

# IUJ Alumni News

Newsletter for the World-wide Network of IUJ Alumni 1985-1999  
国際大学同窓生ニュースレター

## Change in IUJ Presidency

Having been under medical treatment and convalescence for months, **President Otsuki** expressed his intention to resign as the IUJ President.

His resignation and the appointment of the new President was proposed and accepted at the Board of Trustees Meeting on May 28:

- Resignation of President Otsuki on May 28, 1999
- Appointment of the new President, **Dr. Takuji Shimano**, former professor of Economic Policy at Gakushuin University, effective May 29, 1999

Dr. Shimano was an IUJ Board member for 3 years from 1982 to 1984 and has been a Trustee member for 14 years since 1985 to date. Also, he was one of the members who developed the curriculum at the time of the University foundation. **See the interview with Dr. Shimano on the following page.**

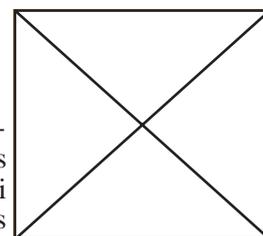
**Prof. Otsuki** continues treatment and recovery at his home in Tokyo. We wish him all the best and hope to see him back in the classroom soon! Well wishes may be mailed or faxed to Prof. Otsuki at campus (campus address on page 8) Fax: (0)257-79-1184 or by e-mail to [otsuki@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:otsuki@iuj.ac.jp). Messages will be delivered to him.

## Online Services Improve

IUJ Alumni Relations staff is excited to announce that by Fall 1999 our online services for alumni will have a new look with new services. With the help of the computing staff and advice from the EC here is what is planned:

### Dedicated Server

The alumni database will be relocated to its own server. This means starting with the Class of 99 alumni can keep their IUJ e-mail accounts forever. Access will be through a Pop Client, and messages will be saved for you for 6 months. Hopefully this will help campus keep in touch with alumni throughout the world.



### New Homepages

A new, user friendly and professionally presented homepage is in draft. Coming soon to <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/> we will feature the Alumni Directory, Chat Rooms, Job postings and a Resume Bank, Events calendar and more. Here are some details:

### Online Directory

Alumni can now update and view the online directory on a secure server. You can search by name, class and location, and view the results on screen or download your findings or the entire directory at the push of a button. Your download file will be a spreadsheet so

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## Move?

## Change Jobs?

## Get a promotion?

CONTACT INFORMATION CHECK AND WRITE STRAIGHT  
PLEASE. MATERIAL IS IN THE ENVELOPE.

Please update the enclosed form to help us improve our global alumni network. Our information is as good as you help make it! Thank you.

# Introducing IUJ's New President

## Dr. Takuji Shimano

*President Shimano has been involved with IUJ from the beginning. He helped design the original IUJ curriculum in line with the ideals of the founding father Sohei Nakayama and the business leaders. He was a member of the original faculty, teaching on the European economic integration for three years and served on the original Board of Councilors. A member of the Board of Trustees for the past 14 years, Dr. Shimano has stayed in touch with IUJ if but from afar. He is back on campus now as president, appointed on May 29, 1999. Though this is a short time, he is ready to take on challenges to lead IUJ into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Below is an interview summary with him in June 1999 for the Alumni Newsletter, with excerpts from his interview with the students for the on-campus newspaper IUJ Insight. His first welcomed surprise upon seeing campus again was how much the trees have grown! Dr. Shimano will live in Urasa and be based on campus.*

### **You were involved in drafting the original plan for IUJ. Is the original intent of the school being met?**

Actually IUJ is performing better than we had in mind. At that time there was only the IR school but we have realized an MBA program as well. The two programs were unfortunately not developed in harmony and over the next 2-3 years I hope to resolve such an unbalanced growth. In the MA school we have focused on the IR degree and added an IDP (International Development Program) and an Asian Program. While IDP seems to be functioning quite well, the IR and Asian Program should be better linked. I would also like to see more emphasis on Japanese economic development, interna-

### **President Shimano's career highlights**

*BA from Gakushuin University in Political Science and Economics ('53), Dr. sc. pol. In Economics from Kiel University in Germany ('56).*

*Taught at Sophia University and Gakushuin University, becoming a Professor of Economic Policy in 1967. At Gakushuin he has served as Director of Student Division, Dean of Faculty, and more. He is a member of a number of academic associations and served on various government councils. He is well published in the field of economics. Dr. Shimano speaks German and English. He retired from Gakushuin Univ. in March 1999 just in time for IUJ to approach him to be our next president.*

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tional finance and economics in the IR/AP programs. The MBA school is making steady progress in becoming a solid program. I hope that the developing pace of the two schools will be harmonized.

### **What is your vision for IUJ?**

The original intent of the school is to create what is noticeably lacking in Japan: Global Leaders. And to that end, IUJ has made great strides, but we have a long way to go. So besides creating better harmony between the schools, I hope to make progress to ensure we are creating global leaders.



**"Our Alumni  
are IUJ's biggest treasure"**

Dr. Shimano, IUJ President, 5/99 -



### **What is a Global Leader and what is IUJ doing and not doing to create them?**

A Global Leader is someone who is outward thinking, someone who thinks of others and works to the betterment of others. Japan does not do this, traditionally. We may say that Japan is free, but it is not open. Capitalism may seem open in Japan, but in fact it is a closed world. Companies work for profit for their company and their stock holders, not for the betterment of society. Information, work practices and profit sharing is directed inward. This way of behaving is out of date. Japan needs to create global leaders and the world needs these from Japan. To be truly global these practices should be directed outward.

IUJ has already made an impact on changing the thinking of many Japanese. We have open minds to let in the world. But we need to improve the curriculum to really create Global Leaders. All foreigners and Japanese need much better study into Japanese culture and society. We must pass on fundamental knowledge of sociology, history and culture of Japan. By learning about their past, the Japanese students will be able to break away from it. By learning where the Japanese have been and how far they have come, the foreigners will be better prepared to work with Japan in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

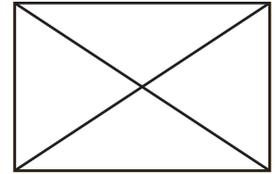
### **What are your priorities as president?**

Revitalizing the IR curriculum and restructuring. Further, the Japanese Ministry of Education has recommended that graduate schools consider a more flexible

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# Remember feeling like this?

The following are excerpts from the student graduate speeches given at the 1999 Graduation Ceremony. These comments will launch you back to your student days and help you remember what it meant to be an IUJ student and how it felt to leave this community. Enjoy this trip back to your IUJ family.



## IR99 Valedictorian Bipasha Majumdar

Many of us were full of expectations when we first stepped onto this campus two years ago. We probably all expected to learn a great deal about others: their cultures, their values, their beliefs, their personalities. Yet we may not have expected to learn a great deal also about ourselves. Our reactions to certain attitudes, certain ideas, and even certain people ended up surprising us sometimes. And as we were bombarded with difficult questions and sometimes even forced to defend our nation's politics, culture, value systems, and foreign policies, some of us began to really explore our national identities and what we were representing here. And then as the questions faded away and we grew used to each other's faces, we started to learn what it was like to live in a global community and act as global citizens.

2年前にこのキャンパスに足を踏み入れたとき、私を含めた多くの新入生達は期待に胸を膨らませていました。振り返ってみると、期待どおりのことも期待外れのこともありましたが、多くの学生達は他の人々から彼等の持つ文化や習慣、価値観や信念等を学びたいと考えていたと思います。しかしながら、他の文化や習慣、価値観や信念を受け入れるのは決して容易なことではありませんでした。他の学生の言動や考え方が理解できず、ただただ面食らったこともしばしばでした。難しい問題に直面したときには、それぞれの学生が自分達の政治や文化や価値観等を主張し、その中で私たちは、ナショナル・アイデンティティとは何か、また、自分達がここで何を代表しているのかを模索しました。問題が沈静化してくるようになってようやく他を受け入れられるようになり、私たちはそこからグローバル社会における地球的市民としての振る舞いとはどういうことなのかを学びはじめました。

## IM99 Valedictorian Sajjad Cheema

The unique location of *Kokusai Daigaku* in the heart of rural Japan makes it a special school. It is for people who care about the people they live with, it is for people who care about nature and beauty. Thank you Niigata for hosting us! You are now not only famous for *Koshihikari* rice and *Hakkaisan* sake, but also for the MBAs who come out of *Yuki Guni*.

