

## Tokai University European Center

Tokai University Alumni Association Denmark

### *Shinnenkai*



On Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, the Tokai University Alumni Association in Denmark hosted its annual New Year's gathering, *Shinnenkai*, at Tokai University European Center (TUEC). The chosen theme for the 2020 New Year's celebration was Japanese-Korean relations, especially business relations.

Mr. Takuya Kondo of Mitsui & Co., was invited as speaker for the evening, and his presentation "Japan & Korea Business Partnerships in Maritime and other Industries" highlighted Japanese-Korean relations within the shipping industry and commented on possibilities for future business ventures between the two countries. As Deputy General Manager of Mitsui & Co. and currently seconded to Mærsk Tankers A/S as Lead Asset Manager, Mr. Kondo spoke on the core business activities of Mitsui (one of the largest and oldest business organizations in Japan) and shared some of his extensive experience in the shipping industry. Speaking on the relations between Japan and Korea, Mr. Kondo gave a quick historical overview of financial relations between Japan and Korea and then shared his take on some of the more recent political differences between the two countries. After the presentation, the Tokai Alumni Association and TUEC had the honor of presenting Jens Rahbek's take on a fusion-buffet, inspired by both the Japanese and Korean culinary cultures. Mr. Rahbek was one of the original founders of Sticks'n'Sushi and currently runs Japanese and Korean street food restaurants at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU).