

IUJ *Alumni News*

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Happy 2000!!



This special 2000 edition features

IUJ Alumni in Headline News:

Turkey, Kosovo, Pakistan, Liberia and more . . .

Alumni Assoc. Chairman Notes:

1999 Activities and planning for 2000

IUJ同窓会会長の實山と申します。こうして、Newsletterを通じて皆さんとコミュニケーションできることを嬉しく思います。今回は、今までの同窓会の活動と、今後の予定についてご報告いたします。1999年度は6月19日に同窓会総会を開催しました。これに関しては前回のNewsletterに書いていますので、ご覧下さい。その他の活動は以下の通りです。

- 1) 島野学長との意見交換 (8月6日)
- 2) IUJ Friday (毎月)
- 3) トルコ地震義援金募集: 総額 ¥124,000の寄付を頂きました。
- 4) 台湾地震義援金募集: 総額 ¥40,000の寄付を頂きました。
- 5) IUJ評議委員会への参加 (11月26日)

などです。とくに義援金については大勢から、支援をいただき、また、多くのメールを各国からもらいました。こうしたネットワークを大変心強く感じました。ご協力本当にありがとうございました。また、大槻元学長の訃報もありました。IUJを大きく発展させようと尽力されていただけに大変残念です。新任の島野学長

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**July 2000 Alumni News feature:
Y2K Bug - Did it bite you?**

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Happy New Year everyone!

My name is **Hideaki Jitsuyama** (1989), chairman of IUJ Alumni Association. I am very happy to be in contact with you all through the Alumni Newsletter. Today I'd like to tell you what we've been doing so far and what our schedule will be like for 2000. One of the events was the 1999 General Meeting of the Alumni Association held on June 19, 1999. We reported on this meeting in the last Alumni Newsletter which you can download from the Alumni Homepage. Our other activities include:

- 1) Meeting with President Shimano (Aug. 6)
- 2) IUJ Friday (about every month)
- 3) Collecting money for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey - ¥124,000 was collected
- 4) Collecting money for the victims of the earthquake in Taiwan - ¥40,000 was collected
- 5) Participating in IUJ Council Meeting (Nov. 26)

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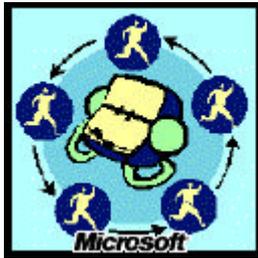
Special Feature – Alumni in The earthquake cannot destroy it

by Ken Ando (1989)

It was “de-ja vu.” Big apartments and buildings toppled. People who had narrowly escaped stare in vain at the work to save those who were confined in the remnants of the debris. The '99 Turkey quake was quite similar to the scene I witnessed in Kobe, January 1994.

It has been 16 years since I became a journalist. I have been to various sites of tragedy: Big accidents, disasters, terrorist attacks and so on. However, there were only 2 times when I felt helplessness at a site. They were only in Kobe and Turkey.

Kobe and Turkey resemble twins in the history of the formation of the towns. Mountainous areas close to the sea shore. Apartments and houses are built on mountain faces. Many factories are built on reclaimed land along the coast. When such areas are hit directly by an earthquake, it is natural to have similar miserable results.



I have been in Kenya since January 1998 and have been travelling in sub-Saharan Africa. There was a sudden request from the Headquarters in Tokyo to go to Turkey and join my colleagues. Before I started my trip a thought crossed my mind. “How is Azim doing?” [Azim and Ken graduated together in '89] It is 10 years since I left IUJ. I haven't seen him since then. There was no alternatives other than to rely on the alumni network. I sent an e-mail to Gretchen. She responded timely and I was in e-mail contact with Azim. I soon sent a message to Azim simply relaying my hotel and flight information. Soon after I arrived at Istanbul, Azim called my hotel with a voice that had not changed in 10 years.

Azim's house on the outskirts of Istanbul escaped direct damage from the earthquake. His wife had given birth to their first baby girl just before the earthquake: A tragedy which came after their biggest joy in life. Azim must have been upset but nevertheless, welcomed me and gave me valuable suggestions on covering the earth-

quake. Moreover, he arranged a tour with his wife's parents who were going to the worst hit areas in order to help the people with food and medicine distribution. Those who help and those who are helped: The most important thing for a journalist to know is the peoples' minds from deep within. I would like to thank Azim and his family for giving me this most precious opportunity.

The destructive power of earthquakes demolishes loved-ones, houses and property which people struggle to acquire over a life time. Man can minimize the damage. But man cannot escape from it. However, man has a property which an earthquake cannot destroy. That is the network among the people. In Kobe and Turkey, people are helping and encouraging each other whether they are relatives or not. In the disastrous site in Turkey, seeing me having troubles to get water or food, those people who narrowly escaped tried to give me a cup of Turkish tea. I was very much moved at how generous their spirits were.

The same thing can be applied to the IUJ alumni network. A moment after the earthquakes in Turkey, Mr. Jitsuyama representing all IUJ alumni, started raising funds for the donation. It is this network which made it possible for me to see Azim after 10 years. It is invisible but very strong. We should maintain this invisible but precious property and build it up much stronger.

Finally, as a Japanese journalist who luckily had the chance to live in Africa, I would like to ask all the IUJ people to have the same sympathy toward the African people who are suffering through “daily disasters” such as civil wars, famine and poverty. I might need to make much more effort to convey these sufferings. But it is also true that this beautiful and peaceful continent is suffering from invisible disasters including the HIV/Aids which is killing millions in Africa. The problem might be too big to see. I wish IUJ network could contribute to solve these issues with its power.

Ken Ando is a newspaper journalist for Asahi Shimbun, currently stationed in Eastern Africa. Thank you Ken.

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Want an IUJ E-mail address?

We are happy to provide any alumni who would like one a permanent e-mail address at IUJ. We can transfer your mail from that account to your “Primary E-mail” as registered with the Alumni Office or you can access your @iuj mail directly. Instructions are on the Alumni Home Page in the General Services Section. The Class of 1999 on will keep their @iuj address forever unless they cancel it . . . If you would like one too, just contact the IUJ Postmaster at postmaster@iuj.ac.jp.

Online Directory

On Aug. 19, 1999 the Alumni Office opened the new IUJ Alumni Homepages - www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/ News and information is presented more professionally. The featured attraction is a world-leading Alumni Directory searchable ONLINE, and downloadable!

With security clearance, alumni can check their contact information, make any changes and updates, and volunteer online. Alumni can then search the 1422 member Alumni Directory. First to register was **Peter Munns** (IM94) and in 3 weeks 80 had registered with us. The first to correct his information was **Ted Lo** (IM90)! By early December over 250 alumni had visited the site and made corrections. THANK YOU!

