

# IUJ ALUMNI NEWS

July 2003

Newsletter for the 1,897 Strong World-wide Network of IUJ Alumni 1985-2003

A Green Courtyard with trees, grass, flowers and benches creates a friendly place now enjoyed by students, staff, faculty and visitors, all thanks to the generous initiatives of IUJ President Y. Sugihara, and a Class Gift from IM2003 of a sturdy picnic table and benches. Thank you!



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**IR CLASS 2003: THANK YOU FOR THE NEW GLOBE FOR THE MLIC LOBBY!**

### SUMMER LIBRARY CLOSURE INFO

IUJ's library will add additional services and enhance existing ones over the summer months. Due to these changes, the library services will operate on a limited basis, including open hours between June 23 and Sept. 25.

For details see <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/mlic/>

# STATE OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

REMARKS BY THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR,  
TOMOHIITO SHINODA (IR86)

It is my honor to take the leadership for the next 3 years as Chairman of the Executive Committee. With the other 9 members of the committee we are plotting a plan to introduce new activities and initiatives to help IUJ and our Association on various fronts.

## ON THE SOCIAL FRONT . . .

We hope to increase the interaction among our alumni members first by introducing "IUJ First Fridays." The kick off event will be on August 1, 2003 at 7-9pm (and beyond) in Roppongi at **Trading Places** (for directions and details please refer to the Alumni Homepage <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni>). The purpose of the event is simple: to get to know each other better across class year lines, across professions and across nationalities.

Several classes regularly get together, and several nationality groups have strong networks. By bringing all of you together on a regular basis we hope our friendships, professional networks, relations with campus, and our Association itself can become stronger.

We will meet on the first Friday of EVERY month at the same place and time. So please come by, bring a friend, and if you are overseas and are in Tokyo on a First Friday, please know we are awaiting you.

We hope that groups and Chapters world-wide will continue to gather and increase the number of such chances. Last summer, we had more social networking gatherings than ever before. Thanks to all those that gave extra effort to organize AND attend. We hope Jakarta Chapter gets re-energized. The Executive Committee and Alumni Relations office on campus will encourage and facilitate Chapter formations in NYC, Greater Washington DC area, London, Philippines, Shanghai, Hong Kong and more - we hope! Where there are not enough alumni to formalize a Chapter, please don't stop gathering and sending in your photos.

## ON THE EDUCATION FRONT . . .

Drawing upon the wealth of knowledge and experience in our Association membership, the Executive Committee plans to organize an Alumni Speaker series to bring corporate, government and world organization speakers back to campus to talk with IUJ current students - future association members - to enrich campus. Volunteers are sought. Or watch for our contact and please accept our request.

In a way, we started this initiative already on June 17. Motohiro Ono (1989), one of the few leading experts in Japan on Iraq who frequently appeared on national television during the war, was kind enough to join me in a first Alumni Only Open Seminar on campus. The Open Seminars are arranged in Japanese for the local people. Onosan gave a special lecture to students and faculty in English before hand (See page 13 for his summary remarks). We want to build on this for a regular series.



M. Ono (left) shares a laugh with current EC Chair T. Shinoda before the Open Seminar talk on campus.

Campus is also looking for more help with consulting projects for CRM, marketing strategies, new product development, market research, etc. Additional help with Internships world wide to help students take classroom learning into the business world and IO world are also sought. Though the Alumni EC is not directly taking on these initiatives, we hope that those Alumni who can help will contact campus ([alumni@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:alumni@iuj.ac.jp)).

## ON THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF IUJ . . .

Some of us finally have gray hair and are well established in our fields. Many of us are benefiting from our IUJ experience and degree but did not have significant out-of-pocket payouts during our years of study. Very few left IUJ with a monetary debt, as is usually expected in completing and MA or an MBA, and a number went into very stable, and often well-paying positions upon graduating. So we hope we all remember this, and get prepared to start paying back a bit, monetarily, on a regular basis to help the financial health of IUJ. See page 14 for a special thanks to those who have donated so far!

