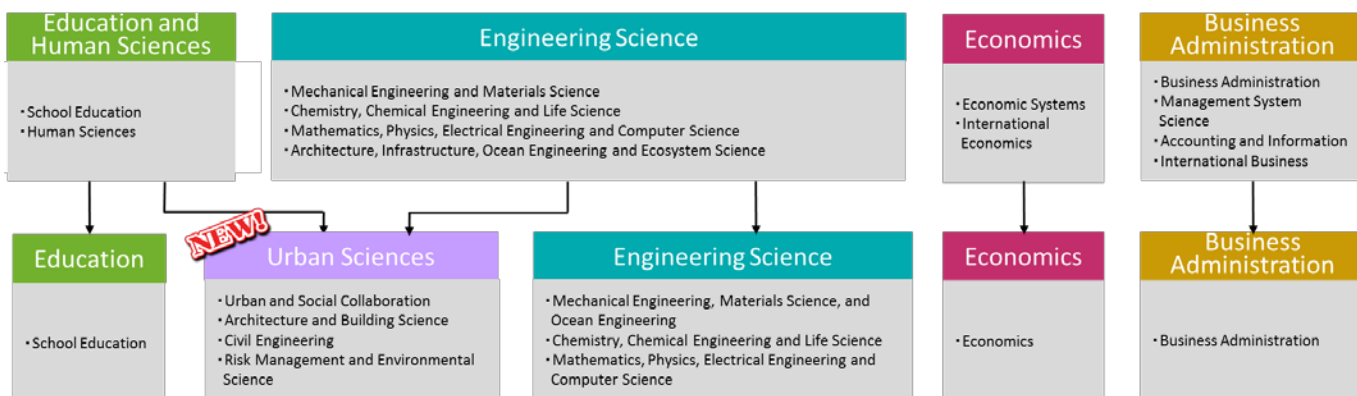


## YNU establishes the new College of Urban Sciences and reorganizes the Departments

YNU established the new College of Urban Sciences in April 2017 as one of its efforts to cultivate practical human resources with board expertise based on the needs of the era of globalization in the 21st century.

Concurrently, the College of Education and Human Sciences reorganized into the College of Education for the purpose of specializing in training students to be teachers and to play its central role in the region. In addition, the College of Engineering Science reorganized 4 departments into 3 departments and it cultivates creative talent who will generate new value and lead future technological innovation in the various industries. The College of Economics and the College of Business Administration each united into 1 department so that students can learn more extensive knowledge which adapt to the age of globalization. In April 2018, the Graduate School of Engineering Science will be established and the Graduate School of Environment and Information Sciences will be reorganized.

Through this approach, YNU will actively and progressively engage in education of colleges and graduate schools for the future.



## YNU establishes international branches in Prince of Songkla University and Portland State University in 2017

### Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Thailand

This branch is operated as a hub for practical research, research development and cultivation of human resources especially in the field of environmental science, natural science, computer science, business administration, Japanese studies and urban development.



(Left) Vice President Wisutmethangoon (PSU)

(Right) Executive Director Nakamura (YNU)

Signed on June 20

For details see:

<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/18497/detail.html>

### Portland State University (PSU), USA

This branch is operated as a cooperative base for research especially in the field of YNU Overseas Short Term English Training Program, Japanese Studies, Urban Planning and Traffic Planning.



(Left) President Hasebe (YNU)

(Right) Vice Provost Everett (PSU)

Signed on August 31

For details see:

<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/18919/detail.html>

### ◆ Other YNU International Branches ◆

Vietnam	UD-YNU International Branch (University of Da Nang)	Established in June 2014	Brazil	USP-YNU International Branch (University of Sao Paulo)	Established in May 2015
China	IBE-YNU International Branch (University of International Business and Economics)	Established in September 2014	Finland	OYO-YNU International Branch (University of Oulu)	Established in November 2015

**“Festival of Cultures and Co-operation” celebrates cross-cultural exchange and international cooperation at the University of Oulu, Finland (OYO)**



Memorial group photo after the event

Tellus Innovation Arena which was opened at the University of Oulu (OYO) celebrated its first anniversary this year. For the purpose of advertising the space called International Avenue, where Yokohama National University branch office was established in August 2016, the event promoted the importance of international cooperation between YNU and OYO in collaboration with our branch office. This event was also an opportunity to promote the programs available at YNU to overseas partners, and the branch office staff made presentations on its activities at OYO and how to study abroad at YNU.