Happy Graduates June 25, 1999

地方に位置する国際大学のユニークな立地は、大学を特別なものとしています。それは人々が共に生き助けあい、自然とその美しさを愛する人々のために。新潟よ、いろいろお世話になってありがとう！新潟は今や「こしひかり」や「八海山」だけでなく、雪国出身のMBA所持者がたくさんいることで有名となっています。この点について、私はIUJに対して惜しみないサポートをして下さり、あらゆることを可能にして下さっている企業の方々に感謝の意を表したいと思います。

Living together for two years, we have become a big family. We have shared our moments of pain and pleasure. We had our moments of happiness and disappointments. We have learned to help each other overcome obstacles. . . . Good luck to everyone and stay in touch. **The world is huge, but we are everywhere.** As Woodrow Wilson said "Friendship is the only glue that will ever hold the world together."

2年間を共に過ごし、我々は大きな家族となりました。苦しみや喜びの時を分かち合ってきました。嬉しいことだけでなく失望の時もありました。さまざまな障害を克服するためお互いを助け合うことを学びました。親愛なる友よ、どうもありがとう！皆さんのご多幸を祈ると共に、今後も連絡を取り合いましょう。**世界は巨大ですが、我々はあらゆるところにいます。** ウッドロウ・ウィルソンの言葉、「友情は世界を1つにする唯一の絆である。」のように。

## Graduation highlights

Graduation '99 was marked by the last speech to IUJ by Chairman Sugihara, the first IUJ address by our new president, Dr. Shimano, a brilliant speech by Keynote speaker Amb. Tatsuo Arima, standing ovations for the graduates, pictures, hugs, flowers, music and more.

**117 new alumni joined our association, bring our global network to a total of 1,421 from 71 countries.**

*Morishima-san gets his diploma from IUJ Pres. Shimano*

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you can use it as you need. Your privacy is ensured. Non-alumni (other than staff and faculty) will be unable to enter the database. If you do not want your information displayed, you can check a box to hide it. Before using this directory you will need to register as a user and update your contact information. Anytime your contact information changes, you can update your listing on our easy to use forms.

## Chat Rooms and Bulletin Boards

You will be able to have live chat sessions with alumni and current students, and/or leave messages on theme-based forums. Suggested topics are personal news, events, business links between alumni, open talks with current students and a special Bulletin Board for prospective students to ask questions of alumni. We are looking for your ideas and needs. Ideas may be sent to [alumboard-1@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:alumboard-1@iuj.ac.jp) or [alumni@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:alumni@iuj.ac.jp).

## Job Hunting support for Alumni

To assist alumni in their job hunt, we are planning a **Resume Bank**. Using our format and categories, this searchable database will allow you to take advantage of the headhunters and other recruiters working with IUJ. This will be searchable by keyword, computer skills and language skills. We will post job openings suitable for alumni. We have an agreement with **Japan Jobs Posting Services** for a links to real positions for IUJ alumni and current students. We hope, in the future, to tie up with other graduate programs for job sharing information specifically targeted at alumni - those with 3-5 years + experience after they received their degree (early planning stage).

## Online IUJ Goods Shopping

Currently only in the brainstorming phase is an e-commerce project. Using the Marketing and IT clubs on campus we hope to make IUJ goods (hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, more) available for purchase online. Think this is a good idea? Write to [alumni@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:alumni@iuj.ac.jp).

## Guidelines for Use

Several of the above will require guidelines to ensure they are used properly. Alumni will be asked to check a box accepting these guidelines before accessing the information. What these guidelines should be is under consideration by your Alumni Association Executive Committee. To give them input, send a note to [alumboard-1@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:alumboard-1@iuj.ac.jp).

## MA Program

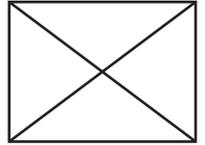
Good-bye and thank-you to Prof. **Sadasumi Hara** who retired in June 1999.

Welcome to Assistant Professor **Daojong Zha**, teaching International Political Economy in the IR program

Welcome to Assistant Professor **Saang Joon Baak** teaching Applied Economics and Statistics for IDP.

With regret, we announce the passing of Professor **Toshio Shishido** on July 9. Shishido-sensei taught at IUJ from 1982 to 1987.

# 1999 Alumni Meeting



Chair **Hideaki Jistuyama** (IR89) opened the meeting on June 19 at the IUJ Tokyo offices with 15 alumni in attendance. Following the business (see notes below), IUJ Associate Prof. **Tomohito Shinoda** (IR85) gave a presentation on the "Challenges of the Obuchi Government." Many more joined for the Happy Hour attended by Special Advisor **Sohei Nakayama**, IUJ's newly appointed president **Takuji Shimano**, IM Dean **Ushio Sumita** and retiring Prof. **Sadasumi Hara**.

