

# IUJ Alumni News



A newsletter for the 3,414 members of the IUJ Alumni Association, from 114 countries, 1985-2013

## IUJ Formalizes Partnership with Meiji University

An exciting new chapter in IUJ's history began in April this year. IUJ partnered with Meiji University with the clear goal of becoming a top-tiered globally recognized graduate school.

While the partnership is still in the developmental stages, the possibilities are enormous. To reach our goal, various **project teams** will be created to address a wide-range of issues that will lead to IUJ becoming that top-tiered program.

Currently under project exploration and development are the following themes:

### Infrastructure Improvements

Various project teams are likely to be formed to look in to such needed campus improvements as better and additional dormitories, library & computer system IT upgrades, database sharing with MU, classroom facility upgrades and more.

### Collaborative Research

Joint faculty research projects on a wide range of issues that will bring the best minds at IUJ and Meiji into cooperative efforts are being discussed and planned within the IUJ Research Institute.

### PR and Outreach

Meiji University professional staff are scheduled to come to campus to bring their deep know-how and experiences to assist the IUJ staff to level-up our PR efforts and make our outreach more effective.

### Student Recruitment

Some of IUJ's student recruitment activities may be conducted in tandem with Meiji University at fairs, etc. Two possible initiatives are:

- 1) Attract more private Japanese students to apply to IUJ graduate programs either after their Meiji undergraduate, or as an alternative to the MU graduate programs
- 2) Work to attract overseas students to a 6 year program: 4 years undergraduate

ate work at MU and 2 year special application entry into IUJ for graduate work.

### Career Support

IUJ students will likely benefit from the MU career activities, such as possible joint job fairs on the Meiji campus, and Japanese language support. This and more is under consideration.

### English & International Training for MU Students

A successful pilot project has already been conducted to support the English language development and international understanding for MU undergraduates. The "EPIC Program" brings about 15-20 students to the IUJ campus for a week of special lectures and interaction with IUJ current students. This unique experience makes a living textbook for the MU students as they prepare for roles in world organizations. The next 2 programs will be conducted this September, and include students from Rikkyo University.

### Alumni Services

IUJ Alumni, too, may soon benefit from various collaboration and interaction both on the MU campus in continuing educational opportunities, and possibly online with distance learning,

and Ustreamed lectures both from the IUJ campus and the MU campus.

### Executive Development Programs

IUJ faculty will make good use of MU campus facilities in our expanding Executive Development Programs (EDP). This will allow IUJ to offer weekend training courses to executives in Tokyo, with the

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## Alumni Assoc. EC: Report from our Chairman

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Summer greetings from the Executive Council! The rainy season, "Tsuyu" in Japanese has just passed in most of Japan for this year. A new fashion called "Cool Biz" has become a de facto standard for any business setting in the extremely hot weather of summer. How is the weather in your location? I hope you are well.

Thank you for your attention to IUJ Alumni Association. I always appreciate your interest, understanding, support, and involvement in the association.

*Arigato-gozaïmasu.*

It is my honor to let you know what the EC had done in the year of 2012 which began on April 1, 2012 and ended on March 31, 2013. Usually it is reported in the general meeting of the association held annually in Tokyo. However, the meeting was cancelled unexpectedly in April this year. Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to update you. I would welcome your feedback about anything related to the association and the EC from you.

### Social / Networking Events

Annual Reception to celebrate IUJ 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was held in Tokyo on Dec. 30, 2012. 109 people got together including 22 current and former IUJ trustees, professors and staff we invited.

Seasonal gatherings in Tokyo were coordinated by the EC twice in addition to our

traditional casual event, IUJ Friday, which was held 5 times over the year.

### Urgent THANKS FUND Donation Campaign

A donation campaign for IUJ students was executed as a joint effort with the university. JPY2,447,000 was donated by 67 alumni members worldwide. The IUJ President at the time, Mori sensei, matched the same amount. **Thanks** to all alumni who participated in the campaign and Mori sensei. Together we helped 7 students in urgent need make it to graduation.

The result of your generous donations also helped replenish the THANKS Fund to ensure the annually awarded Alumni Sponsored scholarship could continue (See related stories on pg 4-6).

### Expanding our Reach

You might notice that all events organized by the EC were held in Tokyo. Yes, they were. The fact illustrates a limit to our capability at this moment. We are a global association. Why don't we organize something in somewhere out of Tokyo or even out of Japan? I would say it is one of the EC's aims in this year and beyond. Please let us know what you expect us to do. We are keen to know your thoughts.

