

# Seminar on University Globalization Towards Better Quality University Education and Graduates

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Sakura Hall, Katahira Campus, Tohoku University, August 3, 2013

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The first seminar on the topic, "University Globalization" started two years ago to try to identify the root causes of the current weak Japan by focusing on the differences between "Japanese university education and employment systems" and those in other countries.

Through this seminar, we want to identify more potential root causes of the weak Japan and extend our focus to weak Japanese writing capability of Japanese university graduates that has been leading to poor self expression and communications capability. The seminar is two fold: Track 1 deals issues with Japanese graduates / how Japanese graduates are different from those in foreign countries and expectations to Japanese graduates, Track 2 deals how Japanese writing skills are taught in high schools and universities compared with the writing courses in the universities in America and others.

## 2013 1st RIEC Seminar on "University Globalization: Towards Better Quality University Education and Graduates"

- Date/ Time: August 3, 2013 / 13:00 – 18:00
- Place: Sakura Hall, Katahira Campus, Tohoku University
- Working language: Track 1 - English (Questions in Japanese are welcome), Track 2 - Japanese
- Participation fee: free

### Agenda

13:00 – 13:05 Opening remarks

13:05 – 15:05

- (1) **Mr. Walter Foreman** (Office of International Affairs, Korea University)  
"The Current Status and Future Plan of Korea University to Survive Global Competitions"
- (2) **Prof. Atsuko Yamazaki** (Faculty of Engineering, Shibaura Institute of Technology)  
"Professional Skills for Global Competency: How "Hard" Should They Be?"
- (3) **Prof. Yuko Oshitani** (Center for the Advancement of Higher Education, Tohoku University)  
"Coping with English - the Performance of Japanese Students in Bilingual Communication Class-"
- (4) **Mr. Kazuo Horiuchi** (Rohde and Schwarz Japan)  
"What is Expected of Japanese Students from the View Point of a Foreign Company"

15:05 – 15:20 Coffee break

15:20 – 16:50

- (5) **Ms. Harumi Shiokai** (St. Ursula Eichi High School, Miyagi)  
"How to Foster Communications Capability needed for Global Society"  
(国際社会で求められるコミュニケーション能力の育成のために)
- (6) **Mr. Katsuhiko Suzuki** (Kurosawajirikita High School, Iwate)  
"Current Writing Education at High Schools and a Proposal for Universities"  
(高校の作文教育の現状と大学への提案)"
- (7) **Prof. Shu Kato** (RIEC, Tohoku University)  
"A Proposal on Japanese University Education and Employment Systems, and Analytical Study on Writing Skills of University Graduates"

16:55 – 17:55

- (8) Panel discussion "How to Foster Quality Students (from High Schools to Universities)?"  
Moderator: Prof. Shu Kato  
Panelist: Mr. Walter Foreman, Prof. Atsuko Yamazaki, Prof. Yuko Oshitani, Mr. Kazuo Horiuchi, Ms. Harumi Shiokai, Mr. Katsuhiko Suzuki

17:55 – 18:00 Closing remarks

Reception 18:00-19:30 Fee: ¥1,000 (¥500 for students)

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## Speakers

**Mr. Walter Foreman** is the Manager of Communications and Protocol at Korea University's Office of International Affairs. His chief responsibility in this position is developing and stewarding international partnerships for student mobility, faculty exchange, and research collaboration. In addition, he serves as the main liaison officer for Korea University's memberships in Universitas 21 (U21) and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU). Mr. Foreman earned a B.Ed. from the University of Saskatchewan, an MA from the University of Sydney, and is currently working toward his PhD in English Education from Korea National University of Education. Originally from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, he has lived in Korea since 1998.



**Prof. Atsuko K. Yamazaki** is Professor at Shibaura Institute of Technology, where she teaches communication related to science and engineering, and conducts research in communication and information science. She received MA in TESOL from Monterey Institute of International Studies, MS in Computer Science from University of Maryland and Ph.D. in Systems Engineering from Wakayama University. She has held leadership positions in IEEE Professional Communication Society and Japan Association of College English Teachers. Her work has been published by Ecological Modelling, Deep-Sea Research, IEEE, Knowledge-Based Intelligence and Information Engineering Systems International, Japan Society for Artificial Intelligence and others.



**Prof. Yuko Oshitani** is Founder and Director of Tohoku Tabunka (Multicultural) Academy, where she has been since 2010. She currently serves as a part-time lecturer in Tohoku University and teaches the International Seminar (国際共修ゼミ). She received an M.S. in Multicultural Studies in Education from University of Houston Clear Lake in 1998.



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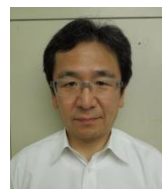


**Ms. Harumi Shiokai (汐海治美)** 1976年 東北大学文学部国文学科卒業,  
1981年より聖ウルスラ学院高等学校国語科教諭,  
2006年より聖ウルスラ学院英智高等学校副校長,  
2007年～2009年聖ウルスラ学院英智小・中学校文部科学省指定教育研究開発学校(言語技術)研究主任,



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**Mr. Katsuhiko Suzuki (鈴木 勝博)** 1984年3月 日本大学芸術学部文芸学科卒, 1984年4月～岩手県立広田水産高等学校(6年間), 千厩高等学校 (7年間), 盛岡北高等学校 (7年間), 一関第一高等学校(7年間), 秋田県立横手高等学校(1年間)～北海道・北東北3県人事交流, 岩手県立黒沢尻北高等学校(2年目)現在教務主任.



主な教育活動:

平成 元年 研究発表「古文－学力回復の1視点－」 岩手県国語研究協議会第33回東磐井大会  
平成 4年 研究発表「古典学習の1視点－表現と共に理解を深める－」 第41回東北地区国語教育研究協議会岩手大会  
平成 7年 研究発表「現古辞典作りから文語作文へ」 全国高等学校国語教育連合会第28回宮城大会 岩手県高等学校生徒会誌コンクール特別(最高)賞受賞  
平成 7年 第5回全国高等学校作文選手権「文の甲子園」(文藝春秋社主催)優勝

他、小論文指導に関する発表・講演多数

**Prof. Shu Kato** graduated with a Ph.D from Tohoku University and joined NTT Laboratory in 1977. Worked as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Ottawa, in Canada from 1981 to 1982. In 1995, he established Pacific Communications Research Inc. and became President of Uniden in 1996. He became senior VP of Mitsubishi Wireless, Inc., (USA) in 1998, and established Omni Wireless, Inc., (USA) in 2001. He worked as VP, Teradyne Japan from 2002 to 2005 to learn why American companies are successful. In 2006, he joined National Institute of Information and Communications Technology to help Japanese wireless industry in global competition, and became Professor at RIEC, Tohoku University in 2008 to help fostering globally competitive Ph. Ds. He interviewed over 1,000 candidates in USA and over 1,000 in Japan for hiring so far. He has published over 200 technical papers, held over 100 patents (including a patent which became DOD (USA) standard in 1998), He is a Fellow of the IEEE.



**Next Seminar “University Globalization: How to Improve Quality of Universities and Students”**

・ Potential date: One of **October 15, 18, 21, 22, 2013** , ・ Place: **Sakura Hall, Tohoku University**