## Activities from 1998-99

- **General Meeting and Alumni Reunion** - May 98 (see July 98 newsletter)
- **IUJ Directory** published and distributed in June 98 (please help keep it updated by sending info to: [alumni@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:alumni@iuj.ac.jp) or <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni>)
- **1998 graduation ceremony** - Message from Alumni Association Chair and EC Member attendance at the ceremony
- **IUJ Fridays** - an informal gathering nearly every month in Tokyo hosted by **Smitha Mallya** (IM95)
- **IUJ Councilors Meetings** - Your elected Executive Council members participated in this decision-making and discussion body of high officials. Your comments and input for 1999-2000 are welcomed. Send to [alumboard-1@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:alumboard-1@iuj.ac.jp)
- **Finance Club Activity** - in cooperation with newly established IUJ Finance Club on campus, several alumni met with current students in the Tokyo office for a social gathering, information exchange and networking opportunity. We hope to increase such activities with this and other professional clubs on campus.

# Academic Program News Flashes

## MBA Program

Good-bye and thank-you to Associate Professor **Alan Wallace** who leaves IUJ for Mesa State College in Colorado.

Welcome to Assistant Professor **Satoru Hiruta** replacing Prof. Wallace and teaching Business Policy and International Management

Welcome BACK to **Hussein Mzee** (IR92) who joined the IM faculty teaching in the IIEP program

With regret, we announce the passing of Mr. **Sadami "Chris" Wada** on June 29. Mr. Wada taught as a special lecturer at IUJ for the past several years.

## Goals for 1999-2000

- **More Alumni-Current student communication and contact**

Discussed were:

**Interacting with Professional Clubs** - attending social hours with current student clubs such as finance, marketing, etc.,

**A-CAN** participation (see story below)

Creating **Alumni Career Weekend** on campus - a 2-day set of panel discussions on Careers in "your field". If you can volunteer, please contact Gretchen Shinoda (IR89), Career Counseling and Services - gretchen@iuj.ac.jp

Asking more alumni to be involved with **internship developments** in their companies and organizations around the world,

**Alumni-Current Student chat rooms online.** (See related stories).

**Participate in graduation** and the "How to Graduate and Become an Alumni" workshop each spring term.

- **Participation in IUJ Curriculum Reform**

Under the leadership of IUJ's new president (see related story) IUJ is preparing to reform its curriculum. Ideas on the table include:

- Creating flexible degree programs that can be completed over 1-4 years (MA and MBAs). Mombusho has asked graduate programs to consider this.
- Merging the two schools in the future with both MA and MBA degree tracks. This would more effectively use staff resources, diminish advertising and recruiting competition between the two schools, and maximize the academic benefits of cross-registration and core courses. This is only an idea.

President Shimano is asking for Alumni input: Discussing needs and reviewing plans as volunteer advisors to the president. If you are interested in contributing, please contact the Executive Committee at alumboard-1@iuj.ac.jp.

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## Discussion and Services

**New Alumni Homepages on a New Server** will be introduced to increase alumni networking, services and communications. See related story.

- EC needs to provide guidelines for new chat room
- Possible Alumni Events calendar
- Security issues still remain for accessing information.

### Reduce the Alumni Fee?

Currently the annual alumni fee of 3,000 yen may be deterring participation in the annual gatherings. Should we reduce it to 1,000/year? Discussion on this issue included the following comments: Paying fees is seen as a penalty. Fees are normal in Tokyo and should not seem as a deterrent. Participation is more valuable than the money collected so anything that can be done to get alumni involved is good. The issue was not resolved in the meeting. Any comments can be sent to alumboard-1@iuj.ac.jp

### You are invited to Career Weekend

If you can come to campus this Fall to discuss your career on an alumni panel for students, please send a note to [gretchen@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:gretchen@iuj.ac.jp). What does it mean to be an investment banker? What is the work day like in a marketing career? What skills do I need to work in advertising? Am I right for a Japanese company? What are the salary ranges in a consulting firm? These types of questions for your field. THANK YOU

# You are a Career Advisor

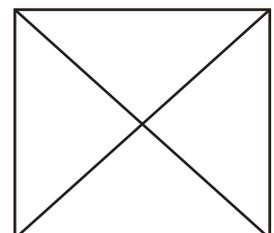
## Current students need help from their "Sempai." Advice!

