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Okayama City

Okayama city and the wider prefecture have numerous places of cultural and historical interest. Only a few of these are shown below.



Korakuen Park (left), adjacent to Okayama Castle, is known as one of the three most beautiful parks in Japan. It is open to the public and hosts a wide variety of colourful cultural events as the seasons change. It also has booths that provide refreshments and shade from the summer sun.



Okayama Castle (right) stands across the river from Korakuen Park. It is open to the public and from the top floor you can look out across most of the city. Inside, the bare wooden floors and exhibits hint at Japan's long feudal history.



The Bikancho Historical District (left) in Kurashiki city is famous for its original samurai period housing. You can enjoy a slow walk along the shopping streets and take a leisurely boat ride along the waterway. There are plenty of restaurants and souvenir stores where you can find momentos to remind you of your visit.

The Hadaka Festival (right) is an exciting example of Japan's colourful and noisy festivals. It is one of Okayama's most famous and popular festivals, held at the Saidaiji Temple in February. Despite cold weather and occasionally even snow, the male participants wear only a loincloth, giving the festival its unofficial name: The Naked Man Festival. Thousands of men gather in the temple grounds, brave the purifying fountain of freezing water, then battle to catch wooden sticks (*shingi*) thrown by a priest from a high window. Possession of the sticks is hotly contested as the holders struggle to a finishing station to claim substantial cash prizes.



The Uraja Dance Festival (left), held in August, is arguably the most popular festival in Okayama city's annual calendar. Dance teams representing public and private organisations participate in this bright celebration of summer. Participating teams design their own costumes and choreograph. Face-painting adds to the colour. Teams then dance in a long procession down the city's main streets.

Message from the President

Prof. Kyozo Chiba, PhD.

Greetings, everyone. What normally comes to mind when we think of the concept of “time”? Without a doubt, we tend to ignore the rhythm of our everyday lives: getting out of bed, eating our meals, going to work, taking classes, attending meetings, and our personal schedules. Conversely, but more importantly, it is something that has become so natural that without being conscious of it, we take it for granted.



I would like to attempt to look at the concept of time from a different angle. Time, in and of itself, is one of the most fundamental measures of physical quantity and most basic of concepts. However, it is not limited only to the physical domain. It is a component of philosophical phenomena. Therefore, time is the aggregation of all philosophical and social phenomena and becomes the basic measure for all of our daily life activities.

In this regard, time is an extremely universal concept, and it moves at the same pace for everyone. Some might ask why it would be necessary to reiterate such an obvious point, or such common knowledge? Certainly, we can't try to change the nature of time, but if we think about it in different terms, the way in which time passes for each person is distinct and separate. In other words, even though the same amount of time passes for each person, the ideas that are born, the things that are left behind, the results, and what they can achieve differs from person to person.

The staff and teachers at Chugoku Gakuen University cooperate to facilitate a respectful, enriching university lifestyle for our students. We realize that all students have an individual pace, and to the best of our ability, we work to support each and every student in a personable and accommodating way.

I would like to express one more important matter concerning time. As everyone may know, when an object is moved, the distance it moves divided by the time that it takes to move is its speed. As well as time, speed is understood in the world as something that has tremendous value. In the physical sciences, this speed relative to movement is called “velocity”. Although you may often experience this in your everyday life, this velocity has two types. The first is constant speed velocity, which entails moving at the same speed from the beginning to the end of a specified distance. The other is called accelerated velocity, where an object's speed gradually increases as it moves from one place to another. The difference between these two kinds of velocity has a much deeper meaning than merely their definitions.

Let us try to use the analogy of a moving train. When two trains on separate tracks are moving parallel to one another and moving at the same constant speed, the passengers on both trains might feel as if they are moving on one train. At the same time, if one of the trains suddenly speeds up, breaking the parallel movement, the passengers riding on the slower train will feel as if they are stopping. This is the crucial key to the theory of relativity. In your schoolwork, and in all aspects of your daily life, if you do not focus on accelerating your velocity, you meet the same fate as the train passengers that perceived they were slowing down and stopping. Let us do our best to succeed.

