

# GMAP in Law

Kobe University  
Graduate School  
of Law



JUNE 2015

## GMAP in Law NEWSLETTER Third Issue



KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
LEARN ENGLISH  
WITH US

### Inside

#### Test your vocabulary

Expand your English vocabulary by taking this simple quiz!

3

#### Hear what our students have to say about our course so far

Recently we interviewed some of our students on how they've found the GMAP in Law course so far; read on to hear what they have to say!

2

### An Introduction to the lecturers of the GMAP in Law Course : Vol 1

The GMAP in Law Course which began in April this year comes with an impressive line up of lecturers comprising of some of the top academics and lawyers from around the globe. The question that would naturally come to mind then would be, 'who are our lecturers?'

In this issue we would like to introduce some of our lecturers:

#### Professor Keith Carpenter: Introduction to Legal English

Professor Keith Carpenter studied classics and law at Cambridge University before qualifying as a solicitor. He worked for over 20 years as a lawyer in London, Bahrain and Tokyo initially in general corporate and commercial work leading to specialisation in international finance. Before

Follow me to Page

3

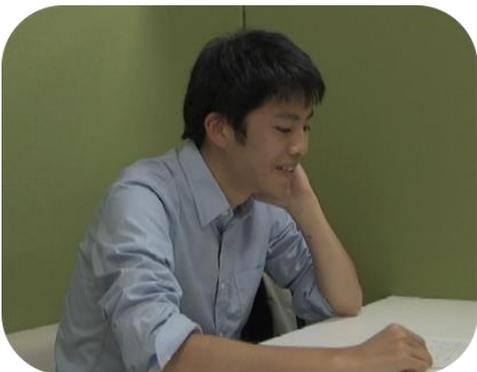
**Students Corner: Let's have your say!**

As the GMAP in Law course enters into its third month, we had interviewed some students on their thoughts about the course and here's what they have to say:



Ms Viviane Soares de Azevedo a foreign student participating in our course shares her thoughts with us: "As a first year student in the course, I would like to say that the course lives up to my expectations and I'm having a good time.

I'm really enjoying it. I've found the subjects quite interesting and most lectures are sometimes intellectually challenging for me. The course might be a little tiring because it's intensive, but I feel that it's completely worth it. Overall I feel that I had a really good time and I hope I can make the most of this experience in these two years."



Mr Kenyu Hattori from Fukuoka, shares his thoughts with us: "The English lectures are hard for me to understand as I've never lived abroad nor attended any English schools. There are a lot of materials before the

lectures as the lectures are very intensive, and I have no time to study my major subjects, namely public international law; however with the support of Professor Carpenter who teaches me English daily and Professor Tamada who supports me, I feel that it is interesting to study in this course at Kobe University."

Disclaimer: The students' interviews have been edited to be inline with the contents of this Newsletter.



**Places to go:  
Naoshima**

Naoshima (直島) is an island located in the Seto Inland Sea, accessible by train and ferry the island is known for its modern art museums, architecture and sculptures.

Most of the artwork on the island is installed by the Benesse Corporation, which oversees the art museums, architectural work and installation of the sculptures.

The Benesse museums were designed by the well-known Japanese architect Ando Tadao which includes the Chichu Art Museum, Lee Ufan Museum etc.

For a fee, one can even choose to stay overnight at the Benesse house a hotel combined with an art museum.

As it's summer, the sandy beaches on the island makes for a relaxing get away from the hubbub of city life.

Ideal for those who are into modern art and sunny beaches.

Continued from page 1

coming to Japan he was Director and Head of Legal Services at a Japanese investment bank in London. Professor Carpenter also has a qualification to teach English (Cambridge University Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages). Besides Legal English, Professor Carpenter also teaches common law courses at Kobe University.



**Professor Cai Congyan: International Investment Law 1  
(21 April 2015 – 1 May 2015)**

Professor Cai Congyan, visiting professor from Xiamen University's School of Law, the People's Republic of China (PRC) specialises in Public International Law and International Investment Law. He was a Fullbright Scholar and Global Research Fellow at NYU School of Law (2011 - 2012) and a visiting professor at the Columbia University School of Law (2014).