Campus is struggling with the continued depressed Japanese economy, the inability for corporations to contribute as in the past, not to mention the M&As that turned 2 or 3 donors into 1. It is our turn to step up and help at least with the extras campus needs. The infrastructure is ready for your wire-transfer (*furikomi*) or online credit card donations. See <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/donations/> AND watch for additional information for a new fundraising drive.

## NEW STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS . . .

President Sugihara has recently launced a new Student Recruitment committee and asked the EC to send a representatitve to each meeting. Teramachi-san and I have been attending.

That committee is asking the Alumni Association for support. The emphasis is to recruit more students from Japan, North America and Europe to help balance the current student nationality makeup on campus.

IUJ is planning to offer some incentive for those that apply through Alumni recommendations and introductions. If you know of potential and suitable people in their 20s and 30s who could benefit from an IUJ experience and education, please let us know. Please start keeping your eyes out for such young professionals for introductions.

AND if you have any ideas on how to reach this audience and attract more applications, we would appreciate the ideas and information. The volunteers for the IUJ Ambassadors' program will be called on again in the coming months. But we need help from many more of you!

PLEASE WISH US, THE NEW EC, LUCK AND JOIN OUR INITIATIVES.

**UPDATE YOUR PROFILE**  
**CONTACT INFO**  
**FAMILY INFO**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
**SHARE A PHOTO**  
**FIND FRIENDS & THOSE**  
**IN YOUR AREA!**  
**NETWORK!**



**THE IUJ ONLINE ALUMNI DIRECTORY!**  
[HTTP://WWW.IUJ.AC.JP/ALUMNI/DIRECTORY](http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/directory)

**REGISTER TODAY!**

Michael Wierzbinski (IM02) and Ariko's photo on the Online Directory

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

All IUJ graduates who pay an initial 3,000 yen membership fee join the IUJ Alumni Association. In Spring 2002, membership as 'honorary alumni' was extended to former special students and exchange students, and similar services and database tracking was begun. Currently we have 1,897 IUJ graduates, and 1,887 Association Members (total graduates, minus those that have passed away, and a few not joining) and 12 Honorary Alumni. Each class has at least 1 representative in Japan and 1 overseas. They were chosen just before graduation, but are currently rather an inactive group. As we believe that several may not realize they are the class representative, we are contacting them again in order to re-confirm their willingness to fill this role, or for help finding a replacement. See the list below of the current Class Representatives.

The Alumni Association is run by an Executive Committee with a Chairperson, Vice Chair, Treasurer and general members. Currently there are 10 EC Members. Elections are held every 3 years: the next elections will be in Winter 2006. From the Executive Committee, those who are able to attend daytime meetings 3-4 times a year in Tokyo and can communicate in Japanese, serve simultaneously as members of the IUJ Board of Councilors. This board is chaired by Mr. Yoichi Morishita (Chairman of Matsushita Electric Industry) and served by many senior academic and business leaders, and our 8 alumni representatives. For formal decision-making and planning for IUJ, the board meetings are usually held jointly with the Board of Trustees, which is chaired by the IUJ Chairman, currently Mr. Yotaro Kobayashi and made up of IUJ leadership (Vice Chairs, President, VP, Deans).

Up until February 2003, all IUJ Alumni Association EC Members were to also serve on the IUJ Board of Councilors. This meant they had to be in Japan and Japanese literate. However, in response to several alumni expressing concern that those not meeting such conditions should be able to serve on the EC, the topic was brought to the annual meeting of the Alumni Association on February 7, 2003. At that meeting, all agreed that the Alumni EC could include those outside of Japan and without Japanese abilities, as long as they had email communication access. In fact, that would give the EC more opinions and better representation to challenge new initiatives and tough issues for campus during their tenure (April 2003-March 2006). Those elected to the EC, who met the necessary conditions, would become the alumni representatives to the Board of Councilors.

Later in that February meeting the nominations for the new Executive Committee were made, and included one alum in New York City, and one in Tokyo but unable to attend meetings during the day. They, along with the other 8 nominees were elected for a 3-year term.

