At the age of 33, a young Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae, who would later establish Tokai University, visited Denmark. The year was 1934, and the month was January, the coldest time of the year. Dr. Matsumae had been deeply impressed by the history of Denmark, particularly with what he had learned from a leading contemporary Japanese Christian thinker, Kanzo Uchimura, about the nation’s recovery through education following its defeat by Prussia. This had left Dr. Matsumae with a strong desire to visit the country, and he deliberately chose the most severe season to visit Denmark, believing that one learns most about a nation’s culture and lifestyle under these conditions, and for a period of about one month he visited and lived with various teachers and students of different Danish folk high schools. These folk high schools were the result of advocacy by the great educational pioneer N.F.S. Grundtvig, and were one of the prime factors in the reconstruction of modern Denmark.

His studies made during his visit provided him with his true vocation - his dedication to education. On his return to Japan, he founded a small private school in Tokyo, the Bosei Gakujuku, modeled on Danish folk high schools. From this school sprang today’s Tokai University Educational System. Dr. Matsumae later mentioned that one of the strongest encouragements in his life was the lesson learned from Danish history; the revitalization and recovery of the country after a wartime defeat, thanks to the power of national education, and the instruction and tuition provided for the young people of the country. Thirty-six years after Dr. Matsumae first visited Denmark, the European Center was founded in September, 1970. This was the first overseas facility of Tokai University Educational System, and it was located in Vedbæk, a suburb of Copenhagen. The location of the Center in Denmark shows the strong influence of Denmark on the foundation and the spirit of Tokai University Educational System. At that time, the Center marked an important step in our exchange activities, aimed at promoting global peace, which went beyond the boundaries of Denmark. It is to be noted that the kind cooperation of the late Mr. Egon Drostby, the then Director of the International Section of the Danish Ministry of Education, was instrumental in providing Tokai University, a non-Danish organization, with the exceptional privilege of owning land and buildings for the Center.
The first cultural activities held through the auspices of the European Center included: an exhibition of Japanese books in the Danish Royal Library, demonstrations of the traditional Japanese tea ceremony, and a seminar on pre-school education. The tradition has continued, with cultural and academic activities and exchanges taking place on an annual basis. Dr. Matsumae had long had a dream that the research and training vessel of Tokai University Educational System, the Bosei Maru, would one day make a call at the European Center. This dream was fulfilled in 1996 when the ship, on an around-the-world cruise, made port calls to Copenhagen harbor as part of the European Center’s 25th anniversary activities, adding yet another facet to the Center’s varied history.

In 2001, coinciding with the centenary of the birth of our founder Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae’s birth, the European Center celebrated its 30th anniversary, and organized a number of activities, including the seminar “Danish Educational Theory and Practice.” In the ten years since then, the Center has hosted and organized many international activities, and in doing so, has continued to reconfirm its raison d’être and the founding ideals of Tokai University Educational System.

In the forty years since the European Center’s establishment, international conditions have changed tremendously, and with the passing away of Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae in August 1991, Tokai University Educational System entered a new era. However, the spirit of our founder is still with us in the monument dedicated to his memory in the European Center’s garden, and he continues to watch over our activities. The European Center in Denmark is therefore a constant reminder to us all of the ideals that inspired Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae and of his legacy. He once said, “Our mission is not only to establish a university, but via the establishment of a university, to contribute to the establishment of a peaceful nation and a pacifistic spirit in the world.” Bearing this in mind, it is clear that we still have much work to do and many issues to resolve, and that the role of the European Center will continue to grow and expand, henceforth.

This publication traces every step of the forty years that have elapsed since the founding of the Center. Without the kind and generous assistance of many people, too numerous to name, the European Center would not have been the success that it is today. May I take this fortieth anniversary as an occasion to express my sincere thanks to you all for your generous assistance, and to express the hope that this support and assistance will continue in the future.
Message

In Respect and Admiration,

I am not only a friend but also an admirer of Tokai University and its “founding family,” and I am proud that part of its founding inspiration came from the Danish folk high school movement.

I have read the little book written by the late Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae after his return from a visit to Danish folk high schools in 1934. His immediate understanding of the spirit of these schools is remarkable in view of the fact that he did not understand Danish. He succeeded in planting his Danish-inspired vision in Japanese soil after the War and harvested an amazing result: a thriving university with tens of thousands of graduates over the decades – and still going strong. I have visited several Tokai campuses and have spoken with freshmen students at the semester-start celebrations, where the first thing that I saw were big photostats from Danish folk high schools at the entrance.

While I was Minister of Education and Research in the 1980’s, I met with Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae in Praestoe, when he visited Denmark in order to inaugurate the new Tokai University Boarding School (now converted to a folk high school). He showed me many pictures from his visits to Danish folk high schools, including pictures of Askov Folk High School, where my father taught throughout the 1930’s. Afterwards, I was also invited to board Tokai University’s research and training vessel Bosei Maru, which was docked in Copenhagen harbor and is an impressive symbol of Tokai’s vision and strength.

While serving in the European Parliament in the 1990’s, I had the honour of being chairman of the Japan Delegation which included regular meetings with our counterparts in the Japanese Diet. At one of our first meetings, as chance would have it, I happened to meet Dr. Tatsuro Matsumae, who was a distinguished member of the Diet’s delegation to the EU! I recognized his name and his face reminded me of his father’s.

I have also had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Tatsuro Matsumae and other representatives of Tokai University at Tokai University European Center in Vedbæk, which I have visited on numerous occasions. On these visits I have admired and enjoyed the Center’s charm, elegance and spirit, and have had the pleasure of attending tea ceremonies, meetings and receptions – including the solemn event where I was bestowed an honorary doctorate from Tokai University. This has been one of the highlights of my life, particularly because I honour and admire Tokai University and its “founding family” the Matsumaes.

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Tokai University European Center in Vedbæk on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

Bertel Haarder
Danish Minister for the Interior and Health
Purpose of the Foundation

The Tokai University European Center (TUEC) was founded in 1970 through the profound understanding and close cooperation of the Danish Ministry of Education. It is intended as a place where the Tokai University Educational System (TES) can actively promote and realize the rich benefits of academic and cultural exchange with European countries. Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae (1901-1991), the founder of TES, was deeply influenced by the concepts and ideals of N.F.S. Grundtvig (1783-1872), one of the greatest spiritual leaders in the history of Denmark. Dr. Matsumae opened TES in Japan after the model of the innovative educational system of Danish folk high schools which was put forward by N.F.S. Grundtvig. TES is now made up of a large number of institutions at every level of education - from preschool to postgraduate - both in Japan and abroad. The choice of Denmark as the site of TUEC comes from these deep and abiding ties with Denmark. The academic spirit and aim of TES are directed toward contributing to the cause of global everlasting peace through education based on humanism and mutual respect. To attain this end, in addition to TUEC in Denmark, TES has established overseas institutions in Austria and the United States of America, as well as offices in Asia, all of which act as bridges arching for the promotion of extensive international activities including academic, cultural and sports exchanges.
Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae (1901-1991)

Brief Biography of Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae,
Founder of Tokai University Educational System

Shigeyoshi Matsumae was born in 1901 in the village of Oshima (now Kashima-cho, Kamimashiki-gun in Kumamoto Prefecture, Kyushu). He graduated from the Department of Electrical Engineering at Tohoku Imperial University (now known as Tohoku University) and joined the then Ministry of Communications (the functions of this Ministry are now performed by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications).

