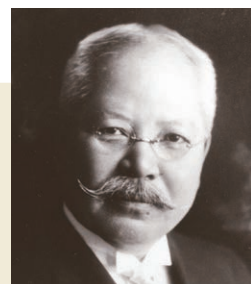


Jokichi Takamine Study Group, NPO

Dr. Jokichi Takamine

Dr. Jokichi Takamine lived through the dramatic period of time from the end of the Tokugawa shogunate, Meiji era, and Taisho era. He left a great legacy as a scientist, entrepreneur, and an international goodwill ambassador. Dr. Takamine is called the father of modern biotechnology for his research and development of amylolytic enzymes derived from microorganisms, mainly Taka-Diastase.



Dr. Jokichi Takamine
(photo courtesy Great People of Kanazawa Memorial Museum)

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The NPO, Dr. Jokichi Takamine Study Group, is engaged in educational activities, such as publishing journals and holding lectures, in order to make more people aware of Dr. Takamine, who made a great contribution to the development of science and technology in modern Japan, its commercialization, and goodwill between Japan and the United States.

Main Activities

The year 2023 saw the pandemic begin to subside, and with it, our lectures at educational institutions in the Hokuriku region return for the first time in four years. Furthermore, Kanazawa Institute of Technology students traveled to a junior high school in Tokyo to co-host and instruct students in the Science Experiment Classroom, creating opportunities for young people to become interested in biotechnology.

This year also marked the 100th anniversary of the opening of Unazuki Onsen, one of Toyama Prefecture's most prominent hot spring resorts. As Dr. Takamine engaged in its development, the Study Group was invited to participate in the opening ceremony. These were only some of the many events that were held in 2023. Interest in Dr. Takamine has been growing as of late, so we hope to continue to provide accurate information and support educational opportunities in 2024.



Our lectures at the Kanazawa Institute of Technology are included as part of its course.



Nakada Junior High School in Takaoka seems to have a very active science club.



The Science Experiment Classroom is also a learning experience for the university students who teach the classes.

Topic Measures to keep young people interested in science

There are 11 junior high schools in Takaoka, Toyama, Japan. The Study Group has been holding talks since 2008, but this was the first time returning to this school in 14 years. It is deeply moving to think that the children who attended the talk back then are now working adults.

This will be the ninth year giving lectures at the Kanazawa Institute of Technology. Our long-term, continuous activities have focused on Takaoka and Kanazawa, Dr. Takamine's hometowns, but we also give talks utilizing scientific and biographical cartoons and videos at educational institutions throughout Japan. Biotechnology has become ever more important in this time of drastically changing lifestyles. If you are interested in holding a talk, please contact our office.

Scan the QR code
to visit the Study
Group's website.



Notification of the recruitment of new members

The Jokichi Takamine Study Group is accepting supporting members.

Supporting members will receive publications related to Dr. Takamine and regularly issued newsletters. They also receive information about lectures, events, and news.

If you would like to join us, please write your name (if you are a corporate body, company/organization name and department), postal code, address, phone number (no cell phone number accepted), occupation, age, and sex on a letter or a postcard and mail it to us. We will return a bank transfer form to pay the initiation fee and the annual membership fee.

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