

# OIP Travel Grant: Faculty Report

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**Proposal title** Visits to (1) Doshisha University to create a new Exchange Agreement (up to 5 students) and discuss the feasibility of creating a new “Summer Study Abroad Program” for 10-15 students, and (2) Hosei University to develop the Faculty Exchange Agreement. My visits will secure 15-20 slots for SDSU students and a few slots for SDSU faculty.

**Country/ies visited** Japan

**Institution visited** Doshisha University (possible new exchange partner)  
Hosei University (a new exchange partner since July 2009)

**Dates of travel** December 29, 2009 – January 15, 2010

**Number of student participants:** None

### Previous IP proposals submitted and grants awarded (list titles, countries and dates):

#### Granted Proposal #1

**Proposal Title:**

Visits to Oita University and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Japan to secure 10 slots for our Exchange Programs

**Place and date of Travel:**

Oita and Beppu, Japan

11 days between Friday, March 20, 2009 – Thursday, April 2, 2009

#### Granted Proposal #2

**Proposal Title:**

Visits to Hosei University, Hirosaki University to secure 10 slots for our Exchange Programs and (3) Kyoto Sangyo University to create a new “Summer Study Abroad Program” for 10-15 students.

**Place and date of Travel:**

Tokyo, Hirosaki, and Kyoto, Japan

13 days between Tuesday, July 14 – Friday, August 14, 2009

**Have all required reports been submitted?** Yes

**Other funding for this activity available/applied for:**

Assistance from SDSU American Language Institute

**Proposal Abstract (75 word maximum):**

I will to meet with Professor Yasuhiro Kuroki, Vice President for International Affairs and Director of International Center at Doshisha University in Kyoto, and discuss possibilities of creating exchange opportunities and of our summer program. I will also visit Hosei University in Tokyo to develop the second phase of the Exchange Agreement: Faculty Exchange. In sum, my activities will lead to creation of 15-20 slots for SDSU students and a few slots for SDSU faculty.

## **Travel report**

I had a very productive visit. I visited Doshisha University in Kyoto and met all key administrators necessary to initiate the discussion on the exchange agreement. I am happy to report that they are eager to work with SDSU. It is highly likely that we can start exchanging students in the Fall of 2011. I also initiated the negotiation on the Summer Program with Doshisha. They saved 15 spots for SDSU both in the program and the residence hall for the summer of 2011.

In addition, I visited to Hosei University in Tokyo. We already signed the SDSU-Hosei Exchange Agreement in July 2009. However, this agreement is limited to student exchange. I met with the key persons in the Office of International Exchange at Hosei and stressed the importance of adding the faculty exchange phase in order to make the agreement complete. They are happy to add this phase.

I would like to mention that I visited both institutions as the Director of Japan International Programs. It was clear to them that I represent SDSU officially. I am grateful that Dr. Sweedler created such a position for me in May 2009 and allowed me to use it on my business card.

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### **(1) Doshisha University (a prospective exchange partner)**

#### **Background Information**

Doshisha University, founded by Joseph Hardy Neesima in 1875, is a reputable private institution with approximately 26,900 students (24,600 undergraduate students and 2,300 graduate students) situated in the heart of Kyoto. It has 12 Colleges covering all academic disciplines except medicine.

Its founding philosophy is “conscience education.” Neesima affirmed the educational ideals of “Christian principles,” “liberalism,” and “internationalism.” Doshisha is famous for English education and has been actively working with institutions abroad.

The Center for Japanese Language Culture (CJLC) has agreements with 171 institutions and Centers in 38 countries. From the U.S., 46 institutions are participating: 16 Associated Kyoto Program (AKP) Member Institutions (mainly liberal arts colleges), 13 Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS) Member Institutions (Stanford, Boston, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Emory, Harvard, Princeton, Chicago, Michigan, Penn, U. of Virginia, Washington U.), and others.

The Center for Japanese Language Culture (CJLC) has an established program for exchange students attested by its successful association with the U.S. universities. It offers Japanese language courses at 8 levels and Lecture Courses in Japanese Studies on various topics such as literature, philosophy and religion, law and politics, business and management studies, history, society, culture, education, personality, performing arts, Noh theater. It also offers Lecturer Courses in International Studies on the topics of history of the world, history of histories, comparative studies of international cultures, comparative studies of international media, international business, and multicultural communication.

I wish to meet with Professor Yasuhiro Kuroki, Vice President for International Affairs, at Doshisha University in Kyoto, and discuss the possibility of creating exchange opportunities for our students (up to 5 students per academic year). Vice President Kuroki is the right person because he is also the Dean of Organization for Promotion of International Cooperation and the Director of the International Center.

I would also like to discuss with him the feasibility of our possible summer program offered by Extension for 10-15 slots. Doshisha’s summer schedule allows me to lead a Study Tour.

### **Actual Visits and Activities**

#### **Thursday, January 7, 2010**

A meeting with the Office of International Center administrators (1 hour):

II Professor Yasuhiro Kuroki

Vice President for International Affairs

Dean, Organization for Promotion of International Cooperation

Director, Office of the International Center

II Mr. Toru Nishioka, Deputy Director

Head, Office of the International

A meeting with the Center for Japanese Language Culture administrators (1 hour):

II Professor Nobuyuki Yamauchi

Vice Dean, Organization for Promotion of International Cooperation

Dean, Center for Japanese Language and Culture

II Professor Miyuki Hira  
Director, Japanese Language Program

Observation of 4 Japanese language classes escorted by Professor Hira

A luncheon meeting with Professors Yamauchi and Hira (1.5 hours)

Visits to 2 International Houses and a Residence Hall (2 hours)  
hosted by:

II Mr. Hiroki Kamata  
Program Coordinator, Office of International Education

II Ms. Mayumi Kawada  
Assistant Program Coordinator, Office of International Education

## **Discussions and Recommendations**

### **a) Doshisha's Problem**

Doshisha was pleased that I contacted them because they were looking for an exchange partner. They were hoping to expand their exchange programs so that they can place the groups of students who could not go to the Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS) Member institutions (mainly Ivy League schools) or Associated Kyoto Program (AKP) Member Institutions (mainly liberal arts colleges). KCJS member institutions require TOEFL score of 620-630. AKP member institutions require at least 600. Only so-called "returnees" (those students who spent some time in the English speaking countries while growing up) can achieve such high scores.