Headline News: 1

トルコ大地震 「大地震でも壊せないもの」

安東 建 (1989)

それは、いつか見た風景だった。アパートやビルが姿を変えて横たわり、かろうじて助かった人々がうつろな眼で中に閉じこめられた人たちの救出作業を見守る。1994年1月の神戸の風景と同じだった。

ジャーナリストになって16年。さまざまな事件の現場に居合わせてきた。大事故、災害、テロ事件。だが、現場にいて、自らの無力なことを痛感させられたのは、神戸とトルコの大地震の2度しかない。

神戸とトルコは、町の成り立ちにおいても双子のように似ていた。海沿いまで迫った山、その山を切り開いて建てられた住宅、そして海沿いを埋め立てて集中的に立地する工場群。そこを直下型の地震が襲ったときに起きることは当然ながら同様の悲惨さをもたらすのだった。第2次大戦後、経済大国を目指して大都市近郊の海を埋め立てて大規模工場群による効率的な生産体制を作り上げた日本。トルコも、アジアと欧州地域の片隅に位置し、欧州連合入りを目指し、欧州の生産基地を目指して高速道路網、化学製品を作り出す工場群、その背後には、農村から職を求めて出てきた労働者たちのために建てられたアパート群によって新興住宅都市が形成されている。その後、トルコに次いで大地震が起こった台湾でも、同じことが言えると思う。なぜ、同じような軌跡を描く町に、地域に、同じような災害もたらされるのか。解答のない疑問に包まれる。

1998年1月からアフリカに住み、サブサハラのアフリカ諸国取材するためさまざまな地域を旅した。トルコ大地震も、あまりにも巨大な被害ゆえに突然、取材陣の一人に加わるように要請があった。ナイロビからカイロへ、カイロからイスタンブールへ。数千キロの旅に出る前に、頭に浮かんだのが「アジムは、エロルはどうしているか」ということだった。国際大学を卒業してから10年。同時期に卒業したが、その後の交流は途絶えていた。卒業生のネットワークに頼むしかない。担当のグレッケンにメールを送り、アジムのメールアドレスが即座に帰ってきて、自分の宿泊先のホテルの名前を書いてそのメールアドレスに送り、飛行機に飛び乗った。イスタンブールに着いた直後、アジムから直接、懐かしい声で電話があった。

イスタンブール郊外のアジムの自宅は、地震の直撃は受けず無事だった。何より、地震の直前に、彼は初めての女の子に恵まれていた。大きな喜びの直後に自分の国を襲った惨事。心が大きく揺れている最中であるはずなのに、アジムは私を快く迎えてくれ、地震を取材するのにあたり貴重な示唆を与え、さらに、被災地へ援助に行く妻の両親への橋渡しをしてくれた。被災地へ救援に行く人々と、援助を受ける人々。人々の心、その深い心の動きを知ることこそ、ジャーナリストにとっては重要なことだ。もっとも貴重な機会を与えてくれたアジムとそのご家族に、この場を借りてお礼を言いたい。

大地震という大きな力で、人々は、もっとも大事な最愛の人を、長年かけて築いた家を、財産を失う。被害を最小にとどめる努力はできても、その運命に人は逆らうことができない。だが、大地震でも壊せない財産が人間にはある。それは、人間同士のネットワークだろう。トルコでも、神戸でも、かろうじて生き残った人々が、血のつながりがあるがなかろうが、助け合い、なけなしのものを出し合い励まし合って生きていた。取材現場で食料も得られず苦勞する私を、なけなしの水でわかしたトルコティーでもてなそうとする被災者に会い、その心の広さ、奥深さに涙も出た。

同じことがIUJの卒業生ネットワークにも言えるだろう。今回の地震直後には、卒業生を代表して、実山氏が素早く援助金集めの体制を取った。私をアジムと10年ぶりに引き合わせてくれたのもそのネットワークである。眼に見えないその大きな財産こそ、今後も守り、より強固なものに築き上げていくことが必要だと思う。

最後に、アフリカに住む幸運を得たジャーナリストとして、戦争や内戦という人災、それが引き起こす飢餓、貧困という「日常的な災厄」に苦しむアフリカの人々への共感も、IUJの人々に持ってほしい。自らの努力が足りないのは痛感するが、この美しく平和な大陸を、日々大きな災害がむしばむ。大きすぎて、目に見えないのかも知れない。今回の地震で得たネットワークの力を、アフリカにも役立てる日が来ることを望んでいる。

Alumni Network in a Crisis

The devastating earthquake in Turkey brought out the best of the IUJ Alumni Network. Within hours, The Alumni Board members were in action considering a fund-raising campaign. The Alumni Office on campus began contacting our 16 Turkish alumni to see if everyone was okay. Most of our alumni were not in Turkey at the time, and reported in that their family members, too were safe. Two alumni in Turkey reported that while they were physically okay, they were mentally very stressed.

The Alumni Chairman, Jitsuyama-san, sent an e-mail message to all alumni with information on how to donate through the Alumni Association, the first time the association ever took up such an effort. It resulted in a Red Cross donation of 124,000 in October. The Online Alumni Directory helped get journalist Ken Ando (1989) in quick touch with classmate Asim Ozgur (1989) in Turkey.

In Japan, Korkut Bilgin (IR96) coordinated a nation-wide fund-raising campaign in JUSCO stores and notified us through e-mail. Many alumni made donations through their work places, if not through the Alumni Association. E-mail messages of concern and support flew through cyberspace, and many thanks from our Turkish alumni were expressed.

The Alumni Association put the growing IUJ Alumni network to use again for a Taiwan Fund Raising campaign after the earthquake there. Our campaign raised 40,000 of donatsions.

The E-mail lists were also used to notify alumni of the passing of Prof. Otsuki and Prof. Kimura in August and their funeral arrangements. Messages of condolence were collected and presented to their families.

Thanks to our IUJ Family!

Alumni Association Chairman's Notes- Continued from pg.1

もIUJの今後を真剣に考えておられ、われわれ卒業生からも積極的に意見を出してほしいと願っておられます。同窓会としても積極的に協力していきます。

そこで、今後の活動ですが、来年度から始まるIUJ3ヶ年計画への貢献を皆さんとしたいと考えています。IUJのHome Page上で「国際大学の将来像」を語ったり、IUJの発展に役立つアイデア、提案を皆さんから募りたいと企画しています。学生センターの協力を得ながら、このプロジェクトを進めていきます。大学院大学も競争にさらされ、IUJも勝ち残っていかねばなりません。「高度な実学を身に着けた職業人の育成」にわれわれ卒業生も参加しましょう。こうした活動を通じて、われわれ自身も、新たなネットワークを形成でき、世界中でIUJの仲間が活躍していくことが可能となると確信します。

同窓会総会2000

さて、2000年2月25日に同窓会の総会を行なう予定です。今年度で現行の同窓会執行委員の任期が切れ、改選となります。IUJの卒業生は1,400人を超えています。この同窓会を21世紀にむけて発展させ、さらなるNetworkを広げていきましょう。是非、執行委員への立候補をお願いします。制約条件は、東京での執行委員会および評議委員会に出席可能で(年4回) e-mailを持っていて、常時コミュニケーションできるIUJ卒業生です。自薦、他薦を問いません。alumni@iuj.ac.jpまでご連絡下さい。IUJを愛し、IUJの発展に貢献したいという熱意をもっている人、大歓迎です。

これからもいろいろ、皆さんに呼びかけることがあ
ると思いますので、どうぞ宜しくお願いします。

Thank you very much for donation and mails. I felt good about this strong tie among the alumni. I really appreciate your cooperation (we know that many contributed through their work place as well - thank you!). The IUJ Alumni office on campus and I also received letters of condolence for former President Otsuki. We delivered them to his wife. It really is a shame that we lost him when he was working so hard for IUJ.

Our new president Dr. Shimano is very enthusiastic about developing IUJ and is willing to listen to our opinions to improve it. We'll be so happy to work with him.

One of our plans for the future is to contribute to the Three Years Scheme for IUJ starting next year. What we can do is to discuss online how IUJ should be in the future and encourage people to give us any suggestion or ideas to improve IUJ. IUJ has to seek a survival path as it faces severe competition among other graduate schools. We, alumni of IUJ, should participate in "training a professional with high skill and practical knowledge." This will also enable us to form a new network and give us the opportunity to try out our competence.

Annual Meeting for 2000

We are planing to hold a general meeting of Alumni Association on **Feb. 25, 2000**. At the meeting, we will begin discussions as to the above. Also the committee members' term will expire this year and the election for the new member will take place. Right now the number of IUJ alumni is over 1400. It's our pleasure to have this association bigger and better in the 21st century.

