

# IUJ Alumni News

NEWSLETTER FOR THE 2,733 MEMBERS OF THE IUJ ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 1985-2009

## 2009-10 "ThANKS" Fund Scholarship Recipients

### Message from Anki Winkler:

Respected Alumni,

I am extremely thankful for being selected as a recipient of "The Alumni Nakayama Scholarship." The scholarship is a big relief for me and I am excited to start my 2<sup>nd</sup> year at IUJ with a continuing good spirit. I am grateful for this help.

In my life I have lived in 5 different countries for a longer period of time, but I have never experienced something so special and precious to me than IUJ. I found so many friends in this place, experienced outstanding hospitality, kindness and support. Being from Germany, I am a minority in IUJ, but even despite the fact that I don't have a strong national community in IUJ, I have been welcomed and integrated by others, so that I always feel at home.

With the encouragement of people it feels like everything is possible. That is why for me



GSIM recipient Nikhil Joshi (left) and GSIR recipient Ann "Anki" Winkler pose wearing the new IUJ T-shirts.  
You can get one too!

leadership is nothing without teamwork and nothing is more efficient than to work in a team of motivated people. And so I had the honour to be part of many outer study projects including my work for the IR-Council, a successful Trivia Night and a 'Beers for Books' Charity Event with the Global Concerns Forum.

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### Message from Nikhil Joshi:

Thank you Sempai !

It is my privilege to receive this alumni scholarship and I express my deepest gratitude to all of you for making it possible. I am sure you all will understand my feeling as you have been here and done it before me. Life at IUJ has been very exciting and fulfilling so far and I expect a lot more next year.

I had never studied abroad before coming to IUJ, and this experience has been one of the most enriching ones. I had worked for around three years in Bangalore, India before coming to IUJ and this work experience has helped me to enhance my IUJ experience. I decided to pursue an MBA degree from a school which not only provides me with the education but also a truly global experience.

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### ThANKS Fund Campaign 2009

- **Donate ¥10,000 or more and get an IUJ shirt sent to you!**  
**Please be generous!**
- **Donations are accepted online at <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/donations/>**



**World Wide Friday**  
**September 25**

## Global Women's Mentor Network

Career Services and Alumni Relations have teamed up again to expand our A-CAN program (Alumni Career Advisor's Network). A-CAN allows IUJ students to informally interact with alumni volunteers for career advice and guidance.

Now, IUJ women are formally matched up in mentoring relationships for academic advice related to career objectives while at IUJ, and for career exploration and job hunt support.

In February, IUJ alumni were

invited to volunteer and before the initial emails had even been delivered, replies started coming in. In the end, over 100 IUJ ladies replied that they would be happy to be a Mentor. We began making the first match-ups and will expand the program with the incoming students this September.

To maximize the power of this global mentor program, GWMN has a LinkedIn group as well.

We expect the program to grow significantly in 2009-2010 year.

### IUJ ladies, volunteer!

*See related initiative going on in Cambodia on page 7*



*The logo symbolizes a globally supportive group reaching optimistically toward the future*

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## Introducing your new Executive Council

*In February, at the Annual Meeting in Tokyo, the new Alumni Association EC was chosen. They began their service in April, and will continue for 3 years through March 2012. We thank them for their upcoming service to IUJ and our world wide alumni network.*



### Member Introductions

**Chair**  
Yasutake Kojima (IM02)

**Vice Chair**  
Norimasa Teramachi (IM93)

**Treasurer**  
Mitsuhiko Kataoka (IR97)

### Members

Yoshiharu Asaka (IR88)  
Yukio Takagaki (IR89)  
Viswa Ghosh (IR92)  
Tadashi Inagaki (IM95)  
Yasuaki Watanabe (IM96)  
Rajendra Khichi (IM06)  
Raza Kizilbash (IM06)

### Non Voting Members

Tomohito Shinoda (IR86)  
Tsuneo Konishi (IR95)  
Ken Takai (IM02)

### Overseas Members

Leo Wetula (IM96)  
Brian Yang (IR99)

## Message from the New Chair, Yasu Kojima (IM02)

先般、同窓生総会が開催され、2009-2012の新幹事を承認しました。その後、新幹事による互選により、信田智人 (IR86) 前議長の後を受けて、小島泰威 (IM02) が議長として就任しました。現在、以下の3つのプロジェクトを立ち上げ、具体的な活動に向けた検討を進めているところです。

・卒業生同士のネットワークの強化 (卒業生の集う会合の設定、卒業生間の連携強化) . . .