Of course, the annual **IUJ World Wide Friday** is a big part of that, and our 52 chapter leaders around the world we hope will again be active. **September 6 is the golden date!**



### 30th Anniversary of the IUJ Alumni Association

IUJ celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. Naturally, the Alumni Association will also reach this point of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015. We have recently begun planning the celebration. I welcome your input regarding our Association's anniversary in 2015. You can reach us at [alumni-ec@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:alumni-ec@iuj.ac.jp)

I am looking forward to hearing from you. Please take care. I wish you all the best.

Kind regards,  
*Ken Takai*  
Chair, Executive Council,  
IUJ Alumni Association

### IUJ World Wide

Friday

September 6

In a City Near You

32++ cities are planning events, with more likely to come!

**For updates**  
[www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/events/](http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/events/)

**Who is your Chapter Leader?**

[www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/association/](http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/association/)

## IUJ-Meiji University collaboration continued from pg. 1

final weekend on campus. This first such program has just concluded with very positive comments from participants.

### Faculty, Staff and Student Exchanges

The opportunity for IUJ students to study on the MU campus in a type of exchange program is a possibility under consideration. Faculty, too, may be teaching at both institutions allowing for IUJ to readily welcome visiting lecturers, or special guest speakers in a dynamic and on-going exchange.

Staff, too, are expected to be able to train together: MU staff learning about the special needs of international students, and IUJ staff gaining exposure to new methods of running various programs from distance education or e-learning to PR to

even more.

One staff expert from MU has already been assigned to IUJ as our new Secretary General starting his post here on June 1. Mr. Tomokazu Ohno, a 40 year veteran in library sciences, PR, and staff training comes with



the mission of exploring the ideas noted here, and much more. He will assist IUJ staff to improve the IUJ infrastructure

and services based on his expertise from MU. He will help develop the content of the IUJ-MU relationship, guide the programming and implementation, and work carefully to ensure the goal of IUJ becoming a top-tiered global institution is realized.

Mr. Ohno shares his thoughts:

“1 plus 1 is more than 2. With good team work, clear communications, and information sharing IUJ campus faculty and staff, and IUJ-MU faculty and staff can find ways to collaborate to take both institutions to new heights. We have a shared and articulated mission of cooperating to make IUJ a top-tiered global educational institution. I look forward to exploring many ways to make that happen, and look forward to this mission with my new team here at IUJ.”

## Q&A about the IUJ-Meiji University collaboration

*In response to the Email note sent out to IUJ Alumni in April on IUJ's new partnership with Meiji, several questions and concerns came back. I share some of those with you now.*

### Is IUJ merging with MU?

No. The institutions remain as two separate but cooperative bodies. MU leadership does now sit on the IUJ Board, but the Chairman of the board remains Mr. Yotaro Kobayashi.

### Is MU taking over IUJ? Did MU buy out IUJ?

No. The two institutions entered into a partnership. One goal is to make IUJ more financially sustainable through greater exposure within MU's network which will help increase IUJ student enrollment (student recruitment support) and revenues through various non-degree programs and

revenue making research initiatives.

### Is the IUJ identity gone?

No. Our institutional name, logo, address, degree names, Alumni Association, etc. all remain as before. The Meiji logo, etc. will not be featured on our website, brochures or diplomas.

### Will IUJ campus be moved to Tokyo?

No. the IUJ Campus will remain in the beautiful land of rice fields and towering mountains. But we will be able to make use of facilities at the MU campus, and MU students can have access to the IUJ facilities through special programming.

### Is this all about money?

Yes and No. IUJ is financially healthier now than we were 5 years ago, but still not at a place to be self sustaining for the long-run. Operating a graduate-school-only institution, without the income an undergraduate institution enjoys is a very difficult business model. The MU relationship, while not involving revenue sharing or financial bail-outs, will give IUJ a bit of a financial cushion by providing opportunities for IUJ to increase revenues through non-degree programs, specialized research, and of course student recruitment schemes. But it is more than money: it is about a partnership that can help IUJ go places we could not have gone on our own. It is about taking IUJ to the next level.

**IUJ remains YOUR IUJ!**



**“Dear Alumni Association . . .”**

**Students YOU sponsored share their gratitude**

IUJ Alumni, through donations to the **ThANKS Fund**, sponsor students in their 2nd year who are contributing to campus life and IUJ-Community relations. This past year, we sponsored 4 students, and their stories and appreciation notes are shared below. Please help campus life by making donations to the ThANKS Fund—it makes a big difference. Read below to see how your donations can impact campus through encouraging our campus leaders to keep leading for the benefit of the entire community, and eventually the Alumni Association.