Academic Philosophy

Chugoku Gakuen advocates ‘autonomous creation’ as an academic philosophy and promotes the mental, moral, cultural, psychological and physical development of its students. We aim to develop human resources who can contribute to the growth of society by becoming independent thinkers creating their own lives, responding appropriately to a changing society. Therefore, we will respect each student's characteristics as much as possible and provide education aimed at improving their intellectual qualities, knowledge and humanity.

The Chugoku Gakuen Mascots



On the left is ‘Ide-kun’ (Idea boy). He looks like an inverted exclamation mark, indicating surprise or wonderment. On the right is ‘Gaku-chan’ (Study girl). Her head looks like the Chinese character 樂, meaning ‘fun’.

These mascots were created by students who participated in a campus-wide competition to design new mascots for Chugoku Gakuen.

The Campus Park

The campus includes a scenic park with open and shaded seating for students to relax during breaks from their studies. It includes various species of trees including plum (*ume*) and cherry (*sakura*) which bloom pink in spring. Pathways provide easy access in and out of the park and between various other parts of the campus.

Relaxing in the park, students can enjoy a quiet time and in the late afternoons and evenings, one can hear the sounds of music from the clubs and students enjoying sports in the neighbouring sports hall.

On days of celebration such as Graduation Day, a cool mist rises from a vent in the middle of the park to mark the special occasion.