In addition to the alumni members of the IUJ Board of Councilors, two other alumni serve as members to the Board of Trustees. They are Koyo Sato (1985), VP of AIG, Japan and Kenichi Hayama (1985), Senior Manager, Corporate Planning, Kajima Corporation. To keep them informed of the Alumni EC activities, they are observers to the email discussions.

The contact point for the Alumni Executive Committee and the Association is on campus, with the Alumni Relations Office: Gretchen Shinoda (1989), Director, Alumni Relations. For services available to IUJ Alumni, see the Alumni Homepage at <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni>. They include Online Profile and Directory, SD1 room reservations, class emails, twice yearly newsletter distributions, etc. Contact that office through [alumni@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:alumni@iuj.ac.jp). Other contact information is at the back page of this newsletter.

Alumni Relations Office, July 2003

## ALUMNI ASSOC. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 2003-March 2006

Chair Tomohito Shinoda\* IR IUJ  
 Vice Chair Harvey Chervitz\* IM New Directions  
 Treasurer N. Teramachi\* IM Porsche Japan

### Members

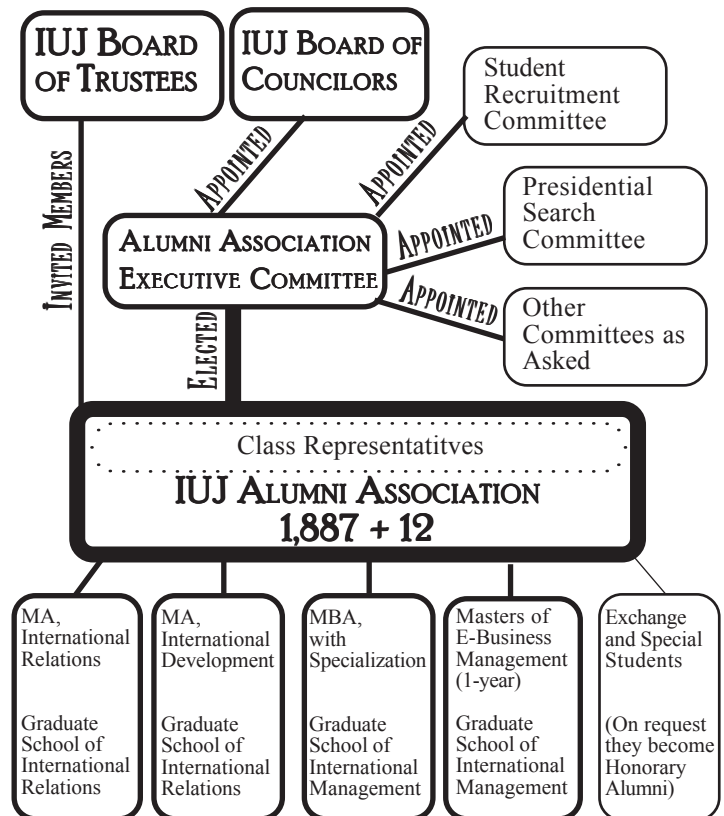
Hideki Sato*	1987	IR	NTT Communications
Yukio Takagaki*	1989	IR	Surugadai University
Tadashi Inagaki*	1995	IM	Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Maqsood Ahmed*	1997	IR	Hitech Sol.
Adam Bergman	1997	IR	J.P. Morgan HQ
Judy Go*	1998	IM	Reed Exhibitions Japan Ltd.
Kaoru Hisaeda	2001	IR	Lehman Brothers Japan Inc.

\*Serves on Board of Councilors

## LIST OF CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

(\* indicates those that have confirmed their willingness to continue serving. If you no longer want to be your Class Representative, please contact [alumni@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:alumni@iuj.ac.jp) and nominate a replacement.)