As he started his career as an engineer, he met and studied the work of Kanzo Uchimura, an influential Christian thinker at that time. His understanding of Uchimura’s thought led him to devote himself to education, in the belief that this was a firm foundation for the future development of Japan. Accordingly, having studied the principles of the Danish folkehøjskole (folk high school), he started the school Bosei Gakujuku in Musashino-shi (Tokyo), based on a theory of education which would show respect for the individual. In 1942, he started a vocational college for the aeronautical sciences (Aerial Science College), in Shimizu, Shizuoka Prefecture, on the same principles as Bosei Gakujuku. This college later developed into today’s Tokai University Educational System.

Dr. Matsumae’s career as a governmental scientist and engineer was a turbulent one. Among his undoubted successes was his invention of the non-loaded cable carrier communication system, which was a revolutionary step forward in the telecommunications technology of the day. On the other hand, because of his objections, based on scientific data, to the way in which the Second World War was being conducted by the authorities, he was conscripted as a second-class private soldier in the Japanese Imperial Army and sent to the front.

After the war, he concentrated his energies on the development of Tokai University as President of Tokai University Educational System. He was also involved in national politics, being elected as a member of the House of Representatives (lower house) six times, starting in 1952. He involved himself in the foundation of the Science and Technology Agency, and was active in legislating basic laws on atomic energy. He also used his private efforts to develop non-governmental diplomacy through cultural and sports exchange programs, in an effort to promote world peace between nations. In his lifetime, he held many important positions, including the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Matsumae International Foundation, and the presidency of the following organizations: Japan Cultural Association, International Judo Federation, International Budo University, Nippon Budokan.

His achievements were recognized with the conferral of the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun, as well as numerous other decorations and honors from overseas governments. After an eventful life of 90 years’ duration, he passed away on August 25, 1991. However, his ideals and spirit still live on as the inspiration for our life and work in the Tokai University Educational System around the world.
Forty Year History in Photos

H.R.H. Princess Margaretha and Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae

Dr. Tatsuro Matsumae visiting a Danish farm
Japanese calligraphy demonstration (1980)

Ikebana flower arrangement (1981)

5th Peace Studies Symposium at TUEC's new conference facilities (1987)
Unveiling of the monument commemorating the late Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae (1991)

The exhibition “Arts and Design: Japan Today” at Danmarks Designskole (1995)
Exhibition on Tokai University and Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae in Denmark at the Admiral Hotel Copenhagen (1996)


Reception for the opening of the 25th Tokai University European Center Anniversary events (1995)
Bosei Maru’s port call in Copenhagen on its around-the-world cruise to commemorate the 25th anniversary of TUEC (1996)

TUEC’s 30th anniversary reception (2001)

Minister of Education Bertel Haarder becomes honorary doctor of Tokai University on the occasion of the Center’s 35th anniversary (2006)
Lecture at TUEC (2008)

10th Matsumae Cup (2009)

Workshop on Japanese language education (2010)
Premises

The total area of the Center’s grounds is 8,320 m².

The Main Building and the New Wing
The main building, which dates back to 1894, consists of offices, the library, a dining room, a reception room as well as suites and guest rooms on the second floor. The new wing, which was constructed in October 1986 in commemoration of the Center’s 15th anniversary, added more office- and meeting-facilities, a conference room for academic activities and several new guest-rooms. The main building and the new wing have a total area of 1,578.95 m².

The Library
The European Center library opened in 1980 as an extention of the university library. It has been registered as a public library in Denmark and can be used freely by all who are interested in Japanese culture, history and society. The library also plays an important role in providing information to the ever increasing Japanology population in Europe. In 1999, an annex was added to the library and its opening ceremony was held in August of the same year.
The Japanese House
The Japanese house on the grounds of Tokai University European Center was built in 1971 in the style known as “Sukiyazukuri,” which is based on the following two concepts of the classic art of tea ceremony: “Wabi” (deliberate simplicity in daily living) and “Sabi” (rough tranquillity). The simplicity and rustic serenity of “Sukiya-zukuri,” set it apart from the rather spectacular style of the “Shinden-zukuri,” and the dignified style of the “Buke-zukuri.” This style, born of an art form, serves as an appropriate introduction of Japanese culture to Europe.

The Japanese house has a total area of 144 m² and contains two tea-ceremony rooms. The larger tea room is called “Bosei-tei” and the smaller more intimate one is called “Wakei-an,” a name given by Dr. Shigeyosi Matsumae.

Design and Construction
The Japanese house was designed by Jiro Yanogami and Yoshihisa Tanida of Tokai University and built by Tokai Construction Co. Ltd., Tokyo, Japan, and Jespersen & Søn A/S, Denmark.

The Japanese Garden
The Japanese garden on the European Center grounds provides a tranquil atmosphere for visitors, and along with the Japanese house, it is appreciated as a small Japanese enclave.

The Japanese house and garden
TUEC Activities

Academic Activities
Tokai University Educational System (TES) has concluded academic and cultural exchange agreements with government agencies and higher educational institutions of various countries. The Center works as a TES liaison office in Europe in implementing such agreements. The Center also holds or sponsors international seminars and symposia in collaboration with universities and research institutions in Europe, and provides information on European affairs to Japanese students and scholars as well as similar assistance on Japanese affairs to the European counterparts.

Cultural Activities
The Center runs and sponsors exhibitions of Japanese traditional and contemporary arts and culture. In addition, the Center makes its facilities, such as the library and the Japanese house, available to those interested in Japanese studies.

Library Activities
The Center’s library stores approximately 17,000 books and periodicals as well as many films and video tapes. These materials cover a wide range of topics such as Japanese literature, history, architecture, fine arts, language, politics, economic and natural sciences. The library also functions as an accredited public library in Denmark.

A bird’s-eye view of TUEC
Major Activities
1971-2010
Major Activities
1971-2001

Activities in Fiscal Year (FY) 1971

1. The Imperial Visit (September 28)
On September 28th, Their Majesties the Emperor Showa and Empress Kojun of Japan visited Tokai University European Center during their official visit to Europe. President Shigeyoshi Matsumae informed them about Center’s activities.

2. Opening Ceremony of Japanese House (October 23)
In 1971, a Japanese-style house designed in accordance with the Japanese architectural traditions was built on the grounds of Tokai University European Center by carpenters and plasterers brought to Denmark from Japan.
The inauguration ceremony was held on October 23rd, 1971, in the presence of H.R.H. Princess Margaretha of Denmark and many other honoured guests. The house is used to introduce Japanese culture, such as the tea ceremony and flower arrangement, and the building itself is a true expression of Japanese art.
3. Seminar on Pre-school Education (September 5-11)
In recognition of the importance of fostering imagination and creativity in child education, a seminar on pre-school education was held at the Center in cooperation with the Danish Ministry of Social Affairs. The participants also visited Danish kindergartens, nurseries, playgrounds, facilities for the disabled, and a teachers’ training college. By 1973, another two seminars on the same theme had been organized.

4. Book Exhibition (October 22-30)
A Book Exhibition was held under the joint auspices of the Royal Danish Library and the Publishers’ Association for Cultural Exchange with the aim of introducing Japan to the Danish people and of promoting cultural exchange through books. The exhibition attracted more than 3,000 people.

5. Tea Ceremony (October 23-November 1)
As part of the introduction of Japanese culture, tea ceremonies were performed for ten successive days, starting on the day of the completion of the Japanese house. The ceremony was conducted by two tea-ceremony instructors and six students from Tokai University. The Danes who participated in this ceremonial tea entertainment numbered 450 people over all ten days.

