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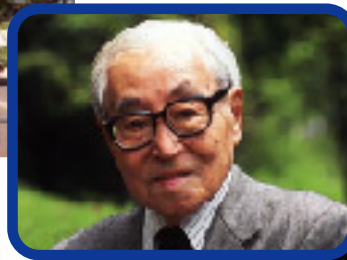
Celebrating 20 years of IUJ History

So much accomplished in such little time!



On May 14, 1982 Dr. Sohei Nakayama and major business leaders of Japan inaugurated International University of Japan.

But the dream started many years before. It all began in 1972 with the Advisory Committee on the Formation of an Internationally Comparative Educational Institution. Nakayama-san, former President of the Industrial Bank of Japan, now in his mid-90s and still very active for IUJ, began to dedi-



Honorary Chairman,
Dr. Sohei Nakayama in 1994

cate his life and energies to the realization of his dream: the establishment of an institution to "prepare Japan's future leaders for the task of guiding the country toward a more active international role." By 1979 he had visited over 300 companies asking for large donations, and found no refusal. Before 1982 he would visit over 500 companies to win their continued support. "Nakayama's reputation as an action-oriented businessman and a prescient strategist assures that his proposed institution is taken seriously."²



In 1981, the plans for IUJ were submitted to the Ministry of Education, and Japan's first graduate-school-only institution teaching solely in English was formed in the heartland of Japan. Its forward thinking beginnings, English-based curriculum offered to young Japanese corporate leaders and students from overseas in a setting where they would live, work and play together to create an atmosphere for not only academic pursuits, but "the education of the whole man," are still in play in 2002 to make IUJ a special and rewarding experience for those who pass through.



In 1985, the first class of 54 graduated from IUJ and the first members of the Alumni Association took their proud places. Today, we number of 1631 from over 80 countries and territories, and live in over 70 nations creating one of the most diversified and extensive, albeit still small, networks in the world.

These pages will help share the 20 year history of IUJ in words, numbers and photos.

^{1,2}Source: San Francisco Examiner, Jan. 5, 1981 By Aiko Matsumoto

IUJ Presidents: '83-'01



Dr. S. Chita
'83 - '87



Prof. S. Shichido
'87 - '94



Dr. GR Paekard
'94 - '98



Prof. T. Otaki
'98 - '99



Dr. T. Shinano
'99-

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