



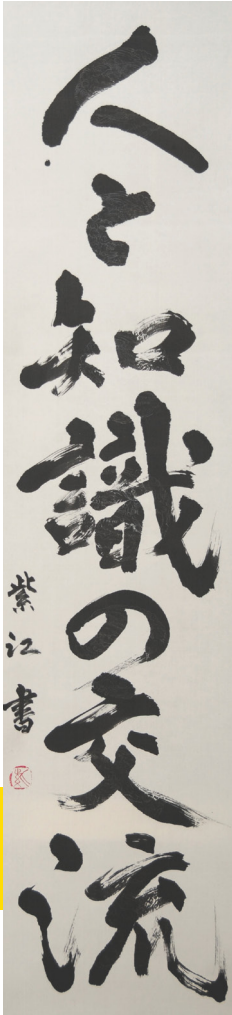
PRINCE TAKAMADO JAPAN CENTRE for Teaching and Research

Bringing people and knowledge together.



About the Prince Takamado Japan Centre for Teaching and Research

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The Prince Takamado Japan Centre aims to facilitate and support research and teaching in areas related to Japan. The mandate for the PTJC covers a wide range of research topics with a central focus which lends liberties to researchers across multiple disciplines, all working in fields bring focus and attention to Japan. The balance for which we strive helps to maintain an insightful focus and dedication between achieving excellence in research as well as in teaching. Our mission extends beyond classrooms and into the community, both locally and across Canada through the sponsorship and organization of various events and activities.

As the managing body for the **Prince Takamado Japan-Canada Memorial Fund**, an endowment established at the University of Alberta in memory of His Imperial Highness, the PTJC also operates a variety of student mobility programs for students in Japan and Canada.

Goals

The goals of the PTJC are as follows:

- Promote teaching and research in Japan Studies;
- Provide opportunities for interdisciplinary study and research which calls upon knowledge of Japanese language, culture, and/or Japan Studies;
- Provide support for teachers in Japanese language and culture at all levels; and
- Become the focus of a network of expertise in these areas.

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In pursuit of these goals, the PTJC is engaged in events ranging from undergraduate student exchanges to implementing the **Japan-Canada Research Collaboration (JACARC)** database, containing information regarding Canadian and Japanese researchers in the spirit of cross-national collaboration. The PTJC organizes various workshops and conferences for teachers and researchers, plans a variety of student programs and coordinates an array of annual cultural and community events.

The PTJC currently serves as the Canadian secretariat for the **Japan-Canada Academic Consortium**, a group of universities across Canada and Japan whose aim is to promote the exchange of undergraduate and graduate students, researchers, and teachers, and to encourage a movement of ideas and knowledge between the two countries. The Consortium currently consists of ten Canadian institutions and twelve within Japan.

The PTJC plays a central role in the organization of the **Canada National Japanese Speech Contest**, providing academic and administrative support to this annual event. As co-organizers of the National Speech Contest, we aim to promote Japanese language education in Canada and to provide post-secondary students with an opportunity to showcase their excellence and talent in the Japanese language.

A Brief History of the Prince Takamado Japan Centre

The Prince Takamado Japan Centre is a joint venture between the Faculties of Art and Education at the University of Alberta. Inaugurated in 1996 under the name of the Centre for the Teaching of Japanese Language and Culture, the PTJC brings together researchers, teachers, students and resources from all parts of the Japanese academic and cultural communities.

In the summer of 1999, when Their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Takamado visited the University of Alberta, their program included an introduction to the Japan Centre. After the untimely death of His Imperial Highness Prince Takamado, former University of Alberta President Dr. Roderick Fraser discussed with Princess Takamado the desire of the University to honour the late Prince by renaming the Japan Centre. On June 10, 2004, at a celebration hosted by Dr. Fraser, the Japan Centre was officially rededicated the Prince Takamado Japan Centre for Teaching and Research.



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Prince Takamado Japan Canada Memorial Fund

The Prince Takamado Japan Canada Memorial Fund was established to honour the memory and legacy of His Imperial Highness Prince Takamado, who dedicated himself to encouraging cooperation between Canada and Japan. The late Prince was a longtime friend of the University of Alberta and supporter of Canadian post-secondary education, having studied at Queen's University. The Memorial Fund was established to recognize the significant relationship Prince Takamado had with the University of Alberta.