1985	IR	Yasuhiro Sato*	1997	IM	K. Tangpradubkiat
1986	IR	Masahiko Inoue	1998	IR	Zandy Rassat*
1987	IR	Moriyuki Sawa*	1998	IR	Yuji Kano*
1988	IR	Masaki Mori	1998	IR	Jesse Szeto*
1989	IR	Junichiro Miyagawa*	1998	IM	Hisataka Chinju*
1989	IR	Ken Ando	1999	IR	Kaoru Miyamoto*
1990	IR	Atsushi Nezu*	1999	IM	K. Kagiwada*
1990	IM	Masaya Hirayama*	2000	IR	Tim Aron
1991	IR	Naonobu Minato	2000	IR	Gordy Palmquist
1991	IM	Yoshiyasu Mizutomi	2000	IM	Motohiro Yamada*
1992	IR	Hlaing Kyaw*	2001	IR	Haruo Oda
1992	IR	Nobuhiko Ishihara*	2001	IR	Rachel Smith
1992	IM	Toshiya Tamada	2001	IR	Daryl Bockett*
1993	IM	Chuichi Ariyoshi	2001	IM	David Sheldon
1994	IR	Hiroaki Furuse*	2001	IM	Seiichiro Sonoda*
1994	IM	Keiji Yamashita	2002	IR	Niraj Dawadi*
1995	IR	Hisashi Yonemoto*	2002	IR	Shimpei Ikematsu*
1996	IM	Narito Arimitsu	2002	IM	Tze Khin Chung*
1997	IR	Ted Dreger	2002	IM	Yasutake Kojima*
1997	IR	Prasanna Ganesh	2002	Ebz	Raymond Ly*
1997	IM	Fengmao Hua	2002	Ebz	Yasushi Hirakawa*
1997	IM	Seigo Ishimaru*	2003		See ClassNotes info



# NEW CHAIRMAN AND NEW VICE CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

## MR. YOTARO KOBAYASHI STEPS INTO THE CHAIR

At the IUJ Board Meeting held on April 22, the appointments of Mr. Yotaro Kobayashi as Chairman and Mr. Akira Miyahara as co-Vice Chairman, effective May 1 were approved.

Mr. Kobayashi is Chairman of the Board of Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd. and former Chairman of Keizai Doyukai (Japan Association of Corporate Executives). He has served as IUJ Vice Chairman for several years. He was born in London in 1933, graduated from Keio University in 1956, and the Wharton School of Finance & Commerce at University of Pennsylvania in 1958. He joined Fuji Xerox in 1963, and, after holding many important positions, was appointed Chairman and CEO in 1992, and Chairman of the Board in 1999.

Mr. Miyahara is Executive Adviser and former President of Fuji Xerox. He also serves as a Councilor of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry, a Trustee of Keizai Doyukai, and Director of ORIX Corporation.

Mr. Kobayashi spoke of his aspiration as the newly appointed Chairman:

*"I am very honored and am feeling self-renewed to have been appointed as the 7th Chairman of the International University of Japan (IUJ) as of May 1, 2003.*

*IUJ was founded with a mission to provide graduate level edu-*

*cation in English to develop future leaders in the global society. In founding IUJ, Mr. Sohei Nakayama, current Senior Advisor, played a leading role in collaboration with several other eminent figures of Japan's business society. With diverse historical backgrounds, languages, religions, etc., students come from 50 countries all over the globe to study and conduct research. In today's stormy global society, the importance of the IUJ's mission is increasing.*



**IUJ Leadership:** from left to right are Secretary General F. Ichinose, co-ViceChair A. Miyahara, Chair Y. Kobayashi, President Y. Sugihara, co-ViceChair Y. Takeuchi

*Education is the basis of the human community, and the importance of personnel training in the intellectual society of the 21st Century is unarguable. I, as the Chairman, would sincerely hope to contribute to the development of this unique institution and to nurturing promising students as they develop into eminent leaders."*

### CHAIRMAN KOBAYASHI GAVE THESE COMMENTS AT GRADUATION 2003:

*"To be World Class, according to a Harvard professor, you need 3 things:*

**World Class Concepts World Class Confidence World Class Connections**

*"At IUJ students can and should be able to begin to develop all of these things: on our diverse campus with challenging students World Class Concepts begin to emerge. Many of us are still in the process, but that begins at IUJ. After 2 years on our campus at this level of interaction, Confidence is nurtured, and not only from the group with whom IUJ students study, but when they graduate, they enter a worldwide network that is the Alumni Association, and have World Class Connections that are growing year by year.*