Please come forward as candidates to serve on the Alumni Association Board for a 3-year-term. Send a message to alumni@iuj.ac.jp to express your interest or to nominate someone else. The constraints for the committee members are:

- 1) You have to be able to participate in the committee meetings and council meetings in Tokyo (conducted in Japanese). (4 times a year)
- 2) You have to have an e-mail account to be able to contact the other alumni board members and IUJ.
- 3) And of course you have to be an IUJ alumnus.

If you love IUJ you are qualified. **YOROSHIKU!**



February 25, 2000

is the IUJ Alumni Annual Meeting in Tokyo. Please RSVP to the Alumni Office on campus with the enclosed postcard (Japan residents) or alumni@iuj.ac.jp.

Please nominate yourself or another to serve on the Alumni Board

Campus Speakers

The MBA Schools "Emerging Feature for the Twenty First Century" course brought exciting speakers to campus this fall, and promises an outstanding line up for Winter Term. For more information on dates and times for these special lectures, see the Online Campus Calendar. Visit the Campus Homepage at <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/@iuj/>

<<1999 Fall Term>>

- * Mr. Odaira, President of Yukiguni Maitake
- * Mr. Kakutani, Rep. Director of Moody's Japan
- * Mr. Ohno, Senior Chief Engineer of JACO
- * Mr. Matsumoto, General Manager of Sony
- * Mr. Shibata, President of NGK Insulators Ltd.

<<2000 Winter Term>>

- Topics to be announced
- * Mr. Ohno, President of The Industrial Bank of Japan-Daichi Financial Technology
- * Mr. Yamazaki, President of Goldman Sachs Japan
- * Mr. Degawa, Personnel Manager of NSK
- * Mr. Sano, President of Oracle Corporation Japan
- * Mr. Mikami, President of Socio-Tech Institute

SD1 Rooms for Alumni!

If you would like to attend this or any other campus event, you are welcomed! Remember, SD1 rooms are standing by for alumni and their spouses (single occupancy, no children. 2,000/night. Reservations at least 1 week in advance)

Alumni in Headline News: 2

“Pakistan: Sharif’s Failure & Military Coup”- H. Toyofuku(1987)

On October 12, 1999, I was in Quetta city close to the boarder of Afghanistan. It was 7p.m. on a quiet evening when I got the information that Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army General Pervaiz Musharraf was “dismissed” by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. At that time, I thought that Sharif would succeed in obtaining absolute power over national security as well as political power, and that his power and position would be like no other in Pakistan history. Around 9:00 p.m., after dinner with local people, I was suddenly informed that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was himself dismissed and the country was put under the rule of the armed forces. It was an exciting and surprising political show attracting world-wide attention. It was not a “military coup” but a “Prime Minister’s coup that failed,” according to the local people.

The next day, I traveled safely back to Islamabad by air and found that all was calm. Things seemed to be in order in the city even though the BBC, CNN and Japanese media expressed their concern over the turmoil and uncertainty of Pakistan. So far, I feel that military rule does not mean the absence of propriety which demands prudence and firmness. Most of the local people say that they are more secure than before and they feel comfortable with more reliable authority.

Historically, there had been a triangle or troika powers of Military, President and Prime Minister in Pakistan. Sometimes, the imbalance of the three powers caused an unstable political situation. But at one time, after years of maneuvering, it was said that Nawaz Sharif was the strongest prime minister in the history of Pakistan and he would be the first prime minister who could complete his full term as prime minister.

It is true that Nawaz Sharif and Benazir Butto (the former prime minister) took steps to enhance the economy by executing an incentive policy for foreign investors, the privatization of public sector institution, the reform of the tax system and several policies which could lead to the strong growth of the Pakistan economy. Their policies were welcomed and appreciated by Multilateral Finance Institution like World Bank (IBRD), IFC and ADB. Overseas private investors also became quite positive about their investments in infrastructure project and industrial.

However, the fundamental economic situation did not change and the Pakistan economy overwhelmingly depended on the assistance from Multilateral financial institutions and foreign governments. Most landowners and politicians did not pay full taxes nor the levied electricity charges and other public charges. The government suffered from a shortage of tax revenue and energy payments, and the trade deficits and the fiscal deficits were still huge despite Sharif’s efforts.

In May, 1998, the Government conducted nuclear bomb tests in response to India’s test. Sharif said that the test was an inevitable solution in order to deter India’s assault. However, unfortunately, it caused more economic difficulties as some of the donating governments including Japan announced the stop of their assistance.

GOP nearly went bankrupt without new assistance from foreign countries. Eventually, IMF offered GOP a financial rescue package which was eventually finalized. For the people in Pakistan this meant a bitter experience of a sales tax increase and the increase of energy products and some consumable goods. Their resentment towards the Prime Minister, who had concentrated power in his hands but had failed to deliver economic improvements, was growing. In addition, the military blamed

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Sharif for forcing the withdrawal of Islamic militants from Indian-controlled Kashmir which Sharif. The military had concern over Sharif’s power as decision maker on national security issues. Since then, the relationship between the military and Sharif worsened.

With the take-over, General Musharraf appointed himself chief executive and has appointed a number of well - respected civilians to an advisory National Security Council (NSC) and as ministers. I feel that most civilian ministers are respectful and technocratic people, and they have international common sense. I am sure that they will make efforts at economic reform and keep order in Pakistan. However, I should wait for commenting on this stage because the historical background and the political situation are so very complicated here and it is impossible to make a simple judgement. Meanwhile, we should consider what Japan must do NOW; many poor people are suffering from disease, flood disasters, no education etc.

Japan must recognize that most people do not know the political game and conspirac between Government and Military. I clearly claim to the Government of Japan to consider that the technical assistance and some assistance for basic human needs and agriculture developments should be re-started even though GOP has not yet signed the nuclear Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).

Finally, I want to quote the following sentence from *Pakistan in the Twentieth Century* written by Professor Lawrence Ziring (Oxford University Press, 1997): “Nuclear weapons may deter Pakistan’s aggressive neighbour, but they cannot provide the nation with the guidance it requires in bridging complex social and psychological differences. Pakistanis will succeed in their quest to create a haven for the Muslims of South Asia only when they transcend their sectarian and regional distinctions and begin to see the merit in their Islamic diversity. Pakistan will survive only if the people who inhabit the region believe they are a community, that, in spite of their peculiar diversity, they are, after all, one people.”

Toyofuku-san has been in Pakistan many years with his company Nissho Iwai Corporation. Thank you for your insights!



Alumni Spotlight

Lamin Drammeh (IM97)

A Career Rockier than his Flights

Since IUJ, I have changed jobs 3 times. I went back to my job at the Ministry of Trade for 6 months but found the job pretty frustrating. I then worked for a British NGO - ActionAid - as a senior researcher in micro-finance for another 6 months. Actually I enjoyed my stay there and even had a chance to visit Nepal - **Arbind Jha's** (IM 97) beautiful country in August 1998 to set up an ActionAid International working group on micro-finance. I still have fun memories of that trip but would advise my friends against flying in to Kathmandu in the thick of the summer! We had to fly in there 4 times due to poor weather before we could actually get there. The good thing though was that I was able to spend a night in New Delhi —tell **Vishu** (IM97) that I finally had a chance to see India! The same bad weather on my way out of Kathmandu assured me another opportunity to dine and sleep at one of Kathmandu's best hotels, Yak and Yeti, for zero dollars—courtesy of India Airlines and Nepal's friendly summer

weatherlaugh.

I eventually arrived home two days later than planned, having missed my flight connections to Paris and Dakar. On one of our to and froing trips to Kathmandu and Delhi, our India airliner's brake system failed while we were airborne. We however managed to have a safe emergency landing at Delhi Airport. Also on my return journey from Delhi to Paris, one of the engines of our Air France plane failed and we had to sit in the plane for nearly two hours! I missed all my connections and was forced to spend another night in Dakar, Senegal. By then I had lost all desire to fly again. I slept in Dakar for that night, abandoned all ideas of boarding a flight in another 48 hours, and simply decided to travel to Banjul by road. That was indeed a nightmarish 10 days, and I do not look forward to another of its kind.

