspects of patriotism and nationalism and focused national and international attention on how the past is both remembered and taught.

Two panel discussions, moderated by TUJ Professor Jeff Kingston and David Satterwhite, executive director of the Fulbright Program Japan, addressed the various issues surrounding Yasukuni. The distinguished panelists on hand were Columbia University Professor Gerald Curtis,



Leaflets about the Yasukuni Shrine symposium were distributed to many members of Tokyo's international community.

considered the foremost authority on Japanese politics; Kazuhiko Togo, a former ambassador and the grandson of wartime Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo; University of San Francisco Professor John Nelson, an authority on Shinto; TUJ Professor Phil Deans, an expert on Taiwan and Japan-China relations; and Brian Masshardt, a Musashi University lecturer who researches Yasukuni's effect on domestic politics and citizens movements.

The event drew a diverse and vocal audience of over 300, including academics,



Noted scholars spoke on the controversial Yasukuni Shrine issue and led discussions on related topics, interacting with a large and diverse audience.

embassy officials, journalists, and students. A documentary film on Yasukuni kicked off the symposium, and speakers and attendees continued their spirited discussions at a reception following the panel discussions.

## Busy Summer: TUJ Opens Satellite Facility and New Dormitory

The university had a busy summer in 2006, establishing a satellite office/classroom facility and a new dormitory in August to cope with rapidly growing enrollment and to provide students with the best possible academic and living environments.

The new facility, called Mita Hall, occupies 3.5 floors of a large building about six minutes from Azabu Hall. Mita Hall gives TUJ space for students, staff and faculty, including the Law School, MBA, and Corporate Education programs. Mita has three large classrooms that can be combined into a large event space, two "smart" classrooms, three seminar/meeting rooms, two study rooms, a computer lab, and a student lounge.



Students walk between Azabu Hall and Mita Hall during a break in classes. Mita Hall helps accommodate the ever-growing number of TUJ students.

Sakura House Ontake-san, TUJ's third and newest dormitory, was acquired primarily to accommodate the increasing number of TUJ students from abroad. Located near Ontake-san Station on the Tokyu Ikegami Line, it is approximately 50 minutes from TUJ via public transportation. It houses about 60 students in single rooms, and boasts a lounge area, kitchen, shower rooms, and laundry facilities. The dormitory is fully booked for the fall semester.

### Undergraduate Program

**Minako Fuoti** (B.A. '99) and her husband had a son, Joshua Taro, in 2004. Minako is constantly amazed by Joshua's development, since it reminds her of her psychology and biology classes. What's particularly interesting, she says, is the way her son picks up both Japanese and English. Raising a child is great, and Minako is enjoying it tremendously. She is also enjoying having time to play the violin and do karate, and hopes she can earn a black belt by the time her son takes up the art. [cattie@kbh.biglobe.ne.jp](mailto:cattie@kbh.biglobe.ne.jp)



Temple, because Jeff also serves on the TUJ Alumni Association Steering Committee as the chair of the alumni fundraising committee. Jeff says his dream is to make TUJ a place where foreign students can receive a top-notch education in Japanese art history while also trekking out to explore the country's many artistic riches as he has been able to do. [jbtarlof@hotmail.com](mailto:jbtarlof@hotmail.com)

### MBA

The class of 2002's only entrepreneur continues to grow his business. **Juan Pablo Campos'** (MBA '02) company, Daabon Organic Japan, now employs six people, and his footprint in the Japanese organic food market is noticeable. In addition to items from his native Colombia, the product range Daabon Organic Japan imports now includes goods from the United States, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Australia. Juan Pablo says Japan is about patience and consistency, and he's confident his business will continue to grow in the coming years. As long as business remains strong, you'll see him with his wife and two daughters in Japan for a while. [campos@daabonorganic.com](mailto:campos@daabonorganic.com)

### Law School

**Miki Uchida** (LL.M '06) came back from Philadelphia last summer to complete her LL.M. degree at TUJ. She then resumed her job at a U.S.-based software company where she had been a contracts specialist for two years. At the same time, Miki began preparing for the New York State bar exam in February. Sometimes she finds the strict

time management needed for both pursuits to be a bit overwhelming, but the support of her family, friends, and workplace keeps things moving forward. Miki is eager to enhance her career as a legal professional by qualifying as a New York attorney. She hopes that day will come soon! [uchida@temple.edu](mailto:uchida@temple.edu)



