

International student network “Tsukuba-Berlin Alumni Association” was founded



Free University Berlin (Headquarters)

From the Free University of Berlin, nearly 30 German exchange students have studied at the University of Tsukuba since 2008. Similarly, around 20 Japanese exchange students from the University of Tsukuba have studied at the Free University of Berlin. Exchange continues to be active and fruitful. Therefore we found the Tsukuba-Berlin Alumni Association in order to organize the support efforts of German alumni for Japanese students in cooperation with the Institute of Japanese Studies at the Free University of Berlin.



Founding ceremony attendees

On December 13, the Tsukuba-Berlin Alumni Association was founded at the Free University Berlin (Exchange Agreement University). This is our first international alumni network in Europe. Free University of Berlin is one of the most prominent comprehensive research universities in Europe. The German Government selected it as one of the elite universities under the framework of the ‘Excellence Initiative.’



Professor Hijiya-Kirschner

The founding ceremony was attended by both German alumni and Japanese exchange students from Tsukuba who currently study at the Free University of Berlin. Among the attendees were also Professor Hijiya-Kirschner and Professor Blechinger-Talcott from the Free University Berlin as well as the counselor of the Japanese Embassy in Germany, Mr. Masuko. The University of Tsukuba Bonn office intends to continuously provide active support for student and academic research exchange in Europe.