After that 6-month stint at ActionAid, I longed once more for a job in banking. I then took up a job with Standard Chartered Bank Gambia Ltd. as an Account Relationship Officer in the Corporate Banking Department. This job took me on an attachment to **George Nkansah's** (IR97) Ghana for 6 weeks. I had a fabulous time there, and seized an opportunity to go there again in September 1999. After another 6 months, I was offered an opening at the Bank's Treasury Dept. as a Sales & Marketing Manager, which I reluctantly but gladly took. The job is challenging and interesting, and it gave me an opportunity to visit **Mark Well's** (IR97) England in late August 1999 to attend Standard Chartered's Africa Heads of Sales Conference.

I now feel the urge to stop hopping from one job to another and settle down. In effect, I want to stop changing jobs every 6 months! There are times when academic life beckons. I hope to eventually do a Ph.D., most likely in Finance. But before that I hope to utilize my free time by studying for the ACCA. All said and done, life goes on.

I always remember IUJ and the good time I had there. The cross-cultural experience has indeed become a priceless asset. I hope to visit Japan in the not too distant future.



IUJ Resume Book

The Resume Book 2000 features over 40 career candidates and over 60 internship hopefuls. If you can help, please request a copy of the Resume Book by contacting Career Counseling and Services - gretchen@iuj.ac.jp

Homestay Possible?

As IUJ grows and diversifies, our current students seek opportunities for Summer Internships in Japan and around the world. Many of the internships that interest them are unpaid making participation on a small (or no) scholarship impossible because of the cost of housing. To help IUJ students participate in these internships, could you offer a homestay to them for a few weeks? Tokyo, Osaka, Singapore, London, New York, Hong Kong, etc. etc. are on our students' wish lists. If you can help, please notify Career Counseling and Services – gretchen@iuj.ac.jp

IUJ Ambassador Network Grows

Thanks to the 180+ alumni who have volunteered to be an IUJ Ambassador. Ambassadors volunteer to help IUJ recruit new students. They communicate with prospective students via e-mail to answer their questions about IUJ, they assist the staff with activities in their countries and help spread the word about IUJ.

Recently this group was asked to help get IUJ special recognition from the **World Bank**. Those applying to the IR program can also apply to a special scholarship from World Bank requesting that their scholarship be applied to their studies at IUJ. If enough do this then World Bank will make IUJ a Partner School! We asked our Ambassadors to help get the word out. For more information, see the IUJ Homepage, Scholarship information. It now looks very hopeful that we will succeed.

Thank you Ambassadors!

Alumni in Headline News: 3

Kosovo by Sanjeev Kumar (IR96)

Kosovo is a beautiful place -like Niigata. There are beautiful mountains, lakes and rivers. The greenery is immense. The 10 years of fighting did destroy much of the man-made infrastructures. But the spirit of the people is high. People are nice and friendly. However, some sporadic crimes do take place.

The UN has the mandate for civil administration for all of Kosovo. Our chief of the Mission is a former health minister of France. There are more than five hundred civil servants from all over the world. It is fun and challenging to work with them. UN has divided Kosovo into five administrative zones. Peja (pronounced Peja in Albanian) and Pec in Serbia are two of the regions. I am in Peja. There are altogether twenty-nine municipalities in Kosovo. In Peja there are five. We frequently visit the municipalities within our region and sometimes the capital of Pristina. I coordinate budget preparations and value this experience immensely.

Even today Kosovo's status is that of a province which is an integral part of the Republic of Serbia which together with the Republic of Montenegro constitute the Yugoslav Federation. The UN, under resolution No. 1244, has taken full administrative control of this province. Serbian army has left. Now it is protected by a NATO force called KFOR (Kosovo force).

The Albanians in Kosovo constitute more than 90 per cent of the population. A majority of them are Muslims with modern outlook. They accuse Serbs of murders, tortures etc. They hate them and don't want to be with Serbians. They want independence. Some of them indulge in violent attacks against the minority Serbs who still remain here.

The UN here is not to give them independence but to pass on the administration to democratically elected local bodies. The elections are expected sometime next August. There are no immediate solutions matching the aspirations of the people. That is the dilemma here.

Sanjeev is currently on a UN Mission in Kosovo. Thank you for your insights and thoughtful poem!

RUGOVA: The Kosovo Mountain

by Sanjeev Kumar (IR96)

*Every morning
From my window
I look at you*

*Big and strong
Mighty and majestic
You change colors
Day by day you move closer
You surround me
I don't run away
Am spell-bound
By the beauty and the charm!*



*There was a time
There were none
Then came some
Soon there were many
Lived, died and born
Some came some are gone
Moments of sadness
Of happiness sublime*

*You saw them falling in love
Enjoying friendships
You witnessed
Cries of children
Agony of helpless
Fighting in streets
Houses burning
Splashes of blood*

*Narrow question of ownership
Hollow ideals of politics
Hopes and despair
Anger and fears
Never ending pains and sufferings
Fight over man-made boundaries
My mute friend!
Perhaps these rains are your tears.*

Student Recruitment Activities

We would like to say thank you for your cooperation at “大学院説明会”: Information Meeting about IUJ for companies and others in September in Tokyo: Speeches by Harunori Sugita (IR96) of Fuji Xerox, Katsuya Kagiwada (IM99) of Kajima Kensetsu, Tadashi Inagaki (IM 95) of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Kaoru Miyamoto (IR 99) at UNU, Takuya Kuwabara (IM99) of IBJ. Helping in the Q&A session were Miyamoto-san, Kuwabara-san, Yukino Tamai (Yamada) (IR97) of Daiwa Soken, Yoshiteru Tsuji (IR97) of JICA., Atsushi Nezu (IR 90) of Josai Kokusai University, and Daisuke Yamada (IM99) of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

Helping promote IUJ through recent Magazine article interviews were:

Katsuya Kagiwada (IM99) in “EXECUTIVE,” Tadashi Inagaki (IM95) in “Type,” Yoshiteru Kondo (IM97) in “Type,” Shinichi Kishi (IM97) in “Shigoto no Kyoshitsu” for March 2000 issue.

If you have any suggestions or information about PR of IUJ or anything about student recruitment, please contact us.: Office of Student Recruitment osr@iuj.ac.jp

Thank you again for your assistance!

In other recruiting efforts news: Waravuth Puapinya (IR91) helped the MA program organize a special meeting with the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs to encourage MOFA to send IUJ students. Several other alumni were to help (information not confirmed by deadline). THANK YOU

Alumni in Headline News: 4

Headline News Changing a life, a family

Liberia's Civil War - B. Tarleh Nyema (IR90)

As you may know, I am a Liberian. I left Liberia in September 1988 to study at the International University of Japan. Thanks to the IUJ family and the people of Japan for affording me this opportunity, which exposed me, in a very significant way, to the international community and helped to make me what I am today.

At the time when I left Liberia, it was peaceful. Although like many African countries, Liberia had its share of destitution and human suffering, I was doing relatively well – working for Price Waterhouse and teaching courses under the extramural program of the Monrovia Consolidated School System. I was on the fast career track at Price Waterhouse and I had no doubts that studying at IUJ would pave the way for a faster growth with the firm. Understandably, I was very keen to return to Liberia after completing IUJ.

On Christmas Eve 1989, about seven months from the date of my graduation from IUJ, a civil war, which continued for the succeeding 7 years, started. My father died in 1989 and three of my brothers including two senior brothers died during the war. The entire family disintegrated.

