

The Fourth JUAA Presidents' Seminar

■**Title:** University Reforms that Build on Institutional Strengths: Toward the Future of Higher Education

■**Date and time:** 13:00 – 17:00 Sunday, March 5, 2017

■**Venue:** Tokyo Garden Palace (Ochanomizu, Tokyo) http://www.hotelgp-tokyo.com/english/map01_e.html

■**Intended audience:** Presidents and vice presidents of JUAA's full-member universities and junior colleges

[Objectives]

Universities in Japan face many demands from society, such as the promotion of globalization and the development of governance systems. Meanwhile, the national government reports and policy papers have offered various recommendations on higher education reform to address those challenges. While these demands and recommendations can be seen as positive expectations, to what extent should universities meet these expectations?

Universities are, in principle, independent, autonomous entities. University reform should therefore be carried out in accordance with goals and plans formulated based on the founding philosophy and mission of each university. Yet recent years have seen universities introduce new policies and programs without sufficient consideration on this point.

In view of the recent development, the upcoming presidents' seminar will focus on the theme "University Reforms that Build on Institutional Strengths" Featuring lectures by current university presidents from Japan and abroad on the reform initiatives that value and enhance the institutional strengths of individual universities with a particular emphasis on the role of the president's leadership, the seminar will provide an opportunity for the participants to contemplate the future of universities.

Our international lecturer is a university president from Thailand, a country expected to serve as the "Quality Hub" higher education in the ASEAN region. The lecture on the current state of higher education in Thailand will provide perspectives and insights to help us explore the reform initiatives needed to create internationally attractive universities. From Japan, we have invited the president of a university that has actively implemented reform by capitalizing on its strengths. They will speak about effective university reform and the role of the president's leadership in it.

13:00 - 13:10	Opening remarks Kyosuke NAGATA, President of the University of Tsukuba and President of JUAA
13:10 - 13:55	Keynote lecture Udom Kachintorn, President of Mahidol University (Thailand)
13:55 - 14:40	Lecture No.1 Yoshinao MISHIMA, President of Tokyo Institute Technology and Trustee of JUAA
14:40 - 15:05	Break
15:05 - 15:50	Lecture No. 2 Michiharu KURITA, President of Asia University
15:50 - 16:50	Panel discussion and question-and-answer session "What should university presidents do to harness the attractive strengths of universities?" Panelists: The three lecturers Moderator: Norihiko Suzuki, President and Chair of the Board, Akita International University and Trustee of JUAA
16:50 - 17:00	Closing remarks Mitsunobu Sato, President of Kogakuin University and Trustee of JUAA