



# Close Up YNU 2014

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## TOPICS

### YNU Institute of Advanced Sciences Symposium Series Inaugural Lecture

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, YNU established the "Institute of Advanced Sciences".

The Institute of Advanced Sciences, specializing in such fields as "safety engineering" and "sustainable living with risk", was created to serve through coordination and cooperation with the domestic and international researchers as a global base of advanced research dealing with the various risks faced by the global society.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, an inaugural symposium to commemorate the opening of Institute and to introduce its activities was held at YNU.

The symposium started with an opening speech on the "Role of the Institute of Advanced Sciences at YNU" by the Dean of Institute of Advanced Sciences and YNU President Suzuki, followed by the introduction on "The Institute Outline and Research Units" by the Vice-dean of the Institute, Professor Koichi

Fujie. An outline of 9 research units was introduced accordingly by the professors in charge.

The symposium was attended by nearly 200 participants and was a very successful event.

Detail (Eng): [http://ias.ynu.ac.jp/news/20141117\\_symposium/index.html](http://ias.ynu.ac.jp/news/20141117_symposium/index.html)



Symposium scene



Commemorative photo

## TOPICS

### Professor Yuichi Hasebe was elected as next YNU president

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Professor of Faculty of International Social Sciences and Director of Information Technology Service Center Yuichi Hasebe was elected as next YNU president.

Professor Hasebe will assume the new post on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, following the expiration of President Suzuki's term of service at the end of March 2015.



Professor Yuichi Hasebe

## The 8<sup>th</sup> International Seminar of Port-city Universities League (PUL) in Istanbul

The 8<sup>th</sup> International Seminar of Port-city Universities League (PUL) was held from October 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> at Istanbul Technical University, Turkey, under the theme of "Green Ship, Sustainable Port and the Marine Environment."

Since its inaugural meetings held in Yokohama, Japan, in 2006, PUL annual seminars have been held in the world's preeminent port cities, being home of the member universities. The history of PUL has been created by the following meetings held in Chennai, India (2<sup>nd</sup>), Lisbon, Portugal (3<sup>rd</sup>), Yokohama (4<sup>th</sup>), Shanghai, China (5<sup>th</sup>), in Southampton, England (6<sup>th</sup>), and Busan, Republic of Korea (7<sup>th</sup>).

Many academics representing eight member universities participated in this seminar to give various presentations in the field of shipbuilding, ship-

ping industry, marine environment and trade activities. At a meeting held during the seminar, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was accepted to join the League. As new activities of PUL, regular publication of newsletters and student exchange programs were suggested and discussed. On the last day of the

seminar, the participants made a tour of Istanbul, an ancient and modern city with rich cultural and historical heritages.

The next PUL seminar in 2015 will be held in Sao Paulo (Brazil), hosted by University of Sao Paulo.



Commemorative Photo of PUL2014

## Opening of the first YNU International Week

Between October 28<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>, the first YNU International Week (IW) was held at the University Hall, attracting more than 200 visitors.

The events played a role of promoting studying abroad and provided a place of interaction between Japanese students and international students. The IW was planned and operated by the IW Operating Committee, which mainly consists of people with experience of studying abroad and students who belong to the International Student Center 105, the Student International Vol-

unteers, and other groups supporting international students. It is expected that more students will be involved in

the planning and operation of the next IW, which will be developed as an event to show the internationalism of YNU.



International week site

## Reunions Held in Shanghai, Jakarta and São Paulo

### Shanghai:

On Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014, YNU reunion was held in Shanghai.

A total of 70 people including Chinese alumni, Japanese alumni working in Shanghai, and YNU exchange students who are currently studying at universities in Shanghai, participated in the reunion.

Among participants there were several Chinese graduates who work as faculty members at the partner universities of YNU such as Shanghai Jiao Tong University, East China Normal University and Tongji University. They help promoting the exchange between YNU and its partner universities.



2014 Shanghai reunion members wearing YNU stole

Detail (Eng): <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/11775/>

### Jakarta:

On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, the meeting of YNU alumni in Indonesia was held at a restaurant in Jakarta city. The dinner party held in a peaceful and friendly atmosphere has brought together representatives of various generations and departments.



Commemorative Photo

Detail (Eng): <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/11892/>

### São Paulo:

On Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 YNU Brazil Alumni Reunion was held in São Paulo.