6. Crown Princess Margrethe’s Visit (November 11)
On November 11th, Crown Princess Margrethe, who succeeded to the throne as Margrethe II on January 14th, 1972, visited the European Center. The Queen said in her speech to the Emperor Showa at the imperial Banquet on April 22, 1981 held at the imperial Court on her official visit to Japan, “Your Majesty, I think you will recall that Tokai University had just established the European Center in the district north of Copenhagen when you visited Denmark in 1971. There, many Japanese scholars and scientists are studying the social system and culture of Denmark. * Two or three years after your visit to the Center, I myself had an occasion to be there and discover a ‘miniature of Japan’ surrounded by beech trees, the Danish national tree.’”

* According to the Center’s records, Crown Princess Margrethe visited the Center on November 11th of the same year as the Imperial Visit.
Activities in FY 1972

1. Japan Week (September 30-October 6)
A Japan Week organized in the first week of October included Ningyo Joruri (Bunraku puppet show with ballads), in which students from Tokushima Prefectural Johoku High School participated. The first performance was attended by H.R.H. Princess Margaretha of Denmark and prominent members of Danish public life. Other activities included a show of the Daiei film “Sanshodayu,” a display of flower arrangement by members of Ikebana International, a ceremonial tea entertainment and a seminar on cinematic art.

2. Sofia International Book Exhibition (October 13-30)
As the representative of Japan, the European Center displayed some 800 Japanese books, all of which were donated to Sofia University and the National Library of Bulgaria after the exhibition.

3. Goodwill Concert by Tokai University Glee Club (March 15-18, 1973)
Forty members of the University Glee Club, led by Mr. Kimitaka Sato, the club’s conductor, gave performances in Denmark, mainly of Japanese folk songs. The concerts were successful in renewing amicable relations between the two countries.

4. Library Seminar (March 19-23, 1973)
This seminar held in Copenhagen under the auspices of Tokai University was attended by 23 participants from universities in Japan, headed by Mr. Mitsunaga Yayoshi, a lecturer at Kokugakuin Junior College. The seminar included lectures by leading Danish library and publishing experts and a visit to the Royal Library in Copenhagen.

H.R.H. Princess Margaretha at Japan Week (1972)  Bunraku puppet show (1972)
Activities in FY 1973
During the 1973 school year, 500 lecturers, students and other persons related to Tokai University visited the Center in ten groups. The Center arranged long-term training programmes for faculty members from the university’s School of Medicine, the Junior College of Nursing and Medical Technology, and the university hospital, all of which would be opened in the following year. Other activities in 1973 included:

1. Flower Arrangement Exhibition (April 30)
Lessons in flower arrangement were given by twenty Japanese ladies, who also made substantial contributions to the exhibition as well as to the ceremonial tea entertainment held at the same time. The exhibition attracted many Danish people.

2. Celebration of President Shigeyoshi Matsumae’s Appointment as a Knight Commander of the Order of Dannebrog (June 26)
On March 23rd, President Shigeyoshi Matsumae was appointed Knight Commander of the Order of Dannebrog for his contribution to cultural exchange between Japan and Denmark. To commemorate the occasion, a congratulatory party was held to which some 100 prominent persons from various fields were invited.

3. Study Tour for Junior College Students (July 29)
Some thirty students from Tokai University Junior College of Design and Industries (now know as Hokkaido Tokai University) visited the Center. The tour programme included lectures and visits to places related to arts and crafts.

4. Japan Week (October 6-13)
The Center has organized the Japan Week every autumn since its opening. The event aims at promoting friendly relations between Japan and European countries as well as introducing the art and culture of Japan to European countries. The academic study of Japan and its art and culture were introduced during the week. At the request of the Danish Government, lectures on the problems of permanent resources, air pollution, and marine pollution caused by ocean development in Japan were given by prominent Japanese scientists. The entertainment programme during the week included Japanese dance, tea ceremony, ceramic art display, and demonstrations of flower arrangement and “Origami”(the art of making figures by folding colored paper). There was quite a big turnout exceeding 3,000 people.

5. First Study Programme for University Hospital Nursing Staff (November 2-December 10)
A long-term overseas study and training programme was organized for the nursing staff in preparation for the opening of Tokai University Hospital and the Junior College of Nursing and Medical Technology. Up until 1974, another three study programmes for University Hospital Nursing Staff were organized.
6. Other Activities
The Center opened its Japanese house and library to the public. Various lectures on Japanese culture were given during the year, more than twenty groups visited the Japanese house, and about 1,000 people attended tea ceremonies.

Activities in FY 1974
During 1974, five training groups composed of faculty members and students from Tokai University visited the Center, and as in 1973, a long-term study and training programme for medical staff members was carried out. Tokai University’s judo team, led by President Shige Yoshi Matsumae, visited Denmark during the 1974 Japan Week. The team participated in a goodwill judo match with judo teams from five Nordic countries and demonstrated and instructed judo at various places in Denmark. The Center marked another milestone during the year by extending its activities to the other Nordic countries. For example, the study and training course for medical staff was held in Norway and Sweden, and some activities of Japan Week were held in Sweden.

1. Exhibition of Oil Paintings, Earthenware and Carvings (April 14-28)
An exhibition of oil paintings by Ms. Chieko Yoshida and earthenware and carvings by Mr.Nobuo Watanabe, about 60 exhibits in all, attracted some 600 visitors.

2. Ceremony for Exchange of Memorandums Concerning Academic Cooperation between Tokai University and the Danish Ministry of Education (May 28)
The Center hosted the ceremony for exchanging memorandums on academic cooperation between Tokai University and the Danish Ministry of Education. Mr. Egon Drostby, Director of the International Section of the Ministry of Education. H.E. Mr. H. Hitomi, Japanese Ambassador to Denmark, Mr. P. Laursen, President of the Denmark-Japan Society, and many other people attended the ceremony.
3. Lecture by Professor Chie Nakane (August 22)
Under the joint auspices of Tokai University European Center and the Danish Association for Commerce and Industry, a lecture entitled “Human Relations in Japanese Society” was given by Professor C. Nakane, Professor of Social Anthropology at Tokyo University.

4. JapanWeek (September 28-October 6)
Japan Week was organized in three cities: Copenhagen, Stockholm, Sweden, and Århus, Denmark. Events included judo tournaments and lectures on judo, flower arrangement and “Origami,” and an exhibition on traditional Japanese toys.

Activities in FY 1975
1. First Study Programme for Nursing Students (August 15-September 5)
For the purpose of studying the philosophy of social welfare and experiencing practical nursing in Denmark, the first study program for students of the Junior College of Nursing and Medical Technology was conducted. Since then, this program had been held annually, with visits to Danish medical and welfare facilities.

2. Japan Week (September 19-October 5)
The main themes of Japan Week this year were Japanese traditional music, “Sumie” brush-painting and calligraphy. Two lectures and three concerts were given, demonstrating the Japanese traditional musical instruments “koto,” “shakuhachi” and “shamisen.” Exhibitions and demonstrations of “Sumie” and calligraphy were given by two well-known Japanese artists.
Activities in FY 1976

1. Piano Recital by Miss C. Tanaka (April 27)
A piano recital was given by Miss Chiho Tanaka, a student from Tokai University’s School of Humanities and Culture, who was studying under Professor Herman D. Koppel of the Royal Academy of Music.

2. Lectures by Professor A. Ashikaga (April 28-May 4)
Lectures on characteristics of Japanese culture, Buddhism and the Japanese, and traces of Near Eastern civilization in Japan, were given by Professor Atsuuji Ashikaga at the East Asian Institute of Copenhagen University at the invitation of the Danish Ministry of Education under its agreement with Tokai University.

