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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. Message from Director of the Prince Takamado Japan Centre

Given its history and environment, Japan has more experience with and has prepared for more earthquakes and tsunamis than most countries. Even in light of this, the consequences of the events of March 2011 rank high on the list of adversities that Japan has had to face. Even so, the determination, cooperation and charity of the Japanese and international communities that has been demonstrated through outreach and support, illustrates the great strength of will that is fostered between Japan and nations across the world. It is through these community bonds and togetherness that the Prince Takamado Japan Canada Memorial Fund was first established. Standing upon the tenets of international education development, community growth and the fostering of mutually beneficial relationships, the PTJCMF plans to continue its efforts to serve as an example to the world of what a community bonded together in friendship can attain.

- Kaori Kabata, Ph.D

II. Report from the Second Japan Canada Academic Consortium Student Forum (February 21-27, 2011)

The 2nd Annual Japan-Canada Academic Consortium Student Forum was hosted by the Prince Takamado Japan Centre for Teaching and Research at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Eight students from five Canadian universities and 18 students from ten Japanese universities attended the week-long event from February 21-27, 2011. The theme of this year's forum was International Trade and Environmental Sustainability, with subthemes of Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Food Security. Students attending this year's forum participated in lectures given by academic and industry professionals, as well as group discussions and consultations with graduate students.

Lectures and afternoon group sessions were held at the University of Alberta. Towards the end of the week, the group travelled to Calgary, Alberta, where they were treated to a guided tour of the Banff National Park with Parks Canada, as well as enjoyed some time shopping and experiencing the Canadian Rockies. The forum was wrapped up at the University of Alberta's Calgary Centre, where students gave their final group presentations and a closing ceremony reception was held. Some groups were awarded special effort prizes courtesy of Japan Canada Oil Sands Ltd. and participants also voted for leadership prizes amongst their peers.

The opportunity for interaction between undergraduate students at the forum has allowed participants to discuss issues relevant to their studies, research with their peers from a different country, and gain valuable insight from a multicultural viewpoint. Cultural exchange was also evident as students socialized during both organized and casual events.

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Forum participants receiving a guided tour of the Banff National Park with Parks Canada.

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Student Forum**



Undergraduate student participants from Japan and Canada attending a morning lecture

Some comments from participants:

"This forum experience has influenced me to reevaluate my career plans to encapsulate a more global perspective. The Japanese culture and economy is much more familiar to me after this conference, and I would be more inclined to pursue a career in Japan thanks to JACAC."

- Robbie Saada, University of Prince Edward Island

"Overall, I thought it was a great forum. The topic was good and interesting; the professors gave us lectures that were educational and easy to understand and I was able to have a lot of fun during my stay in Alberta. I would participate again if I had the opportunity but I would also recommend to others because I thought it was a great experience for me."

- Hiroyuki Takikawa, Josai International University

The following is a list of the student participants from Canada and Japan:

Japan

- Shiho Enomoto, Tsuda College
- Ko Fujisaki, Ritsumeikan University
- Toyoko Funahashi, Meiji University
- Asami Hagino, Ritsumeikan University
- Lisa Hayakawa, Hosei University
- Shoko Kano, Nagoya University
- Moe Kitagawa, Sophia University
- Chihiro Komatsu, Meiji University
- Sho Maehara, Nagoya University
- Mariko Miyao, Osaka University
- Kanako Murase, Kwansai Gakuin University
- Saika Nagai, Sophia University
- Heihachiro Shigematsu, Hokkaido University
- Hiroyuki Takikawa, Josai International University
- Junko Yamada, Tsuda College
- Mariko Yamashita, Hosei University
- Makoto Yamauchi, Hokkaido University
- Hiroki Yonetani, Kwansai Gakuin University

