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### The Opening Ceremony at the Junko Fukutake Terrace

The café “Junko Fukutake Terrace” (commonly known as the J Terrace), built on the west side of the main gate at the Tsushima Campus, is now complete and has been opened. The café was built using a donation by Junko Fukutake, Deputy Director of the Fukutake Education and Culture Foundation. The Opening Ceremony was held on October 17th at the J Terrace.

Approximately 70 people attended the ceremony including deputy director Junko Fukutake, President Kiyoshi Morita of our university, Kazuyo Sejima from the architectural firm “SANAA”\*, who designed the J Terrace, and Ryue Nishizawa. President Morita greeted everyone by stating: “People from all over the world will surely gather here at the J Terrace. I would like this university to become even more open to developments for social spaces in future.”

Deputy director Junko Fukutake also spoke, saying: “By using the J Terrace in a variety of ways, just like the Junko Fukutake Hall (J Hall), I would like everyone to have the opportunity to meet people from all different background and create miracles.” The 5 representatives then cut the ribbon and celebrated the café’s completion.

The J Terrace is an architectural structure with a beautiful concrete and glass curve, designed with the theme, “a place where people gather and dialogue is generated.” The glassed-in space projects an image of mutual connection. Established together with the “J Terrace Café” run by the Sakai Panning Corporation (Minami Ward, Okayama City), it is a public open-type terrace that everyone can freely use.

“SANAA”\*

SANAA (Sejima and Nishizawa and Associates) is an architect unit (specifically, an architectural firm) founded by Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue Nishizawa. In 2010, SANAA was awarded the Pritzker



The opening of the Junko Fukutake Terrace (J Terrace).



The Junko Fukutake Terrace is available for everyone.

Architecture Prize - the Nobel Prize in the architectural world. Their work includes the Louvre-Lens Museum (annex of the Louvre) in France and the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art in Kanazawa. SANAA also designed the J Hall of the Shikata campus and the pergola of the Tsushima campus for our university.