*"IUJ has the fundamentals in place which we can improve on to help us achieve World Class status."*

The above comments summarized by the Editor. For more comments at Graduation, see page 10

## IUJ-MBA RANKED FOURTH IN THE ASIA PACIFIC TOP TEN MBAs

FROM THE IUJ NEWS PAGE <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/news/>

IUJ-MBA was ranked 4th in the Asia Pacific Top Ten MBA's (February 2003) by the Business Education Commission (BEC). BEC provides information about and assesses business schools from all over the world and announces business school rankings every year. The ranking is based on various aspects such as academic programs, grading systems, scholarships, work experience, starting salary, average GMAT scores, ratio of foreign students, etc. For further details, please go to: [http://www.best-education.org/Top10\\_AsiaPac.htm](http://www.best-education.org/Top10_AsiaPac.htm)

## E-CAMPUS IUJ : EMAIL MAGAZINE NOW IN ENGLISH TOO!

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Subscriptions are now open for the English version of our monthly e-mail publication, launch date in August. While the audience is mainly targeted at those interested in becoming an IUJ graduate student, alumni can enjoy the updated news, faculty and course profiles, and alumni spotlights as well. To subscribe, follow the links on the IUJ Website.

Please tell a friend: a potential IUJ candidate!

IUJ's E-Magazine in Japanese continues to attract a steady following with a subscription base of over 600 and growing. This is one part of IUJ's concentrated effort to attract more Japanese nationals to participate in our very special and very international education and living experience.

# BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

INTRODUCTIONS OF IUJ ENTREPRENEURS, NEW BUSINESSES,  
JOINT VENTURE PARTNER SEARCH, ALUMNI COOPERATIONS AND MORE!!

## GARY WONG (IM95)



decided to make a business out of my hobby - cars.

I have started up a new company based in Tokyo called Bula Rent A Car (Bula, incidentally means "Hello" in Fijian). We rent luxury foreign made vehicles covering brands such as Audi, BMW, Mercedes Benz and AMG, Porsche, Volvo, Volkswagen, Land Rover, Jaguar, MINI, Honda and Nissan. With us, you can specify the exact car that you want, right down to the color of the car and size of the engine. Where possible, we want to offer you the choice on interior colors as well but it all depends on our fleet. Our car classes cover the cute, fun, sporty, family, open air, and cars with *oomph*. All our vehicles are strictly non-smoking in the interest of road safety and health. Further, almost all cars come standard with leather seats, sun-roof, CD player, Navigation system and an ETC unit. Hot Date? Go in a MINI or take the TOP off....

Child seats are offered free for the 1<sup>st</sup> week but there is a small charge from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week onwards. All our cars are chosen for safety and reliability first and are maintained by the dealers. Insurance is included in the cost of the rental with levels of excess differing by general vehicle class. At the onset of Winter, we will have some Winterized SUVs so you can make your pilgrimage back to Urasa for skiing, onsen or otherwise in style and comfort. Over the summer, you can also take the SUVs or cruise over in a convertible or a hard-top convertible. Whatever your rental car needs are, you can find it with us. Short term leases are also available for those in the country for a short period of time and want a nice car.

For those wondering about our vehicle line up, here is a summary just to perk your interest. BMW - Z4 3.0i, X5 3.0i, 330Ci, 330Ci Convertible, MINI Cooper, MINI Cooper S, M3. Porsche - Boxster S, Carrera 4S, 911 Turbo. Audi - A4 3.0 quattro, TT roadster. Mercedes - E320, S500L, SL 55 AMG. This is just a taste of what we have. Details will be available on our website, which alas, is not available for public viewing yet. This should be available in Mid-July when we open our doors officially.

