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The 11th Kanazawa University Homecoming Day



On Saturday, October 28, 2017, the 11th Kanazawa University Homecoming Day was held at the Kakuma campus amidst the beautiful autumn leaves.

It was a very successful and lively day, with 191 attendees at the welcome ceremony and 161 at the banquet. The visitors, comprising alumni and their family members, shared the joy of reuniting with one another. The welcome ceremony began with the university song from the Kanazawa University Choir and all the attendees joining in.



Welcome Address by the President



◆ President Yamazaki delivering a welcome address

In his welcome address, Kanazawa University President Koetsu Yamazaki introduced the university's recent initiatives. First, he explained that, as a major educational reform measure in the fourth year of the Top Global University Project, the university has devoted special efforts to enhance students' English proficiency with the aim of fostering them as globally effective human resources.

Then, the president mentioned that to enhance its graduate education, the university would establish a joint graduate school in cooperation with the Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology in 2018. He also stated that since Colleges & Schools for undergraduate education in its 10th year requires an overhaul, the College of Human and Social Sciences and the College of Science and Technology would be reviewed.

Finally, with regard to academic research, the president said that the selection of Kanazawa University as the 10th member in the World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI) provided the university with a great opportunity to increase its standing in the world through a 10-year project. He concluded his address by requesting support from the attendees in various forms with regard to the university's initiatives.

Latest Information on Kanazawa University



◆ Trustee Shibata offering the latest information on Kanazawa University

Under the title of "Toward a University Loved by the Earth and that Shines in the World," Trustee and Vice President (in charge of education and Law School enhancement) Masayoshi Shibata presented the latest information on the university, including:

- 1) Profile of Kanazawa University
- 2) Development of Kanazawa University-branded human resources
- 3) World Premier International Research Center Initiative
- 4) Expansion of the global network
- 5) Functional enhancement of the university hospital as a healthcare hub, and
- 6) Synergistic collaboration between the university and local communities.

Congratulatory Address by the Chairman of Kanazawa University Alumni Association

On behalf of the guests, Mr. Tamotsu Yamade, Chairman of Kanazawa University Alumni Association, delivered a congratulatory address. He said that the selection of the university as a WPI member probably resulted from choosing MEXT's focused support type 3 in 2016 and devoting efforts to fulfilling the requirements. He also expressed his hope that Kanazawa University, as the top university in the Japan Sea coastal area, would retain its Law School. In addition, while mentioning that elementary and junior high school students in Ishikawa Prefecture are always ranked high in nationwide academic achievement tests, the chairman recommended that the faculty members and the administration of Kanazawa University cooperate in efforts to recruit such excellent local students when they become senior high school students and select a university. He also encouraged university staff to devote their energies to recruiting students from outside the prefecture.



◆ Chairman Yamade (alumnus from the Faculty of Law & Letters, 1954) delivering a congratulatory address

Campus Tours

On the morning of Saturday, October 28, 2017, campus tours were conducted for four courses ((1) inside the old castle; (2) School of Medicine; (3) north Kakuma campus; (4) south Kakuma campus). These were the second campus tours after 2016.

A total of around 90 people participated in the tours, observing with keen interest the campus where they had spent their student days, places where they had studied diligently, or laboratories at different schools.

Students' Reports on Studying Abroad

- Ms. Saaya Fujimoto, a fourth-year student at the School of International Studies, College of Human and Social Sciences
"From Kanazawa to the World"
Dublin City University, Ireland (September 2015 to May 2016)
- Mr. Kohei Yamamoto, a third-year student in the Doctoral program in the Division of Material Chemistry, Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology
"Life in the Doctoral Program ('Learning at the University and the Experience of Studying Abroad')"
Queen's University, Canada (June to September 2015)



◆ Ms. Fujimoto (left) and Mr. Yamamoto (right) making a report



● Special Lecture

Professor Michiko Inagaki, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Institute of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences, Kanazawa University, gave a special lecture entitled "Health and Health Sciences in Present Times."

In her lecture, she plainly explained what present day health means by focusing on four points: (1) thoughts on health and measures to take for good health, (2) average life expectancy and healthy life expectancy, (3) Nightingale's view on health ("A disease is a process that restores health"), and (4) health sciences.

