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Welcome and some Remarks to a good Friend

This conference is a specific one: We are quite happy to welcome a good friend from Japan: Prof. Dr. Fangqi Xu. He is the representative of the Japanese Creativity Society (JCS); which was founded in 1979.

This organization is different compared to similar organizations in western countries: Only university professors and students can be members: actually ca. 250 members including ca. 30 students. (The German Association of Creativity has only ca. 100 members!)

The mission of JCS was phrased as follows: **“Creativity lies in the basis of our civilization; it is a common challenge for all mankind. The objectives of the Japanese Creativity Society is to foster and lead the research results of creativity studies in the educational development.”** This is a remarkable aim!

However considering the activities of JCS one can see “consequences” of this basic aim! It sponsors various activities such as conferences on research and innovation; edition of journals (Kindai Management Review), bulletins and newsletters with the aim to foster international exchanges in the field of creativity and innovation.

JCS has a function to keep contacts to other countries with knowledge and requirements in the field of creativity and innovation. So far – as we understand – there is a steady responsibility within JCS to keep contacts with other countries and organizations in a good order and to present new insights of research and also consequences for research to a wide range and to exchange insights and results of research.

Additional to cultivating personal relations JCS has also established forms of bringing knowledge and examples of research together and realize products and procedures into an international group of specialists in order to apply or learn it. Thus I want to mention the Kindai-Management Review; a special journal with the focus on creativity and innovation.

I met Fangqi Xu in Seoul in Korea 1995 as a keynote speaker and of course he attended our “European Conference on Creativity and Innovation” 2003 in Mainz also as a speaker. Fangqi Xu was president of the board of the Japan Creativity Society from 2011 to 2013 and is a member of the Committee since many years!

Annually, the JCS is organizing a conference on creativity and innovation. This fixed tradition started 1979 and is still carried out on a yearly basis (up to 2019 – 47 conferences! This seems to be a world record!) At these conferences speakers of other countries are also actively participating.

An important initiative of JCS is an international alignment; in other words to set up connections with similar orientations. Thus a suborganization has been set-up: International Association of Creativity and Innovation (IAC): The founder and current Executive Vice-chairman is Fangqi Xu! The aim of this organization is to establish a worldwide network on creativity and innovation. In this function Fangqi is visiting Germany, France, UK and also USA and Canada. We know that he is fulfilling this function in a perfect manner. He is wellknown in the UK, in Canada, in USA and in Germany.

Unfortunately two days before the first worldwide international meeting in Osaka started the landing runway of the airport was destroyed by a thunderstorm: Thus we were not able to attend the initial conference of IAC. Nevertheless we are members of this new international association.

Thanks to Fangqi Xu!

Dear Fangqi Xu: We wish you personally good times with success and satisfaction with your activities!

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