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Major Organizational Reform of YNU in April 2011

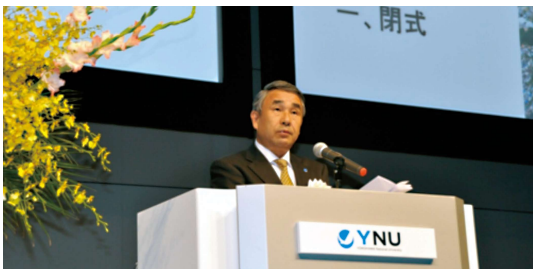
Yokohama National University (YNU) instituted major organizational reforms to Colleges and Graduate Schools in April 2011 to further enhance its efforts to educate the human resources required for the 21st century.

Undergraduates:

- The Department of Human Sciences was established (reorganized) in the College of Education and Human Sciences.
- The College of Engineering Science was established, replacing the College of Engineering.

Graduate Schools:

- The Graduate School of Education was reorganized.
- The Graduate School of Engineering was reorganized.
- The Graduate School of Urban Innovation was launched.



Speech by President Suzuki

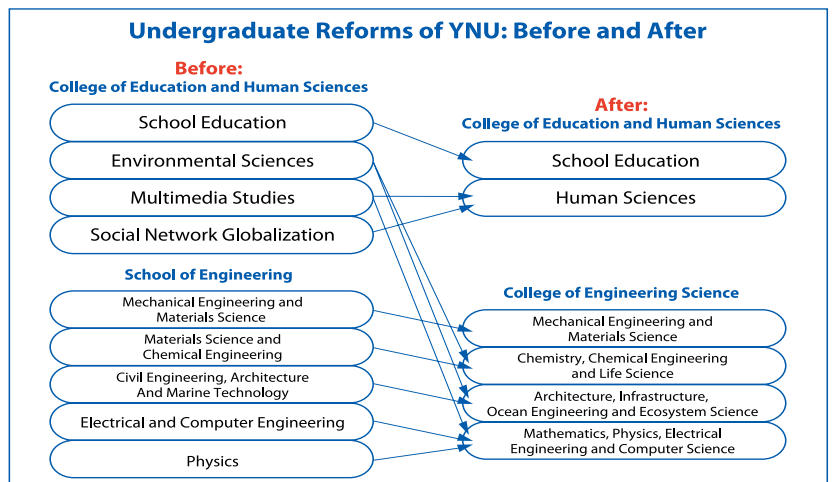
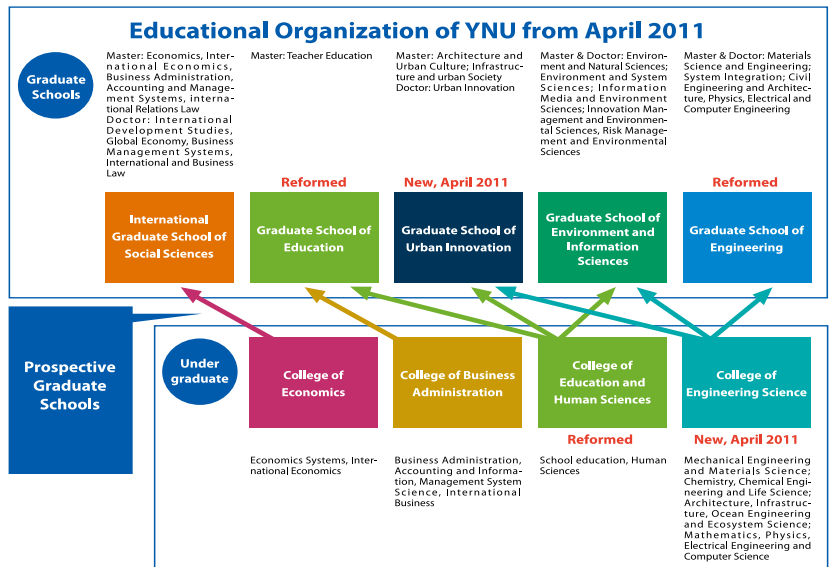


Introduction of each new faculty

This reorganization and expansion was conducted to develop further contributions to society based on YNU's tradition as an institute of higher education.

