

Juntendo Founders Festival 2014

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On April 10 (Thu) from 6pm, Juntendo Founders Festival was held at *Seiyouken*, Ueno [attendance: 465]. First, Juntendo University CEO OGAWA Hideoki gave opening remarks and then Distinguished Professor of Medical History SAKAI Shizu delivered a special lecture on the history of Juntendo. After that, a video of the opening and presentation ceremony of the Japanese Medical Education History Museum and Juntendo's 175th anniversary ceremony held in the morning was played on the screen.

CEO OGAWA's opening remarks (Summary)

Today, the opening / presentation ceremony of the Japanese Medical Education History Museum and Juntendo's 175th anniversary ceremony were held in a dignified fashion with the honored presence of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Akihito and Her Imperial Majesty Empress Michiko at the Ariyama Noboru Memorial Hall. I was moved by their generosity, and I would like to express my deep, sincere gratitude to Their Majesties for accepting our offer to attend the ceremonies on April 10, although it is a very important date for them, falling on their 55th marriage anniversary. And it was a great honor for all of us that both Their Majesties listened to the addresses on our 175 years of history.

The Japanese Medical Education History Museum was established as part of Juntendo University's 175th anniversary events, and is Japan's first full-time museum where visitors can enjoy the preserved and enhanced content of the

exhibit entitled "Japanese Medical Education History - the way we educated doctors-: through Japanese history" The exhibit was organized at the 28th Conference of The Japanese Association of Medical Sciences and was on display at the National Museum of Nature and Science from February to April in 2011. Juntendo University played a central role in holding this special exhibit. Inside the museum, the hospital flag with the chrysanthemum emblem that was hung on the walls of field hospitals was displayed. The flag was used during the *Boshin* War when Juntendo's 3rd CEO Dr. SATO Susumu was appointed director of the *Ohu Army Hospital*, where he treated patients. Their Majesties first viewed the flag upon entering the museum. They went on to view the major exhibits, occasionally asking questions, with commentary provided by CEO OGAWA and Professor SAKAI.

Memorial lectures and a banquet were held after the ceremony. In the memorial lectures, RIKEN president and Nobel laureate in Chemistry NOYORI Ryoji delivered a lecture on the theme of "Science and Technology in the contemporary era". Juntendo and RIKEN have signed partnership agreements for collaborative research and cooperation in human resource education. After I heard this lecture, I made sure that Juntendo and RIKEN can accelerate our various collaborations in Science, Medicine, Medical Treatment, Pharmacy, Medical Material and Medical Devices, and other fields, and that someday we can convey our internationally-renowned research and medical products to the world.

The banquet was held on the 19th floor of Century Tower. Numerous distinguished guests joined the

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banquet, and on behalf of the guests, former president of Waseda University and current Chairperson of The Open University of Japan Dr. SHIRAI Katsuhiko gave us strong words on the raison d'être of Juntendo University. Afterwards, former Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator AKASHI Yasushi gave us a complimentary speech saying that now that Juntendo has a reputation as one of the three major private universities in Japan, he believes Juntendo will show more and more leadership in the international community.

At the end of the ceremonies, photo books entitled "Photos of the history of Juntendo University - The path of 175 years" published in commemoration of the 175th anniversary were distributed to the guests as commemorative gifts.

Other topics and visions for the future

As stated above, CEO OGAWA explained the details of the ceremonies, lectures and the banquet using PPT slides. Then, as usual, CEO OGAWA reported on recent updates regarding Juntendo University on the 6 topics mentioned below.

1) Making the Times Higher Education (T.H.E.) ASIA UNIVERSITY RANKING 2013

There were 22 Japanese universities ranked in the T.H.E. ASIA UNIVERSITY RANKING 2013 edited by British education journal *Times Higher Education*. Only three of them are private universities (Keio University: 53rd, Waseda University: 57th, and Juntendo University: 60th). I am proud that Juntendo University was ranked in such an internationally prestigious journal. In addition, the number of Juntendo graduate school students who engage in clinical activities was the largest among private university hospitals. And speaking of the quality of papers in clinical medicine, Juntendo University came in 2nd place (1st place: Keio University) for the portion of top 10% most cited papers, and 10th place when national and public were included. I believe Juntendo's ability to compete with national universities despite our limited budget is evidence of the great progress made in recent years.

2) Juntendo University's "Campus and Hospital Reorganizing Project"

In March 2014 a new hospital building ("Building B") was opened. The new building was constructed as part of a "collaborative research project on the integration of medical treatment and architecture" with The University of Tokyo, Waseda University, etc. The concepts are: (1) a building that lasts a century, (2) an "eco-hospital" compatible with next-generation environmental medicine, (3) the introduction of cutting-edge ICT technology, (4) the creation of a comfortable, healing atmosphere for patients and staff.

