MESSAGE from Dean
Welcome to the third issue of the UGSAS-GU Newsletter. We have organized the consortium (IC-GU12) for academic and research collaboration with 12 major universities in Asia and have challenged to a lot of new projects since 2012. In addition to the annual roundtable & symposium, this academic year, we achieved further more: “International Workshop in Bogor 2014”; the establishment of two collaborative research bases “Lab. Station” in Indonesia in order to seek the further development in natural products chemistry and environmental sciences; the overseas deployment of internship students; and the faculty exchanges with the IC-GU12 partners. We hope this third issue will keep you updated on our outstanding activities for alumni, current students and faculty staff in and out of Japan. It would be great if we receive your valuable feedback on the future possibilities and globalization of the UGSAS-GU.

Masateru Senge, Ph.D.
Dean

The 3rd UGSAS-GU Roundtable & Symposium 2014
The UGSAS-GU hosted the 3rd annual roundtable and symposium in Gifu from August 4 to 6, 2014. More than 80 academic and science professionals attended this meeting from 6 different countries in Asia, such as Bangladesh (Univ. of Dhaka), China (Guangxi Univ.), India (Assam University and Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati), Indonesia (Andalas Univ., Bogor Agricultural Univ., Gadjah Mada Univ., and Sebelas Maret Univ., Univ. of Lampung), Thailand (Chulalongkorn Univ. and Kasetsart Univ.), and Vietnam (Hanoi Univ. of Science and Technology).

On the first day, we discussed the following topics with the invited deans/professors of the IC-GU12 partners and the young researchers/alumni of the UGSAS-GU at the meeting: the further possibilities of our international collaboration; our goals to establish a guarantee system of the quality of doctoral education in Agricultural Science and Biotechnology; and our contribution to society.

On the next day, the successful young researchers/alumni of the UGSAS-GU in overseas academia gave presentations on their cutting-edge research achievements in Agricultural Sciences and Biotechnology at the symposium held on the campus. Meanwhile, the delegates from IC-GU12 partners made a courtesy call to Dr. Hisataka Moriwaki, President of Gifu University. Also, Prof. Siti Subandiyah of Gajamada University was conferred a title of “Guest Professor.” Following the symposium, the current students of the UGSAS-GU organized the “Joint Poster Session” and introduced 34 topics of their latest researches. Four of the students exceeding in excellence of poster presentation won the Poster Award.

On the last day, 43 participants enjoyed a one-day excursion to the Nagaragawa Estuary Barrage and the Kiso Sansen Park Center. They reconfirmed the importance of conservation of water environment.

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The twelve delegates of the UGSAS-GU led by Prof. Senge, Dean, visited Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) and Seberas Maret University (UNS) in Indonesia from December 1 to 3, 2014 in order to hold the first international workshop and open new research bases of the IC-GU12.

On the first day, the workshop to develop local resources in natural products chemistry started with its main research presentations by 4 academic professionals, Prof. T. Suzuki, Prof. T. Mitsunaga, Assist. Prof. Y. Teramoto, and Dr. Wisnu Ananta Kusuma, IPB, in addition to the rector speeches of Dr. H. Moriwaki, Gifu Univ. and Dr. H. Herry Suhardiyananto, IPB. The workshop included other speeches, such as research internship report by K. Yamauchi, D3 (First upper-left photo), industrial R&D introduction by Dr. Arunasiri (Second-left photo) of the Industry Subcommittee member of the UGSAS-GU, and business introduction by Mr. Ruslan Krisnoto of an interested local company, GGPC. About 110 participants paid close attention to the presentations and made an active discussion. The following networking session provided the participating students and researchers with a great opportunity to meet local industries for their/our globalization.

On the second day, Prof. Senge and Dr. Ibnu Qayim of IPB, made the ceremonial tape cut (Third-left photo) for opening a new collaborative research laboratory “Lab Station” in the Biofarmaca Research Center of IPB. A newly-purchased steam distilling unit and evaporating/ refining unit for the lab were revealed to the delegates. This lab will be operated under the management of Prof. Latifah Darusman of IPB for the faculty staff and the students of IC-GU12 members. It will work as a research base and contribute to the students/researchers of the IC-GU12 in natural products chemistry and its related fields.

On the last day, the delegates visited another “Lab Station” in UNS to check its new equipment for coming opening (First lower-right photo). By the end of AY 2014, we will transport a mass of contributed lab equipment from GU to this lab by sea, and Prof. Bambang Pujiasmanto of UNS will be in charge of its operation. We expect this lab will function as a research base of the IC-GU12 for the development of environmental sciences. Also, the delegates visited the recently-opened “GU Office” (Bottom-right photo) at UNS that serves as a center of academic exchange between GU and UNS. Some faculty staff and students of the IC-GU12 will be stationed in the office in order to practice public relations for the UGSAS-GU and support our internship students.

“International Workshop in Bogor 2014” & “Lab Station”

Commencement Ceremony

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Commencement Ceremony took place at Gifu University Hall on March 13, 2014. 15 students (including 6 international students) were conferred doctoral degrees, and one of them who achieved particularly outstanding research result was given the president’s award. Also, AY 2014 FALL UGSAS-GU Commencement Ceremony took place at Gifu University Hall on September 24, 2014. 3 students (including 2 international students) were conferred doctoral degrees.

Entrance Ceremony

AY 2014
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Entrance Ceremony was held at Gifu University Hall on April 11, 2014. There were 18 new students (including 9 international students) admitted to the UGSAS-GU this year. Also, AY 2014 FALL UGSAS-GU Entrance Ceremony was held at the Conference Room of UGSAS-GU on October 1, 2014. There were 4 international students admitted to the Special Program for Foreign Students.

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Reviews in Agricultural Science

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