For details see:

<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/18044/detail.html>

**Special intensive lecture at the University of Da Nang (UD), University of Science and Technology with UD-YNU International Branch**



Photo of experiments

From September 18 to 22, 2017, a special lecture for the University of Da Nang (UD), titled “CAE Workshops: from Class Room Simulation toward Practical Simulations” was conducted by UD-YNU International Branch. From YNU, Assoc. Prof. Takuto Araki and Assoc. Prof. Tomoyuki Shimono from the Faculty of Engineering, and Assoc. Prof. Kazumi Matsui from the Faculty of Environment and Information Sciences visited. They gave lectures equivalent to 15 classes for 5 days for approximately 40 undergraduate students of the University of Da Nang, University of Science and Technology.

For details see:

<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/19041/detail.html>

## The 11th international seminar of Port-city Universities League (PUL) at Incheon



Commemorative Photo of the 11th PUL meeting

The 11th Meeting of the Port-city Universities League (PUL) “Sustainable Port Developments and Roles of Port Cities” was held by Incheon National University, Korea (Organizer: Prof. Gyewoon Choi, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering), Incheon Metropolitan City, and Incheon Port Authority from September 18 to 20, 2017.

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/18964/detail.html>

PULwebsite: <http://www.pul.ynu.ac.jp/index.html>

## TOPICS YNU Students Activities

### Interview to Foreign Researchers: JICA Nikkei Training Program in Japan

The JICA Nikkei Training Program in Japan is a project open to the public that is aimed at contributing to the development of Nikkei society and the nation-building of the destination countries through technical cooperation to Nikkei people in Latin America region. YNU accepts several researchers every year, and this time, Dr. Isabele Kazahaya Borges ("Biotechnology Course" offered by Prof. Minoru Takeda, Faculty of Engineering) and MD. Roberta Cristine Suetugo ("Biomaterials, biomedical devices, and regenerative medicine Course" offered by Prof. Junji Fukuda, Faculty of Engineering) were interviewed.



The question asked to JICA researchers are as below.

- ◆ May I ask you about your background and the reason to apply for JICA program?
- ◆ What is the impression of YNU and Yokohama?
- ◆ What do you do in JICA program?
- ◆ Along with your research, do you take Japanese class for international students?
- ◆ Do you think it is necessary to take Japanese classes during the JICA Program?
- ◆ How would you like to make use of this experience at YNU in your carrier?
- ◆ Would you like to recommend this JICA Nikkei program to younger Nikkei people?

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/19825/detail.html>



#### Dr. Isabele Kazahaya Borges

- Occupation: Pharmacist
- Technical trainee at Okayama University Hospital for 5 months through a program organized by Okayama Kenjin-kai and Okayama prefectural government after undergraduate course
- Finished Master and PhD Course at Londrina State University in Pathology and Immunology
- Worked as a lecturer for pharmacy, nutrition and biomedical science in private universities in Brazil

#### MD. Roberta Cristine Suetugo

- Occupation: Doctor
- Medical school at Positivo University for 6 years
- Specialization in ophthalmology at Londrina State University for 3 years
- Worked as ophthalmologist at Londrina State University Hospital and Londrina Clinics Hospital for 3 years
- Worked as emergency doctor in emergency clinics and hospitals for 3 years

### YNU wins the Japan Ryugaku Awards 2017 grand prize in the category of National and Public Universities of East Japan

The Japan Ryugaku Awards selected recommended universities and vocational schools for international students by the vote from staff of Japanese Language schools in Japan. YNU won the prize in the category of National and Public Universities of East Japan in 2015 and 2016. This year, we received the grand prize for the first time, and also won the prize in the category of graduate schools of East Japan for the first time.

\* These awards article was published in a newspaper "The Japan Times" on October 2, 2017.

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokukyo/19126/detail.html>



### YNU students attend the 50th ADB Annual Meeting YOKOHAMA 2017



The 50th ADB Annual Meeting YOKOHAMA 2017 was held at PACIFICO Yokohama and neighboring hotels from May 4 to 7, 2017. The Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting is held in Japan every ten years, and in 2017 it became the 50th milestone, where YNU President Yuichi Hasebe was appointed as a member of the ADB Annual Meeting Yokohama Promotion Council. On May 6, the Next Generation Development Seminar titled "Towards Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Economic Growth: Analysis and Attempts of Practical Business Education Program by Young People in Yokohama" was held and students from YNU participated.

