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◆ NEWS

Kobe University establishes new office in Honolulu

On July 1, 2016 Kobe University established the Honolulu Office of Kobe University (HOKU) within the Japan-America Institute of Management Science (Fujitsu-JAIMS). HOKU was launched as our first liaison office in the Americas. It is Kobe University's sixth overseas office and our first in the United States, following the China Office (2008), the Brussels

European Centre (2010), the Hanoi Liaison Base (April 2015), the Liaison Office in Kraków (December 2015) and the Kobe University and Beijing Foreign Studies University International Collaborative Research Base (April 2016).

HOKU was established with the aim of promoting international collaboration between Kobe University and universities and research institutes in both the

Americas and the pan-Pacific region across the full range of academic fields.

To commemorate the opening of HOKU, Professor TAKEDA Hiroshi (President), Professor YUI Kiyomitsu (Executive Assistant to the President in Charge of International Collaboration) and Professor SHIMOMURA Ken-ichi (Director, Office of the Americas) from Kobe University visited Hawaii and participated in the sign unveiling ceremony for the new office.



A kick-off symposium for the new office was also held in conjunction with the unveiling ceremony.

The symposium was divided into two sessions: applied econometrics and particle physics. Both research fields are the focus of joint projects between Kobe University and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (one of our partner institutions). Researchers from Kobe University, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and other pan-Pacific institutions presented the results of joint research projects and discussed prospects for future collaboration.



The United States is the most popular destination for our researchers to conduct research or study abroad, and we are already involved in many joint projects with American researchers. This office will play an important role in

coordinating international conferences and other collaborations between Japan and the Americas.

http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2016_07_05_01.htm

Visit from Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Georgia Institute of Technology

On July 8, Professor Jacqueline Royster (Dean, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts) and Professor Brian Woodall (Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts) from the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) visited Kobe University. Previously, Professor Woodall participated in the Kobe University US-Japan Collaboration Fair held on March 3, 2014 and gave a presentation on the international strategies of Georgia Tech.

After the meeting, Professor Royster and Professor Woodall gave talks to Kobe University's academic and administrative staff on the organization of the Ivan Allen College and on Georgia Tech's strategic shift to Asia and the Ivan Allen College's Asia-related curricula. The talk was followed by an active question and answer session which continued beyond the expected end time.



http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2016_07_12_01.html

Kobe University Overseas Advisory Board meeting held



On November 7, Kobe University held an Advisory Board meeting at our Brussels European Centre in Belgium. The meeting was attended by board members His Excellency Mr. Herman Van Rompuy (former President of the European Council), Dr. Michael Reiterer (Senior Advisor in the Asia and Pacific Department, European External Action Service), Professor Roger Goodman (Head of Social Sciences Division, University of Oxford), and Professor Jiří Drahoš (Chairman of the Czech Academy of Sciences).

The board members expressed their opinions on topics such as the University's funding schemes for young researchers to engage in international joint research, the introduction of an annual salary system, and initiatives to support research with a social impact, drawing comparisons between Kobe University and their own organizations.

Kobe University is planning to hold an Advisory Board meeting at the Honolulu Office this year to further enhance our governance, inviting experts from various academic and industrial fields.

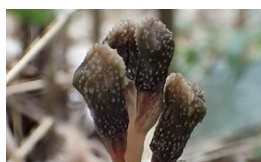
http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2016_11_17_01.html

◆ Research at Kobe University



- Researchers succeed in developing a genome editing technique that does not cleave DNA
http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/research/2016_08_26_01.html

Technology, Biology, Life sciences



- Plant discovered that neither photosynthesizes nor blooms
http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/research/2016_10_14_01.html

Biology



- Mystery solved behind birth of Saturn's rings
http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/research/2016_10_31_01.html

Space science



- When horses are in trouble they ask humans for help
http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/research/2016_12_15_01.html

Natural sciences

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◆ HOKU facilities



HOKU has a conference room that can accommodate 15-20 people, equipped with a screen and white board.

Address: JAITS (Japan-America Institute of Management Science)

660 Hawaii Kai Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825-1192

We provide facilities to hold a seminar or workshop with researchers at Kobe University.

◆ In-house seminars and workshop at HOKU

Information on academic seminars and workshops at HOKU can be found at:
http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/ipiep/hawaii/index_en.html

If you are interested in participating in these events, please contact us at
[intl-relations \(at\) office.kobe-u.ac.jp](mailto:intl-relations(at)office.kobe-u.ac.jp)
for further information.

◆ Social Media

Kobe University is now on Social Media!



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◆ Let us know what you think about our English website

Feedback is always welcome. Please let us know your opinion by filling in a 3-minute questionnaire about the new website: Link to [questionnaire](#)

Thank you very much for reading this newsletter. We wish you all a wonderful spring season!

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