3. Japan Week (September 29-October 5)
During Japan Week, the traditional Japanese Noh (a Japanese lyrical drama) and the Bunraku puppet theatre were introduced. Japanese dramatic art was presented through three lectures. A Noh play was performed by the prominent actor Mr. Hisao Kanze and his school, and the Bunraku puppet theater was presented by a famous puppetmaster. During the week, the completed interlinear edition of “Danish Anthology” was presented to Mr. E. Drostby of the Danish Ministry of Education by President Shigeyoshi Matsumae in a short ceremony. Tokai University had been working on this edition since 1975. It was translated by nine famous Japanese specialists in the fields of Danish language, Nordic studies, poetry, philosophy, literature, etc.

Activities in FY 1977

1. First International Symposium on Japan Today (August 23-25)
Starting in 1977, the European Center organized several symposia in various fields of academic studies. This year, the first symposium was held under the title, “Japan Today” in cooperation with the institute of East Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen. Subsequent themes in this series of Japanology symposia were as follows:

   ● 2nd Symposium, February 8-9, 1979: “Japanese Culture and Language Today” University of Vienna, Austria
   ● 3rd Symposium, September 25-26, 1980: “Man in Society and Culture of Contemporary Japan”, University of Warsaw, Poland
   ● 6th Symposium, September 24-26, 1984: “Japan’s Place in the World” Humboldt University, Berlin, G.D.R.
   ● 7th Symposium, October 23-25, 1986: “Towards the 21st Century: Japan in the
International Community”, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 8th Symposium, October 14-16, 1987: “Rethinking Japan”, University of Venice, Italy.

Activities in FY 1978
1. Seminar on Comparative Mode of Life (April 3-4)
The seminar was held at the European Center, and lectures were given by four invited Danish speakers and three Professors from Tokai University.

2. First Symposium on Engineering (November 2-3)
The symposium, “Sustainable Use of Natural Energy Sources” was arranged in cooperation with and held at the Technical University of Denmark. Lectures were given by two invited speakers and five professors from Tokai University.

Activities in FY 1979
1. First Symposium on Medical Science (November 17)
On the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the foundation of the School of Medicine of Tokai University and the university hospital, a series of symposia on medical science was initiated. The title of the first symposium was, “Contributing Factors to Chronic Diseases” and was arranged in cooperation with Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen. Ten lectures were given by five invited speakers and five researchers from Tokai University. Subsequent symposia in this series have been organized by the European Center and the Tokai University School of Medicine as follows:
- 2nd Symposium, September 13-14, 1980: “Tumor Resistance”
- 4th Symposium, January 25-27, 1984: “Effects of Indoor Air Pollution with Special Reference to Nitrogen Oxides and Smoking”
- 5th Symposium, July, 26-27, 1984: “Basic and Clinical Problems in Bone Marrow Transplantation”
- 9th Symposium, March 8-9, 1990: “Clinical Immunology in 1990”
- 10th Symposium, September 21-22, 1996: “Human Rights and Dignity in the Practice of Medicine”

2nd International Symposium on Japan Today (1979)
Activities in FY 1980

1. Second Symposium on Engineering (March 31-April 1)
The second of the Center’s engineering symposia, “Joint Symposium on Topics in Civil Engineering,” was held at and in cooperation with the Technical University of Denmark. Eight lectures were given by four invited speakers and four professors from Tokai University.

2. Japan Week (August 22-25)
The main theme of this year’s Japan Week was “Sumie”-brush painting and calligraphy. Exhibitions and demonstrations of these art forms were held at Nikolaj Church in Copenhagen. More than 2,000 people visited the exhibition and about 300 participated in the demonstrations.

Activities in FY 1981

1. 10th Anniversary Programme
   a. Totsuka Embroidery Exhibition (August 21-25)
   b. Japanese Art Books Exhibition (October 5-9)
   c. The Life of Japanese Children Exhibition (October 5-9)
   All three exhibitions were held at the City Library in Lyngby, north of Copenhagen.

2. Exhibition on Japanese Toys through 1000 years (December 10-20)
An exhibition was held in Ålborg entitled, “Japanese Toys through 1000 Years”. About 100 different toys were exhibited. Visitors enjoyed touching and playing with the toys, and due to the success of the exhibition, it was prolonged until the end of the year.
Activities in FY 1982

1. Tea Ceremony (May 17-29)
Three hundred guests attended the traditional tea ceremony held at the Center’s Japanese house and performed by Ms. Yoko Kawanishi from Japan.

2. Twenty-sixth Go Congress (July 25-August 8)
The title of the congress was, “A World On Line Real Time System for Playing the Game of Go.”
The congress, organized by the Danish Go Association and sponsored by Tokai University European Center, was held at Amager University Center. The World-wide On Line Real Time System of Go was developed by Tokai University Junior College (Tokyo) in collaboration with Nihon Ki-in.

3. Meeting on Scandinavian Economics (September 14-15)
A meeting organized by Professor Yasuhiko Nagayama of Tokai University was held at the Center.

4. First Peace Studies Symposium (September 28-30)
A symposium entitled, “Non-Nuclearization and Security in Scandinavia and Japan,” was organized by the General Research Organization, the Research and Information Center and the European Center of Tokai University, and was held at the Hotel Eremitage in Lyngby, north of Copenhagen. Ten lectures, followed by discussions, were given by invited lectures from Japan and Scandinavia.

5. Study Visit to Japan by Teaching Staff from Tibberup School (November 6-15)
Mr. F. Søgård, principal, and Mrs. L. Zøllner, teacher, visited Japan to study the Japanese educational system, vocational counselling and moral education.
Activities in FY 1983

1. Forum on Arts and Crafts in Japan and Denmark (April 26)
A forum was held at the Museum of Decorative Art in Copenhagen. Two Japanese craftsmen together with two Danish craftsmen presented their thoughts on being a craftsman today.

2. Japan-Brede Exhibition at the National Museum of Denmark (May 5-October 23)
The Center supported this exhibition in different ways.

3. Lecture on Japan Today (September 27)
Professor Shimpei Fujimaki from Tokai University held a lecture entitled, “Japan Today: Its Politics, Economy and Social Life” at the Institute of Economics and Planning, Roskilde University Center.

4. Second Study Visit to Japan by Teaching Staff from Tibberup School (October 17-November 6)
Mr. F. Søgård, principal, and Mrs. L. Zøllner, teacher, made a second visit to Japan to deepen their studies of the Japanese educational system. Two reports were published on the subject.

5. Japan-Europe Industrial Symposium (December 4-6)
The symposium was held to discuss one of the main problems today preventing mutual understanding on economic and trade issues between European nations and Japan. Ten speakers from Europe and ten from Japan were invited to give lectures and discuss these problems.

Professor Hajime Yano, Director of the Center, spoke on this subject at the Institute of Economics and Planning, Roskilde University Center.
Activities in FY 1984

1. Tea Ceremony at the Japanese House (May 24)
Forty guests attended the tea ceremony performed by the Kyoraku-Kai Tea Masters’ Group from Japan.

2. Second Peace Studies Symposium (September 24-26)
A symposium, co-sponsored by SIPRI, was held in Stockholm, Sweden. The title of the symposium was, “An International and Regional Satellite Monitoring Agency”. Fifteen lectures were given by invited speakers from Japan, the U.S.A. and Europe.