Canada

- Maryam Azh, York University
- Jean-François Caty, Université de Montréal
- Krista-Lee Christensen, University of Prince Edward Island
- Anita Fung, University of Alberta
- Lucas Hennessey, University of Prince Edward Island
- Robbie Saada, University of Prince Edward Island
- Noah Saber-Freedman, Concordia University
- Eric Sullivan, Université de Montréal

Launch of New Websites a Success

The PTJC would like to invite you to one of two new websites to launch in 2011. The Japan-Canada Academic Consortium recently moved to their new website <www.jacac.com>. The launch of this site hopes to increase awareness of the events and resources to students both in Japan and Canada and has been designed to draw more users to the site by interfacing with more social media sites. Also set to launch later this year, is a new website for the Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education (CAJLE). Contained within this site will be the new home of the Canada National Japanese Speech Contest (NJSC), where students and teachers will be able to find all of the latest information and resources on the annual event and the seven regional Japanese speech contests. <www.cajle.info>



The entire group of Forum participants included 8 undergraduate students from Canada and 18 undergraduate students from Japan. Also in attendance, Mr. Wayne Cao, Dr. Etsuko Katsu, and Ms. Christine Nakamura.

III. Financial Report

As of March 31, 2011, the book value of the endowment was \$1,515,034.50. The amount in the spending allocation of the fund was \$80,268.12. Of this amount, \$58,500 has been budgeted for spending in 2011-2012. Since March, there has been an additional contribution of \$13,000.

IV. PTJCMF Student Mobility Program Awardees

(October 2010-September 2011)

Princess Takamado English Essay Contest
November 2010

Applicants to the 2010 contest were asked to consider the idea that in today's world, it is necessary for countries to cooperate in order to become successful players in the global economy and that this cooperation could come in many forms – through international trade, development, sharing of resources, policies, and so forth. Essays were to be written on how cooperation between Japan and Canada can be beneficial to each country's economy. In part because of the high level of English achievement and the standard of excellence placed upon the Princess Takamado English Essay Contest, no entry was found qualified for the prizes of the 2010 contest. Hopes are high that applicant essays for the 2011 competition will meet the qualifications to be awarded the grand prize.

The 22nd Nation Japanese Speech Contest
31 March 2011 Calgary, Alberta

The 2011 NJSC was co-hosted by the Prince Takamado Japan Centre and the University of Calgary. The grand prize winner was Cherri Zhang of the University of Calgary, who gave a speech entitled "A Nurse's Job".



All of 2011 Canadian National Japanese Speech Contest award winners and fellow participants in Calgary, Alberta

2nd Annual Japan Canada Academic Consortium Student Forum
February 21-27, 2010

The PTJCMF supported the travel of the Forum participants to attend the Forum in Edmonton, Alberta. More details on the 2010 Forum can be found in the Report in Section I of this newsletter.

Travel Awards for the Summer Program

The PTJCMF supports members from Canadian institutions to attend the Summer Program in Kyoto, hosted by Ritsumeikan University. This year, three students earned the travel awards: Wei Lee (University of Alberta), Minwei Guo (University of Alberta), and Quan Zhou (University of Alberta).

JACOS-JAPEX Scholarship in Engineering
September 2011

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. Beginning in the 2012/2013 academic year, the University of Calgary will also begin awarding the JACOS-JAPEX Scholarship in Engineering at their institution.

The following students were awarded 2011 JACOS-JAPEX Scholarships:

- Bing Qian Quo (University of Alberta)
- Dustin Backus (University of Alberta)
- Jeremy Fife (University of Alberta)
- Jeremiah Joseph Magpali (University of Alberta)
- Travis Frampton (Keyano College)
- Jay Coe (Keyano College)
- Jean D'Souza (Keyano College)

V. Other Events hosted by the Prince Takamado Japan Centre

Japanese Association of Graduate Students at Alberta (JAGSA)
Raises Funds for Earthquake Relief:

By reaching out to students, faculty and the community, JAGSA and other volunteer groups in the Edmonton region came together to run a month long campaign to increase community support for post-disaster Japan. In an event designed by JAGSA in April of 2011, students raised over \$17,500 to help earthquake and tsunami relief in Japan. Evening of Hope for Japan: Learn the Current and Future of Japan After March 11 Earthquake and Tsunami helped to raise funds, awareness and spirits. The PTJCMF would like to thank JAGSA and the Edmonton community for their tireless support.