By 1990, all access including communication links to Liberia ceased. Without any alternative plans including the commitment to take my Japanese Language courses seriously, I was in serious trouble in June 1990 after receiving my degree in International Relations. I could not return home and I could not market myself in Japan.

IUJ provided me with free accommodation and my teaching engagement with a company in Nagaoka kept me occupied. It was during this time that I contacted

Price Waterhouse in Tokyo and secured a contract in the International Business Development Department.

But I was not contended with the good treatment and harmonious relationship that I was enjoying with the Price Waterhouse family in Tokyo. I still maintained my plans to return home some day. But I was also aware that in spite of the post World War II miraculous growth of Japan and most of Asia as well as the affluence of the Japanese society, my country, like most other African countries valued education from North America and the United Kingdom. Therefore, if I wanted to realize my dream to return to Africa in a position where I would make a meaning contribution, I needed not only credentials from Asia and a rich working experience with Price Waterhouse in Tokyo, but also credentials and experience from North America.

From June 1991 to May 1992, I studied non-stop for my Masters of Professional Accounting (MPA) at the University of Southern Mississippi. Although education in the South was inexpensive for me, I was aware that I could not have a progressive professional career there. I was therefore very pressed to complete my degree and move on.

In August 1992, I joined a small minority (black-owned) accounting firm in Washington, D.C., a stones throw from the White Houses. The firm grew to become one of the largest black accounting firms in Washington, D.C. specializing in providing audit support services to the U.S. Government. While the firm was growing, I was also sharpening my credentials – studying to become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). A CPA designation was required for me to grow in the firm and to gain a competitive edge in North America.

By 1994, I passed my CPA examinations and became a full member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). In 1995, I became the first person to be promoted from within the firm to the position of a manager. As a manager, I was in charge of several large audits including the audit of U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with assets aggregating in excess of US\$ 40 billion. I was also involved in the audits of major programs under the U.S. Department of Treasury.

In November 1996, I accepted an offer from the African Development (ADB) for the position of Senior Auditor after having turned down an offer from the United Nations in 1994 to work in Africa. By 1998, my position with the ADB was upgraded to Principal Auditor, only a level below the head of the Internal Audit Department.

Prior to joining ADB, I was told and I believed that joining the ADB required contacts within the Bank, which I did not have. I was probably blest that the winds of change that blew through ADB in the early 1990s left a vacuum which the Bank was forced to fill with more competent individuals. It may also be said that my credentials which all started with the IUJ propelled me in riding the waves to ADB.

In January 1996, I wedded a beautiful West Indian girl from Guyana. In August 1998, we were blest by the birth of our first child, Nathaniel Tarlah Nyema, named after my grandfather.



Curriculum Reform

Do you have ideas for how IUJ can improve its academics and campus life to better prepare graduates for Life After IUJ? Please inform the Alumni Board Members: Send your thoughts and suggestions to alumni@iuj.ac.jp OR alumboard-1@iuj.ac.jp

IUJ Leadership on the Internet in Video

In cooperation with GLOCOM, a research institute affiliated with IUJ, our founder Mr. Sohei Nakayama presents a video presentation called "Views from Japan" Please take a look at <http://vox.glocom.ac.jp/japsleaders/jleader.html>

Alumni Chapter News

Thanks to all the volunteers around the world willing to help coordinate IUJ Alumni activities in their region.

Usually, this means social get-togethers once or twice a year or helping an IUJ alumni learn about your city when they move or travel to the area. They can also serve as contact people for the Alumni Office for their area.

We now have **34 people starting up 25 Chapters!** Here are a list of volunteers and their cities. Please get their updated contact information from the **Online Alumni Directory**.

- Australia:** Adrian Lochrin (98), Aamir Arain (99)
- Bangladesh:** Sheikh Kamal (98)
- Barbados, Caribbean and South America:** Ian Walcott (96)
- France, Paris or throughout Europe:** Pascal Allouard (99)
- Germany, N-W continental Europe:** Christian Thygesen (95)
- India:** Deva Dubey (96), **Northern India:** Girish Narang (99)
- Japan, Nagoya:** Harvey Chervitz (95) & Mitsunari Ogawa (99)
- Japan, Hokkaido:** Shinsuke Fukushima (96)
- Korea (ROK):** Keun Wung Lee (89) & Seoul: Jeon, Jihyun (99)
- Malaysia, Kelantan and Pahang:** Nik Yusoff (93) & **Kuala Lumpur:** Singh Bedi (94)
- Poland:** Mariusz Wolongiewicz (94), Konrad Maziarz (99)
- Romania, Central and Eastern Europe:** Dumitru Valasutean (94)
- Singapore:** Chuanli Charles Yin (89), Naresh Makhijani (93) & Jitendra Bhanap (93)
- Spain:** Isidoro Hernandez (96)
- Switzerland:** Mukela Luanga (91)
- Turkey:** Asim Ozgur (89)
- UK, London,** Edward Bowers (90) Alexander Baker (96)
- USA: New York:** James Biolos (90), Adam Bergman (97) & Seigo Ishimaru (97)
- USA: Maryland, Virginia, D.C.,** Edward Zormelo (89)
- USA: Washington State** (Seattle) Debbie Carlton (93)
- USA: California** Bill Papani (95) & Peter McColgan (95)
- Vietnam:** Thuy Thu Le (99)
- Yugoslavia, Kosovo:** Sanjeev Kumar (96)



IUJ Homecoming Open Day 1999

About 40 Alumni came home on November 20 to celebrate IUJ Open Day with us. Available SD1 rooms were all taken, and many stayed in local onsen Inns and with friends in the area. We were delighted to see so many come back. Thank you to all that made the effort.

This year, the stage show lasted a good 3 hours and actually stayed ON schedule! The Indonesian students did a spectacular and colorful group dance that was featured on the news. Korean students demonstrated 2 types of karate, the North Americans and Japanese made messes on the stage by throwing pies of shaving cream (no whipped cream could be found) into each others faces and feeding each other in Ninnin Baori fashion in 2 separate performances. How similar the cultures seemed after that!

Nakayama Singers and the Taiwanese students gave choral presentations, we had an amazing piano duet, great Spanish dancing by students, wives and staff, and oh the list goes on!

Of course the food was terrific and the sake/beer flowed.

Special thanks to the 15 alumni who participated in the Career Panel the following afternoon!!!!

If you missed Open Day, how about joining us for Ski Day (January 29) SAARCH night (TBA) or in Spring Term, ASEAN Night? Watch the campus calendar of events to see when these events are scheduled, and come home!

See the Campus Home page at www.iuj.ac.jp/@iuj/

SD1 Rooms Await

SD1 Rooms are available to IUJ Alumni and spouses (single occupancy, no children - sorry) for just 2,000/night. BUT, you must make a reservation at least 1 week in advance so we can order the sheets from the off-campus service.



Job Hunting?

Let Career Counseling and Services know

We have a number of headhunters all over the world interested in finding IUJ students and ALUMNI jobs! Visit the Career homepage to see what we know (www.iuj.ac.jp/career/). E-mail or fax in your resume so we can keep you in mind if something comes up.

Of course, if you know of a job opening, PLEASE inform CC&S so we can help IUJers young and old.

Chapter Leaders: You can get updated lists of alumni in your area online. Just visit the alumni homepage and register with the Online Directory. THEN search for your area and download the results!

Interested in starting a Chapter in your area? Please volunteer on the Online Directory registration pages! It is that easy. We need an Indonesia Chapter!!!

ClassNotes

Here is what IUJers are up to in 2000!

