

The 5th UGSAS-GU Roundtable & Symposium 2016 is held

On August 29, 2016, the UGSAS-GU held the 5th UGSAS-GU Roundtable & Symposium 2016 at Juroku Plaza in front of JR Gifu Station. The participants included delegation from member universities of IC-GU12* (17 universities from 7 countries in South Asia), members of Indonesian Directorate General of Higher Education (DIKTI) and delegates of one observing university.

A total of 91 participants including deans, delegates of IC-GU12 member universities and researchers / alumni(ae) discussed Dual / Double Degree Programs, and Sandwich Program. The delegates of four universities which have established joint laboratories with the UGSAS-GU reported ongoing programs and projects carried out at these laboratories. Later, the signing ceremony was held with National University of Laos to ensure its official membership of IC-GU12.

On August 30 at Gifu University, The 5th UGSAS-GU BWEL Joint International Symposium 2016 was held at which the UGSAS-GU alumni who completed master's course

served as lecturers. All of them have already distinguished themselves as renowned scholars in overseas academia.

On August 31, the participants were invited to join an Expedition Tour, inspected an irrigation and drainage plant at Inuyama Wier for Irrigation in Aichi Prefecture, and visited Inuyama Castle. They later observed a manufacturing process of medicines at Naito Museum of Pharmaceutical Science and Industry at Kakamigahara City, Gifu Prefecture.

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This international meeting became an invaluable opportunity for everyone to step up mutual collaborations in the years to come.

IC-GU12* stands for the "Consortium of the Doctoral Program in Agricultural Science and Biotechnology in South Asian Region," which is the international collaboration that the UGSAS-GU called for to establish a guarantee system of the quality of doctoral education in Agricultural Sciences in the region.



Roundtable Opening Remarks

MESSAGE from DEAN

Welcome to the fourth issue of the UGSAS-GU Newsletter. We have organized the international consortium (IC-GU12*) for academic and research collaboration with 16 major universities in Asia and have challenged to a lot of new projects since 2012. In addition to the annual roundtable & symposium, this academic year, we achieved: "International Workshop with Kasetsart University 2016"; arrangement of the collaborative research base "Lab Station" in Indonesia for development of microbiology; overseas deployment of internship students; and faculty exchanges with the IC-GU12 partners. We hope this issue will keep you updated on our global activities for our alumni, currently enrolled students and faculty staffs who are successful in and out of Japan. It would be great if we could receive your professional and diverse opinions on future possibilities and globalization of the UGSAS-GU.

Masateru Senge, Ph.D.
Dean



The 5th Poster Session



The 5th UGSAS-GU Roundtable Participants

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The 3rd International Workshop 2016 in Bangkok, Indonesia

On November 28 and 29, 2016, the UGSAS-GU held "The 3rd UGSAS-GU & International Workshop" in Thailand in cooperation with Kasetsart University. The management of the workshop was supported by the OGAWA Science and Technology Foundation.

On November 28, under the theme of "Recent Microbiological Research for Food, Energy and Health," the workshop opened at Kasetsart University. The workshop included following presentations; a school introduction of the UGSAS-GU, two Keynote speeches (by Professor. Dr. Supa Hannongbua and Dr. Suzuki), a introduction of IC-GU12 activities (by Prof. Mitsunaga); seven scientific presentations by professors of UGSAS and Kasetsart University; 4 presentations of research internship program by students and introduction of business operation of four Thai local company. A total of 92 people were intently listening to the speeches and presentations, and active opinion exchanges took place between the speakers and the audience.

On November 29, the UGSAS-GU delegation visited Kamphaeng Saen Campus of Kasetsart University in the suburb of Bangkok, and they were briefed on rice genetic resource, research on high-value-added new rice variety production at the Rice Gene Discovery and Rice Science Center. In the afternoon, they visited Thai Foods International Co., Ltd. There, Mr. Kotaro Nakajima, Factory Director of the company gave the delegation a company's overview and later, the delegation watched the video clip introducing the process of nucleic acid-based additive production. At Kamphaeng Saen Campus, the delegation saw that the student dormitories and various facilities necessary for the students to stay are all available within the campus. They observed that the ideal study environment is being designed at the students first hand. At the factory inspection, the delegation was very impressed with the smart use of resources available in the neighborhood to achieve vigorous cost reduction.



Commencement Ceremony



UGSAS-GU Commencement Ceremony, AY 2015 took place at Gifu University Hall on March 14, 2016. 4 international students were conferred doctoral degrees, and one of them who achieved particularly outstanding research result received the year's president's award. In addition, 2 international students received a doctoral degree on March 31 2016. Also, 6 students (including 3 international students) were conferred doctoral degrees at UGSAS-GU Commencement Ceremony, AY 2016 FALL on September 26.

Entrance Ceremony



UGSAS-GU Entrance Ceremony, AY 2016 was held at Gifu University Hall on April 8, 2016. There attended 21 new students (including 9 international students) who were admitted to the UGSAS-GU this year. Also, UGSAS-GU Entrance Ceremony, AY 2016 FALL was held at the SINET Room of UGSAS-GU on October 3, 2016, and 7 more students (including 6 international students) were admitted to our school.

Research Internship Report (At the 5th UGSAS Seminar)



On May 25, 2016, the UGSAS-GU held the 6th United Graduate School of Agricultural Science Seminar, "TOBITATE! Young Ambassador Program: Internship" at Gifu University which a total of 61 people including 27 students, 24 administrative and teaching staff and 10 company employees attended. After an opening speech by Prof. Senge, Dean of UGSAS, a Research Internship Debriefing Meeting began where six students made presentations about their research work at a "Research Internship" class. All of them went to the IC-GU12 partner universities for academic training. They introduced the life in foreign countries, and the struggles for smooth communication with their supervisors during research activities. They also expressed their hopes of using these experiences overseas for future study and research work. Next, the representatives of six companies of the Industry Subcommittee* made presentations about their line of business and delivered speeches concerning the characteristics of university students that businesses and industries are expect today. After their speeches, some attendees asked the speakers about their employment policy for doctoral course students.

Industry Subcommittee* is an academic and corporate combine including 7 biological/biotechnological industries in the Tokai Region. Its objective is to support UGSAS-GU to cultivate highly-skilled professionals with PhD.

Reviews in Agricultural Science

It has been four years since we launched "Reviews in Agricultural Science". It's an open access online journal, where any alumni, currently enrolled students, and faculty staffs of the UGSAS/RENDAI(s) are eligible to submit their manuscripts. There are no subscription fees required, and all interested readers are able to freely access any articles on our web site immediately upon publication. To make all the content of the journal open and free, the processing fees are fully covered by Gifu University for all authors. **"We welcome your submission!"**

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