リーダー Viswa Ghosh

具体的には現在、7月24日 (金) にIUJ Tokyo Gathering を計画中であり、10月にはIUJ Alumni Office によるIUJ World Wide Fridayを支援していこうと考えています。詳細は別途、Alumni OfficeのGretchenさんからのメールか、小島 ([kojimal@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:kojimal@iuj.ac.jp)) までお問い合わせください。

あわせて海外を含めた卒業生のネットワーク強化、連絡先不明の卒業生の確認など卒業生リストの再整備など検討を進めていきますので、強力をお願い致します。

・卒業生とIUJの連携強化 (就職支援、カリキュラム・研究への貢献) .

卒業生のIUJでの就職支援やゲストスピーカーとしての活動を支援するため、交通費の補助を行うこととしました。IUJや学生のニーズに応じて卒業生としてどのように貢献していくか 具体化を進めていきます。

・寄付活動の強化 (Thanks Fund の継続、他の寄付手段の促進) . . .

リーダー Tomohito Shinoda

すでに多くの卒業生からご支援いただいているThanks Fundに引き続きのご協力をお願いします。現在、学業だけでなく校内の委員会活動など卒業後も活躍いただけそうな2年目の学生に奨学金を渡すこととしており、IMとIRから各々1名を上限として教授会で選定していただいたものを同窓会幹事会で承認しています。

今後もグッズ販売を検討するなど、卒業生として寄付しやすい方法を検討していきますのでご協力ください。

The new Executive Council for the period 2009-2012 was elected a few months back. Since Tomohito Shinoda (IR86) decided to step down from the position of Chairperson, the Executive Council elected Yasu Kojima (IM02) as the new Chairperson.

As outlined below, currently the Executive Council has taken up three projects and is in the process of getting detailed goals and activities planned for each.

**Alumni Networking:** Strengthening the alumni network and further improving the coordination (Lead: Viswa Ghosh, IR92)

In more precise terms, the proposal is to organize a gathering of the Class

Reps on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Class Reps' meeting will then discuss and plan the "IUJ World Wide Friday" at Tokyo. IUJ Alumni Office is considering to organize this during mid-October in Tokyo, subject to approval by the Class Reps on July 24th.

The Class Reps gathering will also consider ways and means of increasing alumni participation during planned gatherings as well as updating the Alumni contact list so that every alumni can be properly informed of all events and activities.

**IUJ-Alumni Relations:** Assisting IUJ graduates to find employment and provide Curriculum / Research related support.

Consider ways and means of helping IUJ graduates find employment; offering to visit IUJ as a guest speaker and interacting with the students, etc. It has been agreed that travel costs from Tokyo to IUJ for the alumni and alumni-organized guest speakers will be reimbursed. Consider the needs of IUJ students and organize activities that will meet those needs.

**Fund raising by Alumni:** Continuation of the "ThANKs Fund" and other measures of improving fund collection (Lead: Tomohito Shinoda)

Many alumni have already contributed to the "ThANKS Fund." The Executive Council will consider activities in continuation of the same. Enhanced fund raising will not only help in improving facilities at the school but also will help to increase scholarships to more students as was achieved last year. ThANKS Fund scholarship recipients are chosen by the IR and IM faculty and approved by Alumni EC. One 2<sup>nd</sup> year student from each school is awarded the support for their contribution to campus interaction and community service, plus potential to contribute as an IUJ alum to strengthen our international community.

We are launching an IUJ T-shirts campaign to encourage alumni's financial contribution to this fund, and look forward to your participation.