Activities in FY 1985

1. Invitations to Visit Japan
In appreciation of many years of extremely successful and profitable study programmes in Denmark for nursing students from Tokai University, invitations to visit Japan were sent to and accepted by:
   a. The Director of the Nursing School at Århus Municipal Hospital, Ms. Rosa Poulsen (April 1-15)
   b. The President of the Danish Nurses’ Organization, Ms. Kirsten Stalknecht (October 21-November 4)

2. Third Visit to Japan by Staff from Tibberup School (February 28-March 16, 1986)
Mr. F. Søgård, principal, and Mrs. L. Zøllner, teacher, made a third visit to Japan to study moral education in primary and junior high schools in Asahikawa, Kanazawa, Kobe and Tokyo.
Activities in FY 1986

1. Fifteenth Anniversary Programme for the Center (October 20)
   a. Opening of the Japanese Book Exhibition at the East Asian Institute, Copenhagen University.
   b. Opening of the new conference facilities at the Center.
   c. Unveiling of the bust of Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae, President of Tokai University Educational System.

2. Japanese Book Exhibition in Copenhagen (October 21-25)
   An exhibition of 1000 books on Japan, including 300 children’s books, took place at the East Asian Institute, Copenhagen University.

3. Fourth Peace Studies Symposium (October 21-22)
   A symposium entitled, “Space Monitoring and International Cooperation” was held at the Center’s new conference facilities.

   A Japanese Festival, featuring a video showing and a Q&A session, was held for the local community in cooperation with Søllerød Municipality.
Activities in FY 1987

1. Cultural Programme: “Introduction to Japan” (April 27)
A seminar on politics in Japan including a lecture by Mr. Kiyoshi Yamada, economic law research assistant at Tokai University, and a video showing with a Q&A session, was offered to the local community in cooperation with Søllerød municipality.

2. Cultural Programme: “Introduction to Japan” (May 25)
Japanese traditional folk art was the topic of a video presentation and a subsequent Q&A session.

3. Intensive Japanese Summer Course (August 3-21)
Offered in cooperation with the University of Århus, Institute of East Asian Studies, and funded by the Japan Foundation. Ten students from the business and academic sectors participated in an intensive introductory Japanese language course taught by faculty members of Tokai University Foreign Student Education Center.

An exhibit of about 100 books, along with panels of photographs and videos, were displayed in the Præstø City Library as part of the opening celebrations for the Tokai University Boarding School in Denmark and in response to a request by the City of Præstø. The exhibit introduced the local community to facets of Japan, Tokai University, and the Boarding School in Denmark.

5. Fifth Peace Studies Symposium (November 9-10)
Fifteen participants from Japan, Northern European countries and the US held presentations and discussions on comprehensive approaches to world peace.
6. International Symposium on Legal Approaches toward Creating an Orderly World Market and Economy (November 11-12)
Offered in cooperation with the Copenhagen Business School, the symposium brought together nineteen researchers from Japan, England, and Northern Europe who conducted comparative research on the economic and legal systems of Japan, the European Community, and Northern Europe.

7. 1st Matsumae Copenhagen Cup International Judo Tournament (February 20, 1988)
The Judo Tournament was sponsored as part of Tokai’s ongoing effort to promote international understanding. With the cooperation of the Denmark Judo Association, the judo tournament brought together over 80 individuals representing the Tokai University European Tour Team (4 officials, 11 athletes) and teams from Denmark, Norway and Sweden, to the Grøndal Center in Copenhagen, where many friendships were forged and strengthened. This tournament has been held every second year since then:

- 2nd Tournament, February 17, 1990
- 3rd Tournament, February 15-16, 1992
- 4th Tournament, February 19-20, 1994
- 5th Tournament, February 15, 1997
- 6th Tournament, February 20-21, 1999
- 7th Tournament, February 17-18, 2000
- 8th Tournament, February 22, 2002
- 9th Tournament, February 19-20, 2005
- 10th Tournament, February 2007
- 11th Tournament, February 2009
Activities in FY 1988
1. International Symposium on Social Science (October 21-23)
A symposium entitled, “Comparative Study of Government Administrative Information Systems” was organized by the Tokai University Research Institute of Social Sciences. It was held at the Center and engaged 17 participants in the analysis of administrative information systems of various national governments.

2. Sixth Peace Studies Symposium (December 2-4)
The Center assisted with the opening preparations and the editing of the proceedings for the symposium “Comprehensive Approaches to International Verification,” held in Japan at the Tokai University Members’ Club.

Activities in FY 1989
1. International Symposium on Law, Economics and Commerce (September 15-17)
The Center was venue for the symposium “Multinational Enterprises: Concepts, Implications and Regulations” involving 21 participants from eight countries: Japan, the U.S., Denmark, Belgium, Hungary, Mexico, England, and Russia.

2. Seventh Peace Studies Symposium (December 7-8)
“Political, Institutional and Technical Aspects of Verification by Satellites” was the title of a symposium that involved 22 participants from eleven countries in a discussion on the maintenance of peace and security.

3. International Symposium on Social Science (March 16-18, 1990)
The theme “socialism and democratic socialism” brought together thirty-four participants from eighteen countries, including Japan, the U.S., Europe, and Russia, who discussed the various facets of socialism and democratic socialism from the perspective of each country. The symposium was organized by the Tokai University Research Institute of Social Sciences.

Activities in FY 1990
1. International Symposium on Social Science (March 27-28, 1991)
Thirteen participants from Japan, Denmark, Northern Europe, England, and the U.S. participated in the symposium “Election Administration in a Comparative Perspective,” organized by the Tokai University Research Institute of Social Sciences.
Activities in FY 1991

1. International Symposium on Social Science (May 3-4)
The symposium “Consumer Protection in a Changing World,” involving 13 participants from Japan and Europe, was organized by the Tokai University Research Institute of Social Sciences and held at the Center.

2. International Symposium on Social Science (August 26-28)
“Law and Ethics in Medical Care: Definition of Death and Organ Transplantation” was the title of a symposium that featured 12 presentations by medical professionals. The symposium was organized by the Tokai University Research Institute of Social Sciences.

3. Unveiling of the Monument Commemorating the Late Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae (December 12)
A stone monument in memory of the late Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae, founder of TES, was placed in the Center’s garden in August. The unveiling ceremony was attended by dignitaries, including TES President Tatsuro Matsumae; H.E. Mr. Popova, Bulgaria’s Ambassador to Denmark; H.E. Mr. Matsuda, Japan’s Ambassador to Denmark; the wife of the late Mr. Egon Drostby, and more than fifty other friends and acquaintances of Shigeyoshi Matsumae and the European Center. The gathering provided everyone with the opportunity to share the special impact the late Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae had had upon their lives.
Activities in FY 1992
1. First Budo Forum (September 19)
Intended to deepen understanding of Japanese Budo, this forum was held in cooperation with the Tokai University School of Physical Education.

2. International Symposium on Social Science (March 28-29, 1993)
At a symposium organized by the Tokai University Research Institute of Social Sciences, seventeen participants from Europe, Asia, and Africa made presentations on “nation building and sub-cultures,” and discussed the current situation and problems being encountered in their nations.

Activities in FY 1993
1. First Judo International Summer School (August 19-22)
The Center assisted the Tokai University Boarding School in Denmark with the opening of a summer school to promote a more widespread practice of judo and to further international exchange.