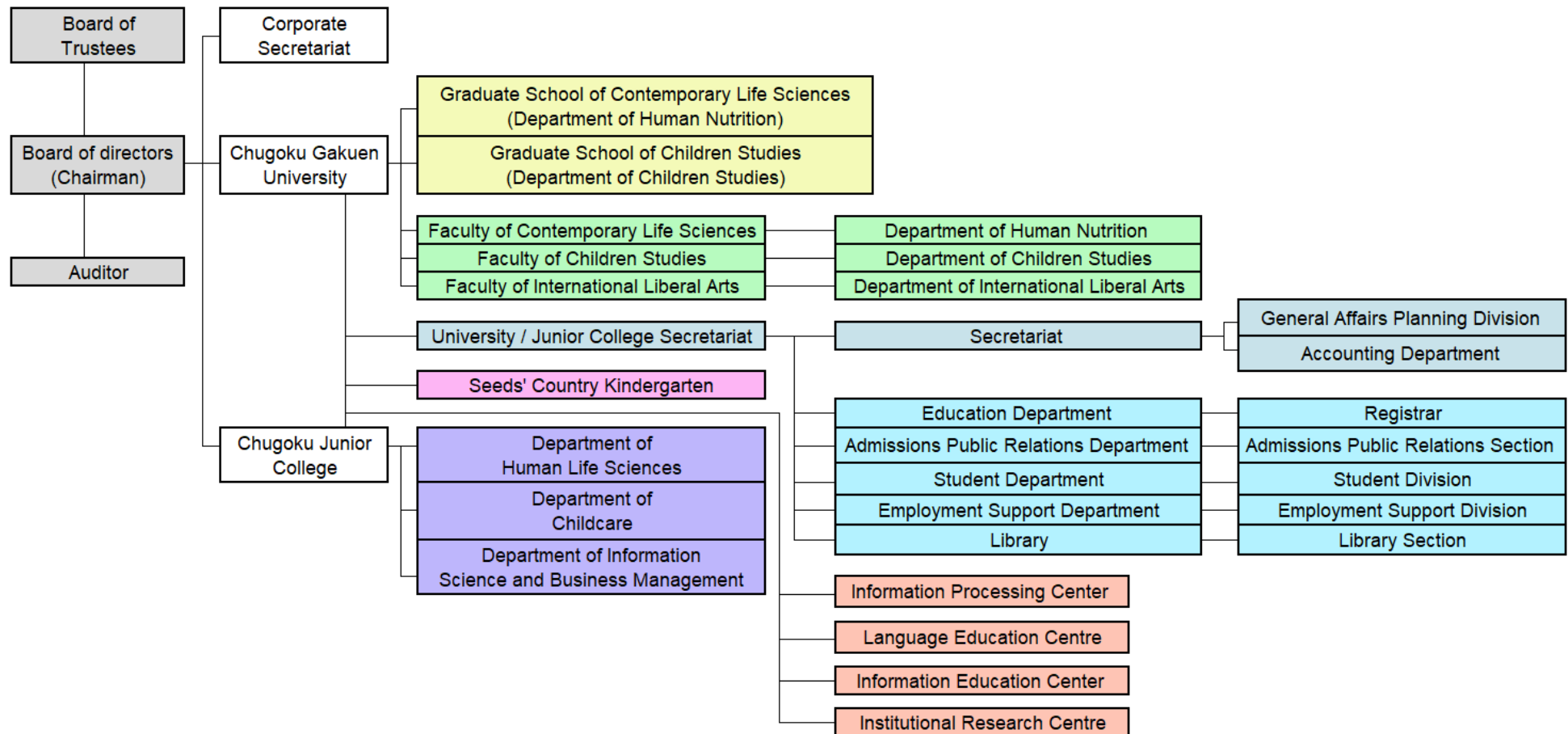


History of Chugoku Gakuen

April 1962	Hirata Gakuen Chugoku Women's Junior College established (Sendo-cho, Okayama City) Department of Home Economics established
April 1964	Department of Childcare expanded Kindergarten Teacher Level 2 license courses approved Designated an Official Dietitian Training Facility
January 1966	Hirata Gakuen Chugoku Women's Junior College renamed to Chugoku Junior College
April 1966	Chugoku Junior College Department of English and Department of Music expanded
April 1968	Advanced courses for Music majors established
April 1986	Department of Childcare renamed to Department of Early Childhood Education Department of English renamed to Department of English Literature
April 1988	Early Childhood Education major and English Literature major established
April 1992	Corporation renamed to Chugoku Junior College Department of Home Economics renamed to Department of Human Life Sciences Home Economics major renamed to Lifestyle Liberal Arts major
April 1992	Department of Business Management and Information Science expanded
April 1999	Department of Life Sciences renamed to Department of General Life Sciences Department of Life Sciences, Food and Nutrition renamed to Department of Human Nutrition Department of English Literature renamed to Department of English Communication Nursing Care major and Welfare major established
December 2001	Corporation renamed to Chugoku Gakuen
April 2002	Chugoku Gakuen University established Faculty of Contemporary Life Sciences and Department of Human Nutrition created
April 2004	Chugoku Junior College, Department of Early Childhood Education renamed to Department of Childcare Chugoku Junior College, Department of Business Management and Information Science renamed to Department of Information Science and Business Management
April 2006	Chugoku Gakuen University, Faculty of Children, Department of Children established Chugoku Gakuen University, Graduate School of Contemporary Life Studies and Department of Human Nutrition established
April 2011	Chugoku Gakuen University, Graduate School of Children's Studies established
June 2012	Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the school's founding
April 2015	Chugoku Gakuen University, Faculty of International Liberal Arts, Department of International Liberal Arts established
April 2019	Chugoku Gakuen University / Chugoku Junior College affiliated Seeds' Country ("Tanenokuni") Kindergarten established

Chugoku Gakuen Organisational Chart

The chart below shows how various elements of Chugoku Gakuen are organized.



