The 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Founding of Osaka University

Live Locally, Grow Globally

Reflecting on the origin…
Looking to the future…

80 years have passed since the inception of the university at Nakanoshima
The 80th Anniversary of the Foundation of Osaka University

Osaka University will celebrate the 80th anniversary of its founding in 2011. On this occasion, we will be reflecting on the origin and looking to the future of our university by holding a variety of events and open lectures at various locations — Osaka International Convention Center (Grand Cube Osaka), the university’s birthplace in Nakanoshima, and at its campuses in Suita, Toyonaka and Minoh.

Osaka University draws its spirit from the Kaitokudo, once the main school of learning in Osaka, as well as from Teikoku, the country’s most renowned school of Dutch Studies of the Edo period. Osaka University was established as Osaka Imperial University in 1931 through the fervent support of the local political leaders, business communities and Osaka citizens. More recently, Osaka University’s research and education activities were strengthened by the merger with Osaka Foreign Language University in October 2007. Under the motto of “Live Locally, Grow Globally,” Osaka University has become a leading national university of Japan and an academic institution of global calibre.

As we celebrate the 80th anniversary of our foundation, let us reaffirm our commitment to excellence with renewed vitality and vigour, not only in a national but also a global context. This endeavor, we look forward to your continued support and cooperation.

President of Osaka University

K. Ueda

January 2010 ~ December 2011

http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/80thAnniversary

Commemorative Events for the 80th Anniversary

Anniversary Ceremonies & Celebrations

International Social Gathering — April 2011

Ceremony and banquet for the 80th Anniversary — May 2011

Japanese traditional puppet performance (Bunraku) — May 2011

Ceremony and banquet for the completion of the Osaka University Hall — May 2011

International Symposia

International Symposia will be held in parallel with the ceremony and banquet for the 60th anniversary of the founding — May 2011 (Details on back cover)

International Symposia will be held in parallel with the ceremony and banquet for the 80th anniversary of the founding — May 2011

Symposium on Cognitive Neuroscience and Related Fields — May 2011

Brainwaves and Functionality — June 2011 (tentative)

International Symposium on the Dynamics of Emotions and Large Scale Information Systems — July 2011

Global COE Human Studies Lecture Presentation on CO2!! — August 2011

Osaka University Photonics Center Meeting and Workshop on the Future of Osaka University Photonics in Asia (provisional score) — September 2011 (tentative)

Symposium on the Future of Materials and Devices — September 2011 (tentative)

Academic lecture presentation in commemoration of Ryotaro Shiba — May 2011

21st Century Kaitokudo Lecture — May 2011 & during the autumn

Robot Symposium (provisional name) — May 2011

21st Century Kaitokudo Symposium (Event pending)

Community-University Events

Commemorative Photo Album, O+DAYS (provisional title) — publication

Innovation Magazine, Scientiffing Science (provisional title) — publication

Exhibitions and symposiums: TEZUKA Osamu and Osaka University (provisional name) — April ~ June 2011

Collaboration event for the 80th anniversary: Autumn 2011 Museum Exhibition “The Brain and Information — What to trust?” (In collaboration with the Museum of Osaka University) — October ~ December 2011

Commemorative Publications and Exhibits

Osaka University Presidential Summit — May 2011

Banquet Exhibit, “Steps of Cooperation with the Industrial Community” — May 2011

RoboCup Japan Open 2011 Osaka — May 2011

Open Innovation Forum in Osaka — September 2011

“Dreams for Tomorrow” — A Contest for ES to HIS students to Envision the Future — 2011 (tentative)

Industry-University-Government Events

Renovation of Osaka University Hall — March 2011

Installation of bronze statue (donated by alumni association of former Osaka High School), “Statue of Youth” — November 2009

Installation of bronze statue (donated by alumni association of former Naniwa High School), “Statue of old-time Naniwa High School student – ‘Friend, we are beams of hope’” — May 2011

Student Events

Extracurricular research support grants commemorating 80th anniversary — Research period: June 2010 ~ March 2011. Presentation of achievements: May 2011

Student-Planned 80th Anniversary Commemorative Public Relations Work — 80th Anniversary Illumination — March ~ May 2011 (tentative)

80th Anniversary Commemoration Paint — April ~ August 2011 (tentative)

Extracurricular research support grants commemorating 80th anniversary — Extracurricular research period: May ~ December 2011

Collaboration Events

The 10th Anniversary Symposium to Commemorate the Founding of Kaitokudo

Comprehensive Search Quest: The 21st Century Citizen’s “Shape of Learning” — The hundred years of the Kaitokudo Memorial Association that have gone by and are to come — November 2010

“Reflecting on the origin… Looking to the future…”

— Kaitokudo, one of our Cornerstones —

In 1724, five merchants in Osaka set up a gakumonsho [a place of learning] that had these words written upon the walls of its entryway: “Exchange between students is not argued upon rank or wealth, for all should be equal.” Known as Kaitokudo, this gakumonsho was officially recognized by the Edo Shogunate two years later, in 1726. Nonetheless, despite this recognition, the administration of Kaitokudo continued to remain largely in the hands of merchants. Thus, while neo-Confucianism was the predominant philosophy behind the education imparted at Kaitokudo, strong points from a variety of other philosophies were also flexibly assimilated and taught. Such an academic culture led to many achievements worth noting, particularly in the natural sciences. Such an emancipated academic culture also led to the pursuit of and thirst for learning even among the common citizens of Osaka, from the simplest employees to the store owners.