The Alumni Gathering participants supported proposals to increase interaction between alumni and current students. One way to do this is **A-CAN: Alumni Career Advisors Network**. This is a volunteer group of alumni willing to offer ADVICE to current students in their career exploration and networking. Students want contact with professionals to learn about the kinds of jobs out there, what skills are needed, what recruiters look for, and how you would advise them to design their IUJ schooling in preparation for their job. Graduates from 1997, 98 and 99 automatically join A-CAN. We ask graduates from all other years to step forward and help us. THANK YOU to those who have already volunteered. We currently have 417 volunteers, and hope to reach 550 by 2000.

You can learn more online on the Alumni Homepage  
<http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/>

**Also, please see the enclosed form for contact information updates AND A-CAN registration updates.**

Campus thanks you!



Help calm the confusion.  
Offer career advice.

# ClassNotes

## Class of '85

**Ichiro (Max) Matsumura** is Manager, Oil & Fat Department, Food Division for Itochu International Inc. in San Francisco. He has been in San Fran since April 98.

## Class of '86

**Kiyostune "Ken" Kikkawa** is Senior Trade Officer, Market Strategy Trade Division for the Department of State Development in the Queensland Government.

## Class of '89

Listen to **Bouna Ndiaye's** radio show every Sundays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm (US East Coast time) at the following site: [www.wncu.com](http://www.wncu.com). **Gretchen Shinoda** is back at work at IUJ after taking one year off to play with her new baby, Erika. With Daddy's (Tomohito Shinoda - IR86) help, the family is making needed adjustments.

## Class of '91

**Kazal Roy (IM)** is with Dow Corning Australia, just recently transferred to Australia from Japan. His title is Global Business Process Steward, and he along with one in US and one in Europe, supervise the cost accounting activities of all Dow Corning entities all over the world.

## Class of '92

**Nawalage Cooray (IR)** moved to UNU/IAS in February from United Nations Centre for Regional Development in Nagoya. Now he is co-ordinating a project on Sustainable Development Framework for Indonesia. **Brendon Curran (IM)** is in Seattle and has more baby news! Audrey Violet Curran was born 31 May '99. Audrey: kind of retro - like Hepburn, swing dancing and martinis; Violet: Audrey's 87 year-old great grandmother born 30 May 1912. Audrey's a big hit with her sister Melanie and brothers Kevin and Dylan - they have been passing her around like a football in a rugby scrum all afternoon! Her seemingly mellow disposition should come in handy in the years ahead.

## Class of '93

**Benjamin Obeng Diawuoham (IR)** is an Account (Sales) Representative, and in-charge of Nissan (North America) business for Jideco of Bardstown in Kentucky, USA. He had a huge baby boy (4.5 kg/9.9 Ibs) in November. **Fazlul H. Miah (IR)** is a Ph.D. candidate at Wayne State University in Michigan, USA.

## Class of '94

**Mario Sto. Domingo (IR)** has been accepted to Maryland University's PhD program and will join them in a couple of months. **Blando-san (IR97)** tells us he was also expecting a child in June - Boy or a Girl!?!?! **Shoba Padmagiriswaran (IM)** excitedly announces Japan's first educational program on financial matters with an entertainment flavor on TV which she was involved in starting on June 26. The broadcast schedule is: Every Saturday starting July 3, 9:00-9:30am on TV

Tokyo (Channel 10 in Japan). Every Sunday starting July 4, 9:30-10:00am on Nikkei Satellite News. Please tune in and send her feedback.

## Class of '95

**Ian Storey (IR)** had an article published in a recent edition of Contemporary Southeast Asia (published by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore). **Jason Miles (IM)** is now with Bank One working as a Process Manager in Strategic Sourcing Initiatives in Chicago. **Smitha Mallya (IM)** is still in 'struggling-entrepreneur' mode with her theme travel business, Yatra, having done two festival tours to India. She would love to get your feedback about her website <[www.yatra.cc](http://www.yatra.cc)>

Have news to share? Please let us know! Let's make this section longer!

## Class of '96

**Dean delos Reyes (IR)** has been awarded a Monbusho scholarship (again) and is going to Tokyo University soon to pursue his PhD. (Thanks **Blando (IR97)** for the info!)

