

## One-Stop Support for International Students A New Location for the International Exchange Center

**IN JANUARY 2011** the International Exchange Center (IEC) opened its doors at its new location on TMDU's main campus (Yushima), on the 4th floor of Building 1 (West). Previously IEC's facilities were scattered around TMDU's Yushima, Surugadai and Konodai campuses, and so it was somewhat inconvenient for international students to go to IEC-sponsored classes, consult with lecturers or visit the administrative office. Now, the lecture rooms, faculty offices and the IEC Office are united in one building. As a result, we can now provide one-stop support for our international students. The new facilities and concepts behind them are as follows.

### Classrooms and Faculty Offices

Students on our main campus now have direct access to IEC classrooms, which were previously at Surugadai Campus. Additionally, all of the lecturer's rooms are now on the same floor as the classrooms, enabling more interaction between students and faculty members.

### One-Stop Consultation Office

International students, most of whom study at the main campus, are now able to easily visit the IEC Office in its new location. Additionally, the IEC Office now has a private consultation space, so international students are able to hold confidential discussions with IEC staff comfortably. Our professor-run Advising Room for international students is also on the same floor, so students have many opportunities to get advice and support.

### A Bright Multipurpose International Student Lounge

The International Student Lounge has a cheerful atmosphere and gives international students a place to relax or enjoy international exchange activities with Japanese students at TMDU. The lounge has a lending library, a TV, educational and enter-

tainment DVDs, access to a microwave oven, English-language newspapers and other materials of interest to international students. Several student-led cultural exchange events and language learning courses have already been set up in the first few weeks of the opening of this new lounge. The lounge is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### International Education and Study Abroad Support

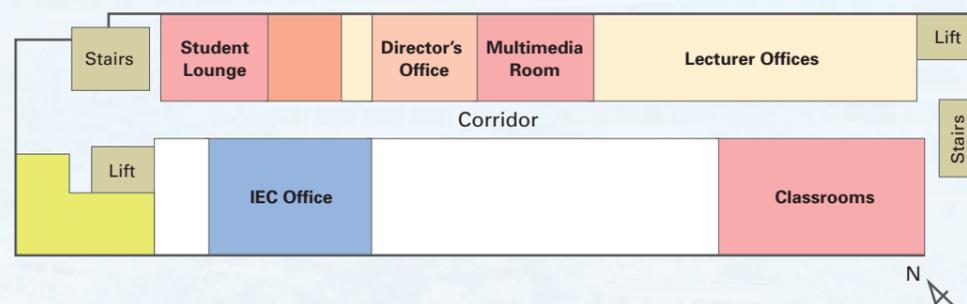
In addition to providing Japanese language education for international students, the IEC also offers several international educational programs, such as general English language classes and specialized classes, including Writing a Paper in English and Making a Presentation in English. These classes are available for all students and staff at TMDU. The IEC also provides support for those who wish to study abroad. Visit the IEC website or office for information on these activities. As described above, the 4th floor of Building 1 is a dedicated space for TMDU's international students, and we look forward to welcoming you with a smile to our new location.



Service counter for international students at the IEC Office (left). Personal consultation space for international students at the IEC Office (right).



A place to relax or study; the new, Multipurpose International Student Lounge.



## The Newly Established Institute for Library and Media Information Technology Opens



Overview of the University Library, located on the 3rd and 4th floor of the M&D Tower.

**WITH THE RECENT** development of information and communication technologies, it has become necessary to strengthen the cooperation between the Information Center for Medical Sciences and the University Library in order to meet such needs as developing and expanding use of the media education system, promoting e-learning, reinforcing information literacy education, and promoting the computerization of the University Library.

With these goals in mind, the University Library and the Information Center for Medical Sciences were integrated, and in the process acquired the new function of media educational development. The newly established Institute for Library and Media Information Technology was opened on April 1, 2010. The Institute for Library and Media Information Technology consists of three divisions, the Media Education Division, the University Library, and the Information Technology Division. These divisions are supported by the Department of Educational Media Development, and administered by the Library and Media Development Section and the Information Development Section.

The functions of the University Library and the Information Center for Medical Sciences were taken over by the Institute for Library and Media Information Technology, and new functions were added, including the development of a computer-assisted clinical simulation system for medical and dental practice training. Other new functions include the development of a new education system using information and communication technology such as a live broadcasting lecture system, an e-learning system, an automatic recording and delivery system for lectures, and a content-authoring system.

The new University Library aims to improve students' information literacy by emphasizing literature survey skills and knowledge of information security and literary property. As part of the University Library's public relation activities, we aim to make our portal website more user-friendly. In addition,

we intend to hold seminars for faculty and staff, manage faculty development programs for e-learning, and provide students with commercially available e-learning contents.