The **Prince Takamado Japan Canada Memorial Fund** aims to encourage student mobility, foster new teaching, research and cultural exchange programs between Canada and Japan, and build stronger links between the two countries. The Memorial Fund supports a number of significant programs that allow students to gain valuable international experience, including improved language abilities, better business and technology skills and an increased understand-

ing of foreign cultures. These skills help students to think globally, preparing them to make the most of their opportunities in a competitive international marketplace.



Their Imperial Highnesses
Prince & Princess Takamado

PTJC Programs & Activities

The PTJC offers a variety of programs designed to enhance Japanese language learning for students at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as programs for researchers and academics. Below are some of the main programs that the PTJC organizes annually.

Research Programs

Conferences & Symposia

The PTJC is involved in a number of conferences and symposia in the study of Japanese language and culture, and all areas in the field of Japan Studies. The PTJC invites proposals from researchers for the ideas and plans for future academic events.

Lectures on Japan Studies

The PTJC aims to promote the spread of knowledge across Canada and Japan, and to this end, our Centre supports visiting speakers to the University of Alberta. In coordination with the Department of East Asian Studies, and various Centres & Institutes, the PTJC welcomes visit-

ing scholars from all areas of research.

Japan Canada Research Collaboration (JACARC) Database

The aim of this database is to provide comprehensive information about the research projects conducted by Canadian researchers in collaboration with Japanese peers. The ultimate goal of this project is to facilitate research collaborations between Canadian researchers and their Japanese counterparts, in and across various areas. We believe that uniting our peers across the world will lead to an array of benefits that will support all parties and lead to strong academic relationships.

Support in Research Collaboration

By providing our expertise and administrative support to faculty, the PTJC encourages research collaboration between our faculty and research partners overseas. Our goal is to provide the opportunity for mutually beneficial partnerships by planning and supporting research-based travel to and from the University of Alberta.

Study and research opportunities, academic support, and a network of expertise.



Student Programs

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

The JLPT is recognized within Japan and across the world as a standardized system of evaluation and is used by universities and businesses alike to screen and evaluate Japanese language skill. The Japan Centre hosts the test at the University of Alberta twice a year and is attended by students of the language from across North America.

Summer Program in Kyoto

The PTJC coordinates a 5-week summer study abroad program in Kyoto, Japan. Ritsumeikan University's Kinugasa Campus is surrounded by such well-known temples as Kinkakuji, Ryoanji, and Tojiin, and is a suitably tranquil setting for research and learning. The program consists of two components: Japanese language classes and Japanese cultural studies that are based on field trips and lectures by specialists. University

of Alberta students are eligible to receive transfer-credit upon successful completion of both components of the program.

Special Topics in Japan

The Japan Centre coordinates an interdisciplinary course hosted at Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto. The course varies in topic every year to cover an array of disciplines involving Japanese cultural elements. The interdisciplinary nature of the Special Topics in Japan Course are such that students of any academic background who are interested in the topic are free to attend the course.

Japan-Canada Academic Consortium (JACAC) Student Forum

The goal of the annual student forum is to provide students with the opportunity to interact with their peers from a different culture, in

Summer Program in Kyoto
Kinkakuji
Golden Temple
Kyoto, Japan



The Silk Road
Encounter: Japanese
Biwa and Chinese Pipa
in Concert
Edmonton, AB



order to gain insight into their current areas of academic interest and to encourage a flow of ideas between Canada and Japan. Student representatives from each of the member institutions meet to discuss the year's topic during a week of special lectures from industry leaders and special presentations.

Outreach Programs

Cultural Events

Every year the PTJC strives to connect both the University and local Alberta community to the cultural practices of Japan. In the past, the PTJC has organized events surrounding everything from traditional and modern Japanese music and dance, calligraphy, design and poetry to Japanese innovation, video games and animation.

Japanese Association of Graduate Students of Alberta (JAGSA)

The PTJC cooperates with the activities of JAGSA, providing support and coordination for cultural activities and community events initiated by JAGSA within the University and local Japanese communities.

Japan Association of Alumni and Friends of UofA (JAAFUA)

Working with the Office of Alumni Affairs, the PTJC maintains and nurtures a network of friends and University of Alberta alumni living in Japan. We coordinate regular meetings and organize special events for members of the association.

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