

# CAMPUS Asia Newsletter

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Waseda University

Greetings from CAMPUS Asia Office! As you may know, CAMPUS Asia(CA) is a groundbreaking exchange program between Peking Univ., Korea Univ., and Waseda Univ. We are and will be offering CA courses on conflict resolution and social innovation at each university. Now, we would like to issue a monthly newsletter so that 3 universities can share information on people and events related to CA.

## **This month's Special!** **CAMPUS Asia Seminar Series vol. 5** **"Waseda Meets Global Leaders"**



In April 2017, Campus Asia launched a new seminar series titled "Waseda Meets Global Leaders" to provide Campus Asia students and other Waseda-based students to meet and discuss with leaders who are tackling various social issues in today's world. We have invited leaders from ILO, School for International Training, Harvard Kennedy School, and UNDP.

On December 5, we invited Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee and Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie from UNDP and held the 5<sup>th</sup> seminar welcoming 70 audiences at Ono Auditorium, Waseda Univ.

Both lecturers shared their experiences from childhood to current assignment as UNDP Resident Representative for Kenya and Ethiopia respectively and gave strong messages to young people who wish to work in the area of conflict resolution and social innovation.

At the Q&A session facilitated by Prof. Uesugi, so many good questions were raised from students.

### **Peking Univ.**

On Nov. 26, Peking Univ. Yuanpei College organized a Beijing Cultural Trip. 6 participants including 1 CAMPUS Asia student from Waseda Univ. challenged ceramic art and Chinese performance, etc. They also had lunch together.



### **Korea Univ.**

On Sept. 28, Korea Univ. CA Office organized a Spring Program Orientation welcoming 20 students. Faculty and Staff handed them the application information guidelines and brochures.

After all, 5 students were selected out of 20 applicants. They will join the Spring Program held on Feb. 6-13, 2018 in Tokyo and Iwate.



# **CAMPUS Asia People**

## **Prof. Naoyuki UMEMORI**

Director of CAMPUS Asia Program, Waseda University

Reported by **Ms. Xi Lin**

CAMPUS Asia student from Peking University (currently based at Waseda Univ.)

I met Prof. Umemori for the first time in June 2017 when he came to Peking Univ. to interview me. I felt very nervous before I met him because Japanese is serious and careful in my mind but my impression of him totally changed after I saw him. Prof. Umemori is very friendly and approachable. It is unforgettable for me when Prof. Umemori asked "What kind of person do you want to be?" The question was simple but I shall spend my whole life to answer it. At that time, I said in rudimentary English, "I want to be a person useful to society. I want to help others with all my strengths and let the world hear my voice". Prof. Umemori seemed satisfied and nodded his head.

In September, I was lucky enough to be chosen as a member of CAMPUS Asia program and met Prof. Umemori again at Waseda Univ. Prof. Umemori was like an old friend for me at this time and we talked about everything, from the past to the future. When it came to my dream, he smiled and said to me, "When I was a kid, my family wanted me to be a baseball player. They trained me strictly. But I found that baseball was not suitable for me when I grew up. So I chose to start an academic career regardless of their objections". The academic career is long and tough. When people around him got jobs, success, and made money in financial banks, Prof. Umemori chose to pursue his studies. He said, "It is my studies that make me know a broader world and endows me with a wider view."

Despite of his calm life, Prof. Umemori presents a spirit of pioneering and likes challenges in the academic field. For example, the theme of the CAMPUS Asia program is "Conflict Resolution & Social Innovation". It is geared to international practice but is extremely challenging. Prof. Umemori adopts this theme determinedly, aiming to cultivate a new generation of international leaders using the best resources. I am blessed to be one of the first group of students.

Prof. Umemori cares about society and the development of young people. When I ask him "What's the most important trait of young people?", his answer was "open mindedness and curiosity." Our world shall accommodate both ourselves and the society. We shall care about social events all the time and think what we can do for the world. Also, we shall always be curious about new things, enrich ourselves through knowledge, and maintain an optimistic attitude towards life.

I want to thank CAMPUS Asia program and Prof. Umemori for this precious chance. Also, I want to thank my home university, the Peking Univ., for giving me the opportunity to come to Japan. Because of this, I can experience a new culture and my field of vision is widened. I believe that what I shall do for repayment is to keep studying and growing, maintain my enthusiasm, and work hard to be a person valuable to the world.



Prof. Umemori and Ms. Xi Lin

The next CAMPUS Asia Newsletter  
will be issued in late January, 2018.

Happy holidays to you and your family!

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