If you want to know further what we have in our line-up and the rates available, please send me an email. Reservations can be made on-line or by phone. For all IUJers, please use the rate code IUJ2003 to qualify for an IUJ specific discount on the reservations page. I can't be more specific than that. I am offering a pick-up service if you are in the Meguro/Shinagawa area or a close station for those who don't know their way around Tokyo. Look forward to seeing you soon.

For those outside Tokyo, don't despair, I plan on opening at least 2 new outlets per year with Kansai coming on-line by the end of this year. Hopefully, in a number of years, I will complete my nationwide network.

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## CAPITAL SEARCH SERVICE - ANOTHER VENTURE

On another note, I am starting up another venture which is a Capital Search Service in conjunction with a foreign capital source. If you have a business plan and looking to get funded, please let me know. Wherever you are in the world, I can help you raise money. Of course there is a small fee involved upon success but that is another story. I can also write your business plan for a fee of course. Call or email me for details.

## KOICHI OWADA, IM2001

Not a new business, but more of a hobby, check out Owada-san's Amazon.com book reviews:  
<http://www.amazon.co.jp/exec/obidos/tg/cm/member-reviews/-/A18DNXRSQVU51/250-1887927-9461862>



A visit to campus in Feb. 2003

*Thanks for plugging IUJ through your book review activities. We have a prospective student now interested in IUJ through your efforts.*

Owada-san is Vice President for Seiko Instruments, Strategic Planning Department.

Owada-san, what is your opinion about the following book?

## DOGS AND DEMONS:

### A BOOK REVIEW

by Gretchen Shinoda (IR89)

Dogs and Demons is a self-claimed tough love book on the current woes of Japan. Highlighting the vicious cycle the bureaucracy of Japan is in, the author, Alex Kerr, points to cement in the rivers and oceans, telephone polls ruining landscapes, and education system crippling creativity, and a lack of public will or ability to force change.



Many who read the book feel ready to back their bags and get out, give up on Japan. Indeed, Kerr offers very little optimism for Japan's ability to dig itself out of the hole it is now in. With pension fund monies spent on "monuments" - large public works projects much of which are unneeded and meant only to keep the construction workers employed and money coming in from the government to remote areas, with most of the banks almost in bankruptcy, and seemingly no leadership to change, Japan is stuck. Kerr does offer up that somehow Japan is still functioning, and that "the whole system is basically still intact ready for a period of economic expansion." But those are about the only words of hope offered in the 385 page book.

The bureaucrats are the bad guys: "Like spoiled girls who grew up on ample trust funds, Japan's officials have never really had to learn what money is. When they needed it, there was always more from Daddy." And the way they are using this money is actually turning off the Japanese people: "It must surely be unique in world history that a free and wealthy society in a time of peace has become unattractive ... to its own people."

What the book does not offer is a balance of opinions. Perhaps Kerr cannot see the good in Japan, or chooses to downplay it. But either way, his book is important to read. Just keep your suitcases locked in the closet.

## ANOTHER VIEW ON DOGS AND DEMONS

"I read and met Alex Kerr. There is a lot of truth in his lament but I thought it was a bit overdone: Like Lafacadio Hearn in some ways, Kerr seems to long for a Japan that may never have existed."

**Dr. George R. Packard**, President US-Japan Foundation, and former President IUJ (94-98)



## 3 ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

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HIROSHI SHICHIKU (IR93)

### HELPING BRING ELECTRICITY TO RURAL CAMBODIA

I have worked for Shikoku Electric Power Company in Japan for 20 years. Now I belong to the International Activities Project Team in the Business Planning Department.

More specifically, I am in charge of the project related to technical assistance for developing countries. As you know, the Japanese government has supported the developing countries in Southeast Asia, Africa and others through a variety of ODA (Official Development Assistance). My job is very much concerned with ODA, providing technical consultation and giving ideas for the developing countries to bring electricity to areas currently without it.

Now my company is responsible for some projects in The Philippine, India and Cambodia. From April 21 to May 3, I traveled to Cambodia. This was my first trip to a Southeast Asian country. The project in Cambodia is to introduce the "Combined Power Generation System" which uses Photovoltaic and Biogas energy for electrification. The biogas will be produced from cattle excrement. In the first week, I stayed in Phnom Penh and did such work as negotiating with the Cambodian government on the process of this project and research on the electricity charging system. Then I moved to the site of the project near Sihanoukville.

