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The Prince Takamado Japan Canada Memorial Fund Endowment (PTJCMF) was established to honour the legacy of His Imperial Highness Prince Takamado, who was a longtime friend of the University of Alberta and of Canadian post-secondary education. After studying at Queen's University in Canada for three years, Prince Takamado worked for the Japan Foundation, during which time he dedicated himself to the promotion of Japanese language and culture throughout the world. The Fund aims to encourage student mobility, fostering new teaching, research and cultural exchange programs with a Japanese dimension, and thereby building stronger links between Japan and Canada.

I. Updates on the PTJCMF Management Committee

Since May 2008, Dr Kaori Kabata, as the Director for the Prince Takamado Japan Centre, has taken a lead role in managing the details of the PTJCMF as well as the Centre's activities. On May 28-29, 2008, Dr. Kabata met with Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado and the Fundraising and Advisory Committees in Tokyo to provide updates on the student mobility award and scholarship proposals for the spending allocations for the endowment.

In September 2008, Dr Daniel Woolf, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, agreed to chair the PTJCMF management committee. The committee discussed and approved the proposal of the student mobility programs submitted by the Prince Takamado Japan Centre.

Dr Daniel Woolf, with support from Catherine Szabo, Assistant Dean (External Relations), Faculty of Arts, and her team have been charged with ensuring that the PTJCMF continues to meet its fundraising goals.



Dr. Daniel Woolf, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta

II. Financial Report

The current market value of the endowment is \$955,371.66 (Oct 3, 2008). Still to be added to the endowment is a recent transfer from Japan of \$129,860.13 plus a matching allocation of \$200,000 from the Alberta Government. The endowment will generate over \$55,000 as the spending allocation for 2009-10. The amount in the spending allocation of the fund for 2008-09 is \$38,118.99.

III. PTJCMF Student Mobility Awards and Scholarship Programs

PTJCMF Award Recipient (2007-08)

National Japanese Speech Contest,
March 29, 2008, University of Alberta

Hyun Ji Kim from York University in Toronto, Ontario won the Grand Prize for her outstanding speech titled "About Today's Music". The Grand Prize includes a \$2000 travel award to be used for any destination in the world as well as \$1000 spending allowance for her trip. Hyun Ji is planning to visit Japan in December 2008 using her Grand Prize. Congratulations Hyun Ji on such an exceptional speech.



New Mobility Awards and Scholarships (to start in 2009-10)

In addition to the Grand Prize for the National Japanese Speech Contest, the following award and scholarship programs are currently being developed to enhance and promote student mobility between Japan and Canada:

- Princess Takamado Essay Contest
- Study in Japan Scholarships/Awards
 - Summer Travel Awards in Japan
- Study in Canada Scholarships/Awards
 - SummerSchool @ UA Scholarship
- Internship and Research Awards/Scholarships
 - Alberta-Japan Office in Tokyo Internship Scholarship
 - University of Alberta-Japan Exchange Student Award & Internship

JACOS-JAPEX Scholarship in Engineering

In June 2008, the JACOS-JAPEX Scholarship in Engineering was approved by the University of Alberta Student Awards Committee to be awarded to four undergraduate students with superior academic achievement entering the second, third or fourth year of study in Mining Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering, or Environmental Engineering.

IV. Report on the Canadian Network for Japanese Studies (CANJAS)

From 2006 to 2008, the University of Alberta was actively engaged in the Canadian Network for Japanese Studies (CANJAS), which was established in 2005. CANJAS links the University of Alberta with the six other universities in Canada that have Japan Studies programs: the University of British Columbia, the University of Toronto, the University of Victoria, the University of Calgary and the University of Montreal and the newest member, St. Mary's University who joined the CANJAS network in the autumn of 2007. The following CANJAS events and lectures took place and were broadcast to all CANJAS institutions via videoconferencing:

- April 2, 2008
Presentation by Dr. Sonja Arntzen: *The Japanese Lyric and Its Long Journey into English Poetry and Practice*
- March 6, 2008
Presentation by Dr. Lucia Nagib: *Impure cinema: an interdisciplinary approach to Japanese cinema*
- November 22, 2007
Presentation by Yukari Meldrum: *Japanese Translation Studies: A New Discipline*
- February 28, 2007
Odori Workshop: *Japanese Odori Dance: Performance Tradition, Costume, and Makeup*
- February 15, 2007
Presentation by Dr. Tim Iles: *Inappropriate Appropriation: Forced Exoticism, Unwarranted Orientalism in "Memoirs of a Geisha"*
- February 13, 2007
Presentation by Dr. Marlene Cox-Bishop: *Ro-zome: Japanese Textile Traditions Revisited*
- March 27, 2006
Presentation by Hirata Oriza: 対話の時代の日本語教育

There is an active year ahead for the 2008-2009 academic year as CANJAS has already broadcast its first lecture from the University of Alberta on October 10, 2008: Presentation by Dr. Sonja Arntzen: *Shared Sensibility: Reception and Practice of Chinese poetry in Japan*

