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with an Interest in the United Kingdom or Europe!



Special Lecture

Hosted by the Headquarters of International Collaboration

“The British People, Language and Culture”

Speaker: Professor Minoru Hirota
Professor Emeritus at Kyushu University



We will invite Professor Minoru Hirota (Professor Emeritus at Kyushu University and a long-serving member of The English Literary Society of Japan) to speak over three days on the theme of “The British People, Language and Culture.”

Professor Hirota has taught for many years, largely at Kyushu University, on subjects including English Language and Literature and Comparative Cultural Studies. He has acquired an in-depth knowledge of British and American customs and history over many years of research in places such as Cambridge (UK) and Indiana (USA).

In 1996, Professor Hirota established a research programme for students of Kyushu University at the University of Cambridge and the programme has been continuously held for the past 18 years. He has been actively involved in Japan-British exchange activities as a Director of the Fukuoka Japan-British Society.

He has also served as a Visiting Scholar at Pembroke College, University of Cambridge for many years. Why not come along and listen to what promises to be three fascinating lectures?

Major Works by Minoru Hirota

Co-authorship: *Bronte Kenkyu* [Bront ̃ Research] (Kaibunsha); *Victoriacho-no Shosetsu* [Victorian Novels] (Eihosha); *Bronte Shimai Shojiten* [Encyclopedia of the Bront ̃ Sisters] (Kenkyusha); *Ai-no Motif* [Love Motifs] (Sairyusha); *Bronte Shimai-no Sekai* [The World of the Bront ̃ Sisters] (Minerva Shobo); Translation - *Willie Ellin* published in *Kyoju* [The Professor] (Misuzu Shobo); *The Campus English-Japanese Dictionary* (Kodansha), and numerous essays.

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Lecture Schedule: June 25 (Wed), 26 (Thurs) & 27 (Fri), 2014

Lecture① British History and Culture

< Stonehenge, Hadrian's Wall, the Britons, the Anglo-Saxons, William the Conqueror, the Danes, the Vikings, historical changes in the English history, the British Museum >

Time: June 25 (Wednesday), 16:20 to 17:50

Venue: Library Hall, Izumi Library, Izumi Campus

Lecture② British Literature (Novels, Plays and Poetry)

< Chaucer, Shakespeare, Defoe and Swift, Jane Austin, the Brontë Sisters, Dickens, Wordsworth, Thomas Gray, Rupert Brooke, Kazuo Ishiguro >

Time: June 26 (Thursday), 16:20 to 17:50

Venue: Library Hall, Izumi Library, Izumi Campus

Lecture③ British Universities and Education

< Public schools (Eton, Rugby and the Leas School (on which Goodbye, Mr. Chips is based)), Cambridge - University and People, the first group of Japanese exchange students and a supporter (Professor Williamson of the University of London)>

Time: June 27 (Friday), 16:20 to 17:50

Venue: Library Hall, Izumi Library, Izumi Campus

【Notes】

- ◆ All lectures will be given in Japanese.
- ◆ There is no need to book in advance.