**Rian La Ode, IRP, Indonesia**

Hereby I would like to express my gratitude for your support this one whole year, in terms of the Nakayama Scholarship Type –D. (ThANKS Fund Scholarship). The monthly stipend scholarship helps me to focus on my study as well as contributing to the fullest to the community and IUJ. Apart of the academic knowledge I have learned, I am so grateful to play an active roll as a Graduate Students Organization’s (GSO) and the GSIR Council’s member. I am also able to contribute as the Tennis Club’s Coordinator and one of the C.A.T volunteers.

Being financially supported by you all brought me closer to my wife, as I am able

to bring her to Japan right after we were married. Lastly, I am looking forward to be a representative of the Alumni Association in Indonesia, in order to contribute more to my alma mater, the International University of Japan. Thank you.



*Our sponsorees (left-right): Jonathon Zink (MBA, USA), Keiko Watanabe (IPSP, Japan), Rian La Ode (IRP, Indonesia), Daisuke Aoki (MBA, Japan)*

**Keiko Watanabe, IPSP, Japan**

First of all, I would like to say “thank you very much” to the alumni. Because of this scholarship, I could focus on my studies and contribute to IUJ through GSO activities without worrying about money.

During Spring term 2012, I became a GSO Social Affairs officer. My job was to help IUJers enjoy IUJ life. I organized welcome parties every term and during the winter term, I organized a one day activity which was called “Winter Games” – It was a small version of IUJ Olympics.

The reason for introducing this activity is that I wanted IUJers to enjoy and relax even if there was heavy snow and cold weather. Alt-

hough this activity was organized for the first time, I believe that many IUJers enjoyed it. In addition, as a Japanese, I joined outside activities a lot. When I organized and joined those activities, I tried to make a bridge between the local people and IUJers. I think I played that role well.

In terms of studies, although I cannot say that my grades are great I was able to do better as the terms progressed even with the GSO work. If I didn’t get this scholarship, I would not have been able to contribute as much as I did. Therefore, I appreciate



*Keiko Watanabe running the new Winter Games*



*Rian La Ode (IRP, Indonesia) (Far left), at work on the IR Council!*

this scholarship very much and I hope some juniors can get this scholarship next year.

Thank you very much.

**Daisuke Aoki,  
MBA, Japan**

I would like to say thank you to all the IUJ alumni for giving me such a special opportunity to be ThANKS Fund scholarship recipient. The scholarship has enabled my strong commitment to IUJ community as a leader and an integrator.

During my MBA program at IUJ, I was involved in the GSIM Council, leading the MBA and E-Biz student body in terms of academic matters and trying to make the programs even better. Among the various issue we challenge, I initiated activities to integrate the student body stronger across 1st year and 2nd year. Through facilitator sessions and social activities, the council has contributed to make active interaction and constructive discussion to make the business school life at IUJ more meaningful.

Also, as one of a student originally from Niigata, I have been involved in activities that connects IUJ and communities around Minami Uonuma. With some of the IUJ professors and the city office members, I have been involved to



*Daisuke Aoki (MBA, Japan) will work to promote Niigata business overseas after graduation.*

to create a new joint program of IUJ, Minami Uonuma city, and local companies. The program is aiming to support overseas business ac-

tivities of local companies and hopefully the launch will be officially announced soon.

After graduation, I will keep involved in the IUJ community as one of the class representatives of 2013. I also hope to promote closer alumni network for those in Niigata. I hope I can show my appreciation to the alumni scholarship by continuing my commitment to the future of IUJ.

**Jonathon Zink,  
MBA, USA**

Thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the prestigious scholarship informally known as the "IUJ ThANKS Fund". It has been truly an honor for me to be awarded this alumni appointed scholarship. The scholarship has helped and enabled me to follow my passion of connecting people and connecting places. As IUJ continues to foster global leaders, I believe that I have played a key role in making a difference. After all, making a difference globally is one huge step towards World Peace.

During my time at IUJ dating back to September 2011, I have been involved in many forms of campus leadership and community involvement. First, I served three academic terms as GSO Sports Affairs Officer, where I was very active in most GSO activities and was a strong voice for the IUJ community. Second, I served five academic terms as the Basketball Club Coordinator. Third, over the past two years, I have been a voluntary consultant in the local community working with hotels and businesses, and developing some great relationships. Fourth, over the past two years, I have taught conversational English language to members of UMEX, and other



*Jonathon Zink (MBA, USA), is a professional in the Hotel & Resort Industry, and exploring options for that perfect job for after IUJ*

Japanese people in the local community. Finally, in addition to these areas of campus leadership and community involvement, this scholarship has enabled me to be on the Dean's List with a perfect GPA for at least two consecutive terms in my 2nd year.