Teaching Staff Composition

Full-time teaching staff							
	President	Vice President	Professor	Associate Professor	Lecturer	Assistant Professor	Total
President	1	2					3
University	Faculty of Contemporary Life Sciences, Dept. of Human Nutrition (incl. Graduate School)						
			7	6	4	6	23
	Faculty of Children Studies, Department of Children Studies (incl. Graduate School)						
			5	4	4	3	16
Junior College	Faculty of International Liberal Arts, Department of International Liberal Arts						
			4	5	2	1	12
	Department of Human Life Sciences						
			3	4	2		9
Junior College	Department of Childcare						
			4	3	3	1	11
	Department of Information Science and Business Management						
			3	2	3		8
Total	1	2	26	24	18	11	82

Seeds' Country Kindergarten	Principal	Deputy Director	Chief Nursery Teacher	Childcare Teacher	Part-time Nursery Teacher	Misc. Support Staff	Total
	1	1	2	19	6	16	45

The Faculty of International Liberal Arts

The Faculty of International Liberal Arts' curriculum enables and encourages its students to participate in internships at companies and organisations to develop their professional knowledge and skills and to study abroad to develop their foreign language abilities.

Visiting Professors

Hisashi Matsuda	Motoyoshi Nakashima	Hakuo Aoe	Taizo Furuichi	Narimasa Tokugawa
President Okayama Chamber of Commerce and Industry	President Nakashima Propeller Co. Ltd.	President of JA Okayama Central Chamber	President of Tomiya Corporation Inc.	15 th Head of the Mito Tokugawa Family



Students' Statistics

Chugoku Gakuen University

Faculty, Department	1st-year	2nd-year	Total
Graduate School of Contemporary Life Sciences	1	0	1
Graduate School of Children Studies	0	4	4
Total	1	4	5

Faculty, Department	1st-year	2nd-year	3rd-year	4th-year	Total
Contemporary Life Sciences, Human Nutrition	50	40	53	42	185
Children Studies, Children Studies	79	96	106	84	365
International Liberal Arts, International Liberal Arts	19	41	23	34	117
Total	148	177	182	160	667

Chugoku Junior College

Department	1st-year	2nd-year	Total
Human Life Sciences	50	62	112
Childcare	84	106	190
Information Science and Business Management	49	65	114
Total	183	233	416

Seeds' Country Kindergarten (Registered kindergarten)



Age	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Number	12	24	24	40	43	49	192



Graduated Students' Statistics

Faculty, Department			Graduates	
Graduate School	Graduate School of Contemporary Life Sciences		15	
	Graduate School of Children Studies		18	
University	Contemporary Life Sciences, Human Nutrition		895	
	Children Studies, Children Studies		912	
	International Liberal Arts, International Liberal Arts		56	
Junior College	Human Life Sciences		5,429	
	Human Nutrition		3,135	
	Childcare		7,744	
	English Communication		2,736	
	Music		3,157	
	Information Science and Business Management		2,121	
	Home Economics		292	
	Subtotal		26,510	
	Advanced Courses	Early Childhood Education		76
		Long-term care welfare		480
		English Communication		43
		Music		715
		Subtotal		1,314
Total			27,824	

Some of our recent graduates in their workplaces

Contemporary Life Sciences  Akari Andou Kojima Seiko Hospital	Children Studies  Kana Kazekawa Sanyo Elementary School Teacher	International Liberal Arts  Hiroki Nanba Tour Planner, Ryobi Travel
Human Life Sciences  Sayo Otani Welfare and Long-term Carer, Sompō Care	Childcare  Aoi Takemoto Teacher, Minori Kindergarten	Information Science & Business Management  Maho Nakamura Reception staff, Okayama TOYOPET Co. Ltd.