1985

Cheang Kok Yun has almost finished his 3-years position at the Singapore Consulate General in Vietnam. He is the director of the Singapore Trade Development Board, in Ho Chi Minh City. **Ichiro Matsumura** is in San Francisco, USA with his company C. Itoh. He sometimes catches a glimpse of classmate **Hiroyuki Abe** on Japanese TV programs in the USA. Abe-san is now in New York with Fuji TV. **Toshihiko Kano** has been to Taiwan over 90 times during the past four years for Yutaka Denki, but his mastery of the Chinese language is still "a light-year away. Yet, as a Japanese power supplies salesman I must brave any big jolts, coming either from mother earth or from a Taiwan Note PC manufacturer for cost reduction requests." He finds peace of mind in a tiny noodle shop in a congested night-time Taipei back lane over a bowl of Chinese delicacies. We spotted him showing off his running form in the September edition of *President Magazine* as he participated in a marathon run! **Satoko Miwa** was recently appointed to the post of Master of the Ceremonies at the Imperial Household Agency of Japan!

1986

Shingo Muraoka is back in Japan after 5 years in Washington, D.C. He is now with American Insurance Group in a pioneering job - marketing annuities, retirement saving products, vis-a-vis Japanese securities firms. **Tadashi Suzuki**, on a business trip to London where he took care of his boss at Yachiyo Industry Co.,Ltd. met **Piyachanid "Nid" Suthinont** (87) and husband **Songphol Sukchan** (86). They have two children named China and Japan!

1987

Tochimichi Yamane was transferred to Tochigi (his home town) Branch Office of TEPCO (Tokyo Electric Power Company) after a 17 years away. Before returning to Tochigi, he was engaged in the international cooperation activities in the field of electric power industry, making good use of the achievements of IUJ study life. He is now in charge of training 2,000 personnel. Back in Tochigi, he started jogging and mountain-climbing. On December 4, he participated in the Ekiden race (long-distance relay race) for his company for the first time since graduating from IUJ. This brought back memories of the Yamato-machi Ekiden in 1985 and 1986 (When IUJ won it!). In August 1999, he climbed Mt. Yarigatake of the Japan Alps reminding him of climbing the same mountain with **Hidetaka Fukuda** and **Takeshi Iguchi** (IUJ Mountain-climbing Club members) in 1985. **Hisashi Toyofuku** is responsible for project finance for several projects (Power Plant, Airport, and others) in Islamabad, Pakistan. Work continues despite the recent bloodless coup d'etat by the military - see his featured article in this newsletter. **Kweku Ampia** is looking for alumni who are Indonesian academics/officials in Jakarta to work with him on a special project. Contact him for more information kweku.ampia@stir.ac.uk. **Yo Shimoyama** is in Nottinghamshire UK (since May 1995), in charge of finance in Europe at NSK Ltd. He married in Sept. 1998.

1988

Hiroya Sugita is back in Japan from Canberra and teaching Australian Affairs at Kanagawa University and Aoyama-Gakuin Junior College as a part-time lecturer. We were sorry to learn that his wife, Tomoko, passed away in June after more than a two years struggle against lung cancer. Our thoughts are with Sugita-san and his family. **Morio Iwasaki** experienced the Taiwan earthquake! His house got some cracks in it, but he is okay. The stoplights stopped working and the fear of aftershocks lingers. Iwasaki-san is in Taiwan on-loan from his company to work at the Taiwan Technical Research Institute. This news was reported to the Alumni Office by **Masami Urushihara** of



Foundation for Advanced Information & Research, Japan. **Denji Ogata** is the father of three children. "Can you imagine?" he asked. The Class of 1988 had a Bonenkai in Tokyo. **Julaporn**

Euarukskul showed up on campus! She is at Thammasat University and was on a professor exchange to Kyoto U.

1989

We are so happy to learn from **Ozgur Asim** that his wife and baby, born just days before the Turkey Earthquake are fine! Welcome little Defne. We hope the world is kinder to you! **Venkat Srinivasan** is now Assistant Vice President, Citibank NA in India. **Chuanli "Charles" Yin** is witnessing the growth of his 3 year old son who, thanks to his swimming partner (Daddy) can now struggle a few laps across the 25-meter pool. He works for Fuji Xerox in Singapore responsible for corporate marketing and strategic planning reporting directly to a very driven president. **Masato Horie** went through a merger... OECF merged with the Export-Import Bank of Japan to form the Japan Bank for International Cooperation and that is where you will find him now. He is in charge of ODA projects in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Last year, he worked with IMF & World Bank to assist the transition to a market economy in Vietnam and Cambodia. Any IUJ alumni working in IMF, ADB and WB, please contact him. **David Kaput** transferred to another PRIMEDIA company, Channel One Network and Films for the Humanities and Sciences in New York. **Vinita Sethi (Mehra)** works at The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Delhi since 1992 She is focussing on enhancing businesses between India and countries of Asia Pacific, including Japan. She loves her business travels to Japan. Her two boys (4 and 8 years) visited Japan with her this year and want to come back again. Those wanting to do "ANYTHING with/in India (especially starting new businesses or strengthening existing ones with India or for any references) they are welcome to contact me at sethi_vinita@hotmail.com. There are tremendous business opportunities here with rapid liberalization and a market as large as China." **Ahmad Rashid Malik** was awarded a PhD degree from La Trobe University Melbourne, in 1998.

1990 - IR

Kazutaka Motoda's assignment in the USA is over. Effective Jan.5, he is back at work for NSK Ltd. headquarters in Japan. One of the interesting memories during his 6 years and 4 months' assignment was coming across **Eddie Bowers** in a small town in Vermont 3 years ago. He was visiting Vermont from England for skiing. What a small world! **Eddie**, when not vacationing, is Vice President of JP Morgan London. **Kazuo Yoda** is in Vietnam with his family. He is working on Dami Civil Work Joint Venture with his company MAEDA. **Jegathesan Muniandy** got married to Kyoko in July. The happy couple are in Malaysia.

1990 - IM

Mitsuharu Nakano works in Marubeni's Finance Department in Tokyo. **Ted Lo** is now Executive Director of Fixed Income in Morgan Stanley Japan Ltd. and was THE FIRST to correct his information on the IUJ Alumni Online Directory! **Takako Yamada** is Manager of the Graphic Systems Division for Agfa-Gevaert Japan, Ltd. **Jim Biolos** writes in from the Bronx where he lives when not in the New York office of Citibank, N.A. working as the Vice-President Human Resources. Jim, how about recruiting at IUJ!

1991 - IR

Surendra Regmi was most recently working as the Finance/Administration Delegate (which is like a country administrator) in Tajikistan in Central Asia as part of a Red Cross Mission there. In September he was about to be reassigned to his next mission.

1991 - IM

Bryce Dixon and **Erik Newton** are swapping IT stories as they work in the booming industry. **Bryce** has been driving NetLogic for over two years and continues to build on what he started. The Group now comprises several Internet/e-commerce enterprises three of which have secured partnerships with appropriate offshore companies in Europe, North America, and Australia. They have expansion plans under consideration. **Erik Newton** is now at the headline grabbing MP3.com the fast growing Internet site selling digital music. After Adobe he went to Netscape and recently moved to San Diego, CA to take a job as director of eCommerce at MP3.com. Currently he is director of advertising. Erik is collecting wine but has no time to drink it. If anyone is in the area, go help him out!



1992 - IR

Wedding bells were ringing for **Yoshinori Bunya** in May this year! Congratulations to you and Maiko. **Siddig Elamin** is pursuing a PhD at Nagoya University in development studies. **Patrick Buchanan** has taken some time off from Nippon Seiko recently to travel around Japan with his family. When working he manages the strategic planning for sales. **Thevendran Sivanantham** is Manager of Marketing for Fuji Xerox Asia Pacific in Malaysia. **Nobuhiko Ishihara** is in Singapore with JVC Asia PTE. Ltd. **Laxman Perera** is at the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications & Media for the Government of Sri Lanka.

