

Upholding the "Open-Door" Spirit and foreseeing the needs of the time Social contribution and gender equality in support of the aspiration for knowledge

Exhibition of a life-size model of the Hayabusa probe and 'Hayabusa - Back to Earth' lecture

On October 3-10, 2010, Tohoku University held an exhibition of a life-size model of the Japanese space probe Hayabusa as an opening event of the Tohoku University Extension Education and Research Public Relations Exhibition Space. This event was realized through the cooperation of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).



In December 2010, a lecture titled 'Hayabusa - Back to Earth' was held at Tohoku University's Centennial Hall (Kawauchi Hagi Hall). The lecture's organizers invited researchers, including Prof. Junichiro Kawaguchi of JAXA, Prof. Kazuya Yoshida of the Graduate School of Engineering and Associate Prof. Tomoki Nakamura of the Graduate School of Science from Tohoku University. Their research fields ranged from the initial development of Hayabusa to the analysis of collected samples, and each of them gave a lecture on his work.

Science Café in Akita City, and Kesennuma

Science Café was started with the intention of providing an opportunity for "Researchers and citizens to talk about science over a cup of coffee in an easy atmosphere." In August 2005, Tohoku University took a lead in starting Science Café as part of its social contribution activities. Regular meetings are held at Sendai Mediatheque (SMT). In 2010, Science Café was also held in Akita City, Akita Prefecture and in Kesennuma, Miyagi Prefecture.

Science Café in Akita

Looking at your brain activity with your own eyes

On October 17, 2010, Prof. Ryuta Kawashima of Institute of Development, Aging and Cancer held Science Café under the theme of "Looking at your brain activity with your own eyes" at the ALVE convention center in Akita City, Akita Prefecture. Participants measured regional cerebral blood flow using near-infrared spectroscopy, etc.



Science Café in Kesennuma

The surprising world of the sea urchin - the sea hedgehog

On November 16, 2010, Prof. Yukio Agatsuma of Graduate School of Agricultural Science held Science Café under the theme of "The surprising world of the sea urchin - the sea hedgehog" at the Community Exchange Center in Kesennuma City. His lecture focused on the features of the sea urchin that greatly change the biosociety of the seabeds along rocky coasts.



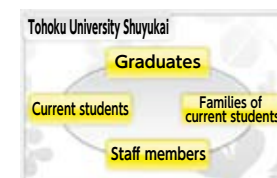
The 9th Tohoku University Gender Equality Symposium



On December 19, 2010, the 9th Tohoku University Gender Equality Symposium, titled "Gender Equality Policy and the Mission of the University," was held at Tohoku University's Extension Education and Research Building. Tohoku University awards the Sawayanagi Prize for the promotion of research and activities related to gender equality, as well as for active proposals or plans to realize a gender equal society. This year, the Sawayanagi Prize was awarded to Yohei Shigeki, who completed the doctoral course of the Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University (in the Research category), and to Hisaku Abe, Miwa Kuri and Yuko Murakami of the Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University (in the Project category). At the ceremony event, Ms. Turmunh Odontuya, who received the 2008 Sawayanagi Prize (Project category), gave a lecture on her achievements. There was also a lecture by Ms. Yumiko Ehara, vice-president of Tokyo Metropolitan University.

"Tohoku University Community" provides an opportunity for the members of the Shuyukai to act together Tohoku University Shuyukai

The Tohoku University Shuyukai was inaugurated in 2007, the centenary year of the foundation of the university, as a cornerstone for building the university. The Shuyukai has a membership of around 140,000 graduates, about 18,000 current students and about 6,000 university staff members, in addition to the families of current students. It aims at contribute to friendship and close communication between members while developing and strengthening a sense of solidarity with the "Tohoku University Community" among the members.



The Shuyukai holds events such as Home Coming Day and regional exchange meetings for its members to promote friendship and communication.

Tohoku University Home Coming Day

Home Coming Day was planned to provide an opportunity for graduates to meet their old friends and teachers, and current students. The intention of this event is to say "Welcome to your University." Since 2007, Home Coming Day has been held in October every year.



Shuyukai General Meeting

Tohoku University 103 Anniversary Home Coming Day

Date: Saturday, October 9, 2010

Venue: Centennial Hall (Kawauchi Hagi Hall) and Kawauchi Sub-Arena

- Shuyukai General Meeting
- Sendai Seminar "Spirit of Sendai -Location creates Values and Choices"
- Get-together meeting between current students and graduates

Date: Sunday, October 10, 2010

Venue: Centennial Hall (Kawauchi Hagi Hall)

- Autumn Culture Festival
- Lobby Performance
- Concert for Tohoku University 103rd Anniversary Home Coming Day



Get-together meeting between current students and graduates

Regional exchange meetings

Since 2009, regional exchange meetings have been held targeting the graduates and parents of the current students. It aims at deepening friendship and communication by explaining the current status of Tohoku University and the achievements of its cutting-edge research activities.

Tohoku University Exchange Meeting in Kanto on the 103rd Anniversary (attended by about 300 participants)

Date and time: Sunday, August 22, 2010 from 15:00 to 19:30

Venue: Sapia Tower (5F)



Lecture

Tohoku University Exchange Meeting in Kyushu on the 103rd Anniversary (attended by about 100 participants)

Date and time: Sunday, November 14, 2010 from 15:30 to 20:00

Venue: Fukuoka Recent Hotel (2F)



Get-together

Tohoku University Exchange Meeting in Kansai on the 104th Anniversary (attended by about 150 participants)

Date and time: Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 14:00 to 18:30

Venue: Osaka International House

Alumni Association secretaries elected by confidence vote

The secretaries of the alumni association of the Tohoku University Shuyukai are elected individually according to their year of graduation. They play a role in organizing the Alumni Association to foster a friendly environment in the Tohoku University Community and celebrate two-decade, three-decade etc. milestone. In 2010, the secretaries were elected by confidence vote from the 104th, and 100-102nd classes.



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