

## News

### Toyohashi Tech 2014 World Tea Festival

The Toyohashi Tech 2014 World Tea Festival was held on 13 June 2014. The festival is an annual event for promoting exchange between international students, Japanese students, and staff of the University.

At this year's festival, 17 teams from 16 countries served their local teas and snacks, while several clubs and groups performed music, dance or showed off their club activities on dedicated stages. The festival was attended by about 250 international students and their families, 350 Japanese students, and university staff and their families. This set a new record for participants at the world tea festival.

The participants voted and selected the Malaysian team (who served black tea with milk and sugar with a special pouring technique) for this year's best tea prize. The Bangladeshi and Indonesian teams were second and third, respectively.



Sri Lankan students serving tea.



Tea performance by Malaysian students.



International students at the Tea Festival.

## Signing of exchange agreement with Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology (Thailand)

Dr. Krisada Visavateeranon, the President of Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology (Thailand) visited Toyohashi Tech on April 25<sup>th</sup> to sign an exchange agreement.

The signing is based on Professor Hitoshi Isahara's historical research exchanges with Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology, and during his visit to the Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology he talked about our university's globalization and exchanged opinions with Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology on the possibility of research collaboration and student exchanges. Following that, there was a strong desire on the part of Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology to conclude an exchange agreement, which led to the signing of the agreement.

Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology was established under the parent organization, Technology Promotion of Technology (Thailand-Japan), and nurtures students based on the requirements of Japanese corporations and the idea of Japanese *monozukuri* (manufacturing). As such, involvement with local corporations is also deep-rooted.

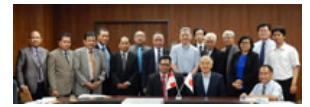
Taking advantage of this agreement, enhancing cooperative relations and advancing exchange projects starting with student exchanges were agreed upon at the signing ceremony. With this recent inter-university exchange agreement, we can greatly anticipate specific project developments.



Dr. Mitsuteru Inoue of Toyohashi Tech and Dr. Krisada Visavateeranon of Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology

## Delegates from Tadulako University, Indonesia visit Toyohashi Tech

A group of ten members including Rector, Prof. Muhammad Basir Cyio from Tadulako University, Indonesia, visited Toyohashi University of Technology on 23 June 2014.



Tadulako University is the largest national university in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, and conducts research that is rooted in their community.

Tadulako University and Toyohashi University of Technology signed an Inter-University Exchange Agreement in July, 2011. This visit was requested by Tadulako University, and arranged to discuss exchange students.

Prof. Hiroyuki Daimon, Director of Center for International Relations (CIR), Prof. Naohiro Hozumi, Director of International Cooperation Center for Engineering Education Development (ICCEED), and Associate Prof. Nobumasa Sekishita joined the preliminary discussions on exchange students with Rector Basir, Prof. Mery Napitupulu, Head of international office.

Also, President Takashi Onishi and Vice President Mitsuteru Inoue and Prof. Takanobu Inoue participated in this meeting and discussed education programs of universities in Indonesia besides exchange student.

In addition, the visitors toured the Center for Human-Robot Symbiosis Research, Electronics-Inspired Interdisciplinary Research Institute (EIIIRIS), and Venture Business Laboratory.