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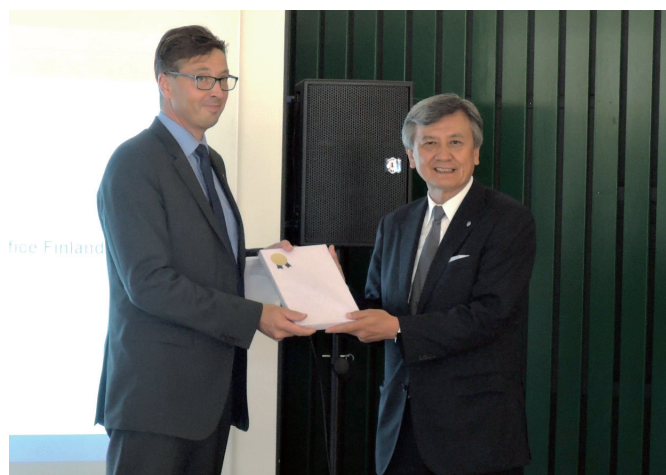
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Opening Ceremony of YNU-OYO International Branch at University of Oulu (Finland) August 26th

YNU and University of Oulu jointly held the opening ceremony of the YNU-OYO International Branch at University of Oulu that was established in November 2015. This opening of the YNU branch office in Europe was attended by alumni, professors, Oulu City municipal officers, and Japanese guests residing in Oulu. YNU President Hasebe spoke of

his resolution to take a role to maintain the Oulu branch as the gateway to Europe in his speech. He also appreciated the firm friendship and strong support of University of Oulu. Rector Niinimäki stated he expects further development of the international exchange among the universities through this branch. He also emphasized the effectiveness of learning in a multinational envi-

ronment as it has been proven to be effective through many study cases. At University of Oulu, there are a variety of activities and avenues of support to cultivate the mentality of students into entrepreneurs. This remarkably stimulating learning environment shall encourage YNU students to start a business and build their future.



(Left) Rector Niinimäki (Right) President Hasebe



Ribbon cutting by President Hasebe

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/16659/detail.html>

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UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) and YNU hosted UNDP Seminar April 22nd

UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) Seminar entitled "What can UNDP do to help achieve SDGs in Asia-Pacific & How can youth help?" was held. YNU welcomed Mr. Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Bureau Director for Asia and the Pacific with a full room of members of the community, Japanese

students, and international students. The lecture was focused on importance of young people's energy to help achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with detailed examples. It inspired many of the participants; one of the students commented that he was able to understand SDGs more deeply.



UNDP Director Xu

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokukyo/16004/detail.html>

Year 2016 International Exchange Programs

The 11th Euro-Japan Dialogue: University of Bucharest & University of Athens October 29th – November 6th

This was the 11th year of the program, which has taken place at 21 different universities in 13 countries in Europe. Ten YNU undergraduate students from the Faculty of Economics visited the Japanese Language and Literature Department at University of Bucharest in Romania, and the Faculty of English Language and Literature at University of Athens in Greece this year. In Bucharest, YNU and University of Bucharest students

presented on the topics such as University Tuition Fees and Migrant Labor. In Athens, the main topic of discussion was on the economic benefits of a multilingual society. A lively discussion on the role of English in Greek and Japanese societies followed. The Euro-Japan Dialogue was a great success in large part. Thanks to the hard work, organization and gracious hospitality of our European partners at University of Bucharest and University of Athens.



The 11th Euro-Japan Dialogue at University of Athens

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/econ/17279/detail.html>

ISC 105 held their "Welcome Party for International Students in Autumn 2016" October 21st

ISC105 held their Welcome Party for International Students at YNU's Cafeteria 2. ISC105 is an organization of YNU students to help international students with their studies and new life in Japan. Over a hundred international stu-

dents and approximately 180 Japanese students enjoyed founding international friendships and joining activities such as Japanese calligraphy and a Bingo game.



Students enjoying the Welcome Party

YNU Summer Program 2016 was held at YNU campus July 4th – July 15th

A total of 8 selected students from overseas participated in this YNU's first short-term Japanese language program. The students attended intensive Japanese language classes, and received lectures in English on topics related to Japanese culture and society. On the final day of the program, the students held a poster pre-

sentation on the themes "A Japanese's daily schedule and what Japanese people like" and "Comparison of Japan and my home country". Participants commented that they were able to enhance their Japanese skills, and also establish a good relationship with the YNU students during the program.



