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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

Over the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year, the PTJCMF Fund-Raising Committee (Japan-side) has succeeded in reaching their goal of increasing the PTJCMF Endowment by 1 million yen. On November 15, 2008, Dr. Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice President (Academic) hosted an appreciation dinner attended by donors and the Japanese Advisory and Fund-Raising Committees. The dinner was also attended by Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado and His Excellency Jonathan Fried, Ambassador to the Embassy of Canada in Japan.

Efforts have also been made to reconnect with Alumni in Japan, as part of fund-raising initiatives. The event held in November at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo to celebrate the centenary anniversary of the University of Alberta was attended by over 50 alumni and friends. Dr. Kaori Kabata, Director of the Prince Takamado Japan Centre, is joined by David Jeu, Director of the Global Development Office, to further establish connections with U of A alumni and friends.

Throughout the spring and summer of 2009, Dr. Kabata and Catherine Szabo, Assistant Dean (External Relations), Faculty of Arts, met with the Canadian Fund-Raising Committee to commence efforts in Canada. Mr. Donald Campbell, Hon. Dan Hays, Mr. Brad Klak, Mr. Robert Ritchie, and Dr. Henry Shimizu will be working together with Ms. Szabo and Dr. Kabata to raise another \$1 million for the PTJCMF.



*Pembina Hall, University of Alberta;
Location of the Prince Takamado Japan Centre
for Teaching and Research*

II. Financial Report

As of March 31, 2009, the book value of the endowment was \$1,323,547.62 and the market value was \$1,053,335.07. Since March, there has been an additional contribution of \$24,819.30. Matching monies for 2009-10 from the Alberta Government have not yet been determined. On October 23, 2009, the amount in the spending allocation of the fund was \$76,513.57. Of this amount, \$47,000 is budgeted for spending in 2009-10.

III. PTJCMF Student Mobility Awards and Scholarship Programs

2008-2009 PTJCMF Award Recipient
National Japanese Speech Contest,
March 29, 2009, Embassy of Japan in Ottawa

Yahor Kazlou from Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario won the Grand Prize of \$3000 for his speech entitled "Everyone's Own Harmony." Yahor paid a visit to Japan in May using his Grand Prize. Yahor says regarding his win: "This is the second time I participated in [the NJSC] and every time I notice that I improve my Japanese language [skills] and knowledge about Japanese culture. I think this is a great cultural exchange event not only because all participants improve their language, but also because it keeps us motivated to study more." Congratulations Yahor on such an exceptional speech!



2009-2010 PTJCMF Award Programs

National Japanese Speech Contest, March 2010, York University
The 2010 round of the NJSC will be held at York University in Toronto, Ontario. The PTJCMF will once again be presenting a \$3000 Grand Prize to the Speech Contest winner.

Princess Takamado Essay Contest (Pilot Year)

The aim of the Princess Takamado Essay Contest is to encourage English language study and to facilitate a greater understanding and interest in Canada among Japanese university students.

The pilot year of the Essay Contest will be promoted mainly through Ritsumeikan University and three to four other universities in the Kyoto area. This year's essay theme is 'The Environment.' The first prize winner receives Program Fees for one term in the ESL program at the Faculty of Extension, as well as a travel allowance, worth approximately \$3000. The second prize winner receives Program Fees for one term in the ESL program, worth approximately \$2000.

JACOS-JAPEX Scholarship in Engineering

The JACOS-JAPEX Scholarship in Engineering is awarded to 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.

The following six University of Alberta students and one student from Keyano College were awarded the JACOS-JAPEX Scholarship for 2009-10:

Jorge Filella (UA) Mark Hlady (UA) Brandon Jordan (UA)
Adam Jordens (UA) Elissa Papp (Keyano) Lyndsay Ramstead (UA)
Lisa Wilcox (UA)

Japan Canada Academic Consortium Forum (Pilot Year)

Senior undergraduate student representatives from JACAC member institutions in both Japan and Canada, as well as several faculty members, will meet and exchange opinions and ideas about a common topic of interest to the youth. The host institution will alternate between Canada and Japan each year.

The first year of the Forum will be hosted by Meiji University in Tokyo, Japan, and scheduled for February 15-22, 2010. The PTJCMF will provide partial support for Canadian students' travel to Japan. The topic of discussion will be 'Environmental Issues.'

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

CANJAS links the University of Alberta with six other universities in Canada: the University of British Columbia, the University of Toronto, the University of Victoria, the University of Calgary, St. Mary's University, and newest member Concordia University, who joined in August 2009. The following CANJAS events and lectures took place and were broadcast to CANJAS institutions via videoconferencing:

- October 30, 2009
Presentation by Dr. Karl Friday: *Honor Bounds: Loyalty, Reputation & Probity in the Samurai Tradition*
- October 6, 2009
Presentation by Dr. Timothy Iles: *Japanese Poetics, Aesthetics, Kotodama: A Premodern Political Theory of Literature*
- August 23 - 25, 2009
CANJAS Symposium hosted by the Prince Takamado Japan Centre
- March 20, 2009
Presentation by Professor Haruo Shirane: *Japan: Culture of the Four Seasons*
- March 9, 2009
ProMusica Nipponia Alberta Tour: Instrument workshop at Convocation Hall, University of Alberta
- March 2, 2009
Seminar on Anime and Contemporary Japanese Society
Presentation by Professor Kaichiro Morikawa: *Otaku Culture: Personality, Space, and City of Anime Fans*
Presentation by Professor Jacqueline Berndt: *Postcritical Anime: Observations on Its 'Identities' within Contemporary Japan*
- January 30, 2009
Presentation by Dr. Wilburn Hansen: *Hirata Atsutane's Supernatural Strategy*