The project is to establish the demonstrative generation and distribution system to bring electricity to the local villages with 210 houses. It is a great model project which could be expanded to the practical level in the future. The foundation work started on May 1, and the entire hardware system is expected to be installed by the end of February next year.



Surveying the people:  
Shichiku-san in the towel hat

The wooden houses are two story structure so as to prevent moisture from coming in. At every house, we were welcomed by the shining smiles of boys and girls which I will never forget. Mothers were so kind to have served us sliced mangos and a glass of tea, which quenched our thirst so much.



Typical village house

Strange to say, I became retrospective. The scenes I encountered at the village reminded me of my happy childhood when having a color TV was quite a luxury, there was no hustle and bustle in daily lives, there was little stress, and the relationships with the community members were so tight and amicable. The daily lives of that village might be changed to a greater or lesser extent. How-



Happy Children greeting  
Shichiku-san.

ever, it is true that electricity would make their lives more convenient and happier.

During my stay in Cambodia, I had a get-together with two junior alumni; Mr. Vandy Hem and Mr. Theng Pagnathun (IR2002). They are very fine and devoting themselves to the reconstruction of their home country. We had a very

happy time exchanging information about our IUJ life and promised our eternal friendship. As long as I am in my present position, I will have many chances to meet IUJ friends all over the world. Next year, I may visit you who are reading this report. I am very much looking forward to it. See you then.

#### June 19, 2003 update:

I returned from another trip to Cambodia June 17. The purpose of that trip was as to attend the ground breaking ceremony for our project hosted by the Cambodian Government.

The ceremony was held on June 13 and started at 8:00am. The place was so distant (200km) from my hotel. I had to get up at 3am so that I could reach the site 1 hour earlier than the arrival of the main guests. They came to the site by helicopters! arranged by the host (25 minutes flight!) The main guests were such persons as Prime Minister Hun Sen, Ministers and Governors of Cambodia, the Japanese Ambassador, President of NEDO, and representatives of companies concerned with the project. About 5,000 local people came out too. A famous female singer was invited to sing Cambodian songs until the ceremony began.

Ten persons including our representative were awarded the Gold Medals by the Prime Minister for our contribution to the reconstruction of Cambodia. It is our great honor.

It was very very hot and humid (40C) even in the early morning. And I was very much exhausted playing the role of Cameraman. But I enjoyed the ceremony and I think it will be a memory I will never forget.

## GLOCOM PLATFORM

*An active site, with consistently fresh information, insights and debates. Check it out today: <http://www.glocom.org/>*

#### Feature:

Takashi Inoguchi (Professor, University of Tokyo)  
"Political Science in Three Democracies, Disaffected (Japan), Third-Wave (Korea) and Fledgling (China)"

#### Debates:

"Corporate Governance Revisited: Is Board Member Independence Key?"  
"End North Korea's Drug Trade"  
"U.S.-North Korea: Tightening the Noose"

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Can China and India Forge an Asian Century?

#### Social Trends:

Gender Equality in Japanese Education:

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Information from the June 26 email update

NHAN THU TRANG (IR2002)



TOWARD VIETNAM'S  
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DEVELOPMENT

I am currently working for Vietnam-Japan Cooperation Centre, in the Business Course Division. This Centre has been set up for a co-operative project between Vietnamese Government and Japanese Government on human resource training and education. There are 3 main activities in this centre: Japanese Courses, Business Courses and Cultural Exchange activities. Our business courses are all designed to provide business managers and practitioners with practical knowledge and capabilities of modern international business and business management skills so that they can effectively and successfully compete in this global market, and contribute to the development of Vietnam's economy. I am responsible for organizing such courses and editing/translating related materials. JICA is going to have

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until 2010. I hope everything will

JICA Net set up at our Centre by the end of this year. This project is to develop e-learning in Vietnam. I will be in charge of this as well.

The development project will be going smoothly.

