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# 47th Pestalozzi Festival

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Konrad Grob - Pestalozzi bei den Waisenkindern in Stans.

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**Schedule** March 7th, 2025 (Friday), 1:00PM to 7:00PM  
**Venue** First Session: International Conference Room,  
University Hall, University of Tsukuba  
Second Session: Restaurant Plaza,  
University Hall, University of Tsukuba

This event is hosted by  
the Division of Education, Institute of Human Sciences, University of Tsukuba  
and co-hosted by University of Tsukuba Fellowship Society of Alumni of  
Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in Education

First Session

# Pestalozzi Festival

International Conference Room,  
University Hall  
1:00PM to 4:40PM

Masters of Ceremonies:  
**Dr. Kotaro Komatsu** (Associate Professor)  
**Ms. Natsuki Uchikubo** (Doctoral Program in Education)

Opening Address	1:00 to 1:10	<b>Dr. Yoshinori Shimizu</b> (Director, Department of Education)
Special Lecture (In Japanese)	1:10 to 2:40	<b>Dr. Takanori Ueda</b> (Associate Professor, Institute of Human Sciences) “Opening of the University of Tsukuba, Malaysia (UTMy) : Challenges of School of Transdisciplinary Science and Design”
	2:40 to 3:00	Interval
Final Lecture (In Japanese)	3:00 to 4:30	<b>Dr. Masami Isoda</b> (Professor, Institute of Human Sciences) “Mathematics Education for Human Character Formation”
Closing Address	4:30 to 4:40	<b>Dr. Teruyuki Fujita</b> Chair, Degree Programs in Education

Second Session

# Pestalozzi Abend

Restaurant Plaza,  
University Hall,  
University of Tsukuba  
5:00PM to 7:00PM

Masters of Ceremonies:  
**Dr. Hikaru Katsuta** (Assistant Professor)  
**Mr. Chen Xin** (Doctoral Program in Education)

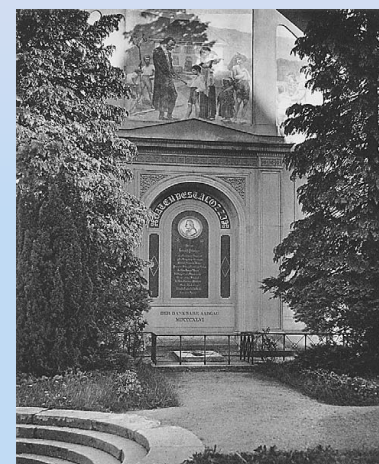
## The Journey of the Pestalozzi Festival

In the early 1950s, Professor Umene Satoru of the former Tokyo University of Arts and Sciences, who later became a professor of Educational History at the Tokyo University of Education and the first president of Wako University, started the first Pestalozzi Abend, together with fellow professors and students. It was held around February which happens to coincide with the birthday and death anniversary of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi. The Pestalozzi Abend had its humble beginnings in a classroom, where professors and students discussed education and pedagogy together with cleared desks and drinks at hand.

This informal evening gathering became an annual event of the Department of Education of the Tokyo University of Education around 1957, and was called the “Pestalozzi Festival”. On a Saturday in February, all professors and students hold a gathering wherein the graduating class presents their theses, graduate students present their research, and professors and visiting professors give special lectures. It finishes with a send-off party for the graduates of the department. This festival was held annually until the closing of Tokyo University of Education in 1978, except in 1969 when the Japanese University Protest was ongoing. During this period, department-wide debates between professors and students were also held.

After the establishment of the University of Tsukuba in 1973 and the transfer of the Institute of Education and undergraduate and graduate programs in education from the Tokyo University of Education was completed in 1979, there was a call for the relaunch of the Pestalozzi Festival, the symbolic event of its predecessor, the Department of Education of the Tokyo University of Education. Hence, the Pestalozzi Festival was relaunched on March 1st, 1979 and was attended by the professors of the Institute of Education and their students.

From that day onwards, it has become an engaging open event for everyone interested in the current issues of education and pedagogy.



The Gravesite of Pestalozzi  
(Laedrach, W., *Heinrich Pestalozzi*, Bern)

HEINRICH PESTALOZZI  
GEBOREN IN ZÜRICH AM 12. JANUAR 1746,  
GESTORBEN IN BRUGG DEN 17. HORNUMG 1827.  
RETTER DER ARMEN AUF NEUHOF,  
PREDIGER DES VOLKES  
IN LIENHARD UND GERTRUD,  
ZU STANS VATER DER WAISEN,  
ZU BURG DORF UND MÜNCHENBUCHSEE  
GRÜNDER DER NEUEN VOLKSSCHULE.  
IN IFERTEN ERZIEHER DER MENSCHHEIT.  
MENSCH, CHRIST, BÜRGER.  
ALLES FÜR ANDERE, FÜR SICH NICHTS.  
SEGEN SEINEM NAMEN!

On February 19th, 1827, Pestalozzi was buried between the church and the school in the village of Bill, near Neuenhof, Switzerland. As per his will, his place of rest was marked by a single rose. However, after 19 years, the school needed to be renovated and the Aargau Council decided to build a gravestone to honor Pestalozzi as a respected educator. Therefore, the entire wall of the new school, which was facing his former place of rest, was made into a now world-famous gravesite that bears the inscription of Pestalozzi’s name and his famous words. (From the book “Pestalozzi” by Tomiji Nagao and Hiroshi Fukuda, published by Shimizu Shoinin)