In section (1): Thoughts on health and measures to take for good health, she mentioned that good health denotes creating a rich state of living (a good physical, psychological, and social condition) regardless of the presence of illness, but there is a limit to life. Next, in section (2): average life expectancy and healthy life expectancy, she explained that while doctors can eliminate threats limiting life expectancy (e.g., cancer, heart disease, etc.), they cannot completely eliminate threats limiting healthy life expectancy (dementia, osteoarthritic diseases, etc.), so it is thought that patients with such incurable diseases will have a long-term relationship with their disease. She added that all human beings age and die, and that people suffer from ailments (conditions requiring nursing care) for 10 years on average before they die, according to some sources. In section (3): Nightingale's view on health ("A disease is a process that restores health"), Professor Inagaki stated that a disease is the result of being attacked by a virus or germ, or of weakening, and that recovery from disease requires natural efforts, which, if lacking, interrupts the entire recovery process. In section (4): health sciences, she introduced each of the five departments in the School of Health Sciences—The Department of Nursing, Radiological Technology, Laboratory Sciences, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy—, which are aimed at developing professional human resources in five fields (with seven national licenses), by explaining their relationship with disease.

Professor Inagaki emphasized that to lead a healthy life, it is important to avoid deficiencies in the "three elements" (sleep, exercise and eating), realize a healthy life expectancy, and achieve moderate goals with regard to aging (humor is also necessary).



◆ Professor Michiko Inagaki giving a lecture Faculty of Health Sciences, Institute of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences (alumna from the School of Allied Medical Sciences, 1976)

● The 7th Executive Meeting of Kanazawa University Alumni Association

The 7th Executive Meeting of Kanazawa University Alumni Association elected executive members and approved the reappointment of Mr. Tamotsu Yamade as Alumni Association Chairman for the next term. Chairman Yamade declared to executive member candidates that he would appoint them as executive members, to decide on executive members for the next term.

Representative Trustee Shigeyoshi Kanoh reported that the Hamamatsu Photonics Kanazawa University Alumni Association (Kindaikai) and the Kanazawa University Yacht Club Alumni Association had been approved as newly registered member organizations of the Alumni Association, and that Chairman Yamade had given a congratulatory address at the graduation ceremony and attended the entrance ceremony.

[New Executives of the Alumni Association (Oct. 28, 2017–Oct. 27, 2019)]

- Chairman: Tamotsu Yamade (Law & Letters)
- Vice Chairs: Tateki Ataka (Law & Letters), Shuro Kaneura (Education)
Takashi Nakanishi (Science), Shinichi Nakamura (Medicine)
Kosuke Matsubara (Health Sciences)
Chisato Mukai (Pharmaceutical Sciences)
Shigeyoshi Kanoh (Engineering)
- Representative Trustee:
Shigeyoshi Kanoh (Vice President of Kanazawa University)
- Trustees: Nobuhiro Torigoe (Law & Letters), Hitoshi Sawano (Education)
Masayoshi Yamamoto (Science), Akihito Ohi (Medicine)
Taro Matsuzaki (Health Sciences)
Ryo Matsushita (Pharmaceutical Sciences)
Masahito Segi (Engineering), Soichiro Yoshida (Shiko)
- Auditors: Mitsuhiro Tokuno (Law & Letters), Yasuo Iwata (Education)

● Banquet

The banquet after the welcome ceremony started with a sake toast named "Kakuma-no-sato," proposed by Chairman Yamade. At the venue, the Philharmonic Orchestra played *Beauty and the Beast* before the opening and a Carpenters medley after the toast, followed by a performance with poi and balls by the JMC (Juggling and Magic Circle). These performances livened up the banquet significantly.

Thereafter, as usual, alumni volunteers sang the university song, Kita-no-miyako (Northern Capital), and Nankagun (Army Gong South) in uniform *happi* coats, with excitement rising to a peak.

The banquet was capped with Vice President Kanoh's closing remarks and three cheers of "banzai!" from all the attendees.



◆ Alumni singing the university song and dormitory song



◆ Philharmonic Orchestra members' performance



◆ JMC's performance with poi (left) and balls (right)



◆ Vice President Kanoh giving closing remarks

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