Encourage YNU students and participants from the Philippines (Center: President Hasebe)

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/18966/detail.html>

## President Hasebe and 7 YNU faculties and staff join Shanghai Alumni Reunion

On May 12, 2017, the YNU Shanghai Alumni Reunion was held in Shanghai, China. A total of 60 attendees joined the reunion, these include 51 alumni and President Yuichi Hasebe, Prof. Yasushi Nakamura, Dean of College of Economics, Prof. Toshio Hara, Dean of College of Business Administration, Prof. Midori Kizaki, Prof. Hiroyasu Yachi and Prof. Takeshi Arthur Thornton from the Faculty of International Social Sciences, Executive Advisor to the Executive Director Prof. Xu Haoyuan from International Strategy Organization, and Deputy Manager Hiroshi Inoue from International Office.

As well as alumni and YNU members, Dr. Liu Qing-Bin, Manager of the YNU Branch at the University of International Business and Economics, Ms. Huang Xiaojie, coordinator of Japan and the other Asian Countries for International Exchange and Cooperation Office of Tongji University, and Mr. Nobuaki Saito, Chief Representative of Shanghai Office of Yokohama City also joined.

This reunion was very lively alumni association party.

Shanghai (China), May 12



Shanghai Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/18306/detail.html>

Moscow (Russia), December 8



Moscow Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/19474/detail.html>

Taipei (Taiwan), July 9



Taiwan Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/18622/detail.html>

Jakarta (Indonesia), October 7



Indonesia Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/19037/detail.html>

### Invitation to Register for YNU Global Alumni Network

YNU Global Alumni Network will help strengthen the "Kizuna (bonds)" among YNU graduates and expand their network by sending information about YNU, supporting to hold alumni meetings and many other alumni activities. For registration, please visit the following website: <http://www.globalalumni.ynu.ac.jp/english/>

You can find a registration form under "Register for YNU Global Alumni Network" and please complete the registration form with as much detail as you can.



### Yokohama National University Fund

YNU established Yokohama National University Fund in 2016 and asks for support to enhance scholarships and develop education and research environment. In 2017, the website was launched for YNU Fund. Please see the following website for more details: <http://kikin.ynu.jp/>

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## Special interview with President Yuichi Hasebe and Prof. Yukiko Tashima from International Strategy Organization

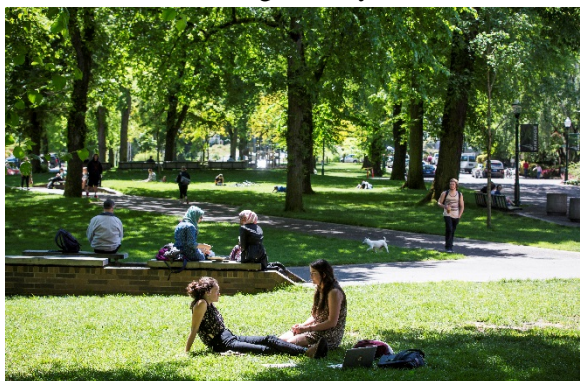


YNU set up its sixth international branch in Portland State University (PSU, USA) in 2017. As the feature article of Close Up YNU, we conducted an interview with President Yuichi Hasebe and Prof. Yukiko Tashima about Portland State University (PSU) and the city of Portland, Oregon. President Hasebe attended the signing ceremony for the international branch in PSU last August. Prof. Tashima has developed a close connection with PSU since her first year in YNU, 2004.