2. First Nordic Symposium: “Teaching Japanese: Methods and Improvements” (August 21-23)
Designed to promote Japanese language education in Northern Europe, the First Nordic Symposium was held at the Center in cooperation with the Foreign Student Education Center, Tokai University, and the Department of Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen. Japanese language educators from Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Finland participated in the program, which was structured around participant group-work. The symposium was a great success and led to the establishment of a section on language education in the Nordic Association for Japanese and Korean Studies. The symposium was held annually over a period of five years, the final one in 1997 including a session on teaching methodology for professors. The subsequent symposia were held as follows:

2nd Symposium, April 5-7, 1994
3rd Symposium, September 9-10, 1995
4th Symposium, August 12-14, 1996
5th Symposium, August 22-24, 1997

The seminar was organized by professors from the Tokai University School of Law and held at the Center. A second seminar was held at the Hotel Bosei in Vienna on November 4th.

4. Second Budo Forum (November 10)
The Second Budo Forum, intended to further the understanding of Japanese Budo, was held at the Hotel Bosei in Vienna in cooperation with the Tokai University School of Physical Education and School of Medicine.
Activities in FY 1994

1. Lecture Series
The six-part lecture series “Introduction to a Better Understanding of Japan,” featuring audio-visual materials (especially videos), was organized by the Tokai University Research Institute of Social Sciences and held at the Center. Similar programs on Japan had been offered in previous years.

Activities in FY 1995

1. International Symposium on Social Science (July 10)
The symposium “Uses and Gratifications from the Mass Media: New Perspectives” was organized by the Tokai University Research Institute of Social Sciences and held at the Center.

2. 25th Anniversary of Tokai University European Center (August 1995-August 1996)
The 25th Anniversary of the Center was commemorated by a year-long program of celebratory events, including:

- Opening ceremony for the Tokai University European Center 25th Anniversary Events (September 15). The reception was held at the Center and was attended by numerous guests from the educational, political and financial sectors of the Danish community.
- The exhibition “Arts and Design: Japan Today” was held from September 1-18 at Danmarks Designskole, featuring 74 pieces of artwork, including paintings, sculptures, traditional folk art, design and high-tech art by the faculty of the Tokai University Research Institute of Arts. Over 2000 people viewed the exhibition.
- 3rd Nordic Symposium: “Teaching Japanese: Methods and Improvements” (September 9-10)
- 1st Symposium on education in Denmark (September 15). The symposium examined education in Denmark and included panelists from the Danish Ministry of Education and Danish folk high schools. This program was incorporated into the Center’s Five-Year Plan
and four subsequent symposia were sponsored:

- Tea Ceremony (September 15). A tea ceremony was held at the Center’s Japanese house. Among the guests was Japan’s Ambassador to Denmark, H.E. Mr. Matsuda.
- The Symposium “Aesthetic Sense in Japan” (September 16-17). This symposium featured presentations and discussions on the varying perspectives of Japanese modern art.
- “International Symposium on Social Science” (March 11-12, 1996). A gathering of international researchers discussed the topic “law, economics and business in the melting pot: Baltic countries” at the symposium held at the Center which was jointly organized by the Tokai University Research Institute of Social Sciences and Copenhagen Business School.
International Symposium on Social Science (1995)

Students from Tokai University Boarding School in Denmark and TES staff perform a traditional Japanese dance in front of Copenhagen City Hall (1996)

The Bosei Maru crew offers flowers at the monument to Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae at the Center (1996)

Exhibition on Tokai University and Dr. Shigeyoshi in Denmark at the Admiral Hotel in Copenhagen (1996)

Ceremony and reception for the 25th anniversary of TUEC (1996)
The Bosei Maru makes a port call in Copenhagen (1996)

Inauguration of the Danish chapter of the Tokai University Alumni Association and its first meeting (1996)
Activities FY 1996

The 25th anniversary commemoration continued into 1996 and a variety of events took place, including Bosei Maru’s port call in Copenhagen (August 21-27). Tokai University’s marine research and training vessel was on a voyage around the world. Other events included:
   - The exhibition “Tokai University and Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae in Denmark” was held at the Admiral Hotel in Copenhagen (August 23-27).
   - A 2nd symposium on education in Denmark was held on August 25th, focusing on the theme “what is quality in education?”
   - Tokai University European Center’s 25th anniversary ceremony was held on August 26th.
   - The 10th Symposium on Medical Science (September 21-22). The symposium was sponsored by the Tokai University School of Medicine and addressed the issue “human rights and dignity in the practice of medicine.”

2.) Other
   - Presentation ceremony granting the title of Tokai University Honorary Guest Professor to Dr. Olof G. Lidin (former professor at the University of Copenhagen). (August 23)
   - Inauguration of Tokai University Alumni Association in Denmark (August 26).
Activities in FY 1997

1. Lecture Series
The following lectures were held at the Center:

- “Changing Industrial Relations in Japan and Labour Law” by Professor Tadashi Hanami of Sophia University, School of Law (June 18).
- “International Security and Regional Territorial Disputes in East Asia” by Professor Kumao Kaneko of Tokai University, School of Humanities and Culture (August 18).
- “China’s Future Prospects After the Return of Hong Kong and the Communist Party Congress” by Professor Kogo Tsuji of Tokai University, School of Humanities and Culture (October 31).

Activities in FY 1998

1. Lecture Series
The following lectures were held at the Center:

- “The Rise and Fall of Economic Superpowers: Politics and Economy in Japan Since the End of WWII” by Professor Rei Shiratori of Tokai University, School of Political Science and Economics (May 14).
- “The Political Situation in Japan from the Viewpoint of the Rengo” by Mr. Etsuya Washio, President of the Japanese Trade Union Confederation (RENGO) (August 10).

Fourteen scholars from Japan, Denmark, Norway, England, and Canada, including Professor Iwao Maeshima, Director of Tokai University European Center, gathered to discuss the problems of dealing with an aging society in Japan and the West.
Activities in FY 1999

1. Research Symposium on Social Democracy in a Post-Industrial World (September 23-24)
As part of the Center’s activities to promote academic exchange, fourteen researchers, including Professor Iwao Maeshima, Director of Tokai University European Center, participated in the symposium “Social Democracy in a Post-Industrial World.”

2. Seminar on Tokai University and Denmark (March 21, 2000)
TUEC Director Professor Iwao Maeshima discussed “Tokai University and Denmark” at a lecture held at the Center.

Opening ceremony for the extension of the Center’s library (1999)

Visit by Tokai University Handball Team (1999)
Activities in FY 2000

1. First Seminar on Danish Educational Theory and Practice (August 13)
At a seminar held to commemorate the life and work of the late Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae, lecturers from the Royal Danish Ministry of Education and the University of Copenhagen discussed education in Denmark. The seminar was coordinated by Professor Katsuaki Namba of Tokai University Research Institute of Modern Civilization. Participating were faculty members from Tokai University Boarding School in Denmark and members of the Tokai High School Teacher’s Research Tour on Modern Civilizations.

2. Seventh Matsumae Cup International Judo Tournament (February 17-18, 2001)
The Matsumae Copenhagen Cup International Judo Tournament, which had been held every other year, was renamed the Matsumae Cup International Judo Tournament. In commemoration of the centenary of Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae birth, the tournament was held at Idrættens Center in Vejen, Denmark.

3. First Research Symposium on N.F.S. Grundtvig and his Educational Ideas (February 26-27, 2001)
As a further development of the symposia series “N.F.S. Grundtvig and Folk High Schools,” which had been held over a period of five years, this symposium was the first in the line of a newly planned symposia series for the next five years on the theme of “education in Denmark” and specifically aimed at researchers. The title of this first symposium was “What Is Grundtvig’s School for Life?” and was coordinated by Professor Namba.