Doshiha has two groups of Japanese students they had difficulty placing at U.S. institutions. One group consists of students whose TOEFL scores range 570-580. This range is commendable as the score for those who were educated only in Japan, but is not good enough to attend Doshisha's exchange partners. They informed me that the University of California now requires 600. The other group consists of students whose TOEFL scores range 525-550. This range does not lead them anywhere.

Both Vice President Kuroki and Mr. Nishioka have been to San Diego. Doshisha has an exchange agreement with UCSD's School of Medicine and Jacobs School of Engineering. This program is mainly for researchers and faculty, not available for undergraduate students. Furthermore, the fields of specialization are very limited. Therefore, Doshisha was looking for an institution which would accept all majors, especially undergraduate students. **From their point of view, SDSU is an ideal institution.** This is why Vice President Kuroki, who is in charge of international programs, made time to meet with me. They understood. They are happy that SDSU is able to accommodate their needs.

Vice President Kuroki and Mr. Nishioka liked this curriculum planning very much.

### **b) Doshisha's Curriculum for International Students**

Regarding the SDSU students studying at Doshisha, both Professors Yamauchi and Hira are ready to welcome our students. They offer 8 levels of Japanese classes. I observed four classes. Each class is small (up to 12 students). The instructors were well trained. Professor Hira mentioned that Doshisha aims at being the very best academic institution in the field of Japanese language education in Japan. In addition, Doshisha offers numerous Asia- and Japan-content courses in English. These courses are available not only for international students but also for Japanese students. Our students will be in an excellent learning environment, since they will have ample opportunities to study with Japanese students.

### **c) Summer Session/Study Abroad Tour**

Regarding the summer session, Doshisha is willing to accept a group of students from SDSU. They tentatively saved **15 spots** for SDSU both in the short-term program and the residence hall for the summer of 2011. I plan to start working with Kevin Carter, the Director of Study Abroad Tour in the College of Extended Studies.

I can predict three major markets for this program. First, the most predictable market is the SDSU family (students, faculty, staff, and their families). The second possible market will be the high school students and their families in the local community. Those who completed the Japan Studies Academic for Gifted Youth in 2009 expressed interest in participating in a study tour offered by college. The last market is those who completed the Japan Studies Institute sponsored by the American Association of the State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) in the past 20 years. They are eager to go to Japan after intensively learning about Japan for three weeks at SDSU.

### **d) SDSU's American Language Institute**

Doshisha is famous for English education. They offer short programs during the summer and spring breaks. I presented ALI's VIP packages to Vice President Kuroki and Mr. Nishioka and promoted ALI. They were impressed with the packets and said that they would talk to the faculty in the English Department.

### **e) Accommodations**

I was given a tour of two international houses for long-term stay and one residence hall for short-term stay. All of them looked well managed.

## **(2) Hosei University (New Exchange Agreement signed in July 2009)**

### **Background Information**

Hosei University, founded in 1880, is a reputable private university with approximately 30,300 students (28,300 undergraduate students and 2,000 graduate students) situated in the heart of Tokyo. They have 300 international students from various countries. The Exchange Students from Overseas Program (ESPO) has agreements with 26 institutions

in 12 countries. In the U.S., Truman State University, Baylor University, UC Davis, and Boise State University have established agreements with Hosei.

The SDSU-Hosei Exchange Agreement was signed in July 2009. We will start exchanging students beginning in the Fall of 2010. However, this exchange agreement is only for students. Thus, I wish to visit Hosei to develop the second phase of the Exchange Agreement: Faculty Exchange.

### **Actual Visits and Activities**

#### **Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

A meeting over lunch with Professor Rebecca E. Fukuzawa, Deputy Director of International Programs (2.0 hours).

A meeting (3.0 hours)

Π Mr. Kimiyoshi Hayashi, Associate Vice President for International Affairs

Π Mr. Yasuhisa Hirooka, Assistant Director, International Center

Π Ms. Kimiko Hotokezaka, Executive Assistant, International Center

Π Dr. Rebecca E. Fukuzawa, Deputy Director, International Center

A meeting over dinner at the house of Professor Rebecca E. Fukuzawa (3 hours)

### **Discussions and Recommendations**

I was pleased that Hosei was willing to develop a second phase of the agreement: the faculty exchange. We spent a lot of time regarding how to process the paperwork and obtain approvals at various stages on campus. There is an enormous number of committees the proposal must go through. It was eventually agreed that it would be the easiest if a one-page "Addendum" to the existing Agreement is presented. They asked SDSU to prepare the draft of the Addendum. I will prepare the original draft and submit it to Dr. Sweedler for his consideration.

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In sum, I was able to initiate the discussion on the exchange agreement and the summer program with Doshisha University in Kyoto. I was also able to stimulate interest in the English programs at SDSU's ALI for their short-term study abroad programs. I was successful in convincing Hosei University to add the faculty exchange phase to the newly signed exchange agreement.

I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity to help SDSU internationalize its academic curriculum. It has been fulfilling and rewarding.