Due to the benefits of the ThANKS Fund Scholarship, my strong achievements and involvement were possible. Thank you again for honoring me with this very valuable scholarship. The MBA 2013 class has designated me as a Class Representative, so I look forward to being an active alumnus of IUJ long into the future.

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alumni/donations](http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/donations)**



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**Your support makes a difference!**

**To all donors, THANK YOU!**

*Who has donated? See the link above*

## ThANKS Fund scholars 2013-2014

With your donations, the following 2 students will receive monthly stipends from September to June, and continue their important work to promote IUJ campus life through their leadership and community building initiatives.

**Nao Nakazawa,**  
Japan, IDP

Nakazawa-san, in her first year of IUJ, was very active on the GSO-EC. She helped supervise several off campus

events, and was a wonderful friend to several in need. This summer Nakazawa-san will enjoy an internship at MOFA, and the Japan Center for Economic Research (Thanks to an IUJ graduate!) and return to continue her services to campus.

**Hidetaka Shinozaki,**  
Japan, IDP

Shinozaki-san has been a force on campus coordinating events, taking care of dorm issues as

the EC Dorm Affairs person (a thankless job!), running many of the behind-the-scenes support efforts for Open Day, and the like. This summer he will intern at the US Embassy in the Food Trade Organization and return to help welcome the incoming students and support their IUJ campus life.

**Congratulations and Thank you to Hide and Nao!**



Nao (Blue number sign, front and center) and Hide (white towel, back and center) supporting IUJers, and participating in a road race in Nagaoka in April.

### Business Connections: English Training in Companies

Ben Ofosu – Appiah (IR 94), The English Language Education Council (ELEC)

Attention IUJers working in HR development and are in charge of, or involved in, organizing training programs for their staff or tasked with developing global human resources talent to foster global leadership and lead their companies global business strategy: ELEC has a unique program for you.

ELEC is a non profit organization under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, dedicated to promoting English language educa-

tion, cross cultural communication and international understanding in Japan. It was set up in 1963 with financial support from the USA and Japan.

We undertake teacher training for Japanese teachers of English in public and private elementary, junior high school and high schools and operates a portal website in cooperation with the education ministry. We also teach English in universities and some cultural centers in Tokyo. Some of our key programs are that we develop and

implement corporate training programs, business English training and global human resources training programs for Japanese and foreign companies in Japan.

As a non profit, we have the most competitive rates on the market but we are willing to offer IUJers in HR and their companies a unique opportunity to train their personnel at greatly reduced rates. We are offering a HUGE discount to all IUJer alumni in HR and their companies.

To take advantage of this

unique offer, please send an e-mail to: [info@elec.or.jp](mailto:info@elec.or.jp)

Put in the subject line: Global HR development (Ben Ofosu Appiah)

In the e-mail mention my name : Ben Ofosu – Appiah (IUJ, IR 94), your company's name, IUJ year group, and the training program you want for your staff or personnel, and how many.

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## June Graduation 2013 Unique Features

The Class of 2013 (MBA and MA) enjoyed a very special graduation ceremony on June 26. 157 students were treated to welcome remarks by our new president Dr. Shinichi Kitaoka, IUJ Chairman Kobayashi, and the special guest speaker Dr. Akihiko Tanaka, President of JICA. They received their diplomas along with IUJ former presidents Dr. Ippei Yamazawa and Mr. Masakatsu Mori who became Professors Emeritus. Below are summaries of the remarks. (Excerpts summarized by Gretchen Shinoda)



IUJ President Kitaoka (Center left) and guest speaker JICA President Tanaka (Center right) pose with the first batch of new graduates from Afghanistan participating in the JICA PEACE program. The graduates returned to Afghanistan to take up their positions in the various governmental ministries.

