

## Unveiling Ceremony of a Monument of University of Tsukuba

The unveiling ceremony of a monument was conducted in the morning of Oct 7, with the attendance of many special guests, in front of the Laboratory of Advanced Research A Building.

The monument, a bronze sculpture titled "Tabi e (To the Journey)", was donated by Dr. Yu-ichi Hataya, the Executive Chairman of the Ibaraki Prefecture Credit Cooperative, with a metal board engraved with a Chinese poem symbolizing the encouragements to the students of UT, and also big hopes to UT. Dr. Hataya earned his PhD in the Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences, UT, in 2010, at the highest age ever in Japan for earning a PhD degree. Dr. Kyosuke Nagata, the President of UT, gave a letter of appreciation to Dr. Hataya.

In addition to the sculpture "Tabi e", Dr. Hataya also donated another bronze sculpture titled "Yoru no Maku wo Hiraku (Opening the Curtain of the Night)" to the Art and Physical Education Area. Both sculptures were produced by Yoshiki Shibata, Professor of the School of Art and Design, UT (member of the Japan Fine Art Exhibition). The Chinese poem in the board was calligraphed by Nobuo Nakamura, Professor and Provost of the School of Art and Design, UT (member of the Japan Fine Art Exhibition).

We expect that the monument, as one of the academic symbols of UT, will provoke the noble spirit and excitement of academic studies to those who look at it.

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The monument "Tabi e".



President Nagata giving the letter of appreciation to Dr. Hataya.



Unveiling of the monument.