## Class of '97

**Takanobu Kamiya (IR)** usually spends his spare time taking photographs of nature especially butterflies. He is in Hiroshima, where, 5 months ago he returned after spending time in Detroit, Michigan taking many (or very many) photographs of great nature. He hopes to exchange information with **Christopher Domitter (IR95)** about photographing nature. Christopher talked to the IUJ Friday group in June about this. **Deomides Blando (IR)** is Adjudicator or Veterans' Claims Examiner with the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Manila. He gets the chance to chat with **Mario Sto. Domingo (IR 94)** and **Dean delos Reyes (IR 96)** - see their class sections for good news! **Andy Doren (IM)** trained for 6 weeks in Hong Kong for a relocations company named Crown Worldwide. He'll be back in Tokyo in July after a week in Singapore and hopes to see everyone at Open Day. He and his wife had a daughter, Michelle Aiya, on May 10<sup>th</sup>! **Masaki "Max" Kasahara (IM)** is now at Yasuda Life America Capital Management, Ltd. based in NYC, a subsidiary of Yasuda Life. He is responsible for US equities after handling European equities for 2 years and Japanese equities for 8. **Mahmud Hussein (IM)** just had a baby boy in July!

## Class of '98

**Yuji Kano (IR)** had a baby girl in early February! **Abdul-Rasheed Draman (IR)** also had a baby girl, Yasmin, in May in Canada. Daddy Draman is there at Carlton University in the Department of Political Science.

## Class of '98

**Tatsuya Namura (IM)** and his wife Eriko have a baby boy (born May 15) - name Harto. Daddy is working away in the Overseas Planning Division of Toyota Motor Corp. **Hisataka Chinju (IM)** organized a big Class of 98 gathering in Tokyo with nearly 30 participating. Campus awaits a report and photos!

# Alumni Chapter Activities

## New Chapter Forming - East Coast USA

A new IUJ Alumni Chapter for the **Washington DC, Virginia, Maryland USA** area may begin led by **Edward Zormelo** (IR89).

## Sapporo Chapter Gathering

Ms. Takeda and Ms. Komiyama of OSS and Mr. Nakajima of the IM Office attended a conference in Sapporo in July and met 4 alumni working at Hokkaido Electric Company, Mr. **Shimazaki** ('95), Mr. **Fukushima** ('96), Mr. **Yamamoto** ('97) and Mr. **Iwai** ('98). Longing for IUJ life, they are struggling to play the role of good dad at home and working hard at the office. We hope to see them back on campus!

## Indonesia Gang

Professor Rajasekera and IM Office staff Nakajima met a whole gang of alumni in Indonesia! Great party!

# We need your help!! Call for Speakers

## Become an IUJ Ambassador

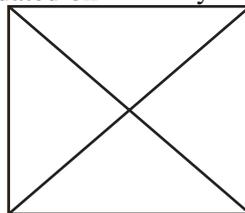
The Office of Student Recruitment receives more than 20 e-mail or fax messages and letters from prospective applicants from all over the world every day. Some of them ask us to introduce them to alumni of IUJ who are working in Japan or his/her country. We would like to make a list of volunteers to be IUJ Ambassadors: willing to talk with prospective students.

If you are interested, please check the box on the enclosed form or contact the Office of Student Recruitment. Be sure your contact information is updated on the alumni directory. Or click the appropriate box in the volunteers list on the online registration form. We will contact soon. Thanks!!

### Office of Student Recruitment

e-mail: [osr@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:osr@iuj.ac.jp)

TEL: 0257-79-1104 FAX: 0257-79-1188



## for IUJ Fridays

IUJ Friday has become a good networking event for alumni, students, faculty & staff. To get more out of our monthly (every THIRD Friday) get-together, we have started a tradition of inviting one of our Alumni to talk about his/her company, job and the industry he/she works in or about a very special hobby. Past speakers have talked about Pfizer, Thomson Financial Services, Sony and the fulfilling hobby of photography. We would love to hear about your company and industry too. If you can volunteer to talk about your work or an interesting hobby at IUJ Friday, please contact the organizer. The events are informal!

**Smitha Mallya** (IM95)

[smitha@gol.com](mailto:smitha@gol.com)

Tel/fax: 03-5420-1914

# Class Gifts

Starting in 1996, graduating students began to collect money for a Class Gift to campus. The IM Class of 96 gave 2 cherry trees, as did the Class of 97. All 4 trees are blooming near the dorms each Spring. The IM Class of 97 also gave a gorgeous textile wall hanging that we enjoy in the new social area on the first floor of MLIC (see photo). The Class of 98 (both IR/IM) gave us 2 beautiful garden sets with benches and chairs that are used outside of Cafe No Problem. The Class of 99 (both IR/IM) combined together to give 2 open tents for use at Open Day or other outside events where protection from the weather is needed. They will proudly display IUJ's name and logo.