See page 3.



## Anki: "I have learned so much about myself"

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I also realized in IUJ that I can be most successful, when success and competition are not the priority in my life. Don't get me wrong, I do take my studies seriously, but the boundaries in IUJ to my friends and colleagues made me understand that it is not all about winning and when I came to this conclusion and kept to

what is important to me, I could suddenly achieve things I thought I would never be able to.

I have learned so much about myself at IUJ and I am certain that I will grow even more over the next year. I became more confident and assured about what I want in life and I am determined to fulfil my dreams. I guess that is the magic about IUJ; for you to

discover a side of yourself, you did not know before. This is what I owe to my friends, colleagues, professors and the whole IUJ community. And I will always treasure this experience.

Thank you for allowing me to be your IUJ Alumni Nakayama Scholarship recipient for 2009-2010 academic year.

Get one!



Your donations to the ThANKS Fund will earn you an IUJ T-shirt!

Reward yourself, and help the next generation of IUJ students!

[www.uj.ac.jp/alumni/donations](http://www.uj.ac.jp/alumni/donations)

## Nikhil: Friendships and Network - "a lifetime asset"

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IUJ happened to be a natural fit for my requirements.

This learning experience has given me a big opportunity to expand my horizon and experience different cultures. I am very sure that the interaction and exposure I have had at IUJ would never be possible if I did my MBA back in India. Academically I have been challenged by the breadth of the subjects taught and have learnt as

much from my classmates. The most interesting aspect of IUJ is the close knit community; we have already experienced two Open Day festivals, numerous parties and the IUJ Olympics. I am sure these words will bring back some fond memories for you. Next year will surely be as exciting and colorful if not more. This scholarship will give me a good opportunity to add to my academic qualifications and also enjoy the campus life.

The best thing about IUJ is the great friendship and network it offers which is a lifetime asset. I am really glad I was chosen for an Alumni Scholarship as it extends a feeling of belongingness to the larger community of alumni. I look forward to interacting with each and everyone of you and will try my very best to become a true IUJer and contribute to the IUJ community and the society.

## Hajime Akiyama (IR86) Challenges Students with a Major Summer Project

By Ann Arribas (Ebiz 09)  
Project Leader

A team of 5 e-Business students are currently working as summer interns on a market research project endorsed by Hajime Akiyama, an IUJ alumni and currently the President and Representative Director of Schering-Plough Animal Health K.K. Intervet K.K.

This project will allow the students to apply the Strategy and Marketing theo-

ries and frameworks that they have learned in the classroom into a real-world environment. The students will be given a chance to participate in meetings with the executives of Schering Plough and interact with them.

At the end of the 10th week, the students will present the results and recommendations of their research to Akiyama-san and his team. Dean Philip Sugai is supervising the IUJ students in this project.

Campus, and the student consulting team thank Akiyama-san and his colleagues for making this unique project possible.

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*Note from the Alumni Relations office*

*If you are able to give a project (with or without compensation depending on the nature of the project) to campus for the consulting club, student internship project team, or a summer internship in your offices, or a class assignment please contact us!*



**Akiyama-san, from his Shacho seat at Schering-Plough Animal Health K.K. Intervet KK., has students on campus working on a project**

## ClassNotes 1985 - 2002



Kinjo-san (87) on campus Spring Term



Sachiko Takamura and Kenichi Tashiro (IM95) on campus with their sons.



Lisa Grimm (IM96) meets her baby Grant Alexander July 6



Julia and Adam Bergman's (IR97) son Aaron.



Kishi-san (IM97) makes an important presentation on African's Insurance practices.

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**Masataka Jo**, President of Fuji Xerox China, is hosting an IUJ student in Shanghai this summer as an intern in their marketing areas.

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**Hajime Akiyama**, in his capacity of President and Representative Director of Schering-Plough Animal Health K.K. has a group of 5 IUJ students working on an exciting project for his company. **Ken Kikkawa** had his first art exhibition in Australia in April. He is making pottery that is both rich in art, and functional for use. He writes: Potting has become my passion since I discovered it nine years ago. I need at least three lives to learn about ceramics. There's so much to discover!