At the end of the meeting, Vice President Yamada presented a memento

to Professor Toshi-ichi Tachibana of University of São Paulo (YNU Professor Emeritus) with gratitude for his contribution to the promotion of alumni activities in Brazil.

It was announced that Professor André Riyuiti Hirakawa of the University of São Paulo, current president of the Japanese Government Scholarship Recipients Association (ABMON) who graduated from the Doctoral Program at YNU Graduate School of Engineering was going to replace Professor Tachibana as chairperson of the YNU alumni association in Brazil.



2014 YNU Brazil reunion members wearing YNU stole

Detail (Eng): <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/12479/detail.html>

## The 9<sup>th</sup> YNU Home Coming Day

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the 9<sup>th</sup> Yokohama National University Homecoming Day was held under the beautiful autumn blue sky. A total of more than one thousand people visited and participated in 17 events. This year's theme was "Global YNU and the future." The main lecture was "The boxing ring is the class room" by Mr. Shosei Nitta, who graduated YNU College of Education and Human Sciences and becoming professional

boxer. The main theme of the lecture was character building through the



Main entrance

boxing ring. As part of the lecture, boxers performed a sparring match.



Main Lecture

## YNU Honorary Doctorate Was Conferred to President Tran Van Nam, University of Da Nang

On Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014, President Kunio Suzuki and YNU delegation to Viet Nam, including Vice-President Shuji Mizoguchi and Hitoshi Yamada, which visited the University of Da Nang (UD), to perform a honorary doctorate degree conferment ceremony. The honorary recipient was UD President Tran Van Nam. Many guests attended the ceremony, which was extensively covered by the local press.

President Nam has played a key role in facilitating research collaboration and international exchanges with YNU for a long time, since about the time when he was the Rector of Da Nang University of Technology. His promotion to the president of UD enabled YNU to sign the academic exchange agreement with UD and also establish Da Nang Branch Office of YNU, the very first overseas institution of its own.

President Suzuki conferred the degree of honorary doctor and also a commemorative shield to President Nam. President Suzuki gave a congratulatory address, detailing the history of exchanges between YNU and UD. President Nam gave words of gratitude regarding the conferment of YNU honorary doctorate, emphasizing that it was not only

a personal honor to himself but also an honor of UD itself. Furthermore, President Nam expressed his commitment to make efforts for the strengthening of the bilateral relationship not only between YNU and UD but also between the cities of Yokohama and Da Nang, as well as Japan and Viet Nam.



Honorary Doctorate Degree Conferment from President Suzuki to President Nam

Detail (Eng): <http://www.kokusai-senryaku.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/12512/>

## Nobel Laureate Dr. John L Hall (U.S.A.) Visited YNU

On Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, an American physicist Dr. John Lewis Hall visited YNU.

Dr. Hall received the Nobel Prize in 2005 for his pioneering



Dr. John Hall and YNU president Dr. Suzuki

Detail (Eng): <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/12688/detail.html>

work and contributions to development of the laser-based precision spectroscopy with the optical frequency comb technique. Currently he is a Professor Adjoint at the Physics Department and JILA, Colorado University-Boulder. YNU Graduate School of Engineering was endowed to have his lecture "Laser Spectroscopy and Precision Measurement" as International Distinguished Lecturer Series, 5th, taking the precious opportunity of his visiting to Japan.

Dr. John Hall came to YNU with his wife Lindy Hall. They visited the President's Office attended by Professor Feng-Lei Hong, to be welcomed by President Suzuki, Executive Director and Vice-President Yasuo Kokubun, Dean of Faculty of Engineering Atsuo Kawamura, and Faculty of Engineering Professor Jun Takeda. Despite their age in the eighties, they were in good spirits, making the atmosphere warm and friendly. Dr. Hall discussed with the YNU people on various topics including academic lifestyle and research environment and their differences between Japan and the U.S. Lindy Hall also actively joined in the conversation.

## International Student Exchange Program Agreement with Dalian University of Technology (China)

On Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, YNU President Kunio Suzuki, Vice President Hitoshi Yamada visited Vice President Ning Guiling Ph.D. of Dalian University of Technology (China) to sign on an Agreement on the Student International Exchange Program. YNU and Dalian University of Technology have cooperated in various educational and research activities since the

academic partnership agreement was concluded between the universities in 2009.