On November 9, 2011, a commemoration ceremony for the establishment of the College of Engineering Science and the Graduate School of Urban Innovation was held at Nissan Hall, Yokohama.

Approximately 250 people both inside and outside YNU participated in this ceremony. After President Kunio Suzuki's speech, MEXT Higher Education Bureau Director General Fumio Isoda made a remark. It was followed by the introduction of each faculty by the Faculty of Urban Innovation Dean Youichi Umamoto.



"Chart of the previous educational organization and the corresponding new one"

Tohoku District -off the Pacific Ocean Earthquake

Since the Great East Japan Earthquake hit Tohoku District on March 11, 2011, we have been receiving heartfelt messages from all over the world. Thank you very much for your concern. We would like to tell you that YNU is safe. Yokohama, the city in which our university locates, is 400 km away from the epicenter and

is some 250 km away from Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant. We have not heard of any injuries of our students, faculty and administrative staff.

Soon after the earthquake, some staff members of YNU voluntarily started to collect donations from faculty and administrative staff, students, and

three alumni associations. A total sum of 2,004,149 Yen was collected from March 15 to September 20, 2011, 80% of which was donated to Japanese Red Cross Society and 20% to Japan Committee for UNICEF.

YNU Museum Opens

YNU established "YNU Museum" in December 2011. We have made a number of academic and research contributions to society since the establishment of the Teacher Training Center over 135 years ago. YNU Museum was set up in order to

showcase the historical development of the university in response to the changing times and its vision towards the future.



Opening ceremony

YNU global alumni reunion parties held around the world

In 2011, YNU held alumni reunion parties in Mongolia, Korea, Indonesia, Uganda and China. We all hope that the activities of YNU alumni associations help strengthen the bonds among international and Japanese graduates living or working around the world. We also hope that we can expand the alumni network by organizing more reunion parties in 2012.

Mongolia:



On August 9, 2011, YNU alumni reunion party was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. It was the first reunion party in the city, and 30 graduates from YNU colleges and graduate schools got together. From YNU, Executive Director (International Affairs) Mr. Kazuhisa Matsuoka, Special Advisor to

the President for International Affairs Professor Ichiro Araki, College of Business Administration Professor Hiroshi Morita, Associate Professor Peijun Guo, Associate Professor Kozo Kiyota, Lecturer Hisami Andrade and Ms. Akiko Moriyama, as well as Ms. Yoko Koizumi (IMP Office) attended the reunion.

Korea:



On October 1, 2011 YNU Alumni Meeting was held in Busan, Korea. Over 50 graduates and current students from Korea took part in the event. From YNU, President Kunio Suzuki and ten other faculty and administrative members joined to celebrate the big event.

Indonesia:

On September 24, 2011, YNU Alumni Meeting was held in Jakarta, Indone-



sia. Over 30 graduates participated in the party.

From YNU, President Kunio Suzuki and other seven faculty and administrative members participated in the party. Although reunion parties had been held in Indonesia several times in the past, it was the first time that so many faculty and administrative members from YNU took part. It was reported on a local Japanese paper "Jakarta Shimbun".

Shanghai:



YNU Alumni Meeting in Shanghai, December 24, 2011

“YNU Day” at PKNU in Busan, Korea

~Ambassador Muto Makes Speech on Global Human Resources~



On September 30, 2011, “the YNU Day in Korea” was held at Pukyong National University (PKNU), a partner university in Busan. Led by President Kunio Suzuki, nine delegates from YNU attended the event. During the half-day event, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Korea H.E.Mr.Masatoshi Muto who graduated from YNU College of Economics in 1972, delivered a speech on

Global Human Resources.