1992 - IM

Kriengchai Boonpoapichart works for the Institutional Sales, Dealing Department for ING Baring Securities, Bangkok Office. He and his wife had a baby in October. Welcome Popeplo. **Kenichi Iwai** is the Fund Manager for Sumitomo Life International Investment Management. **Tadashi Tago** is Vice President at IBJ Nomura Financial Products Plc in the Global Market Trading Department. **Takehiro Yoshino** is in California with Xerox International Partners where he is the Program Manager. **Neelakanth Phadke** is the Regional Advisor For India for Sumitomo Marine & Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

1993 - IR

Marbun Marsedes has been teaching undergraduates in Bandung, Indonesia. In 1994, he was promoted to the Head of the Dept. of International Relations at Parahyangan

Catholic University, and now has the chance to pursue a Ph.D at the Dept. of Politics University of Leeds. Good luck! **Maxwell Oteng** is at the Department of Economics, University of California at Santa Cruz. **Jun Liu** is a mother now! She had a baby girl in February.

1993 - IM

Naresh Makhijani sent greetings from Thailand. During his trip he met classmate **Theera Vongpatanasin** a over Japanese dinner in Bangkok...Naresh is Partner and Director of Consulting for GML Performance Consulting, A joint venture Management Consultancy in Indonesia, a firm he started in Jakarta in October. This year, he had a weekly 'management page' in the newspaper 'The Perspektif' in Indonesia, with 16 published articles so far and plans another 20 in the next 4-5 months.... **Theera** now runs his own strategy consulting firm and has 10 employees. **John Winslow** is back in Hong Kong developing business fields in Asia-Pacific region, according to **Norimasa Teramachi** who organized a good-bye party for him in Tokyo. **Teramachi-san** himself ran into **Minoru Iwata** in Stuttgart, Germany. (What a small world!) **Teramachi-san** is sympathetic with **Iwata-san** who lives in Sweden with no contact with other IUJers. According to **Teramachi-san**, **Iwata-san** laments over the fact that there are only "charming young ladies" in Sweden but no IUJers. **Teramachi-san** asks all the IUJers to "send him a message to encourage/update him and his family." Here is **Iwata-san's** comment, "Good thing that **Tera-san** didn't improve (or worsen) his English pronunciation. Otherwise I wouldn't have recognized him when we ran into each other in Stuttgart. Though it's true there are many beautiful women in Sweden, I didn't mention it to **Tera-san** at that time..."



1994 - IR

Thomas Christiansen is at the Royal Danish Embassy in Tokyo promoting Japanese investments into Denmark. He graciously hosted IUJ Friday in November and even gave the talk! Thank you. **Hamdhan Nurdin** is at the Ministry of Industry and Trade working in the foreign trade assessments in Indonesia. **Thurghathavy Govindasamy** writes in from the Ministry of Health in Malaysia where she works in planning and development. **Hiroaki Furuse** is doing corporate research at Fuji Xerox in Tokyo.

1994 - IM

Mariusz Wolongiewicz is now President of the Management Board for PHW "POSTT" S.A. in Warsaw. After moving to London, **Tunc Yorulmaz** and **Ilgin Beygo** (IR95) are trying to get used to life there: subways are more crowded and people are less polite! Per their request, they get **bold** and *italics* on their names! **Graeme Bashford** and wife Robin left Malaysia in November and returned to live in Australia for the next 6 months or so. **Peter Munns** moved



from Sydney to Melbourne to take up the position as Vice President with Salomon Smith Barney in the Energy, Mining and Infrastructure division of Investment Banking. He welcomes visitors! Peter was the very first to sign up for the new Online Alumni Directory! **Marco Calcinaï** started working for Banca Commerciale Italiana in Tokyo right after graduation, but has now joined his father's company, Markal Srl, operating in the pharmaceutical chemical business. **Nobuki Kajikawa** is *hard* at work Mitsubishi Materials in the *hard* metals department.

1995 - IR

Gwen Norris was living in DC last year teaching at the French International School there, and then over the summer taught ESL at the Bollettieri Sports Academy in Bradenton, FL. where she got to see the Williams sisters train before the US OPEN. As of September she was looking for a position in Japan or the UAE. **David Kornhauser** is a photo-journalist in D.C. looking to possibly move back to Japan at some opportune moment, though now owns a Condo in Arlington, VA so . . . **Bishwa Subedi** is at the National Planning Commission as an Economic Analyst in Nepal. **Jose Macabuhay** is a military analyst for the Office of the Prosecutor in The Netherlands. **Nathaniel Angola** is now in Mississippi at the Consortium for International Development. He is there after finishing his PhD at Nagoya U. in March!

**1995 - IM**

Tadashi Inagaki is a busy Alumni Board Vice Chairman. This Fall he has conducted a couple of different IUJ promotion presentations for us, participated in Academic Orientation and helped with Alumni Activities. We thank him for his services! **Yasuji Nishiura** is in Chicago and now a father of 3 boys!!! Haruko delivered a 3085g baby boy on August 15. "It's so adorable to see two little brothers takes care of the baby." **Lei Li** is studying at OSIM, School of Management at the University of Texas at Dallas. **Smitha Mallya** is on a three-month round-the-world-cruise on a ship called Peace Boat. She got to watch the sun rise on the date line on January 1, 2000 - we hope to hear from her again, that is if the boat could navigate back and didn't get lost because of Y2K! **Christian Thygesen** finds things quite interesting at the European Central Bank. "There are tremendous changes under way in my area (financial infrastructure like exchanges, clearing houses, payment systems, securities' depositories and settlement systems) which will hopefully lead to a more efficient European Capital Market some years down the line." **Neeraj Sahwney** works for Shingon International - a trading company dealing in textiles/garments/fashion accessories/machines etc., working with such buyers as Tommy Hilfiger, Gap, Levis etc. He is the Merchandising & Marketing Manager. Soon, good old **Harvey Chervitz** will be *Dr. Harvey* to you! He has just about officially finished his PhD on the side while raising Eugene, his son, and jumping up the ranks of Ihara Technique Co. to Deputy G.M. of Color Imaging Division.

1996 - IR

Did you see a major fund-raising campaign at a JUSCO in Japan for the Earthquake victims in Turkey? Our own **Korkut Bilgin** spearheaded that campaign for his countrymen. Korkut works on logistics for JUSCO. Great work Korkut (see related stories). **Shamin Ahmed** is at CTC Technology Corporation, the biggest and most profitable among the seven group companies of Itochu Techno-Science Corporation, working as a Network Administrator in their Total Systems Support Department.

1996 - IM

Han, Dean (Jing) is an executive recruiter covering Asia's investment banking industry out of New York for The Options Group. **Lisa Grimm** sent in information on the whereabouts of her classmates: **Carol Park** is married and lives in Korea now. **Yappi and Cenk** (Cenk just got married, see IR98) are still in Japan. **Bill Pappani** is in California.

Figen is working as an international brand manager for a cosmetics firm, Nivea. **Oscar** is with Andean Logistics in Peru. **Yuki and Alex** are doing well in England. **Isidoro** never gives her a straight answer how he is doing. **Lisa** herself got a promotion with her company, the merger between United Van Lines International and Mayflower International. Her job gives her an opportunity to travel around the world to visit her IUJ friends. So don't be surprised to hear her knocking at your door one of these days!

1997 - IR

Yukino Yamada is now *Yukino Tamai* after she and **Takanao Tamai** (IM97) got married. Congratulations! **Hafiz Maqsood Ahmed** runs the export division of Luminas, a trading house dealing in used construction equipment. **Sigit Witjaksono** is a research student of the Graduate School of International Students, Nagoya University, taking International Cooperation Studies for his Doctoral degree. He is still working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia where he will return after his Ph.D.. Here is **Anita Dean** working like a typical Japanese salary man: working late, going to "izakaya", running for the last train, falling asleep in the morning train, and work and work and work.... How did your speech go at the wedding of Yukino and Tamai-san, Anita?