### ◆How did the exchange with PSU and YNU begin?

**Tashima:** My teaching career started at high school. After a long teaching experience, I had a chance to study abroad in PSU on a scholarship and earned the second MA-TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from the university. Fortunately, I got a job in YNU immediately after my return to Japan. Since PSU gave me many wonderful experiences including the job of Japanese TA, I was always thinking I would like to build a good relationship between YNU and PSU if I had a chance. My main job in YNU is to teach freshman and sophomore English and coordinate English curriculum in liberal arts. Then, I gradually noticed that the majority students who left for a long-term overseas study were those from the College of Economics and the College of Business Administration, but very few students from the College of Engineering Science. They knew how difficult it would be to go for a long-term overseas study, because they were too busy to cope with their daily studies at least three years. They are unlucky students from my point of view of an English teacher. Then, I started to look for a good language institution which could provide high-quality short-term English programs at a safe learning environment. Then, I noticed I could visit my alma mater PSU and talk with the coordinators of ESL International program. I visited them one summer and I

was satisfied with the English program there. I started to introduce PSU programs to my students on an individual basis. Just then, coincidentally, matching with the move toward internationalization in YNU, the short-term intensive English program in PSU became a candidate place for YNU Intensive English Camp. The program was successfully chosen. Now the students from the College of Engineering Science as well as the College of Education



PSU campus

Reference: PSU

can apply for this PSU program. I am always glad to hear that the coordinators and English instructors say YNU students are wonderful and hard workers.



President Yuichi Hasebe

**Hasebe:** I understand how YNU started to exchange with PSU. When I visited PSU for the first time and last year to attend the signing ceremony, I met and talked with YNU students in the short-term intensive English program in PSU. I think the program was very good. The reason says students from various colleges can participate in the same program and they can not only learn practical English but also experience homestay and various excursions during their stay. I am very grateful that such a wonderful place was chosen for YNU short-term overseas study.

**Tashima:** I think the final goal should be a long-term overseas study, so I hope this PSU program will give YNU students a chance to go forward the next step for studying abroad as an YNU exchange student or working overseas as a businessman in the future.

**Hasebe:** I think the first step is important. I hope our students will see various things and places, study abroad in universities, and meet and learn together with foreign students in the same generation.

◆ **What is the purpose of setting up the international branch in PSU?**

**Hasebe:** As a University, there are 2 purposes to set up the branch in PSU, besides an institution for sending YNU students to the short-term intensive English program. The first one is related to the urban problems. After the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, one clear finding was that disaster prevention and post-disaster reconstruction need not only “hardware” such as physically rebuilding to its original state, but also “software” such as how to strengthen connection with citizens daily; in other words, making community. Therefore, I believe that we must solve a few problems in this urban issue: how to make a community in the city, how to make a comfortable living environment and how to build a better public transportation model. According to some experts of city planning or public transportation, Portland is a holy ground of city planning and public transportation, and I became more realized it was true through my two visits to the city. If I assume the tram in Portland is the Skyliner of KEISEI from Narita airport, for example, the “airport-train” comes to downtown and runs through the city center and then gets directly to a university from the airport. Furthermore, the two main transportations, trams and buses, are coordinated very well. This successful case of Portland suggests that local industries and a university in the community can cooperate for city development. So, I think it is meaningful to collaborate with PSU in the field of urban planning and public transportation. YNU established the Institute of Advanced Sciences (IAS) in 2014 which aims to create the field of sustainable living with risk management. IAS has worked on those problems of urban development. Therefore, I think there is a big meaning to set up a branch in PSU in the point of cooperation with the field of sustainable living with risk management.



**Tram running through PSU campus**

**Reference: PSU**

**Tashima:** I see. I strongly agree.

**Hasebe:** The second purpose is to cooperate with local areas. The various projects are created through a community in Portland, and private companies support the university to advance the project together. I think such a style of industry-university cooperation will be important in the future. For us, while cultivating global human resources and promoting global researches in the world-class level, we want to put a more focus on local problems in Yokohama and Kanagawa at the same time. Now, Yokohama is selected as the model of “FutureCity” by the government, and the city is actively promoting the project of sustainable future cities. Portland has already established a good reputation as a nature-friendly sustainable city. For the realization of “FutureCity”, YNU can contribute to the cooperation between Yokohama and Portland, which I think is the role our PSU branch can fulfil.

**President  
Yuichi Hasebe**



President of YNU. Master of Economics. He held positions such as the chairman of the Pan Pacific Association of Input-Output Studies and the advisor to the Chinese Input-Output Association. His research fields are comparative economic systems, input-output analysis, and environmental economics.

**Professor  
Yukiko Tashima**



Professor of English Education Section, International Strategy Organization of YNU, coordinating common core curriculum in English. She received her second M.A. in TESOL from Portland State University, Oregon, U.S.A. in 2004. Her research interests include material development for reading and writing.

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/19790/detail.html>