### MA in Economics

Being a TUJ graduate gave **Masatoshi Hirakata** (M.A. '97) a wealth of new opportunities in business. During his career as a marketing consultant at IBM, he traveled extensively throughout Asia to put on marketing training sessions. After leaving IBM, Masatoshi became the director of Asia Pacific Business Development at Mainline Information Systems in Florida, helping the U.S. firm explore new markets in Asia. He expanded his new career as a global consultant by helping to build a new venture company developing medical health record software. Masatoshi recently came back to Japan after three years of doing business in Tallahassee, Florida. He is delighted to return to the TUJ campus to teach Continuing Education classes, starting in fall 2006. He currently serves both as a senior consultant at KWR International Inc. and as a director in a joint venture firm. [mh898masa@ybb.ne.jp](mailto:mh898masa@ybb.ne.jp)

### College of Education

**Jeffrey-Baptiste Tarlofsky** (M.Ed. '97) lectures in film history at several universities around Tokyo. Old Temple friends will remember that he put himself through graduate school by dealing in Japanese art and antiques. Jeff is back at it, but now he's gone upscale, dealing in rare and unusual Japanese screens and scroll paintings (visit <http://www.Jeffrey-BaptisteFineArts.com>). He assures us that Temple alumni and their friends will be treated especially well at his gallery. However, they may have to listen to a pitch for

## President Ann Hart Takes Control at Temple Main Campus Temple University Welcomes First Female President

On July 1, Ann Weaver Hart became Temple University's ninth president. She was previously president of the University of New Hampshire and, before that, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Claremont Graduate University. She also served as professor of educational leadership, dean of the Graduate School, and special assistant to the president at the University of Utah.

President Hart received an M.A. in History and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration, both from the University of Utah. Her research interests include leadership succession and development, work redesign and organizational behavior in educational organizations, and academic

freedom and freedom of speech in higher education.

TUJ Dean Kirk Patterson met her on a trip to main campus in August and reported as follows: "In my one-on-one meeting with her, she was very warm and engaging. She quickly puts people at ease and is sincerely interested in what they have to say. Then, the next day, in a three-hour, nine-person meeting about TUJ's new building project and tax issue, she put on her "CEO hat" and asked tough, probing questions and clearly expected well-considered answers. She did so in a very collegial way, but there was no doubt that she was in charge. With her personal style and no-nonsense professionalism, Temple is clearly in good hands."



Ann Weaver Hart, who became Temple University's ninth president on July 1, is also the institution's first female president.

## New Temple Educational Center Moves Closer to Reality

TUJ's long-held dream of having a permanent home is steadily moving from the abstract to a reality. The new Temple Educational Center, Japan's first true international educational complex, is now slated to open in fall 2010. Merrill Lynch Japan Securities Co., Ltd., the project's financial advisor, has worked out the strategies and finds the project very viable. Support from alumni and other donors will play a crucial part. TUJ is consulting with the main campus and hopes for official approval on the Center by the end of 2006 and, by early/mid 2007, plans to hire a project manager, architect, and construction company.

## Temple Tees Now Available

Show you're proud to be a Temple Owl and support TUJ by purchasing original TUJ T-shirts! There are two designs. One design—available in grey, white or red—features TUJ *katakana* writing on the front and a neat TUJ *hanko* in back. The second, more simple, design is available in grey or white and has a small TUJ logo on the front. The shirts are ¥2,000 each at the TUJ Information Center.



The new TUJ t-shirts come in two unique designs.

## Another Generous Ogasawara Foundation Gift

Thanks to a generous ¥1 million donation from the Ogasawara Foundation for the Promotion of Science and Engineering, the TUJ library has added a long-coveted block of The Japan Times covering the wartime and immediate postwar years (1939-51) to its collection. These issues, stored on microfilm, are highly prized by faculty and students alike. TUJ



A longtime member of the TUJ's Board of Governors, Mr. Ogasawara has also devoted a great deal of time and financial support to helping TUJ grow.

thanks Mr. Ogasawara—a member of TUJ's Board of Governors—and the foundation for this donation, which follows an earlier donation of ¥1,000,000 used to upgrade TUJ's science laboratory.

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