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ウクライナからの研究員 研究報告書
Research Report by Researcher from Ukraine

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研究成果の概要 Summary of your research achievements	<p>The aim was to study the experience of Japanese higher education and the experience of teaching and research at Toyo University. In addition, the goal was to study the University of Toyo's information base and corporate resources.</p> <p>The aim of the proposed research program between the Kyiv Aviation Institute and Toyo University was to foster collaboration and innovation in the field of International Law and related disciplines. Specifically, I was looking for joint research initiatives that leverage the strengths and expertise of both institutions, leading to impactful scholarship in Law, opportunities for tutors and students to share insights, methodologies, and best practices, enriching the academic experience and broadening perspectives and build partnerships between the two universities, fostering a global network of scholars and practitioners in the field of international relations.</p> <p>I gave an open lecture for students of Toyo University (Japan) on ‘Welcome to Ukraine’. The lecture aroused considerable interest among the student audience and became a great opportunity to represent Ukraine in the international academic arena.</p>

The main aspects of this lecture were geographical location of Ukraine, its natural resources, and strategic importance in Europe. Particular attention was paid to the historical context of the formation of Ukrainian statehood, cultural heritage, traditions, and national symbols that form the identity of modern Ukraine.

A separate block of the lecture was devoted to the challenges faced by the Ukrainian higher education system due to the full-scale war that began in February 2022. It was noted that the war has significantly changed the lives of students, teachers and the entire educational community. Ukrainian educational institutions were forced to quickly adapt to new realities, in particular through the introduction of distance learning.

So, the main task was to explain that one of the first steps was to transfer educational processes to the online format. By using video conferencing platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, Moodle, and other educational technologies, universities managed to ensure the continuity of education. This allowed students to continue their education even in the face of security threats.

During air raids, students are forced to leave classrooms and go to shelters, where they stay until the alarm ends. I emphasized that this reality has become an integral part of the everyday life of young people in Ukraine. Despite the challenging conditions, Ukrainian students demonstrate resilience and a thirst for knowledge.

In this lecture I also stressed the importance of international support for Ukrainian students. Ukrainian universities are actively expanding their cooperation with foreign educational institutions and international organizations, offering students the opportunity to study abroad or participate in international internship programs.

Academic mobility programs are particularly popular, allowing students to gain experience in European, American, and Asian universities. These programs not only promote professional development but also help to keep Ukrainian youth connected to the global academic community.

The lecture was an example of a successful cultural and academic dialogue between Ukraine and Japan. Through such events, foreign students receive reliable information about the situation in Ukraine, its culture, and its people. This contributes to better understanding and strengthening of relations between Ukrainian and foreign educational institutions.

Such lectures not only broaden the horizons of knowledge but also create a platform for further cooperation in education and science.

During my visit to Toyo University (Japan), I had a unique opportunity to attend a lecture on 'Modern Social Policy in Japan', which was held and organised especially for me. This lecture became a valuable source of information for my doctoral research on International standards of the modern welfare state.

The professor spoke in detail about the main social insurance systems in Japan, their structure, and their functioning. Particular

attention was paid to the pension system as an integral part of the Japanese welfare state. The lecturer outlined the key principles on which the Japanese model is based: solidarity, equality of access to social services, and ensuring a decent standard of living for all categories of citizens.

The lecture also addressed the issues of social insurance financing, the role of the state and the private sector, as well as mechanisms for adapting to modern challenges, such as population aging and ensuring the stability of the pension system.

This lecture provided me, as the acting Head of the Department of International and European Law, with valuable information on effective approaches to building a welfare state that can be adapted to Ukrainian realities. It also became an important element of international cooperation and facilitated the exchange of experience in the field of Law and social policy.

So, promoting academic and educational exchanges between Kyiv Aviation Institute and Toyo University helped to foster collaboration, enhance cultural understanding, and improve educational quality. There is a Cooperation Agreement between NAU and TOYO University (Japanese State, No. 02-2023 UA-JP dated 30.01.23; Student Exchange Agreement No. 03-2023 UA-JP dated 30.01.23).

We can initiate projects focusing on International European Law, Aviation Law, International Regulations, or Environmental Law in Aviation in future.

For me, as an Acting Head of the Department, this research internship was extremely important. I am interested in short-term programs and structured semester or year-long exchange programs for students and teaching staff. I am interested in future internship programs that allow students to gain experience in international agencies in each country.

We can consider launching a joint academic journal focusing on International Law where faculty and students can publish their research.

By implementing these strategies, the Law Department can create a robust framework for academic and educational exchanges, benefiting students and faculty alike while enhancing the reputation of both institutions in the field of Law.