4. Academic Lecture (March 26, 2001)
“Ancient Sacral Architecture in Japan” was the title of a lecture by Professor Yuji Agematsu of Tokai University, School of Engineering.

5. Other
- A visit by the Tokai University Women’s Handball Team (March 12-13, 2001)
- A homepage allowing access to the Center’s library collection was completed.
(http://www.u-tokai.dk)
Activities in FY 2001

1. In commemoration of the life of Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae, the founder of Tokai University Educational System, and of the 30th Anniversary of the establishment of the Tokai University European Center in Vedbæk, a variety of events took place:
   - The “Second Seminar on Danish Educational Theory & Practice” was held at Tokai University European Center as part of its activities to commemorate Shigeyoshi Matsumae and promote academic exchange (August 12, 2001).
   - The Centenary of the birth of Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae was celebrated by a reception, a tea ceremony, and a flower arrangement exhibition. About 170 persons participated in the event, and among the honorary guests were H.E. Flemming, Count of Rosenborg, H.E. Mr. Bertel Harder, former Minister of Education, and H.E. Mr. Shohei Naito, Japan’s Ambassador to Denmark (September 7, 2001).

   This symposium was specifically aimed at educational researchers of education and was focused on the topics “teachers, education and the requirements for those who practised Grundtvig’s education” and “who supported Grundtvig’s ideas and how were they realized?”

3. Lecture Series
   - A Japanese evening, divided into two sessions, was held at the Center. Session 1: Lecture on Kyogen (a Japanese classical comedy play) and Session 2: Japanese songs by a professional Japanese soprano singer (October 11, 2001).
   - The lecture “Comparative View of the Modernization Process of Japan: In Comparison with Other Asian Countries and Russia” was held at the Center by Professor of Law Teruji Suzuki from Tokai University (February 12, 2002).

Activities in FY 2002

   A Summer School for Danish students of Japanese was held at the Center.

   This symposium was specifically dedicated to the topic “the individual and society.” Grundtvig’s philosophy, which did not advocate individualism but sought to ensure the freedom of the individual, was compared with Kierkegaard’s concept of individualism in the light of the Danish philosophical tradition.”

3. Lecture Series
   - The lecture “Kierkegaard and the Meiji Era: The Relationship between Kierkegaard and Japanese Thinking” was held at the Center by Professor Kinya Masugata of Osaka Kyoiku University, Japan (June 10, 2002).
- The lecture “The Tea Ceremony and Its Basic Procedures” was held by Søren M. Bisgaard at the Center (July 1 – July 2, 2002).
- Seminar coordinated by Professor Namba of Tokai University (August 11, 2002).

4. Others
- Tokai University European Center held a Japanese evening with Japanese songs by a professional singer (Ms. Takako Hiraoka), Kirie, and an “exhibition workshop” by Ko Sekiguchi (September 24, 2002).

Activities in FY 2003
1. Lecture Series
- Seminar organized by Professor Namba of Tokai University (August 16, 2003).

Activities in FY 2004
The Roundtable discussion on commercialization of university innovations was hosted by Tokai University, and included representatives from Tokai University, USA, Denmark, United Kingdom, Germany, and Finland.

2. The Fifth Research Symposium on N.F.S.Grundtvig and his Educational Ideas (March 12-13, 2005)
The topic of discussion was the survival of Grundtvig’s ideas and thought in future education and the value of his philosophy in the 21st century.

3. Lecture Series
- The Fifth Seminar on Danish Educational Theory and Practice was held at the Center and the participants were teachers from Tokai University Senior High School (August 7, 2004).

Activities in FY 2005
1. Exhibition Screen Print Art by Professor Yoshinori Arai (September 7, 2005)
The event took place at the Embassy of Japan’s Information and Cultural Center. Sponsors were the Cultural Institute of the Northern Region, Hokkaido Tokai University, Tokai University European Center and the Embassy of Japan.

2. Preparatory Workshop on Intellectual Property Management (February 21-21, 2006)
The title of the workshop was “Development of a Functional Model for IP Education: Primary, Secondary, and Higher Education” and was arranged in order to discuss the upcoming conference’s scheme, structure, and topic. The workshop was organized by Tokai University and included
participants from Tokai University, the University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen Business School, and the International Baccalaureate Organisation.

3. Other
- The EU-Japan Symposium “A Living Green Urban Environment” was held at Tokai University European Center and featured a presentation of the exhibition “Green Lung” (September 9, 2005).

Activities in FY 2006
1. The 35th Jubilee of Tokai University European Center (September 4, 2006)
The 35th Jubilee of Tokai University European Center was celebrated by a ceremony granting the title of Honorary Doctor to H.E. Mr. Bertel Haarder, Minister of Education. A reception, tea ceremony, and flower arrangement exhibition also took place at the Center.

2. Tokai University European Center is Awarded the Foreign Minister’s Commendation (September 4, 2006)
The Center was awarded the Foreign Minister’s Commendation for its contributions to cultural exchange between Japan and Europe on July 10th, 2006. The ceremony in Denmark was held at the at Ambassador’s residence on September 4th, 2006).
The seminar was held at the European Center and featured Professor Roger D. Congleton of George Mason University, Associate Professor Reisuke Ikegami of Tokai University, Hiroyuki Kawanobe of Tokai University and Professor Yusuke Dan, Director of Tokai University European Center, as speakers.

4. Lecture Series
- The lecture “Nationalism in Denmark and Japan: What I Want Youngsters to Know” was given by Professor Hajime Takahashi, of Rakuno Gakuen University Junior College (February 5, 2007).
- The lecture “Change and Continuity: Policy Changes and the Japanese Middle School” was given by Associate Professor Marie Roesgaard of Copenhagen University (February 8, 2007).
Activities in FY 2007

(February 14, 2008)
Tokai University European Center was the site of a symposium on human trafficking, with the participation of experts from Denmark, the United Kingdom, and Sweden. The conference aimed at describing human trafficking in a global, European and Danish context, and at contributing to finding the most effective and humane approaches to tackling the problem.

2. Lecture Series
- The lecture “My Dream Home: The Coming Silver Generation Anticipates Its Living Conditions In Japan” was given by Associate Professor Anemone Platz of Aarhus University (June 19, 2007)
- The lecture “Sumo Wrestling: The Japanese National Sport” was given by Professor Yoshihiro Oinuma (August 3, 2007)
- The lecture “Climate Change: Japan Bridging the Gap” was given by the Danish Ambassador to Japan, H.E. Freddy Svane (August 24, 2007).
- Discussion forum on human security organized by Professor Baba and Director of Tokai University European Center Professor Yusuke Dan (September 10, 2007)
- The lecture “Demographic Changes and Irregular Migration in Europe: Needs, Challenges and Threats” was given by Professor Ulf Hedetoft of the University of Copenhagen (September 11, 2007).
- The lecture “Female Missionaries in the 19th Century” was given by Associate Professor Yoko Namikawa, and the lecture “Language Education and the Impact of Testing in Japan” was given by Associate Professor Tomoko Fujita (January 11, 2008).
- The lecture “Japanese Politics after Koizumi: The Beginning of New-Style Politics or the End of Regime?” was given by Professor Rei Shiratori, Honorary Professor of Tokai University (March 14, 2008).