### IUJ President Shinichi Kitaoka

**You all made a very important and courageous decision to study overseas and at the graduate level. All of us on stage made such a decision in our lives and all have greatly benefitted from that. And it was the right decision to choose IUJ.** Japanese nationals, too, made a very wise decision choosing IUJ because of the variety of people you could meet and now call your friends. Your relationship with IUJ does not stop here though. IUJ will continue to provide you more, and we hope you will continue to cooperate with IUJ and the alumni all over the world. **We all have a lot we can give to the developing world: you to your country, and we together to the world.**

**I am so proud of you all. Let us get together to support our various countries.**

### IUJ Chairman Yotaro Kobayashi

Today is an important day full of congratulatory blessings. But you are all departing IUJ: some for other areas of Japan, some to your home to rejoin your organizations or start in new jobs with new responsibilities. There is a difference from two years ago and before you came to IUJ. **YOU** are different. Not only do you now have specific new skills and knowledge, **but I believe the most important difference is the new connections and network you now call your friends from within IUJ and beyond.** IUJ graduates are in a big club of over 3,000 people. And with our new relationship with Meiji University, you too can take advantage of their alumni network and amenities when you return to Japan.

I hope you will spend all your energy in absorbing new knowledge in your new life after IUJ. IUJ too is starting a new life with Meiji University. Not all the options and ideas have been tried and tested yet, but I strongly believe that the opportunities are enormous. I hope some of those opportunities will reach you in your next phase of your life.

**You all look really smart today! Good luck in the days ahead.**

**Dr. Akihiko Tanaka,  
President of the Japan  
International Cooperation  
Agency (JICA)**

**It is an honor to speak  
at IUJ "Where the World  
Gathers".**

JICA has a strong bond with IUJ. IUJ has more JICA sponsored students than at almost any other place. More than that, **the mission of IUJ is nearly the same as JICA.** The IUJ mission states: "foster global leaders who have a high level of specialized knowledge and skills, and a deep understanding of, and a respect for, different cultures, and can thereby contribute to the development of the international society."

**You are all heroes today. The world has many challenges to face, and you can make a difference in that dynamic, always changing world.**



Former IUJ presidents Ippei Yamazawa and Masakatsu Mori receive their diplomas to honor them as IUJ Professors Emeritus

## Congratulations to our 2013 Valedictorians.

### Here are excerpts from their Graduation speeches.

The **IR valedictorian Ariful Haque** from Bangladesh emphasized "IUJ is not only a perfect place to foster our minds and bodies; it is really a place "where the world gathers." I have learned so much about so many things. The multicultural environment of IUJ helps broaden our understanding of different cultures and social norms which ultimately gives the lesson on how to reconcile our differences and how to celebrate the diversity. We may be of different nationalities, from different cultures, races and religions, but it should be kept in mind that we all are bound with the same responsibilities to our respective nations."



*Ariful Haque addresses his classmates as this year's GSIR Valedictorian*



*Nelson Rodriguez, MBA Valedictorian, shakes hands with President Kitaoka as he receives his diploma.*

The **IM valedictorian Nelson Rodriguez**, from Ecuador, after paying a touching tribute to his wife Jasmine, recalled that "we were the first class to come to Japan after the March 11th tragedy and, as trivial as that may seem to some I believe that makes us special. It makes us special because there is definitively a strong sense of determination attached to making such a decision and today I wanted to stress the need to nurture such determination in our future careers."



*LONG time friends ('87) Mickey Flynn and Moriyuki Sawa reunited in Guam*

## Alumni Features!

**Karthik Hari** (MBA10) has written a very important and unique report on the SE Asian e-commerce market:

[http://www.mizuhobank.co.jp/corporate/bizinfo/industry/sangyou/pdf/mif\\_129.pdf](http://www.mizuhobank.co.jp/corporate/bizinfo/industry/sangyou/pdf/mif_129.pdf)

**MD. Abdullah Emran (Ebiz11)** has taken the challenge to solve waste issues in his own village by educating local school children. GramClean project aims to clean rural Bangladesh and to train school students to be clean in classroom and in their personal life. Through this project, students will learn how

Japanese schools teach students about the cleanliness.

<https://www.facebook.com/GramClean>

**Korkut Bilgin** (IR96) was back on campus giving words of wisdom on branding to IUJ students (See below)

Congratulations to IDP Graduate sponsored by JICA, **Aidai Kurmanova** (09) of the Kyrgyz Republic who recently went through all the 5 levels of official complex competition, won it and was appointed by the order of the Prime Minister as State Secretary,

Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economy.

She writes: "I am very sure that the knowledge and skills I gained in IUJ helped me to achieve my goals. And I am very glad that 'IDP Student's no-sleep-nights' spent in Study Rooms and the spirit of mutual support between students and teachers, between me and IUJ environment were one of the basic elements to this new horizon.