Group photo at the Farewell Ceremony with Executive Director Fumihiko Nakamura

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokukyo/16442/detail.html>

ISC 105 held "Astage Camp Spring 2016" May 28th – 29th

ISC 105 "Astage Camp" started in 2004, and a total of 70 people, including 31 international students, participated in this 17th camp. It was held at Yokohama City Nojima Youth Training Centre to encourage exchange between international students and Japanese students. A student from

Brazil said, "The Camp was so much fun. Please let me know if I can help in the coming events!" A student from Russia said, "I'm not good at making new friends, but this camp helped me a lot with talking with other participants and getting to know each other."



Students beside a campfire

Short-term Study Abroad Program held at the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines February 22nd – March 11th

YNU International Special Programs 2016 aimed at promoting globalization as an educational institution. One of the programs, Short-

term Study Abroad Program was held at the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines. 16 YNU students attended the program.



Group photo of students

Expanding YNU Partnerships

Executive Director Fumihiko Nakamura and Professor Hitoshi Yamada visited Beijing Jiaotong University January 16th, 2017

Executive Director Fumihiko Nakamura and Professor Hitoshi Yamada visited Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU) and signed the Academic Partnership Agreement between YNU and BJTU. BJTU Vice President LIU Jun represented BJTU to sign this agreement including cooperation of joint research between the universities.

This agreement was facilitated by the effort of the professors of Faculty of Urban Innovation especially Professor Yamada. Executive Director Nakamura

first expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome from the people of BJTU in his speech at the pre-meeting. He then explained YNU's globalization and its student exchange programs as well as the development of joint research between the two universities. On the other side, Vice President LIU Jun stated, "I look forward to the implementation of the student and faculty exchange between the both universities, Summer School and an increase in the options for the exchange from the both of the universities".



(Left in the front row) Executive Director Nakamura
(Right) Vice President LIU Jun

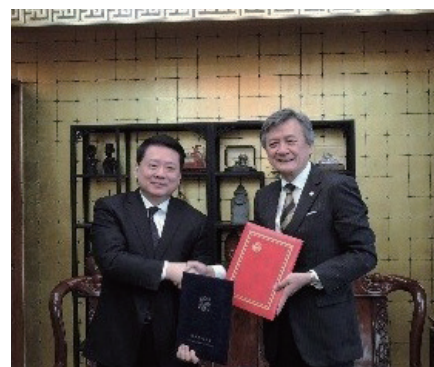
For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/17649/detail.html>

President Hasebe's delegation attended the signing ceremony and visited Partner Universities and Institutions in Beijing October 30th – November 2nd

YNU President Yuichi Hasebe, Professor Akiko Miyake of College of Education and Human Sciences, Professor Haoyuan Xu of International Strategy Organization and Section Chief Eiji Kotani of International Office visited the local partner universities and institutions in Beijing. On October 31st, the delegation visited China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) and signed an academic exchange

agreement between the university and YNU. CFAU, which is only national university under Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, was established in 1955 for the purpose of educating students to become diplomats.

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/17410/detail.html>



(Left) President Qin Yaqing (CFAU) (Right) President Hasebe

The signing ceremony of the comprehensive agreement with UNDP June 24th

The Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Representation Office in Tokyo, Tetsuo Kondo, visited YNU, and a comprehensive agreement was concluded between YNU and UNDP. It is expected that the agreement will result in the holding of joint seminars as well as the acceptance of students for internships. YNU has promoted research and education cooperation

with international organizations inside and outside Japan such as the United Nations University, the World Bank, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE). Through this agreement, YNU will strengthen further cooperation with international organizations.

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/16484/detail.html>



(Left) Director of UNDP Office in Tokyo Kondo (Right) President Hasebe

YNU-PolyU-SCU Joint Program “Workshop on Frontiers of Multi-Hazard Mitigation Strategies in Urban Areas” was held at YNU November 7th

“Workshop on Frontiers of Multi-Hazard Mitigation Strategies in Urban Areas – Highlighting geotechnical aspects –” was held at YNU inviting keynote speakers from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), Sichuan University (SCU), Sabo and Landslide Technical Center and the City of Yokohama. In addition to YNU professors and students of the College of Engineering Science, 25 international students, some researchers, and 10 participants of the SAKURA Exchange

Program in Science from PolyU and SCU engaged in active discussions about future strategies for mitigating natural

disaster impact on urban areas that followed each keynote speech.