Building B is a world-class, state-of-the-art multistory building built with safety and environmental friendliness in mind. It features the latest in cutting-edge earthquake resistance, seismic isolation, earthquake vibration control, and emergency evacuation technologies. In terms of safety, Building B is Japan's first multistory building to meet "the evacuation policies and standards for individuals with ambulation difficulty in multistory buildings" first enacted in Japan by the Tokyo Fire Department. Those new technologies enabled us to provide safe, quick patient evacuation in case of fire using specially designated elevators. In case of fire, a ground-breaking gas evacuation system installed in front of the elevators purges the building of poisonous gases. Also in environment care, Building B was certified rank "S", the highest rank in the Japanese CASBEE environmental evaluation system, and will be certified "GOLD" by the U.S. L.E.E. D. (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) environment evaluation standard, a first for a Japanese hospital.

In the end, I would like to mention that Century Tower stands on the site of *Saisei Gakusya*, a private medical school for prospective doctors created with support by Dr. SATO Takanaka, the 2nd Director of Juntendo, after his resignation from Daigaku Toko. As part of our reorganization, the land was bought back after more than a century, and a state-of-the-art educational facility was built within the building that stood there.

3) Credit Rating of Juntendo University

Juntendo University's total assets and endowments have increased at a good rate in recent years, and it can be said that the financial situation of

Juntendo University is stable and that it is operating soundly. The Credit rating by Rating and Investment Information Inc. (RI) remained AA (Very high creditworthiness supported by some excellent factors). According to RI, Juntendo “executes its campus and hospital reorganizing project with a policy of utilizing its cash reserves, which are backed by a strong cash flow-generating ability, and therefore the risk of financial crisis is small.” Juntendo continues to maintain a high level of investor confidence.

4) The breakthroughs of four faculties

First, the results of the National Board Exams were very good in all four faculties. In the National Medical Practitioners Qualifying Examination, while the average passing rate of Japanese universities was 90%, the rate of Juntendo University Faculty of Medicine was 98.9%. Especially, that of the students graduated this year was 100%, a great achievement. In the National Nursing Examination, while the average passing rate of Japanese universities was 89.8%, the passing rate of Juntendo University Faculty of Health Care and Nursing was 98.5% and that of this year’s inaugural graduates of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Nursing was 100%. I believe that this was due to the hard work of faculty members who served on the national exam support committee and the students themselves.

Second, the job placement rate of the Faculty of Sports Science, in spite of the news reports on this year’s tough job market, was 98.6% as of April 1st (currently 100%, as it was last year), which was quite good. Moreover, one third of them got positions at public and private schools in secondary education.

Further, Faculty of Sports Science alumni (class of 1987), *Isahaya High School* (Nagasaki prefecture) graduate, and former *Koshien* baseball championship player KAWASHIMA Yuji was appointed as president of the Japan Sports Association. I think this is a great achievement, since the position is one of the highest ever achieved by a graduate of a

university Sports Science program.

5) The fifth faculty: Faculty of International Liberal Arts (tentative name) in preparation

Juntendo University plans to open a new 120-student fifth faculty: the Faculty of International Liberal Arts (tentative name). The concepts of the new faculty are 1) to provide students strong communication skills and Liberal Arts knowledge, centered around English, and 2) to train students so that they can succeed at the international level in fields such as international organizations, civil service, the pharmaceutical and medical equipment industries, sportology, the Paralympics (sports medicine, etc.), hospital administration, medical education, and medical ethics, etc.

6) The culture and atmosphere of Juntendo People

I wish that all Juntendo People, both faculty and staff, will forge noble characters and research abilities high enough to compete at the international level, under the notions “JIN—the heart that considers and cherishes others” and “Today, anew, the spirit of JIN”.

Recently, China and South Korea are making great strides in the education of English, the fundamental skill necessary for internationalization. Since its establishment, Juntendo University has been internationally-oriented.

In this international era, Juntendo University strives improve its English language education, and encourages students from every faculty to take internationally-certified English language tests like TOEFL and IELTS. In the Faculty of Medicine, students are encouraged to attempt ECFMG certification in order to allow them to acquire internationally-accepted medical licenses.

Finally, in commemoration of the 175th anniversary, I wish all Juntendo People would reflect on the past history of Juntendo, think about the future of Juntendo, and reaffirm the philosophy of Juntendo’s establishment.