

# The AA at the ICU Festival: The Photo Café

The weather was ideal for photos at the ICU festival this year. Many alumni showed up to visit their alma mater and attend various events.

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ICU festival was held on November 2 and 3, 2013. Many visitors came to the campus amidst the beautiful weather. The AA set up tents in front of the Main Building and Alumni House as usual, and also organized a new event: Academic Talk by Alumni in H-116. AA trustee Ryuta Hori (CLA'04), turned the second floor lounge of Alumni House into a café with an exhibition of photos on the theme Rediscovering the Wonders of ICU. Visitors voted for best photo from nine ICU campus scenes, chosen from entries submitted before the festival. Comments on the ballot sheets included, "I remember fooling around on the bakayama as freshmen like the guys in the photo" and "The snow scene is beautiful. It snowed on the day we went on strike," the images reminding alumni of their days on campus. Yuriko Yamagiwa (CLA'01), who owns "Art for Thought" in Ginza, catered for the café, with fashionable California avocado rolls on the menu. Ms. Takeuchi from the liquor store Cadot sold a new version of the ICU wine and the sake "Bakayama." Mina Ishikawa (CLA'86) from the AA secretariat sold AA goods. In a tent in front of the

Main Building, Takashi Tsukuda (CLA'00) offered his popular trial chiropractic service and health seminar while AA Vice President Tetsuro Tomioka (CLA'82) set up stalls for kids, Struck Out and Basket Bingo. Visitors lined up to try out. On the 2nd, AA Trustee Shinichi Ikeda (CLA'88), Director of International Affairs at the Asahi Shimbun, organized Academic Talk by Alumni, a discussion with his classmates Hideyuki Hirakawa (Osaka University associate professor in science technology and society) and Ryuichi Yamaoka (Open University of Japan professor in political theory and political thought) on their common interest in politics, society, citizens, philosophy, and thought. They also reminisced about the time they spent on the bakayama and in the D-kan, with Hirakawa and Yamaoka giving lectures about their research and answering questions from the floor. The size of the audience, 50 in the H-116 classroom, was just right. We felt like students sitting in a thought-provoking class. We'll be looking forward to seeing you at the AA event at the ICU Festival next year. Come visit us with your family.



## Winner of the Photo Competition Yukari Arakawa (CLA'14)

Thank you for this wonderful award. I'm so happy I was able to exhibit the attractive features of ICU with the other contestants. It's not just the cherry blossoms in the spring: the campus is beautiful all year round. Come see for yourself!



Menu at the entrance



Long time no see!

Beautiful photos on exhibit



Academic Talk, Dr. Hirakawa's lecture



## A Taste of the ICU Festival at the Art Café in Ginza

Ms. Yamagiwa opened her café Art for Thought in the Ginza in 2011. She wanted to bring art closer to everyday life. You can enjoy both art and food there: it exhibits art, hosts musical performances and organizes architectural tours. ICU alumni frequent the café, so you might be able to meet friends there.



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