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**Toshimitsu Kinjo** visited campus in Spring Term to interview IUJ Professor Kakinaka and IR student **Akihiko Nakano** (IR09) for an article in the Fall edition of the Kokusai Kaihatsu Journal - International Development Journal. Thank you!

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**Qwame Homawoo** retired from Nissan motors after 21 years of service to join the UNDP headquarters in New York City.

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**Junichiro Miyagawa** became President of Rakuten-ANA Travel Online Co., Ltd. a joint venture company that provides online travel services to the general public. **Vinita (Mehra) Sethi's** son will start his collage life at Brown in Rhode Island in the Engineering Department. Vinita is hoping he can meet other IUJ second generation kids!

IR90 - IM90

**Noriyasu Iwata**, currently in Ishikawa writes in about his life there. "Shika-machi has a beautiful sea and fresh fish. I enjoy "inaka life". If you have time, please come visit the Noto Peninsula." **Kojiro Togo** is on loan from his company to Nagano Toshi Gas in Nagano city, where the 1998 Winter Olympics were held. He is enjoying the country life with his family there.

IR91 - IM91

With the merger of Shinko Securities into Mizuho Securities, **Toshiro Ohashi's** company name changed, but he has stayed in a similar department. He is now the Senior Manager of the Investment

Management Department for Mizuho.

IR92

**Kiyo Ogushi** wrote in: It was an exciting experience that I could work with IUJ professors for Niigata Prefecture last year. In this April, my management responsibility changed from Research and Development to Corporate Planning Division.

IM92

**Yoshiaki Kobayashi** can be found in Canada with Komatsu International (Canada) Inc. as their Deputy Regional Manager for Marketing and Support Division. **Norio Murata** joined AMER SPORTS JAPAN, Inc. as their director of finance and operations.

IR93

**Hiroshi Kadowaki** followed the merger between Shinko Securities and Mizuho Securities, and is now in the Corporate Finance division for Mizuho.

IM93

**Chuichi Ariyoshi** left the business world to pursue a PhD at Doshisha University in Kyoto starting last April. He aims to become a researcher. **Vassili Le Moigne** (exchange student) found the IUJ group on LinkedIn and volunteered to help promote IUJ through his online directory of Lokola.com out of the Czech Republic. THANK YOU.

IR94 - IM94

**Shinichi Onishi** became the group manager for the Parts Department and the giant Komatsu.

IR95

**Bishwa Subedi** joined the Ministry of Finance of Nepal.

IM95

**Sachiko Takamura** was very helpful to IUJ this Spring trying to help some students get job interviews. Thank you! She visited campus with spouse **Kenichi Tashiro** and their twins.

IR96

**Junko Hamada** is gaining new skills to provide support to people in the Saitama Prefectural Government's welfare division.

IM96

**Figen Kirca** (Kucukkoner), opened up her own consulting firm in January which offers Lifefocus coaching and consulting. She is the Owner and coach! **Lisa Grimm** told us

about her baby boy Grant Alexander's birth just before this newsletter went to the printer! Congratulations Lisa!

IR97

**Julia and Adam Bergman** announced the birth of their son, Aaron Henry in late February. **Yasuyuki Kawai** is helping to run his family business of producing potted plants.

IM97

**Alice Chen** is the CFO for Biologene Pharmaceuticals in New York! **Shinichi Kishi** working for the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) based in Basel, made a presentation at the 'Expert Meeting on Capacity Building for the Insurance Sector in Africa' organized by UNCTAD in Geneva, February 2009. He proposed to enhance collaboration between international standard setters and regional organizations in Africa. His proposal resulted in the first joint conference co-organized by the IAIS and African Insurance Organization (AIO) on capacity building for insurance regulators as well as the insurance industry in Africa in Tanzania, May 2009. He completes his three-year mission with the IAIS in July.