GOPI PRADHAN (IM2002)



SPANNING ASIA FOR ICT\*  
DEVELOPMENT



I graduated in June 2002 from the IM School. My wife and two sons were with me in Urasa for the last couple of months. It was a hectic two-years at IUJ and I decided to take rest for sometime after I came back to Bhutan. This was indeed a great excuse to sleep and pick up the Bhutan that I left behind. But, in August I realized I needed to work.

Luckily, the International Development Research Centre, of Canada ([www.idrc.ca](http://www.idrc.ca)) for which I had done some work in Summer 2001 asked me to write the Bhutan Chapter of "Digital Review," an ICT\* regional publication. I went to Malaysia to present the chapter where I met Izumi-san of Glocom who was contributing the Japan chapter. We established a good working relationship and as a result I was selected as a Research Associate for ICT at Glocom. I was also invited by ORBICOM, the UNESCO's Chairs in Communication based in Canada to be an Associate Member of their network. I became an active member in both these institutions.

Under UNDP/ADB funding, I attended the Asian Regional Conference in Tokyo in January. This was in preparation to the World Summit on Information Society and was attended by 28 Ministers from Asia including the Japanese Prime Minister. I participated and substantially contributed towards the ICT for Development Panel recommendations to the Tokyo Declaration. This event became the window to my career development. Besides the scores of personalities, I also had an introduction with a World Bank delegate who, after a month asked me to contribute Bhutan's ICT information to the World Bank site. I did so and by March I was 'promoted' as an Advisor to the WB's Development Gateway ([www.developmentgateway.org](http://www.developmentgateway.org)) on ICT.

The UNDP HQ had also interviewed me for any ICT related work that might come along. While hanging on with the World Bank work, the Ministry of Communication in Bhutan hired me to prepare the E-Readiness Assessment of Bhutan. In due course, I was also discussing with Dean Jay whether we could work together on ICT Policy research in the Asia-Pacific. In early May, the UNDP came back asking me to take up the position of an ICT Policy Specialist in their Asia-Pacific Development Information Programme office ([www.apdip.net](http://www.apdip.net)) based in Malaysia. I joined this office from the beginning of June.

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I am now settled with some very challenging works. I research on ICT Policies and E-Strategies in 25 countries of the region and will be building up a network of ICT Policy makers, advocates and consultants. Mobilization of resources for APDIP policy activities keeps me in contact with prominent people in various fields.

One advantage of the IUJ education is the network that you can develop. This lies on you. Professors and friends keep in touch or at least you do on your part. I was in constant touch with Professor Jay and Professor Watanabe (e-Biz) who were instrumental in providing me constant encouragement and guidance. Our idea of working on some regional ICT Policy research has not died and we may work together in the future.

I now live in Kuala Lumpur. I will be traveling a lot but when I am in Kuala Lumpur I am always available to provide any help and assistance IUJers would seek. Just come over to my house and stay, if you are crossing over for a couple of days. But on one condition, bring some Midori-kawa or Hakkai-san Osaake. You can contact me at [gopi@iuj.jp](mailto:gopi@iuj.jp) or [gopi@apdip.net](mailto:gopi@apdip.net).

\*ICT stands for Information and Communication Technologies

SARS AND IUJ:  
PRECAUTIONARY STEPS TAKEN

With the Spring outbreak of SARS, the IUJ international community was faced with a rather unsettling situation. Many students travelled overseas during the Spring Break and the risk of SARS coming to campus had to be seriously considered.

In reaction, campus instituted several new travel policies for students, faculty and staff, and put out a special request to IUJ Alum: We continue to look to WHO guidelines, have a SARS Management Team in place in the event of a second outbreak, and asks for the understanding of our Alumni in planning campus visits.

If you are in, or have been in SARS areas as designated by WHO, please refrain from visiting campus for 2 weeks after leaving those areas. Please see the Alumni Homepage for the official memorandum from the IUJ President.

As far as we can determine, not only has campus remained SARS free, we believe that no IUJ alum has come down with the illness. We hope for everyone's continued health and safety.