It is expected that the conclusion of the agreement on the student international exchange program will enable both universities to cooperate more closely and carry out high quality programs together.

Detail (Eng): <http://www.kokusai-senryaku.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/11600/>



Vice President Yamada and Vice President Ning signing on the agreement

## YNU Signed the Academic Exchange Agreement with Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy)



Exchange Agreement

Detail (Eng): <http://www.kokusai-senryaku.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/11902/>

On Tuesday of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, Department of Economics Professor Maria Bruna Zolin Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy) visited YNU to attend a signing ceremony of the academic exchange agreement.

Ca' Foscari University of Venice is the first business school in Italy and the second in Europe, which was estab-

lished in 1868.

Now the school has been developed to a university with 8 departments, where more than 30 languages are taught. The university offers various interdisciplinary programs and courses at all levels both in Italian and English. The teaching and education is rooted to Venice, one of the most prosperous international cities in the world.

## YNU Signed the Academic Exchange Agreement with Mandalay University (Myanmar)

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 a signing ceremony of Agreement on Academic Exchange between YNU and Mandalay University (Myanmar) was held at Mandalay University. Mandalay University is the second oldest university in Myanmar, founded in 1925.

As a result of university specialization education measures by Myanmar government, the university at present comprises of undergraduate and

graduate school conferring bachelor's and master's degrees in the fields of humanities and science.

YNU has been receiving students from Mandalay University in the past. Some among them after completion of their graduate school at YNU became faculty members of Mandalay University.

Detail (Eng): <http://www.kokusai-senryaku.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/12390/>



Rector Maung Thynn and Vice-President Yamada at the signing ceremony

## KAKEHASHI—"West Meets East" Presentation Session YNU

In January 2014, students from St. Catherine's University and St. Thomas University in Minnesota, USA visited Japan as part of their study tour organized by Profs. Louise Edwards-Simpson and Cecilia Konchar Farr, "West Meets East: U.S. Cross-cultural Encounters with Japan".

After presentations by four YNU students who will be joining the KAKEHASHI study abroad program, the students held joint discussions and a feedback session.

Detail (Eng): <http://www.isc.ynu.ac.jp/hus/exce/10949/>



Commemorative Photo

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Dialogue Visits Shanghai and Beijing (China)

The College of Economics successfully completed the China visit round of this year's Asia Dialogue on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This year a record number of 12 students, made the trip to our partner institutions East China Normal University and Beijing Normal University.

This year, in a packed program, the YNU cohort discussed 'Inequality' with ECNU students, giving presentations on the

situation in Japan from an economic perspective. The Dialogue session was a change for both groups to compare and contrast inequality issues in both countries from various perspectives.

In Beijing, the Dialogue topic was 'Water and Air Pollution' which is an issue very much in focused in Beijing these days. The YNU group outlined the history of pollution in Japan and measures, including legislative acts that were taken



Exchanging Opinions

to solve various environmental problems.

Detail (Eng): <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/econ/12411/detail.html>

## The Mizuki (Moon Viewing) Party 2014 was Held

The Mizuki (Moon Viewing) Party 2014 was held at Renga-kan, Cafeteria I on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 gathering over 350 international students, researchers, faculty members, administrative staff and Japanese students.

This yearly event, hosted by YNU President is aimed to foster closer links be-

tween the Japanese faculty, students, administrative staff and the international community of students and researchers at YNU.

Detail (Eng): <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/12467/detail.html>



YNU Board members in Happi and International Students

## The 9<sup>th</sup> Euro-Japan Dialogue Visits Strasbourg, Roehampton and East Anglia

The 9<sup>th</sup> Euro-Japan Dialogue concluded business at the University of East Anglia on October 30<sup>th</sup> 2014. This year the program took place in France and the UK, such as University of Strasbourg in France, Business School at University of Roehampton in London and University of East Anglia in Norwich, England.

The program aims to carry out authentic academic presentations and debates, promote international exchange and deepen knowledge of mutual issues related to economics were more than achieved over the eight-day visit

to these three venerable institutions. In addition to the Dialogue sessions, the YNU cohort paid a visit to the European Parliament at Strasbourg to gain insight into the inner workings of the EU, such as the faction system within the parliament and the considerable



Euro-Japan Dialogue session at Roehampton



Visiting the European Parliament

task of translation that is required on a day-to-day basis.

Detail (Eng): <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/econ/12594/detail.html>