Wall hanging brightens up the student lounge in MLIC - reds, orange and yellow

**THANK YOU graduates.**

# Thank you . . .

to the following alumni for their help with Career Counseling and Services on campus. This year they informed us of job openings, gave us advice on their company and/or created an internship for an IUJ student.

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**We need more and continued help.**

**Thank you!**

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program to allow degrees to be completed in one, or one-and-a-half years. I am not sure this is feasible for IUJ. Our course work is very rigorous and the quality of our degrees may suffer, but it should be discussed. Further, with such a short stay on campus, the out-of-classroom benefits would be lost: That is the experiences with all the cultures and activities on campus.

I further want to get to know the students and their needs as quickly as possible by meeting with various student groups. With this information I can better create a priority list for campus life. Forty years ago, I studied economic science in Germany. I lived in an open and free environment and had a good life. Because I have known that atmosphere, I would like to see it realized on this campus.



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Dr. Shimano, IUJ President, 5/99 -



### How would you like IUJ Alumni to be involved on campus?

I first would like alumni opinions as we restructure the curriculum. I would like to hear your needs, wishes and ideas in informal discussions in Tokyo. I can bring those ideas into campus meetings. I have no concrete plan on how to proceed with this now, but will be calling upon the Alumni Executive Committee in the coming months.

### What do you remember about IUJ students when you taught here in 1984-87?

I remember they were very "majime," very "kinben" - A VERY serious and hard-working group. Industrious.

### Do you have a message for your alumni?

IUJ faces many challenges now. None of these challenges is greater than the task of fitting IUJ appropriately into the needs of the global environment in the coming century. Just think, how to realize diversified customer's satisfaction today and in the future. Our Alumni are IUJ's biggest treasure. Because of an increased presence of IUJ's Alumni, there are rising expectations and closer public scrutiny of their willingness and commitment to becoming an important part of IUJ. Our Alumni are called upon to become partners with us to find solutions to difficult problems facing IUJ today.

## New Leadership

Along with a change in IUJ presidency (see related stories) IUJ's Chairman of the Board has also changed. **Mr. Yasuma Sugihara** served for 4 years (1995 to June 1999) as our Chairman showing unique leadership and energy on campus. We thank him for the many Sugihara Cup Tennis tournaments and barbecues, for his inspiration and guidance.

IUJ welcomes our new Chairman of the Board, **Mr. Sogo Okamura**, Prof. Emeritus of both Univ. of Tokyo and Tokyo Denki Univ., with a long and distinguished career in both academe and business.

Thanks also to **Honorary Chairman Yushin Yamamuro** for his time and service in helping IUJ throughout the years. Welcome to our new Honorary Chairman, **Mr. Takeshi Nagano** -- IUJ Honorary Advisor and Executive Advisor of Mitsubishi Materials Corporation, and one of the most famous leaders of the Japan Business Circle (*Nihon Keizai Kai*).

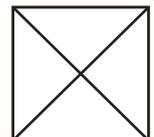
Both Mr. Sugihara and Mr. Yamamuro will continue to serve on the Board of Trustees.

## New Advisory Council created

In February 1999, a new advisory board was created to better involve the top business leaders in IUJ. With 10 of the most influential business leaders in Japan as members, it is co-chaired by **Mr. Takashi Imai**, Chairman of *Keidanren* (Chairman of Shin Nippon Steel) and **Mr. Yotaro Kobayashi**, Chairman of *Keizai Doyukai* (President of Fuji Xerox).

With the new combination of Chairman Okamura and President Shimano, and the support of our new Honorary Chairman Nagano, and the Advisory Council, IUJ looks forward to entering the 21st century with new energy and ideas.

## Editor's Note



*We welcome your input.* Please send us questions you would like answered in this newsletter, themes for articles you would like to read.

The next newsletter will arrive at your doorstep in January 2000. **Deadlines for Classnotes and articles is December 5, 1999.**

The *IUJ Alumni Newsletter* is as good as you help us make it. So is the *Alumni Directory*. Please be sure we have your contact information updated. Keep in touch! As Cheema said (See graduation article), "The world is huge, but we are everywhere."

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