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# IUJ ALUMNI NEWS

Newsletter for the 3,594 alumni from 114 countries/territories 1985-2014



***IUJ Main Entrance now boasts a new Sign Board: Unveiled April 2014***

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## **Alumni with IAEA Inspects Japan Plants Post 3/11**

My name is Laura Videla, IDP IUJ Alumni of 2007. I am originally from Argentina but have been studying and working abroad for ten years now. Since 2010, I am living in

## **IUJ to Graduate First Batch of 1-year MBA Students**

On August 28, 10 pioneering students in the new IUJ 1-year IMBA program will graduate, along with our E-business master's students. This new program, aimed at business professionals with over 5-years of experience, and who are corporate sponsored, is one way IUJ is supporting the "Global Jinzai Mondai" - Global HR crisis in Japan. The IMBA is specifically designed for fast-track managers who are expected to lead their business enterprise in today's global competitive environment.



## **First Batch of 2-year MBA students reunite 24 years later!**



ten years now. Since 2010, I am living in Vienna and working at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). As a Project Analyst, I am involved with projects related to seismic safety of nuclear installations. As you all know, recent extreme natural events had a significant impact on a number of nuclear power plants (NPPs) in many parts of the world. In this context, following the 11 March 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake (GEJE), I was involved in the IAEA Mission to Onagawa Nuclear Power Station in August 2012 to examine the performance of systems, structures and components following the GEJE. Coming back to Japan for a 2-week mission after 5 years was particularly special to me...Not only because the findings of the mission were going to enhance the ability of countries to address nuclear safety issues, but more importantly, because I was going to re discover the strong community spirit in Japanese society; that not even the largest earthquake in their history could dare to break. The Japanese inhabitants from Sendai area, thousands of which were still living in temporary homes, taught me a unique lesson about courage and generosity. In addition to the IAEA data collection work through daily walk-downs at the NPS, the personal stories from fishermen, doctors and nurses that miraculously survived the GEJE and their eagerness to share their experience and raise global awareness on the consequences of the disaster, were the best lessons I could never imagine to find.

For the report of her mission, see <http://www.iaea.org/newscenter/focus/actionplan/reports/onagawa0413.pdf>



*Laura (Far left) was on the IAEA team collecting data on the Onagawa Nuclear plant, shown here with her team being interviewed by the press*

## Sharing a

17 of the 25 graduates from IUJ's first MBA graduating class (1990) gathered in early July for a reunion!! Even after 24 years, they remain a close-knit group!

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*-Laura Videla*

## New 1-year Public Policy Program (PPP)

In order to help accelerate the training and preparedness of talented people who can lead Japan towards an International society, IUJ has introduced a 1-year master's course in public policy (PPP: Public Policy Program). This program will support those working in business development capacities in Japanese governmental organizations at the local level to be able to progress public policy to help the growth of their prefecture on the international playing field.

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## Business Connections:

## Vietnam Business Assistance by IUJ Alum

After Vu Dieu Thuy (IRP2012) graduated from IUJ, she established the first

# glimpse of one IUJ's daily life & responsibilities in Baghdad, Iraq

*Dr. Arain A. Aamir (IRP 1999)*

*Director, UN Integrated Assistance to Iraq & UN Principal Electoral Advisor to Iraq United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)*

**Baghdad, Iraq – June 21, 2014**

"This message is to update IUJ colleagues who must be reading all that havoc which is taking place in Iraq these days. I am fine in the Green Zone but bunkered in here day and night. All essential and non-essential UN personnel have been relocated. The critical personnel, including me, are managing the bare minimum critical operations of the mission. One of which is to have new elected parliament meet asap so that Iraq could have at least symbolic portrayal of unity - a sign which could usher in political process of government formation.

This is critical for Iraq otherwise this country will break into three countries in months to come along with hundreds losing their lives if not millions. We are on 3 hour evacuation notice, 10KG run bag, bullet proof vest and helmet are part of daily fashion. We are in total 30 critical staff but personal protection personnel make it to 200 of us. We have enough food and fuel supplies to last for a month. In between, we are still flying out to regional capitals to kick start stalled or completely broken down political process. Iraqis do not deserve all this. The ordinary population is paying an unimaginable price for all this security meltdown."

## **July 23 Update from Aamir**

On 9 July I was relocated to Jordan but then immediately asked to travel to Afghanistan to assist with some urgent electoral audit brokered by the US but being conducted by the UN.