It was followed by YNU’s five professors’ special lectures for undergraduates: “Thermal Comfort of Clothing” delivered by College of Education and Human Sciences Professor Yayoi Satsumoto, “The Asia era and attraction(Intensiveness) of Japan” by College of Business Administration Professor Cho Du-sop, “Management of Innovation: Issues on Organizational Change” by Faculty of Environment



H.E.Mr.Masatoshi Muto, Ambassador of Japan to South Korea(left),
President Maeng Eon PARK(right)

and Information Sciences Professor Yoshikazu Shusa, “Plasma Universe” by Faculty of Engineering Dean Professor Osamu Ishihara, and “News Agency Never Sleeps” by International Student Center Professor Hisayoshi Miyatake. We would like to thank PKNU for co-organizing and co-hosting the event.



Prof. Satsumoto in her beautiful kimono delivers her lecture.

6th YNU Home Coming Day

On October 29, 2011 the 6th Yokohama National University Home Coming Day was held. Under clear autumn sky, over 1,100 of YNU alumni and students, faculty and administrative staff, and citizens of Yokohama participated in the event. Approximately 400 attendants listened to the keynote lecture made by Director of Mitsuo Aida Museum Mr. Kazuhito Aida. The theme of his lecture was “the preciousness of life”. He recalled the life of his father, a very famous calligrapher and poet, Mr. Mitsuo Aida and introduced the thought behind his father’s works. By showing the work “the road”, in particular, Mr. Aida linked the Japanese society after the Great East Japan Earthquake and the war era that his father went through. Mr. Aida concluded his lecture saying that the work “the road” describes “the life of

his father” and that it fits into the current severe situation that Japan is facing. His words brought tears to some listeners’ eyes.

This year, various events were organized to bridge different generations and alumni associations. Participants were free to participate in the events they felt like.



Keynote lecture by Mr. Kazuhito Aida

One of those events was YNU Japanese Speech Contest. A total of ten international students studying at YNU gave speeches with the theme, “Japan, which I found”. Their contents covered a wide range of Japanese aspects, such as morning radio gymnastics, queuing up in front of noodle shops and so on. It was a great time for the listeners to react to the Japanese culture and society through the eyes of those speakers.



Speakers and judges

The 5th Meeting of Port-city University League Held in Shanghai



Organized and co-sponsored by Shanghai Jiao Tong University and Shanghai International Port (Group) Co., Ltd. (SIPG), the 5th Meeting of the Port-city University League was successfully held in Shanghai from October 10 to 13, 2011 under the theme of "Better Port, Better City". From YNU, International Graduate School of Social Sciences Professor Ichiro Araki (Special Advisor to the President for International Affairs), Faculty of Engineering Professor Makoto Arai, Professor Takanori Hino, Professor Yasumi Kawamura, Associate Professor Yoshiki Nishi and Assistant Professor Yoshiaki Hirakawa made presentations, and Mr. Ken-ichiro Murakami and Ms. Xianglan Li of International Division

participated in the meeting representing the PUL Secretariat.

PUL was established in Yokohama in 2006 based upon YNU's initial proposal among others. It aims at building wide and deep relationships among prominent universities in the world's port-city areas. Its first meeting was held in Yokohama, the second in Chennai (India), the third in Lisbon (Portugal), the fourth again in Yokohama. This year, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, which is the original member of PUL, hosted the fifth meeting in Shanghai.

At the round-table meeting held on the first and second day, the representatives from each participating universities agreed that the University of Southampton (UK) will host the next

meeting, and welcomed Dalian University of Technology (China) and the University of Incheon (Korea) as new members of PUL. This made the total number of PUL 14 universities from 11 countries: the University of Southampton (UK), the University of British Columbia (Canada), Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (India), Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology (Vietnam), Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Dalian University of Technology (China), the University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), the University of Lisbon (Portugal), Pukyong National University, the University of Incheon (Korea), the University of Alexandria (Egypt), Istanbul Technical University (Turkey), Yokohama City University and YNU (Japan).



Welcome Speech by SJTU Vice President Gang Chen

YNU on Google Maps Street View

Taking part in Google Maps Street View Partner Program, YNU Tokiwadai campus is now available on Google Maps Street View. Tokiwadai Campus was newly uploaded among Yamashita Park, Oosanbashi Yokohama International Passenger Terminal, Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse and Zoorasia as one of the special collections.

Please have a look at our exceptionally leafy, green campus.

<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/koho/5475/detail.html>