Location and Access

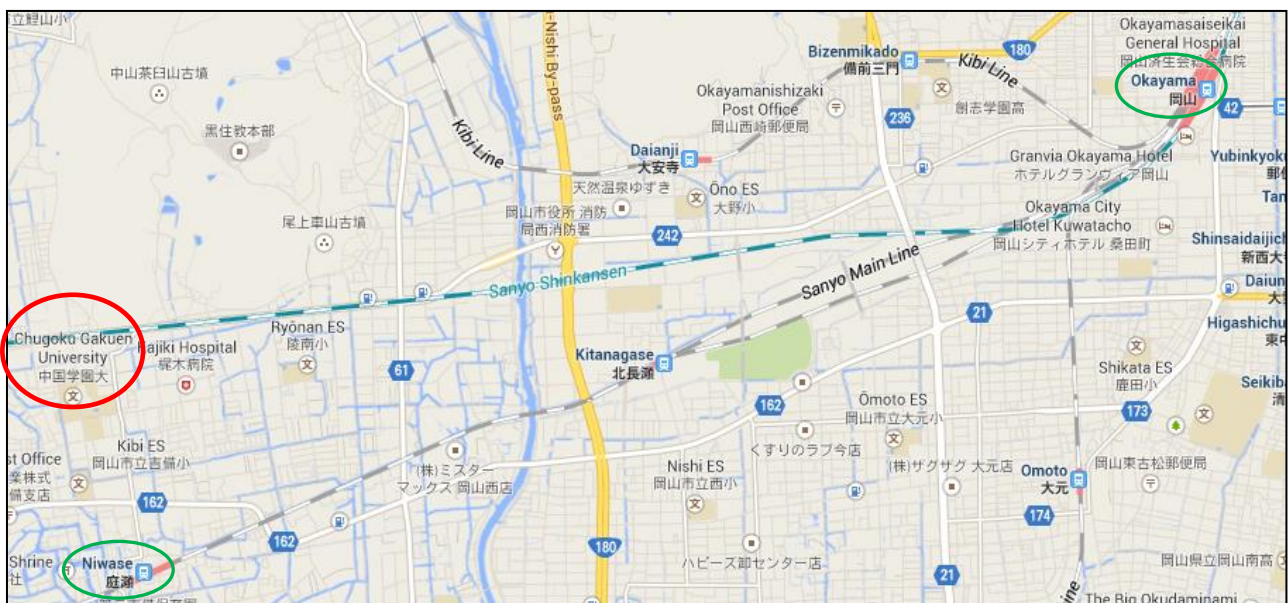
Chugoku Gakuen University, Chugoku Junior College

The city of Okayama is located on the main Japanese island of Honshu, between Osaka and Hiroshima.



(Google Maps)

The campus is situated in the city's quieter, western outskirts, with convenient rail and road access from Okayama city centre to the east and Kurashiki city centre to the west.



(Google Maps)

By plane to Okayama airport

Approximately a 80-minute flight from Tokyo Haneda Airport. An airport bus then takes about 40 minutes to Okayama Station.

By bullet train (Shinkansen) to Okayama Station

From Kansai International Airport approximately 2 hours

From Hiroshima approximately 40 minutes

From Osaka approximately 44 minutes

From Tokyo approximately 119 minutes

To JR Niwase Station (the nearest station to Chugoku Gakuen University and Chugoku Junior College)