1997 - IM

Seigo Ishimaru was hit by Hurricane Floyd in New York City in September. "It was pretty nasty." His office was closed at noon and many areas suffered flood and "boy the wind was extreme!" **Robert Wilde** got married on Halloween! **Taos Fudji** is back in the cyber-community. Since he never checked his hotmail account (no access to Internet) hotmail cut him off! He was in Tunisia for a year and a half for mandatory service as a French citizen. He is back in France now and as of October was looking for a job. His e-mail is faithfully registered on the Online Alumni Directory. **Chris "The King" Wahlstrom** married Hiroko on Nov. 15 and **Yukino-san** (IR97) and **Kishi-san** gave them a celebration party in mid December. Congratulations Chris and Hiroko! **Alice Chen**, working in New York, also got married in November 1999 - CONGRATS. But please write in with your details.

1998 - IR

Misako Adachi and **Cenk Gurol** (IM96) found wedding bells! They celebrated in an English Pub "The Hub", in early October. Congratulations. **Amer Bukvic** is in Saudia Arabia as a Young Professional at the Islamic Development Bank. **Jesse Szeto** is back in Los Angeles after finishing a 1-year contract with ESCAP in Bangkok. As of November he was looking for something in finance in LA. **Julia Parton** finished working at JP Morgan in August, and came out to Tokyo in October to work for Ichiro Ozawa, the leader of the Liberal Party, though she is rather underutilized (read "bored"). **Abdul-Rasheed Draman**, a Ph.D. Candidate at Carlton University recently participated in a United Nations University conference/book project on "Conflict Prevention." The workshop took place in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic from December 14-16, 1999. His paper entitled: "Conflict Prevention in Africa: Establishing Conditions and Institutions Conducive to Durable Peace." will be published in book form by the UNU Press. "IUJ Alumni, watch out for my first publication in 2000."



1998 - IM

The Class of 1998 and 1999 have formed a study group in Tokyo. **Tetsu Nishikawa** and **Kagiyada-san** (IM99) are coordinating it. **Kentaro Murohashi** is still at IBJ but was transferred to the Investment Banking Department in September, where he is in charge of financial advisory services regarding M&A in Media & Telecom industry. **Takeshi Matsumura** is at the Numazu Branch to the headquarters of the Tokyo Electric Power Co. in Tokyo working for the Business Development Group of Planning Dept. He conducts feasibility studies of business models and is launching a new company. He struggles daily with IRR, NPV, ROI... Call him "Papa" now. His son, Kentaro, was born in October. **Mankata Quartey** is at Norwegian School of Management pursuing another Masters in Finance Economy. **Hees** reports their first class reunion in Tokyo. The participants were: **Hees, Nate, Taki-san, Yasu-san, Roger & Takako, Kaysee, Kazu-san, Rajesh, Katsu Yoshida, Judy, Kamal, Misako, Axel & Sam, John & Lea, Kubilay, Tetsu & Akiko, Paul, Paolo, Ken & Masako, Silvia, Koichi-san, Takeshi-san.** He concludes that the reunion was "happily" over. **Vikram Bajaj** is excited to have grown out of his T-shirt into a white shirt and a tie. He moved from Warburg Dillon Read to Lehman Brothers, Japan. Hey, Vikram, don't fasten your tie too tight!



1999 - IR

Ning Ning Yue started working in Photron Limited in Tokyo. They are active in CG, CAD, Digital visual system and so on. She is learning "tons" since "everything is so new and challenging." She will be working on overseas export later. **Asako Miyashita** is at Infoplan, in Tokyo - a marketing research company. **Ian Martin** is in Tokyo working for a member of the Lower House of the Diet - the House of Representatives. **Konrad Maziarz** passed the Polish foreign service exams and interviews and landed a position in his Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "I am really happy because it is exactly the job I want and have been preparing myself for for many years. The knowledge and skills I acquired during my study in IUJ surely helped me a lot so I feel really obliged towards all the people on campus. Thank you." **Kerry Cross** is still on campus - but don't worry she is WORKING for IUJ now! She is concentrating on promoting IUJ to recruit students from Asia. **Mala Selvaraju** joined her classmates as a graduate having passed her thesis exam with FLYING colors in November. She rejoined her husband and son in early December.

1999 - IM

Carol Lin started working at ANA in September stationed at the Haneda Airport. Look for her. Her family in Taiwan are okay after the earthquakes. We wish them well. **Visveswaran Prabhakaran** is working for JP Morgan (along with 5 other alumni!). His wife Malini has joined him in their home in Ayase where they are adjusting to Tokyo life. **Ted Funston** went straight from a beach in Bali to an office in Calgary not quite stopping to do his laundry along the way. His job is perfect for him: he writes marketing strategies and business plans for 8 ski resorts and 4 golf courses and 4 hotels in west-

ern Canada. **Ned Akov** is at ING Barring in Tokyo, but misses his IUJ home. **Hiroyuki Katsumi** is back at Nippon Mitsubishi Oil Corporation working in LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) division of the company and dealing with most of EPC's and Gas companies. He is wondering if other "energy alumni" can work together in some way... **Pascal Allouard** and wife **Joanna** spent time in Roma where Pascal worked to launch a free Internet service in Italy for Italian Telecom. **Wang Bin** (Benjamin) is at Citicorp and is pleased to join the new IUJ Alumni community, ready to contribute and willing to help other students at IUJ! Thanks Benjamin! He quips "Returning to urban rhythm that I had once become used to makes me miss the two-year rural serenity at IUJ. Life reshuffles!"



Campus thanks the Class of 1999 for their Class Gift of 2 tents (see photo) to be used at Open Day, ASEAN Night, and other IUJ events. We already tried them out at Open Day '99 and they were great!

THANK YOU.

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Do you have too much to say for just a quick note in the ClassNotes section? Ask to be Spotlighted!

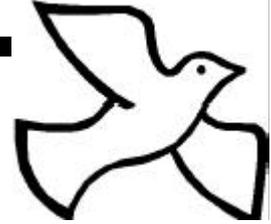


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In Fond Memory . . .



Professor Toshiyuki Otsuki (July 22, 1935 - August 10, 1999).
IUJ professor of IUJ from 1983-1999. Vice President, 1994-1998. IUJ President 1998-99

Otsuki-sensei passed away after a 10 month struggle with cancer.



Professor Yui Kimura (February 6, 1948 - August 8, 1999)
Professor of IUJ from 1988 - 1995. Dean of the MBA School 1994-95)

Kimura-sensei taught at Tsukuba University after leaving IUJ. He passed away after a several year struggle with cancer.



We are sorry to relay that an IUJ current student passed away this Fall Term. Campus misses
Mr. Ville Aho (July 24, 1973 - November 27, 1999).
Ville, a first-year IM Student, passed away after suffering a fatal heart attack on his way to participate in a Finance Club - Alumni gathering in Tokyo.
Our thoughts are with his family and friends.



Editor's Note

Special Thanks to those that participated in making this 2000 edition a special one. Ken Ando, Sunjeev Kumar, Hisashi Toyofuku, Lammin Drahme, Bolton Nyema and all those that sent in information for the ClassNotes section. Our best so far!

Please visit the IUJ Homepage often: www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/ Register with the Online Alumni Directory to update your contact information regularly, and to search for your friends and IUJ colleagues in your area.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another IUJer to serve on the Alumni Association Board, please send a message to alumni@iuj.ac.jp, and be sure to attend the February 25 General Meeting.

**The theme for the July 2000 edition:
Your Y2K experiences. Did the bug bite you?**



Please send in your stories to alumni@iuj.ac.jp by June 10, 2000. If you were not included in the *ClassNotes* recently, please send in your personal updates!