Before going to Kabul I did spend a few days in Japan getting ready. I have just returned from Kabul yesterday (July 23) and am sending this message from the comforts of Urasa.

On 2 August I will leave for Baghdad via Jordan for a week and then work until mid September from Erbil (capital of Iraqi Kurdistan region, very close to Turkey).

## **More Alumni**

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## **Biking Back to Campus: Alex Baker's (MBA96) Nostalgic Journey**

In April 2014 I fulfilled a twenty year ambition of motor biking around Japan. With two friends I spent sixteen days travelling all over Japan on a Honda CB750. We travelled from Tokyo to Kyushu, then to Tohoku and back to Tokyo. We encountered the start of summer humidity in Ashizurimisaki (Shikoku) and the end of winter still surrounded by snow in Tazawa-ko (Tohoku), while of course enjoying cherry blossom throughout Japan. Staying mostly in ryokan and minshuku we were warmly welcomed wherever we went with the added benefit of a warm bath/onsen to relax away the wear and tear of a days' motorbike riding.

We rode up to the IUJ entrance at 7 am in the rain on a Tuesday morning – how typical: it was one of only two times it rained in the whole trip! IUJ was peaceful as we walked around the campus grounds with gentle rain falling all around us and I showed my friends the dormitory where I lived for two years as well as the lecture rooms and library. Then we walked along the new cherry tree avenue which was new for me and although we were about a week too early for the Hanami it provides a magnificent backdrop to the university buildings. With 470km of riding ahead of us we could not afford the time to linger more than half an hour, but the long journey gave me a whole day to reminisce about my time

# Back on Campus

Campus was happy to welcome back several alumni including.....

**Chiu, Fu Wa** (MBA03) with his wife and daughter



**Makusu Hashiba** (IDP08) and **Xu, Yang Yang** (IDP08)



**Korkut Bilgin** (IR96), again, to teach!



**Ken Kikkawa** ('86) met up with **Tintukasiri Linna** ('86) and **Supakalin Jaruwat** ('85), and their families in Thailand in April. The mini-reunion extended the alumni network to a 2nd generation with their kids becoming good friends!

at IUJ as many memories came flooding back – Japanese accounting rules, reading in the library, playing pool in SD2, cooking in the kitchens, coping with the winter snow and climbing Hakkai-San!



## Alumni Spotlight

**Shiram Chandra** (IDP06)  
**Managing Director of Fair Price, Botswana**

After my market entry and recruiting stint in Japan, I got an opportunity to head Medium Enterprises for Standard Chartered Bank in Botswana. I was covering other markets like Zambia and Zimbabwe as well. On top of that, I led their NRI Private and Wealth Banking initiative in Southern Africa as well.

I was honored to win the Banker of the Year award for 2012; It was a very humbling experience when the Minister of Finance, Trade and Industry presented me the trophy. I share a link of the coverage in one of the newspapers at the time. ( <https://www.mmegi.bw/index.php?sid=4&aid=464&dir=2012/August/Monday13> )

Botswana has had one of the highest average economic growth rates in the world fueled by mineral resources (diamond mining led by Debswana; one of the highest coal reserves and other minerals like Copper and Uranium) and excellent governance mechanisms leading to an investor friendly environment.

In 2012, I decided I wanted to be an entrepreneur. Banking had taught me one irrefutable truth: the time to lead is “Now” and one can only progress by falling perhaps flat on their behind!

*Fair Price* today is a diversified group with interests in retail activity spanning building material and hardware, electrical and decorative lighting, plumbing and sanitary ware, irrigation equipment and automotive parts and accessories. We have also started roof truss manufacturing and ventured into infrastructure construction projects by partnering with Indian and South African players. We have a team of about 120 in the group.

It has been such a learning curve and one feels so blessed to position *Fair Price* with

# Thank You!

*To all of you who answered surveys for IUJ this year, we thank you!*

### PhD @ IUJ Survey

Twice we asked you to give us your input about an IUJ PhD program and twice you responded quickly and in large numbers! IUJ continues to pursue adding a PhD within GSIR (Development, Public Management and International Relations) but we are not quite ready to make any official announcements!



Shriram honored as "Banker of the Year"

### MBA Rankings

Those who kindly provided your salary information, and those that answered the WhichMBA survey, you are much appreciated and helping IUJ stay in the rankings in the Economist survey and other key surveys.



WORLD-WIDE

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## Stay up-to-date with IUJ through Social Media:

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