Activities in FY 2008

1. Lecture Series
- Lecture by Mr. Takahashi Minori (November 28, 2008).
- The lecture “Sumo in the Age of Globalization” was given by Professor Hans Bonde of the University of Copenhagen (December 3, 2008)
- The lecture “Japan’s Soft Power” was given by H.E. Seiichi Kondo, Ambassador of Japan (February 13, 2009).
- The lecture “Interior Workings of the United Nations” was given at Tokai University European Center by Minister Counsellor Junzo Fujita of the Japanese Embassy in Copenhagen (March 11, 2009).
- The lecture “My Wonderful Life” was given at the Center by Bosei Project Leader Niels Elberling (May 27, 2008).
2. COPENMIND Exhibition at the Bella Centre. Participation by Tokai University Focusing on Cleantech (September 1-3, 2008)

The COPENMIND Exhibition was a global event for university-industry interaction concerning technology transfer and research partnerships. More than 100 universities and research institute exhibitors and 4,000 leading industry representatives participated.

![Tokai University's booth at COPENMIND (2008)](image)

Activities in FY 2009

1. Workshop with DI-ITEK (Danish Industry) on Embedded Technology (February 1, 2010)

The workshop was held at the Center and assembled Professors from Tokai University, Aalborg University, The Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Copenhagen Business School, as well as participation form the ITEK-division of Danish Industry. The workshop featured presentations by Professor Shigeyuki Ohara of Tokai university, Professor Anders P. Ravn of Aalborg University and Associate Professor Michael R. Hansen of DTU.

2. Workshop on Japanese Language Education (March 19, 2010)

The workshop on Japanese language education focused on intermediate and advanced level Japanese language education, and featured presentations by Associate Professor Akira Kashima of Hirosaki University International Exchange Center and Professor Fusato Taniguchi, Director of Tokai University European Center.
3. Lecture Series

- The lecture “Private Security Companies – the Good, the Bad, and the Unregulated” was given by Dr. Sabrina Schultz (May 13, 2009).
- The lecture “European and Japanese Work Ethic: “What is Rationality?” was given by Professor Masato Shinohara of Tokai University (June 26, 2009).
- The lecture “Toward Realization of Environment-Friendly, Smooth and Security Transport Spaces” was given by Dr. Kiichiro Hatoyama of Tokyo University (June 30, 2009).
- The lecture “Council of Europe: Protection of Human Rights While Combating Terrorism” was given by Ms. Albina Ovcearenco (August 3, 2009).
- The lecture “English in Japanese University Education: Perspectives on a Cultural Challenge” was given by Professor Jeffrey Carter of Tokai University (September 28, 2009).
- The lecture “Embedded Technology and Engineers’ Training in Japan” was given by Professor Shigeyuki Ohara of Tokai University (February 2, 2010).
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August 1981  Totsuka Embroidery Exhibition
August 1981  7th Study Programme for Nursing Students
October 1981  4th International Symposium on Japan Today
October 1981  Japanese Art Book Exhibition
October 1981  Exhibition on the life of Japanese children
December 1981  Exhibition on Japanese toys through 1000 years
May 1982  Tea ceremony
June 1982  3rd Symposium on Medical Science
July 1982  26th Go Congress
August 1982  8th Study Programme for Nursing Students
September 1982  Meeting on Scandinavian economics
September 1982  1st Peace Studies Symposium
April 1983  Forum on arts and crafts in Japan and Denmark
May 1983  Japan-Brede Exhibition
August 1983  9th Study Programme for Nursing Students
September 1983  5th International Symposium on Japan Today
September 1983  Lecture on Japan today
December 1983  Japan-Europe Industrial Symposium
January 1984  4th Symposium on Medical Science
March 1984  Lecture on the Japanese information society
May 1984  Tea ceremony
July 1984  5th Symposium on Medical Science
August 1984  10th Study Programme for Nursing Students
September 1984  2nd Peace Studies Symposium
September 1984  6th International Symposium on Japan Today
August 1985  11th Study Programme for Nursing Students
March 1986  6th Symposium on Medical Science
August 1986  12th Study Programme for Nursing Students
October 1986  3rd Peace Studies Symposium
October 1986  4th Peace Studies Symposium
October 1986  Ceremony for the 15th anniversary of the Center
October 1986  Unveiling of the bronze bust of Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae
October 1986  Opening of the new conference facilities
October 1986  Japanese book exhibition
October 1986  Toshin Kiln Pottery Exhibition
October 1986  7th International Symposium on Japan Today
March 1987  Cultural programme: “Introduction to Japan”
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August 1987  Intensive Japanese summer course
August 1987  13th Study Programme for Nursing Students
October 1987  Japanese book exhibition
October 1987  8th International Symposium on Japan Today
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November 1987  International Symposium on Legal Approaches Towards Creating an Orderly World Market and Economy
February 1988  1st Matsumae Copenhagen Cup International Judo Tournament
March 1988  7th Symposium on Medical Science
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December 1989  7th Peace Studies Symposium
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March 1990  9th Symposium on Medical Science
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August 1991  17th Study Programme for Nursing Students
December 1991  Unveiling of the monument commemorating the late Dr. Shigeyoshi Matsumae
February 1992  3rd Matsumae Copenhagen Cup International Judo Tournament
August 1992  18th Study Programme for Nursing Students
September 1992  1st Budo Forum
March 1993  International Symposium on Social Science
August 1993  1st Judo International Summer School
August 1993  1st Nordic Symposium: “Teaching Japanese: Methods and Improvements”
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September 2006  Tokai University European Center receives the Foreign Minister’s Commendation
October 2006  Seminar arranged by the Institute of Civilization Research, Tokai University
February 2007  Lecture series
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September 2008  Copenmind Exhibition at the Bella Center in Copenhagen (participation by Tokai University on clean technology)
November 2008  Lecture series
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February 2009  1st Study Tour of the Medical and Social Welfare Group
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September 2009  Lecture/seminar series
February 2010  Workshop on embedded technology
February 2010  Lecture/seminar series
February 2010  2nd Study Tour of the Medical and Social Welfare Group
March 2010  Workshop on Japanese language education
Directors of Tokai University European Center
Chronological Order

September 1970 – November 1971: Professor Kaoru Matsumoto
December 1971 – January 1973: Professor Dr. Tatsuro Matsumae
February 1973 – March 1976: Professor Dr. Minoru Nishimura
April 1976 – March 1978: Professor Hachishi Suzuki
April 1978 – March 1979: Professor Dr. Sachio Okada
April 1979 – September 1980: Professor Dr. Akira Nagai
October 1980 – March 1985: Professor Hajime Yano
April 1985 – March 1987: Mr. Arata Ikeda
April 1987 – March 1988: Professor Dr. Tatsuro Matsumae
April 1988 – September 1991: Professor Hajime Yano
October 1991 – September 1993: Mr. Koji Fukushima (Deputy Director)
October 1993 – September 1995: Professor Hideo Hiraoka
April 1996 – March 1997: Professor Dr. Tatsuro Matsumae
April 1997 – April 2000: Professor Iwao Maeshima
May 2000 – March 2006: Professor Morito Takahashi
April 2006 – September 2009: Professor Yusuke Dan
October 2009 – Present: Professor Fusato Taniguchi
Tokai University European Center
Location and Access

Location: Vedbæk Strandvej 476
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Denmark

Access:
- *By train*: The nearest railway station is Vedbæk Station. From Copenhagen Airport, use the Helsingør-bound train (approx. 40-minute ride). The Center is a 10-minute walk from Vedbæk Station.
- *By automobile*: Approximately a 40-minute drive from downtown Copenhagen north on Strandvejen. From Copenhagen Airport, an approximately 45-minute drive via Highway E47.