IR98

**Adrian Lochrin** became the Counsellor at the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea last December. **Aslam Alam** switched to the Directorate of Land Records and Surveys as Director General for his government.

IM98 - IR00

Please check in with us!

IM00

**Eva Bernardo** restarted her career with Bio-Ops as their Project Consultant in the Pharmaceuticals/Bio Chemicals area.

IR01

**Daryl Bockett** completed his PhD from Waseda and became an Assistant Professor at Rikkyo University last April.

IM01

**Yusuf Yasin**, after helping IUJ get networked with the leaders for PRMIA in Japan, headed for Singapore with Standard Chartered Bank.

IR02

**Natalia Riveros** moved on to Costa Rica working at the UN-affiliated University of Peace. She will host an IUJ Info Session there for us!! Thank you.

## ClassNotes 2002 – 2009

### IM02

**Jung Sik Moon** is starting a new job with Deutsche Bank in Tokyo – good luck! **Michal Wierzbinski**, Ariko and son Christopher welcomed Taisei to their family in May.

### IR03

**TM Zubir** is now a Counsellor at the Embassy of Malaysia in Tokyo! **Phuong Lien Dang** joined the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Hanoi as their Market advisor for the Commercial Section.

### IM03

The recent corporate mergers affected many in the Class of 2003 including **Shinobu Sonoda**, **Sy Van Nguyen** and **Yukiko Nozaki**, all of whom followed their companies' mergers into Mizuho Securities and Nomura Securities. Work hard for IUJ's reputation with your new company name! **Thi Thu Hien Le** enjoyed vacationing with her family

### IR04

**Janette Bartolo-Doblas** moved with her husband to New Zealand in February. She will volunteer for a while at Citizens Advice Bureau before settling into a new, but hopefully related-to-government, career! **Vatthanamixay Chansomphou** started his PhD at the Graduate School of International Development and Cooperation at Hiroshima University in April. Good luck

### IM04

**Farshid Ghaysi** was selected to participate in the Global Village in 2009! **Debajyoti "Deb" Chakraborty** co-wrote a fascinating article entitled *Gas should learn from water and develop a common framework for capital expenditure* and is available on the Net **Jose Nakamoto** vacationed in Jakarta and met up with classmates **Ratri** and **Donny**.

### IR05

**Oulavanh Keovilignavong** started his PhD at the School of GeoScience at the Australian University in January. **Shunsuke Okano** has been working for an M&A research company called Mergermarket for about 3 years. **Monzur Bhuiya** is Chairman & Associate Professor of the Department of Finance at Jagannath University, a public university in Dhaka

### IM05

**Donny Syah** started a job with a company with an excellent name "Great Management Consultant" – a consulting firm in Indonesia. Good luck!

### IR06

**Makhmud Sulaymanov** was granted a Letter of Appreciation from the Management team at his company Carlsberg Uzbekistan Company in Tashkent. He was presented with the award by another IUJ'er, and his IM classmate **Farkhod Niyazov**. Makhmud is Head of Planning and Logistics Development, and Farkhod is Corporate Affairs Director. **Sokchea Kim** and **Khun Channary** announced the birth of their twins, Kevin and Devin.

### IM06

**Rajendra Khichi** took up a role with Nikko Citi Business Services, and joined the Alumni Association Council.

### IR07

**Nikola Iliev** returned to his homeland of Bulgaria to start a new company focusing on the importation and installation of green energy technology such as Solar panels and Wind power turbines. The company name is Ecogenerator Engineering at <http://ecogenerator.eu/>. **Adam Mayer** is Project Manager of Hungarian Interchurch Aid based in Afghanistan. **Ian**

**Barnes**, with UNESCAP, is working a lot with Cambodia recently in regards to greening the economic growth. He met up with the Phnom Penh alumni chapter in June.