In the new Media Education Division, we will continue to manage the existing e-learning systems, including Blackboard, NetAcademy, the streaming server, the TMDU SimPrac server for computer-assisted clinical simulation for medical and dental practice training, the Image Library server for automatic recording and delivery of lectures, and live broadcasting systems.

The Information Technology Division aims to enrich the intelligence infrastructure in our university by managing our shared servers and local area networks. We will manage information security on our campus network under the supervision of the Steering Committee for Information Technology. Moreover, we will improve the helpdesk services for the campus network, e-mail service, and Research Information Database.

The campus network service and on-line journal service were integrated in 2010, allowing all graduate students, faculty and staff to have an account on the integrated network service without financial permission. The new University Library is located on the third and fourth floors of the new M&D Tower, which was fully opened in 2010. The new library has an automatic book stack and pick-up system for scientific journals, which enables users to order books from their own PC via the campus network for quick pick up.

We are looking forward to serving you at the newly opened Institute for Library and Media Information Technology both on-site and on-line.



Information Retrieval Room. Users with their own account are free to use the integrated network service in this room. Information literacy classes are held in this room.



Automatic book stack and pick-up system for scientific journals.

You can order books from a PC in the library or from your own PC in your office for quick pick up.



Inside the automatic book stack and pick-up system. You can pick up desired papers quickly and automatically.

## Mourning

### In Remembrance of Dr. Akio Suzuki, Former President of TMDU



President Ohyama giving a memorial address at the homecoming ceremony held on Dec. 8, 2010 at the University.

**EMERITUS PROFESSOR** Akio Suzuki, the previous president of TMDU, passed away on Oct. 28, 2010 at aged 80, due to acute ischemic heart disease.

Dr. Suzuki graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at TMDU in 1956, and after one year of field training at Tokyo American Army Hospital, he had held various posts including resident at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center in Cleveland, U.S.A., senior researcher of cardiovascular surgery at the Center, Associate Professor of the Surgical Department at the University of Mississippi, and Director of the Cardiovascular Surgery Department at the University of Mississippi Medical Center for over 17 years. At St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, he conducted joint research with the cardiac surgeon Dr. E. B. Kay. In 1974 Dr. Suzuki was invited to Juntendo University, and from 1983 he returned to TMDU to engage in education, research and medical practice at our university as the first professor of the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery. He then assumed the post of president at this school and dedicated himself to the development of the university.

Professor Suzuki made great contributions to research and practice, including development of new operating methods and medical treatments from the early stage of cardiovascular surgery to the present, as shown by his being honored with the Medical Award of the Japan Medical Association in 1996 for “Development and Establishment of Surgical Treatment in Acquired Heart Disease.” In 1997, he was awarded the Medal



Former President Dr. Suzuki also devoted his time in public relations activity to promote the educational research at the University: He was responsible for launching “Bloom!” in 2002.

with a Purple Ribbon.

Furthermore, Professor Suzuki was honored as a Person of Cultural Merit in 2007. In October 2010, he received the honor of Order of the Sacred Treasure, Senior Fourth Rank, as an individual who had long been engaging in national and public affairs and achieved solid results after years of service.

As he reported in “Research Development of Prosthetic Heart Valve and Development of Protection Method for Cardiac Muscle During Operation,” Professor Suzuki succeeded in the replacement of the aortic valve with a handmade prosthetic cardiac valve made with Teflon fabric for severely damaged aortic valvular disease (May 4, 1960), proving for the first time that the prosthetic heart valve could physiologically function in a human heart. The “Kay-Suzuki disk valve” is still the base of the artificial valves used today. In “Development and Popularization of Surgical Treatment for Ischemic Cardiac Disease such as Cardiac Infarction and Cardiac Angina,” he developed surgical treatments for ischemic cardiac disease such as revascularization using the internal thoracic artery and revascularization using the thoracic artery in combination with the great saphenous vein, which are general treatments today. Currently, 650,000 to 850,000 operations proposed by Dr. Suzuki are conducted annually worldwide, saving lives of some 800,000 patients.

Dr. Suzuki also made remarkable achievements in the area of education. While he served as the Director of the University Hospital, Faculty of Medicine and the Dean of the Medical School here, he developed an all-new 6-year unified school curriculum, and he played a central role in the establishment of the Independent Graduate Program for Infection Control in Living Body in the Graduate School of Medicine, the Gradu-



Dr. Suzuki (left) receiving the Person of Cultural Merit award from Minister Tokai (right) of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), at the Hotel Okura. Photograph reprinted from “Weekly Bunkyo News, Vol. 1958” published by Bunkyo News Ltd.

ate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, and Doctoral Program for the Graduate School of Health Care Sciences.