Please refer to [Page 4](#) for the application details on the **GMAP in Law Course**



Vocabulary Corner

Test your vocabulary! Pick the correct answer:

**1 Crystallize**

A: Individually separate and distinct; B: A written guarantee; or C: Make or become definitive and clear

**2 Rationale**

A: Ratio; B: Disorderly; C: Legal Aid; or D: Logical Reasoning

**3 Allocate**

A: Changeable; B: Assign; C: Adjustable; or D: Separate

Answers:  
(1) C – e.g. the terms of the contract was *crystallized* when the parties reached an agreement.  
(2) D – e.g. to understand the *rationale* of the case you will need to read the judgement.  
(3) B – I *allocated* 15 minutes of my time to play this quiz.

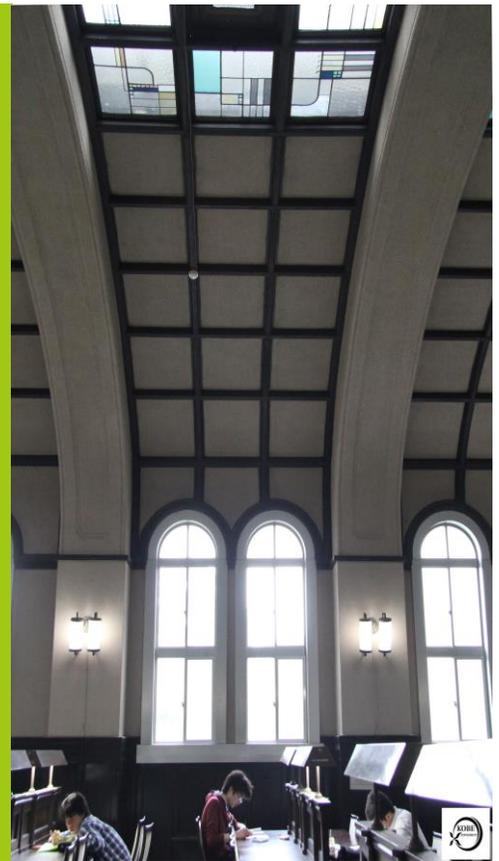
# Application for the GMAP in Law Course

Students wishing to apply for the GMAP in Law Course, may find the details for the course and application procedures on the Kobe University Graduate School of Law & Faculty of Law website at

[http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/kobe\\_univ\\_global/english/admission/graduate.html](http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/kobe_univ_global/english/admission/graduate.html).

Admission requirements include the submission of your test score for an English proficiency test (e.g. TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS etc.); a research plan of 1,500 words; and an interview (via Skype for foreign students).

Foreign students are welcome to apply for this programme!



THIRD ISSUE :: JUNE 2015

Disclaimer: All content published herein belong to their appropriate authors and/or owners and the University takes no responsibility for any losses, injuries and/or damages arising from the display and/or use of such content.

For further information on the GMAP in Law Course kindly contact the following person:

## **Professor Dai Tamada**

[tamada@port.kobe-u.ac.jp](mailto:tamada@port.kobe-u.ac.jp)

Tel: +81-78-803-2507

Graduate School of Law, 2-1  
Rokko-dai-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe  
City, 657-8501, JAPAN

[www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp](http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp)



## **GMAP in Law's Academic Staff**

Professor Dai Tamada (Director): Public International Law and International Investment Law

Professor Akira Saito (Co – Director): International Commercial Law and Arbitration

Professor Shunichiro Nakano: Private International Law

Professor Keith Carpenter: Legal English, Legal Practice, and Financial Law

**For any queries or if you would like to contribute to this Newsletter, please feel free to contact Cindy Cheong at:**

**[cindy.cheong@phoenix.kobe-u.ac.jp](mailto:cindy.cheong@phoenix.kobe-u.ac.jp)**

**Tel: +81-78-803 – 6709**

**Graduate School of Law, 2-1 Rokko-dai-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe City, 657-8501, JAPAN**