### IM07

**Achmad Rizzqi Maulana** is in Jakarta working hard at Citibank.

### IR08

**Francis Mark Quimba** is using his well-earned IUJ education at the Philippine Government Research Group. **Alounxay Naphayvong** joined the Bank of Lao in the Department of Securities Market Establishment Committee (SMEC) Division of the Stock Market. **Vonglatda Omany** joined the World Bank Groups, International Finance Corporation (IFC), as an Analyst for the Lao Business Forum under the Business Enabling Environment programs.

*Many 2008 Classmates enjoyed Hanami in Tokyo this Spring.*

### IM08

**Abdullah Khan** is now a travel agent with H.I.S. and welcomes your business for business and pleasure travel assistance! **Paul Mumbere** went through training at FDM Group in London and is a .Net Developer there. **Angelito Banares** returned to his post as Budget and Management Specialist for the Philippine Government under the Department of Budget and Management located in Manila.

MA/MBA Class of 2009 added 132 alumni to our network! Welcome. Congratulations to Valedictorians Jianhuan Zhou, and Sandy Lim. Thank you for your upcoming service as Class Representatives: GSIR – **Komila Azizova**, **Keiichi Ezaki**, **Akihiko Nakano**; GSIM, **Philip Sy**, **Sandy Lim** and **Takafumi Kikuchi**.



Michael with his sons.



Thi Thu Hien Le ('03) and family



Mini Ebiz Reunion in Jakarta: Donny, Jose, Ratri



Makhmud received his award from Farkhod.



Kevin and Devin's parents are Class of 06 grads

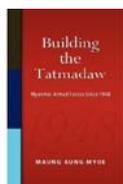


2008 gang at Ohanami

## Dr. Akita named 1st Chaired Professor

Congratulations to Dean Akita who was recently named as the first "chaired" faculty member in IUJ's history under the new "Sohei Nakayama Memorial Professor" chair program. This chair is awarded to a professor with a long and distinguished service to IUJ.

## Books by IUJers



Maung Aung Myoe IR93 **Building the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Armed Forces since 1948**. Myoe-san has been at IUJ as a lecturer this academic year.



Naresh Makhijani IM93 **Best Practices in Aligning People with Strategic Goals**. This is his 3rd of 5 planned books



Akashi Hongo IM99 **Business Finance** Available on Amazon.co.jp

## Kibosho Hospital, Tanzania seeks Ambulance



Dr. Sr. Hendrica watches over the Kibosho Hospital operations

**Kibosho Hospital is suffering from the lack of an ambulance that could help prevent unnecessary deaths.**

*Innocent Shiyo (IR03) is a major volunteer and contributor to a key hospital in the Kilimanjaro region and asks for your support. In 2007, Innocent lost his father due to the lack of emergency transport needed to take him just 9K to another facility. He asks for our help to provide for this transportation. Professionally, Innocent serves on the High Commission of the United Republic of Tanzania.*

Kibosho Hospital is one of the three hospitals of the Diocese of Moshi in the Kilimanjaro Region, and a District Designated Hospital (DDH). It serves 28 villages with an estimated population of 283,411. It started as a dispensary in 1929 consisting of one building with 7 rooms only and few mud huts. The present wards were built between 1958 and 1965. Currently there are sixteen dispensaries operating under the direct supervision of Kibosho Hospital.

Kibosho Hospital is suffering from the lack of an ambulance. An ambulance is badly needed not only for transporting emergency patients, but to help coordinate the activities of the sixteen dispensaries. For a couple of years now the hospital staff has been depending on unreliable

public transport and a very limited number of private cars hired by patients themselves to transfer patients needing emergency transfer. This is a major problem facing the Hospital Management.

Transferring a patient from Kibosho Hospital to a higher level facility can take an entire day. Similarly, sending transportation to pick up an emergency patient means no other transportation is available in the event of a second emergency or the immediate need for a patient transfer. The staff is constantly faced with having to decide when to send emergency transportation because doing so – if it is indeed possible in the first place – may mean no other transport is available in an emergency on that same day. This creates a terrify-

ing situation for the staff, and has certainly been the cause of many deaths.