From Okayama Station approximately 6 minutes

From Kurashiki Station approximately 9 minutes

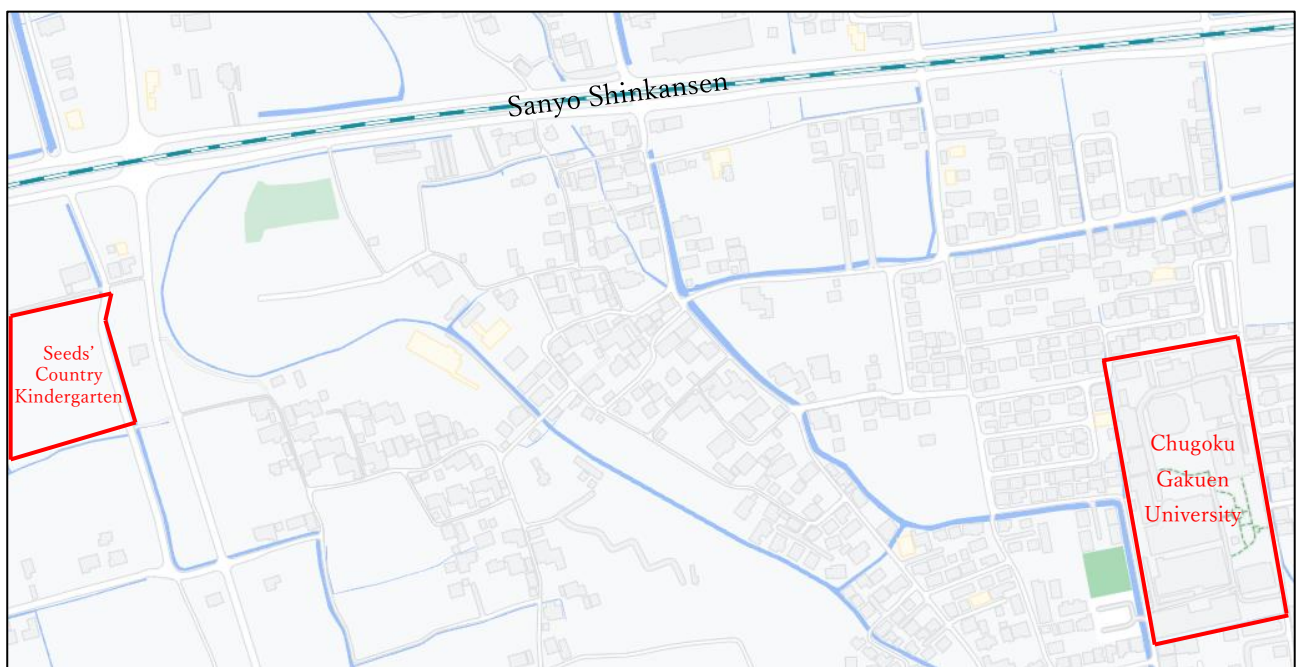
To Chugoku Gakuen University campus from Niwase Station

Approximately a 13-minute walk or five minutes by taxi. There is a taxi stand at Niwase Station.

By car from Okayama Station

Depending on traffic conditions, approximately 20-30 minutes.

Chugoku Gakuen Seeds' Country Kindergarten (Registered kindergarten)



(Google Maps)

Campus Map



- ① Faculty of Contemporary Life Sciences ② Main administrative building ③ Classrooms
 ④ Classrooms ⑤ Sports hall and gymnasium ⑥ Storage building ⑦ Music rooms and offices
 ⑧ Music hall ⑨ Faculty of International Liberal Arts ⑩ Employment Support Centre
 ⑪ Computer Suites & Classrooms ⑫ Faculty of Children Studies and auditorium ⑬ Library
 ⑭ Garden ⑮ Main gate ⑯ Central gate ⑰ South gate ⑱ Student car park 1
 ⑲ Student car park 2 ⑳ Sports ground ㉑ Halls of residence (Female students only)



Extracurricular Clubs

Extracurricular Club Activity			Membership
Alumni Association			6
Culture Festival Executive Committee			12
Cultural	Membership	Physical Education	Membership
Light Music	50	Futsal Soccer	15
Volunteerism	40	Basketball	10
Wadaiko Drums	6	Badminton	40
Brass Band	3~10	Japanese Style Baseball	15
English Drama	6	Women's Softball	14
Tea Ceremony	3	University Volleyball Team	11
Child Support 'Masshiro'	100 (Incl. 10 volunteers)	Volleyball	13
National Registered Dietitian	10	Dance	19
Children's Events	40 (Approx. 6 per event)	Skateboard, Snowboard	6
		Gymnastics	10
		Running 'Rankura'	13

Below are some of our cultural and physical education clubs.



Dance



Women's softball



Light music



Basketball



Volleyball



Taiko



University Volleyball Team



Brass band



National Registered Dietitian (Volunteerism)

Contact Details

For more information about Chugoku Gakuen University, Chugoku Junior College or Seeds' Country Kindergarten, please visit our website at <www.cjc.ac.jp> (Japanese only) or write to, call or Email Associate Professor Paul Moritoshi (English and Japanese) at the addresses below:

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