Photo of students with President Hasebe (6th from the left) and lecturers

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/17325/detail.html>

YNU held the 2nd Symposium on Latin America “Symbiosis with Risks and Development in Paraguay” was held January 27th, 2016

The 2nd Symposium on Latin America “Symbiosis with Risks and Development in Paraguay” was held at YNU Education and Culture Hall. The Symposium was comprised of the presentation of Japanese and Paraguayan students and professors who were invited from the University of Nihon Gakko (UNG) and National University of Asunción. In addition, as a special guest speaker, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Paraguay

to Japan, His Excellency Naoyuki Toyotoshi, gave a speech on “Investment to Paraguay.” Professors of universities in Paraguay and YNU professors presented and discussed in a keyword “risk symbiosis” with the development problems and possibility in Paraguay which investment has gone in these days. Approximately 130 people attended the symposium, seeking to explore their interests and learn more of Paraguay.



Commemorative photo of all lecturers

For details see: <http://www.kokusai-senryaku.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/15399/>

President Hasebe attended Taiwan-Japan University Presidents’ Forum May 11th – 13th

Taiwan-Japan University Presidents’ Forum was held at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan City of Taiwan, co-organized by Japan Committee of Universities for International Exchange (JACUIE) and Foundation for International Cooperation In Higher Education of Taiwan (FICHET). President Hasebe presented

as a panelist of “University Strategies Response to Internationalization and Globalization” session. This forum, in which 260 people attended in total, was a valuable opportunity for YNU to nurture the new exchange relationship by communicating with the many universities academics of Taiwan.



Commemorative photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/16143/detail.html>

Strengthening the YNU Global Alumni Network

Professor Toshi-ichi Tachibana of University of São Paulo (Brazil) visited YNU October 11th

Professor Toshi-ichi Tachibana of University of São Paulo visited YNU. Professor Tachibana is a YNU graduate of Graduate School of Engineering. YNU presented Professor Tachibana with the title of Professor Emeritus in 2010 in honor of his extensive effort in various fields of student exchange and the development of the

relationships between the two universities over the year. This was also the first opportunity for Professor Tachibana to visit and speak with President Hasebe in person at his office at YNU. Looking back on the history that the both universities have been through, they discussed the possibilities of the further student exchange.



Professor Tachibana (Second from the left)
President Hasebe (Center)

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/17049/detail.html>

YNU Alumni Reunion in 2016

Seoul (Korea), December 2nd



2016 YNU Korea Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/17360/detail.html>

Jakarta (Indonesia), November 23rd



2016 YNU Indonesia Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/17309/detail.html>

Hanoi (Vietnam), October 14th



2016 YNU Vietnam Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/17011/detail.html>

Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), October 7th



2016 YNU Mongolia Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/16889/detail.html>

Helsinki (Finland), August 25th



2016 YNU Europe Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/16637/detail.html>

Moscow (Russia), March 11th



2016 YNU Moscow Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/15700/detail.html>

Bangkok (Thailand), March 6th



2016 YNU Thailand Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/15630/detail.html>

San Francisco (USA) February 27th



2016 USA West Coast Alumni meeting group photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/alumni/15629/detail.html>

The 10th Meeting of the Port-city Universities League (PUL) was held in Dalian (China) September 26th – 27th

The 10th Meeting of the Port-city Universities League “Coordinated Development for Port, Transportation and City” was held at Dalian University of Technology, China. This event was joined by 15 universities from 12 countries currently belonging to PUL as members.

On the first day, there were presentations by several members of PUL. The research report of the YNU representative was given, namely “Mobility

Design Concept for Port Cities” by Executive Director Nakamura, “Planning and Management of Pedestrianized Streets in Mega Cities” by Assistant Professor Miura, “Liquefaction Vulnerability of Urban Port Areas and Importance of keeping Accurate Records” by Professor Konagai, “Evaluation of Stiffness of Wind Turbine Tower with Consideration of Flange joint Separation” by Professor Katsuchi, and “Trade Facilitation in the WTO Context” by Professor Araki.

On the second day, the host university showed the visitors around campus and introduced the State Key Laboratory of Coastal and Offshore Engineering, Institute of Ocean Engineering and facilities such as Multi-Purpose Wave Basin to the guests in the morning. Furthermore, the group members were also guided to famous sightseeing places in Dalian City during the afternoon.



Commemorative photo

For details see: <http://www.ynu.ac.jp/hus/kokusais/16968/detail.html>

YNU Formula Project (YNFP) won second place in the 2016 Student Formula Japan September 6th – 10th

YNU Formula Project (YNFP) won second place in the 2016 Student Formula Japan. This event was held at Ogasayama Nature

and Sports Park Stadium and 92 teams participated in the competition. YNFP also won second place in Best Suspension Award and the JAMA (Japan Au-

tomobile Manufacturers Association) Chairman Award.



YNFP member's group photo



YNU machine (3rd from the right) with other competitors