Kibosho Hospital is asking for help to acquire an ambulance. The requested ambulance will enable the hospital to transfer patients needing emergency transfers more smoothly thereby saving a lot of lives. The hospital will maintain the car and will also cover the running costs.

While keeping my fingers crossed for your total support, please accept you all, my best wishes for your continued personal good health and success in your endeavours. Thanks

**For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Innocent Shiyo at [shiyo27@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shiyo27@yahoo.co.uk)**



Nezu-san promoting volunteerism to help the homeless.

### Atsushi Nezu (IR90)

The 2007 statistics showed that the number of the homeless in Japan was 18,564. The current economic disaster has increased this number. A significant phenomenon is that not only in metropolitan areas like Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya but also the rural areas are facing issues regarding the homeless. I moved to Toyama prefecture last year after finishing a Master's in Social Work

## Helping the Homeless in Toyama

at Carleton University (CU) in Canada. Here, I started several projects to help the people living on the streets.

I organized the 炊き出しクラブ TDC with my students of Toyama College of Welfare Science where I teach courses on Social Work. The TDC members cook and pass rice balls to the people living around Toyama JR station each Thursday. When some people reject our offer, the young students can say "Why not? We 'cooked' these Onigiri!" 食べられ〜 ('Please eat' in Toyama dialect). Their uninhibited attitude succeeded to create a relationship with the people experiencing devastation, isolation and humiliation. Such activities are important because we learn that the "homeless people"

mean not only persons *without a house* but a person *without hope*. The TDC also organizes food distribution including Curry Rice and Soup once a month. Around 30 people show up to eat and enjoy conversations with the young people and some citizens of Toyama who are concerned about the homeless issues.

I also established ホームレス支援隊 (the Corps to help the homeless) with several members of the Toyama Association of Certified Social Workers. We conducted research and interviews with the homeless people last November. In showing the result of our research, we urged the administrations of Toyama city, Takaoka city and Toyama Prefecture to take urgent actions for the present crisis. For

example, many homeless people in Toyama are over 60 years old.

Knowledge and skills of International Relations gained at IUJ and Social Work from CU allow me to take social actions as a Community Organization activity. The experience as a GSO member of IUJ is also important to me for organizing and managing the network among supporters with different backgrounds. I want to utilize these benefits and assets to give back to society. My 'comrades' including my students and I hope to say "Yes, we can" in Toyama.

We welcome donations!

<http://www.7b.biglobe.ne.jp/~fukutanhandinhand/index.html>

## Cambodia Alumni Create Mentor Program

By **Chanprathna Leng, Ebiz07, Chair of the Cambodia Chapter**

Education is one thing. When it comes to working on career development, it is another exploration that fresh graduates might find frustrating.

Understanding this, we the IUJ Alumni Cambodia Chapter created a Career Development Mentoring programme to help fresh graduates work out their career development issues. The program features one-to-one mentoring and coaching to fresh graduates for five months. Mentoring offers the opportunity for mentors and

mentees to learn from each other across generations, hierarchies and parties.

Bridges are built for fresh graduates to connect with experienced senior IUJ graduates and their networks

Fresh graduates are equipped with expertise, social skills, and career development direction as well as leadership competencies. Senior graduates can widen their perspectives and skills by understanding and mentoring the fresh graduate needs

### Who can take part?

To start, 5 fresh IUJ graduates (mentees) arriving back to Cambodia each year will be matched with 5 professionally experienced IUJ graduates (mentors) volunteers. Mentees will apply to take part in the program. Mentors volunteers will be asked to offer the services. After finalizing the mentee applicants, mentors and chapter leaders will work together to find the best match according to mentors' and mentees' profiles. For more information, and to get involved (for those in Cambodia) me!



Cambodia Chapter leader Prathna (Ebiz07)

## Nepal Alumni Leading the Way to Peace

By **Surendra Regmi (IR91 Chair of the Nepal Alumni Chapter) and Samesh Adhikari (IR06 and Vice Chair)**

In 2008, Nepal took fundamental steps towards peace, including a democratic election, the convening of a Constituent Assembly and the formation of a new government. In order to build on this momentum, the people should receive tangible social, institutional and economic gains, which requires the government to focus its concerted attention to three main ar-

eas: peace, development and constitution making.

