

## CENTRE FOR JAPANESE STUDIES HOSTS A SERIES OF EVENTS (16-17 September 2015)

### THE CJS LAUNCHING IN PRETORIA

The Centre for Japanese Studies (CJS) of the University of Pretoria was officially launched in its Hatfield Campus on 16 September 2015, by Prof. Cheryl de la Rey, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University and the Japanese Ambassador to South Africa, Mr. Shigeyuki Hiroki.

The CJS was first established in 2010, at the Gordon Institute of Business Science, or GIBS, in Johannesburg, as a legacy project commemorating the Japan and South Africa Centennial Celebrations. To further promote academic links between the two countries, the University decided to relocate the CJS to its main campus in Hatfield, Pretoria in January 2015.



Ambassador Hiroki delivers his remarks.



Prof Cheryl de la Rey delivers her remarks.

The launching ceremony was attended by 100 some dignitaries and guests, including Dr. Phil Mjwara, Director-General of the Department of Science and Technology, representatives from other South African government departments, deans and faculty members of the university, and Japanese government and business representatives as well as those from eight Japanese universities.

Becoming fully ready on the Hatfield Campus, the CJS is now expected to play a pivotal role in transmitting the Japan related information, promoting people-to-people exchanges and academic and intellectual interactions.

### WORKSHOP

On 17 September 2015, the CJS hosted a workshop between the faculty members of the University of Pretoria and the representatives from eight Japanese universities, namely, Hokkaido University, International University of Japan, Nagasaki University, Naruto University of Education, Osaka University, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies and the University of Tsukuba. It was the very first event with a large number of Japanese university representatives all gathered in one venue for a workshop to seek potential cooperation between the universities of the two countries.



Prof Cycil Hartell welcomes the participants

After a warm welcome by Prof. Cycil Hartell, Director of the CJS, the workshop broke up in eight subgroups by different fields and disciplines with fruitful discussions, sharing the means and ways for their future cooperation



## STUDY IN JAPAN FAIR

In the afternoon of 17 September, the first-ever Study-in-Japan Fair in South Africa was hosted by the CJS in collaboration with Hokkaido University on the Hatfield Campus. They paid careful attention to the presentations made by a representative from Japan Students Services Organization (JASSO) and each participating universities. Including those participated through displaying brochures, a total of 19 Japanese universities participated in this event, which attracted some 290 participants.

The Japanese government is offering a number of scholarship opportunities. The JICA South Africa Office is currently receiving applications for the Third Batch Scholarship Students for Africa Business Education Initiative for Youth, or ABE Initiative, who will be travelling to Japan in September 2016 for master's courses in Japanese universities and internship opportunities at Japanese companies. For more details about ABE Initiatives, visit the JICA's website at: <http://www.jica.go.jp/southafrica/english/office/others/abe.html>

The application closes on 30 October 2015.

The Japanese Embassy in Pretoria also offers *Monbukagakusho* (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: MEXT) scholarship for post-graduate studies. For more details please contact Japanese Embassy at [info@pr.mofa.go.jp](mailto:info@pr.mofa.go.jp) or visit the "Study in Japan" website at <http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en>



Keen students consulted individually with the university representatives from Japan.

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