



Also, three of the hotel's restaurants will serve Christmas suppers.

The hotel's multiaward-winning French restaurant Les Saisons on the mezzanine floor of the main building will offer lunches

those harvested locally.

The plan is available until Dec. 25, from ¥67,500 for double occupancy, including tax, a service charge and breakfast.

The Hyatt Regency Hakone Resort and Spa is a 5-minute walk from Gora Station on the Hakone Tozan Line. Gora Station is 35 minutes from Hakone-Yumoto Station, which is 85 minutes from Shinjuku Station in Tokyo on the Odakyu Romancecar Limited Express. For more information or reservations, call 0120-123-420 or visit www.hakone.regency.hyatt.com.

News and Notes

Inaugural English business case competition in Tokyo provides worldwide networking opportunities

On Nov. 17, the first business case competition conducted in English in Japan took place. The main event was hosted by Aoyama Gakuin, in Shibuya, Tokyo, with a networking event following elsewhere in the area.

Students from nine schools, including Aoyama Gakuin, Hitotsubashi ICS, Globis and McGill Japan (12 teams), participated in the competition, and including participants and judges, 100 people attended the event.

In the competition, competitors are given a document (a "case") that outlines a business opportunity facing an individual in the upper management of a company (the "protagonist"). Teams are asked to take the viewpoint of the protagonist and analyze the information presented in the case to make a decision about the opportunity. This time, the case was about GREE and was written by the Harvard Business Review.

Once they've made their decision, they must create a presentation explaining their analysis and recommendations in front of a panel of judges.

According to Jimmy Chu, an MBA candidate of McGill Japan, this wasn't about creating a case competition but rather a way of helping their student bodies by making it easier for them to expand their professional networks inside Japan by coming together as well as to build up the status of Japanese MBA programs in general. But it ended up expanding to an international audience: A team from Taiwan asked to join. It proves that that



Winners of the competition pose for a photograph with their certificates and the trophy Nov. 17.

kind of competition is very popular throughout the world because of the networking opportunities it presents not only to students but also to the judges and the sponsors.

This time, teams from Waseda University, Globis, McGill Japan and Desautels Faculty of Management won a prize in each section, and the winning presentation was given by the McGill Japan team.