JIU Lays the Cornerstone of Awa Global Village

On September 1, JIU performed a cornerstone laying ceremony upon completion of JIU International Student Dormitory, Awa Global Village (AGV). The honored Japanese guests were Takao Hasegawa, mayor of the city of Kamogawa and representatives of the Association for the Faculty of Tourism, Kamogawa apartment owners' association, JIU Parents Association, Alumni Association and those who represented JIU founder Mikio Mizuta's birthplace. The guests from overseas included Professor Fenggang Du of Dalian University of Technology, Professor Eric Hertzler of Université Paris-Est Créteil Val de Marne and Corinna Del Bianco, Director of the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation.

A completion ceremony was solemnly performed with the presence of architect Sumiho Ohta, representative of S. Ohta Architect and Associates, and the following construction companies: Shimizu Corporation, Takasago Thermal Engineering and Yurtec. This newly constructed AGV aims to enhance the educational environment as part of the 50th anniversary of Josai University Educational Corporation.

Awa Global Village has an architectonic structure that surrounds the central courtyard, fostering interactions among the students and with the local community. The AGV's housemaster and International Student Committee will be holding a variety of events during their active work with the community. JIU students gain an intensive "study abroad experience" while acquiring foreign language skills and a better cross-cultural understanding. AGV is considered to contribute to students' development as they become human capital for global tourism.

Ribbon-cutting ceremony

Cornerstone laying ceremony

The Shinto ritual taken place in the completion ceremony

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Tree-planting ceremony

Reception

AGV's central courtyard

AGV's lounge