At this crucial phase of Nepal's Transition, IUJ alumni are planning to organise a Roundtable discussion on the development agenda, process, and the implication of recent political changes.

We IUJ alumni in Nepal believe it is essential to bring leaders of the major development partners of Nepal together to discuss the current phase of Nepal's political transition and to find ways to work

with government to decide on development priorities and ways of dealing with challenges that the government will face in implementing development programmes and projects.

An organizational meeting, chaired by Surendra Regmi, with many IUJ alumni from Nepal, and attended by IUJ's alum at FASID Naonobu Minato (IR91) took place in mid January. Plans to continue the discussions and activities are underway. To learn more, contact Samesh Adhikari.

*IUJ applauds the initiatives of these two Chapters and encourages others to develop similar or unique programs.*

*And Good luck to the Hanoi IUJ Alumni Soccer Team!*



**Thank you** to the Alumni who helped us recruit students for a 6-month exchange program in Environmental Policy studies sponsored by JASSO. With your help, we quickly found our 18 candidates from 8 countries.

## New MA Program! P.M.P.P.

IUJ is preparing to announce a new degree program in the Graduate School of International Relations. **Public Management and Policy Analysis Program (PMPP).**

Closely linked with our International Development Program, the aim of PMPP is to train professionals to succeed in public admini-

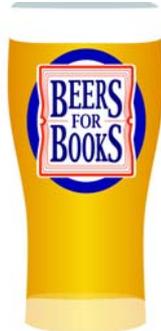
stration and management. PMPP will combine rigorous training in analytical, quantitative and qualitative methods with an understanding of key concepts, theories and ideas so the graduate will be able to analyze economic development needs and trends, and make sound policy decisions.

If the planning stays on

course, the 21 month program will launch with new student recruitment in Fall 2009, and our first PMPP candidates arriving September 2010.

Please help spread the word to those whom you know are pursuing careers in governments, large policy oriented organizations and the institutes that influence them.

## Gather for IUJ Friendship and a Good Cause



**Buying one beer  
buys one book  
for a child**

This event supports  
Room to Read



[www.roomtoread.org](http://www.roomtoread.org)  
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## Network Network Network!

**IUJ WorldWide Friday is  
September 25!**

Chapter Leaders  
around the globe,  
AND everyone else  
who can help plan an  
IUJ social event, are  
asked to help in their  
areas.

Chapter Leaders are noted at  
[www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/  
aa\\_chapters/](http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/aa_chapters/)

This year, we hope  
to make IUJ World  
Wide Friday a global  
charity event to sup-  
port "RoomToRead".  
The event is called  
**Beers for Books**  
(though *Beverages for Books* works too!)

The concept is simple. Gather and enjoy refreshments and toast IUJ. For every beer (or beverage) purchased, make a 100 yen (or 1 dollar) donation which will buy 1 book for a child in ASEAN and SAARC regions. The B4B website has all the support info and documents you will need! After the gathering, report into IUJ and B4B website.

Donations can be securely sent by following the instructions on the Beers for Books website noted to the left.

IUJ's Global Concerns Forum hosted 2 events this Spring Term and we were able to buy 142 books! This put Niigata on the Japan map of volunteer events!



*Global Concerns Forum hosted a Beer for Books event after IUJ Olympics in June! The books they are holding are examples of what your effort will purchase*

## IUJ Info Sessions by Alumni!



[www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/opencampus#alumni](http://www.iuj.ac.jp/admis/opencampus#alumni)

### **Special thanks to our July 2009 Info Session hosts around the world!**

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*With your help, we connected with over 200 prospective students in over 25 cities!*

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- ◆ <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumnidb/>

LinkedIn Groups

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- ◆ Global Women's Mentor Network of IUJ
- ◆ (IUJ) Networking Community in pro of a better world

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- ◆ IUJ Graduates
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