Meet One of Our Graduates

- In 1964, Gerald Curtis enrolled at the Inter-University to improve his language ability.
- Since receiving his Ph.D., Dr. Curtis has been a professor of political science at Columbia University. He is one of the world’s leading experts on Japanese politics.

Because Dr. Curtis expresses his expertise in Japanese so effectively, he has long been sought after as a commentator in the Japanese media.
Dr. Curtis Visits Tohoku

Weeks after the Tohoku earthquake, a major Japanese network asked Professor Curtis to visit the area, meet with the people affected, and report his conclusions on the nightly news.

Dr. Curtis’ interviews, commentary and recommendations to the government were seen by people all across Japan.
“Those of us who have had the benefit of an IUC education know how valuable it is, but I think the recent catastrophe in Japan further underscores the importance of training Americans to have high level Japanese language skills and deep knowledge of the country...

Whether in journalism, law, business, government service or academia, we need to have Americans who have had advanced Japanese language training and deep cultural knowledge.”

“For 50 years, IUC has offered the pre-eminent language training program in Japan. History or business, law or literature, IUC graduates leave proficient to pursue their specialized fields of study.”