Upon TMDU’s transition to a national university corporation, Professor Suzuki belonged to the 6th standing committee (Finance) and the advisory committee for financial accounting as formed from the special committee for implementation of reform. Dr. Suzuki made great contributions to the construction of an adequate financial system as a representative of all the national universities with his excellent skills, and his achievement is highly important.

In closing, we would like to express our deepest condolences to Dr. Suzuki’s family. May his soul rest in peace.

#### Awards

- November 1996 Medical Award of the Japan Medical Association
- November 1997 The Medal with a Purple Ribbon
- November 2007 Person of Cultural Merit
- October 2010 Honor of Order of the Sacred Treasure: Senior Fourth Rank

#### Career Highlights of Former TMDU President, Dr. Akio Suzuki

- March 1956 Graduated from Faculty of Medicine of Tokyo Medical and Dental University
- April 1957 Intern, Tokyo American Army Hospital
- July 1957 Associate resident, Albany Medical College, NY, U.S.A.
- July 1958 Resident, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.
- July 1963 Senior researcher of Cardiovascular Surgery Dept. at the Center above
- April 1968 General surgeon and chief resident, Faculty of Medicine, University of Mississippi
- May 1971 Associate professor, Trauma Dept. at the University above; Head of Dept. of Cardiovascular Surgery at the University Hospital
- September 1974 Professor, School of Medicine, Juntendo University
- February 1983 Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Tokyo Medical and Dental University
- July 1987 Director of the University Hospital of Medicine, Tokyo Medical and Dental University
- August 1992 Dean, School of Medicine, Tokyo Medical and Dental University
- April 1995 Honorary professor, Tokyo Medical and Dental University
- August 1995 President, Tokyo Medical and Dental University (~ March 2008)

## The First TMDU Homecoming Day

ON OCT. 12, 2010 many TMDU alumni returned to help us celebrate, in a very special way, the 82nd anniversary of the founding of our school. “Homecoming Day”, as we named this celebration, opened with a ceremony in the main hall of the newly completed M&D Tower. President Takashi Ohyama, in his opening address, noted that TMDU is growing very well and the number of alumni now totals 19,214. President Ohyama also reported that our performance has been ranked as high as 8th among the 86 national universities in recent years, and concluded his remarks by stressing that a tight collaboration between the university and its alumni is indispensable for our future prosperity.

Next, Mr. Nobuyuki Idei, an outside member of the TMDU Administrative Council, gave a special lecture titled “TMDU viewed from the outside, and issues to be tackled by TMDU” Mr. Idei pointed out the importance of us maintaining an awareness of our position in Asia and appreciating that we live in an age of rapid technological innovation. The speech gave a great impression to the audience and the Q&A session that followed was very active.

The focus then switched to an internal perspective with a campus tour that gave alumni a chance to see how their school has been transformed physically in the past few years. Starting from the 3rd floor of M&D Tower, the tour’s first stop was

what could have been mistaken for the lobby of a luxury hotel, but was in fact the new main library. Since most books are hidden from view, stored as they are in an electric-driven book storage system, there are instead many chairs, desks and semi-private compartments with full support for internet access in view. The tour participants all admired the elegance and convenience of the new library and a common desire that was voiced was “Is it possible to use this library, even if I have to pay?”

The tour then made its way to the Faculty Lounge on the top floor of M&D Tower. As it is the highest building in the Ochanomizu district, the view from the 26th floor of M&D Tower is indeed breathtaking. Many buildings and places of interest can be seen clearly, such as the Imperial Palace, skyscrapers in Shinjuku and Roppongi, and, on a clear day, Mt. Fuji. The floor-to-ceiling glass windows allow maximum enjoyment of the view, and the interior of the Faculty Lounge is stylishly designed.

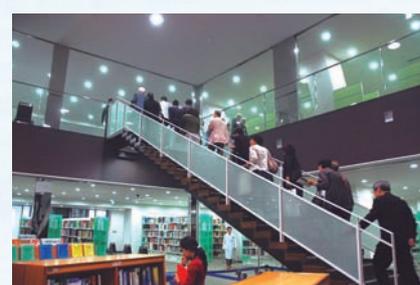
As the first Homecoming Day came to a close we were very pleased that the participants went out of their way to tell us how impressed they were, expressing their admiration for TMDU’s latest achievements, confidence in our continued prosperity and prospects for the future, and their desire to join our next such celebration.

Address by Mr. Nobuyuki Idei, an outside member of the TMDU Administrative Council



Participants listening to an explanation about new building at M&D Tower.

The Faculty Lounge on the top floor of M&D Tower. The participants enjoyed seeing the landscape.



Participants admiring the elegance and convenience of the new library.