Osaka University, founded in 1931, celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2011. However, in truth, a cornerstone of the culture and mentality that gave birth to Osaka University was laid some 200 years earlier, in 1724, by five Osaka merchants. As Osaka University “reflects upon its origin” at this 80th anniversary, Kaitokudo and its motto of “Exchange between students is not argued upon rank or wealth, for all should be equal,” is an inspiration for faculty, staff, and students as they “look to the future.”

Osaka University Hall

Originally serving as the school house for former Naniwa High School, Osaka University Hall marks one of the starting points of Osaka University and is a registered tangible cultural property of Japan. Renowned as “Tei-gos,” this building will soon be referred as “Osaka University Hall” thanks to the major restoration work it is now undergoing. Through its rebirth, it will embody the shared sentiments of those affiliated with each university and symbolize the bicultural academic traditions of Osaka.

Commemoration of the origins of Osaka University in Kaitokudo and Teikoku, under the motto of “Live Locally, Grow Globally,” the renovated facility is intended to pass on the philosophy and heritage of the original building while serving as an active base for societal, industrial, and international cooperation in the future.
## Commemorative Events prior to and following the Anniversary of the Founding (May 1st)

- Open to the public. Prior reservations may be required.
- Open to the university’s teaching staff, students, and alumni.
- Other

### 2011

**Sat., April 30**
- International social gathering — Rihga Royal Hotel

**Sun., May 1**
- Ceremony for the 80th anniversary of the founding — 10:00-11:15, Osaka International Convention Center
- Banquet celebrating the 80th anniversary of the founding — 12:00-13:10, Osaka International Convention Center
- Banquet Exhibit, “Steps of Cooperation with the Industrial Community” — Osaka International Convention Center
- Ceremony to present certificates of appreciation for student aid during banquet — Osaka International Convention Center
- Japanese traditional puppet performance (Bunraku) — 14:00-14:20, Osaka International Convention Center
- Academic lectures commemorating Ryotaro Shiba — 14:30-17:30, Osaka International Convention Center
- International Symposium, “The 16th Academic Exchange Seminar between Osaka University and Shanghai Jiao Tong University” — 13:30-18:00, Osaka International Convention Center, Osaka University Nakanoshima Center
- Osaka University Presidential Summit — Rihga Royal Hotel

**Mon., May 2**
- Icho Festival — Toyonaka and Suita Campuses
- International Symposium on “Innovative Nano-biodevices” — 9:30-17:30, Osaka International Convention Center
- International Symposium, “The 16th Academic Exchange Seminar between Osaka University and Shanghai Jiao Tong University” — 9:30-17:00, Osaka International Convention Center, Osaka University Nakanoshima Center
- International Symposium, “Dynamism of Immune Reactions & Relation” — 9:30-17:00, Osaka International Convention Center
- International Symposium, “The Century of Languages and Nations” — 11:00-17:00, Osaka International Convention Center
- 21st Century Kaitokudo Lecture — Osaka University Hall, Toyonaka Campus
- Expanding the Worldwide Network of Osaka University Alumni — 13:30-17:30, Osaka International Convention Center
- Nakanoshima Walk Rally — Nakanoshima area of Kita-ku, Osaka City
- Presentation of achievements for extracurricular research support grants — Toyonaka Campus

**Tues., May 3**
- National holiday
- Icho Festival — Toyonaka and Suita Campuses
- International Symposium, “Dynamism of Immune Reactions & Regulation” — 9:30-17:00, Osaka International Convention Center
- Homecoming Day — 10:00-13:00, Osaka University Hall, Toyonaka Campus (tentative)
- 21st Century Kaitokudo Lecture — Osaka University Hall, Toyonaka Campus
- Introduction of Osaka University to high school students — Osaka University Hall, Toyonaka Campus
- O+PUS Movie Contest — Main Library, Toyonaka Campus

**Wed., May 4**
- National holiday
- 21st Century Kaitokudo Lecture — Osaka University Nakanoshima Center

**Thurs., May 5**
- National holiday
- Robot Symposium (provisional name) — 13:00-17:00, Sankei Hall Breeze

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**Osaka International Convention Center (Grand Cube Osaka):**
- JR: Keihan Electric Railway Nakanoshima Line
- Osaka’s Subway Yotsubashi Line
- Hanshin Electric Railway
- Osaka’s Subway Midosuji Line/Kita Osaka Kyuko Line
- Osaka Monorail
- Hankyu Railway

**Legend:**
- Osaka
- Umeda
- Shin-Fukushima
- Tamae Bridge
- Nakanoshima
- Osaka Airport
- Osaka International Convention Center (Grand Cube Osaka)
- Osaka Monorail
- Hanshin Electric Railway
- Hanshin Electric Railway

**Route:**
- Osaka International Convention Center (Grand Cube Osaka):
  - Next Exit No. 2 of Keihan Nakanoshima
  - Nakanoshima Center:
  - About 5 min. on foot from Nakanoshima

**Toyonaka Campus:**
- By Train: 15-20 min. east on foot from Ishibashi on Hankyu Takarazuka Line.
- By Monorail: 10-15 min. west on foot from Shishibara

**Suita Campus:**
- By Train: 15-30 min. east on foot from Kita-Senri on Hankyu Senri Line
- By Monorail: 5-15 min. on foot from Handai-Byoin-Mae on Osaka Monorail.

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