I say with pride that I am a part of the IUJ and IUJ is a part of me."



*Rapeepan ('88) & Iggy Sison ('89) reunited with Hideaki Jitsuyama ('89) in Manila*



*Nikolay Shmelev and Weerada Sutkaritkul ('03) reunited in Moscow*

## Campus recent Highlights and Developments

### IUJ Current Leadership Structure:

- Chairman of the Board: Yotaro Kobayashi
- President: Shinichi Kitaoka
- Vice President: Ryuta Kato
- GSIR Dean: Makoto Kakinaka
- GSIM Dean: Philip Sugai through late September. September 2013 on is TBA  
(Philip Sugai is leaving IUJ at the end of September)

### MoUs with Vietnam Institutions

#### • GASS

The Graduate Academy of Social Sciences (GASS), Vietnam, and IUJ have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to build a cooperative relationship between the two parties.

GASS is the exclusive educational institution in Vietnam to provide only graduate programs in social sciences at the doctorate and master level. Currently GASS offers 58 graduate programs with nearly 3,000 students and the number of the programs will increase in the next few years.

IUJ Vice President Kato attended the signing ceremony held at GASS on July 2, 2013 and had a fruitful discussion with the attendees from GASS about the possible collaboration between the two parties.

As a first step, both parties agreed to jointly organize workshops in Public Policy and Public Management at GASS. There will be more collaborative activities between the two parties in the near future including an establishment of a double degree program.



#### • Haiphong Steering Board

The Steering Board for High Qualified Human Resources Development of [Haiphong City](#) (Haiphong Steering Board), Vietnam, and IUJ signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). IUJ Vice President Kato attended the signing ceremony held in Vietnam.

The purpose of the MOU is :

- 1) To ensure the development of highly qualified human resources for Haiphong City through IUJ academic programs
- 2) To build a long-term relations



Under this MOU, the Haiphong Steering Board will send their staff to the 2-year Master's programs at IUJ. The first student from the Haiphong Steering Board will join the Public Management and Policy Analysis Program (PMPP) of the Graduate School of International Relations, IUJ in September 2013.

### Strengthening Myanmar Ties

Faculty members met the Vice-President of Myanmar H.E. U Nyan Tun on 11 June 2013 to discuss educational cooperation between the Myanmar government and IUJ. The faculty members also gave lectures on Japanese politics and economy for junior government officials at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development.

### HR Network Conference

In May, the "2nd HR Network Conference" series was launched at the IUJ campus. The event received 26 HR managers from 23 top-tier corporations as respected guests. This Conference aimed to introduce IUJ's current and future activities and to promote globalization of human resources and exchange views, ideas and concerns among company

guests from different industries within the IUJ Global Leadership Program's partner company. Regarding the fact that Japan has fallen behind other countries in fostering global business leaders, Former President Masakatsu Mori emphasized the importance of liaising management strategies in close concert with personnel strategies. He suggested that IUJ could be a very strong strategic partner for those companies trying to develop effective human resources for today's global competitive environment.

Guests expressed interest in IUJ activities such as the IUJ Global Partnership, training programs, joint research, and especially employing IUJ students as full-time staff or as interns.

### MBA ranked 5th

TopMBA.com (which runs the global MBA Tours around the world) has released new information showing IUJ's MBA program ranked #5 in the world for the percentage of international students within our classrooms.

The QS Global 200 Business Schools Report is based on the largest survey of its kind in the world. See [QS TOPMBA](#).

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IUJ—Where the World Gathers . . . IUJ—Gathering Around the World

# IUJ World Wide Friday Sept. 6

Events coming to following  
32 cities, and counting!



City	Chapter Leader
Accra	Nathaniel
Bangkok	Ishikawa and Rach
Beijing	Adam
Bishkek	Zeinep
Canberra	Yaw
Colombo	Saman J with Cooray-sensei
Copenhagen	Farkhod
Costa Rica	Oscar
Dhaka	Quazi
Hanoi	Thu Huyen and Lam
Islamabad	Rashid
Istanbul*	Ilgin
Kabul	Farshid
Kathmandu	Samesh
Kuala Lumpur	Yan Keat and Yacoob
London	Mansur and Alex

City	Chapter Leader
Los Angeles (S. Calif.)	Gil
Manila	Davey
Moscow	Nikolay
Nairobi	Joseph
New York	Amy
Phnom Penh	Chamnan
Riyadh	Adil
Sapporo	Kaji
Seoul	Kuen Lee
Singapore	Ngoi & Bogdan
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