Members of the Edmonton community unite to raise money to help in the Japanese relief fund by gathering to watch a Taiko drum performance

VI. Updates on the Recent Institutions to Join the Japan Canada Academic Consortium

A special welcome and thank you goes out to this year's most recent Canadian institutions to join the Academic Consortium: The University of Waterloo and Renison University College. Now, with the support and experience of ten Canadian institutions and eleven Japanese institutions, we have had another year of excellent growth. This year's member institutions include:

- University of Meiji (Tokyo)
- Josai International University (Chiba)
- Sophia University (Tokyo)
- J.F. Oberlin University (Tokyo)
- Tsuda College (Tokyo)
- Kwansei Gakuin University (Hyogo)
- Hosei University (Tokyo)
- Ritsumeikan University (Kyoto)
- Hokkaido University (Hokkaido)
- Kyoto University of Education (Kyoto)
- Nagoya University (Aichi)
- University of Alberta (Alberta)
- University of British Columbia (British Columbia)
- University of Manitoba (Manitoba)
- York University (Ontario)
- Queen's University (Ontario)
- Université de Montréal (Quebec)
- Concordia University (Quebec)
- Université Laval (Quebec)
- University of Prince Edward Island (PEI)
- University of Waterloo & Renison University College (Ontario)

VII. Upcoming PTJCMF Events

3rd Annual Japan Canada Academic Consortium Student Forum, Feb 19-26, 2012

In the tradition of the JACAC Student forum, senior undergraduate representatives from the JACAC member institutions in both Japan and Canada will meet and exchange opinions and ideas on the topics and ideas of mutual benefit to both countries. In 2012, the Student Forum will be hosted by Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. The theme for our upcoming forum is "Cooperation and Mutual Understanding between Canada and Japan in Post-Disaster Era." Students will discuss the role of Canada-Japan relations and various forms of cultural exchange within the global context. They will be participating in group projects and give group presentations at the end of the forum. Focus will be given to the impact of the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011. Sub-topics will include "Tourism in Canada, Japan, and the Global Society" and "Intercultural Learning for Successful International Cooperation". The forum aims to promote mutual understanding among both Canadian and Japanese students.

23rd Canadian National Speech Contest, March 31, 2012

The 2012 National Japanese Speech Contest will be held at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC. Congratulations are due to every one of the students who will participate in this year's national competition for their outstanding achievement in the Japanese language. Students from across Canada will be brought to this year's competition, where the PTJCMF will be presenting a \$3000 travel award to the grand prize winner.

3rd Annual Princess Takamado English Essay Contest

Applications are now being accepted from across Japan for this year's English Essay Contest. Japanese university students with limited experience studying in an English speaking country have been invited to enter the competition to win a grand prize worth \$3000 to study with the University of Alberta's English Language Program. This year's essay topic is to discuss the significance of English education in Japan. The essay deadline is December 30, 2011 and results will be posted on the PTJCMF website in mid-January.

VIII. 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 Victoria, the University of Calgary, Concordia University, the University of Toronto, and Saint Mary's University. The following CANJAS lectures took place over the past year and were broadcast via videoconferencing.

October 1, 2010

Presentation by Professor Keller Kimbrough of the University of Colorado: Wondrous Brutal Fictions: Buddhist Sermon-Ballads and Miracle Plays of Seventeenth-Century Japan

February 3, 2011

Presentation by Professor Anne Allison of Duke University: Soul on Strike: Precarity, Security, and Remaking the Social in 21st Century Japan