Japanese National Universities
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**Regular Members (86 national universities)**
- National Institutes for the Humanities
- National Institutes of Natural Sciences
- High Energy Accelerator Research Organization
- Research Organization of Information and Systems

**Special Members (4 organizations)**

**Nation of Knowledge**

**Tohoku Branch (7 universities)**
- Hirosaki University
- Iwate University
- Tohoku University
- Miyagi University of Education
- Akita University
- Yamagata University
- Fukushima University

**Tokyo Branch (12 universities)**
- The University of Tokyo, Tokyo Medical and Dental University
- Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo Oackeden University
- Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology
- Tokyo University of the Arts
- Tokyo Institute of Technology
- Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology
- Ochanomizu University
- The University of Electro-Communications
- Hitotsubashi University, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

**Kanto-Koshin'etsu Branch (14 universities)**
- Bunko University, University of Tsukuba
- Tsukuba University of Technology, Utsunomiyashi University
- Gunma University, Saitama University, Chiba University
- Yokohama National University
- The Graduate University for Advanced Studies
- Nippon University
- Tohoku University of Education
- University of Yamanashi, Shinshu University

**Tokai-Hokuriku Branch (12 universities)**
- University of Toyama, Kanazawa University
- Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
- University of Fukui, Gifu University
- Shizuoka University
- Hamamatsu University School of Medicine
- Nagoya University
- Aichi University of Education
- Nagoya Institute of Technology
- Toyohashi University of Technology
- Mie University

**Kinki Branch (13 universities)**
- Shiga University
- Shiga University of Medical Science
- Kyoto University
- Kyoto Institute of Education, Kyoto Institute of Technology
- Osaka University
- Osaka Kyokai University
- Hyogo University of Teacher Education
- Kobe University
- Nara University of Education
- Nara Women's University
- Nara Institute of Science and Technology
- Wakayama University

**Chugoku-Shikoku Branch (10 universities)**
- Tottori University, Shimane University
- Okayama University, Hiroshima University
- Yamaguchi University
- The University of Tokushima
- Naruto University of Education, Kagawa University
- Ehime University, Kochi University

**Kyushu Branch (11 universities)**
- Fukuoka University of Education, Kyushu University
- Kyushu Institute of Technology
- Saga University
- Nagasaki University
- Kumamoto University, Oita University
- University of Miyazaki
- Kagoshima University
- National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kagawa University
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  △Master’s Course  ○Doctoral Course  □Professional Graduate School
  ▲United Graduate School  ●Independent Graduate School  ■Basic Institute organization other than Graduate School
  • If not otherwise specified, “Basic Information” is as of October 1, 2011.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ○Letters, ○Law, ○Economics, ○Medicine, ○Dental Medicine, ○Veterinary Medicine, ●Information Science and Technology, ○Fisheries Sciences, ●Environmental Science, ○Science, ○Agriculture, ○Pharmaceutical Sciences, ○Education, ●International Media, Communication, and Tourism Studies, ○Health Sciences, ○Engineering, ●Chemical Sciences and Engineering, □Public Policy

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 11,723 (Graduate) 6,442
- **Int’l Students:** 1,450
- **Foreign Researchers:** 192
- **Int’l Agreements:** Inter-University Exchange 113, Departmental Exchange 176
- **Overseas Office:** 12

Outline of University

Founded in 1876, Hokkaido University is one of the oldest, largest and most prestigious universities in Japan. Our students and researchers come from all over the world and all backgrounds which help them prepare for new challenges. We are a research-intensive establishment encompassing 12 undergraduate schools, 19 graduate schools and numerous research and education facilities. We are unique among Japan’s leading universities in the breadth of disciplines we offer, and provide many opportunities for personal development through our all-round education that delivers unique insights and breakthroughs.

In the heart of Japan’s northern city of Sapporo, our main campus provides the perfect balance of natural scenery with state-of-the-art teaching, research and student support facilities. Our academics pursue excellence in teaching, and reach across disciplines to offer the very best in innovative and broad based education. Learning from these top academics exposes Hokkaido University students to excellence and challenges them to succeed as leaders in whatever career field they choose.

Hokkaido University is currently promoting three specific areas of development: the improvement and internationalization of education programs, such as the promotion of education in foreign languages; the internationalization of research to create an international research center transcending academic disciplines and national boundaries; and partnerships with society through reinforced collaborative systems involving local communities and industries.

Our alumni include a Nobel laureate, business leaders, research pioneers, artists and writers. They have all benefited from the University’s determination to develop curious minds that are ready to embrace challenges and acquire knowledge, to reveal new global perspectives and find solutions which change society for the better. Hokkaido University continues its endeavors to uphold the frontier spirit and become one of Asia’s centers of excellence in education and research.

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Admission & Support Information

The President’s Fellowship
This scholarship is targeted toward those students who have excellent course grades, have deep interest in research at Hokkaido University and Japanese culture, and are enrolled at a university that has concluded an agreement for academic and educational exchange cooperation with Hokkaido University.
Approximately ¥2.3 million for the first year, and ¥1.8 million for the second year onwards.

Special Grant Program for Self Supported International Students
This program will select applicants for Doctoral courses, who we deem likely to contribute internationally in their research field.
Approximately ¥2.0 million for the first year, and ¥1.5 million from the second year onwards.
There are some other scholarships for pre-enrolment applications including MEXT Scholarship and JASSO Scholarship.
For details, see the website of Hokkaido University International Student Center http://www.isc.hokudai.ac.jp.
Click on “Scholarship Information for General Students.”

Message from University

Message from the President to Prospective International Students
As you may have already heard on the news, an extremely severe earthquake took place on March 11th, 2011 and wreaked devastating damage in Tohoku district in Japan. Fortunately, our campuses did not experience any damage, and we have been able to continue our education and research activities as usual. Since our campuses are more than 500 km away from Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant, which was damaged by the earthquake, we have not directly been affected by radiation.

In this vein, we strive to seek ways to make the best contribution in this challenging situation as an institution of higher education and academic research. We appreciate your continued interest in our university and will welcome you should you decide to pursue your studies and research at Hokkaido University.

Internationalization
Hokkaido University has had deep ties with other countries since its foundation, and has consistently promoted academic, social, and cultural exchange to contribute to the development of the international community. While expanding opportunities for students to study and engage in research programs abroad, the university has also actively received international students and researchers. The number of such acceptances is on the increase, and the significant presence of non-Japanese faculty members also gives the campus an international flavor.

International Degree Programs in English
The ten programs below are conducted in English. International students can obtain their degrees under the guidance of the English speaking professors. Free Japanese language instruction is available at the Hokkaido University International Student Center, Office of International Affairs, to assist with daily living.

- Graduate School of Engineering “English Engineering Education Program (e3 program)”: Master course & Doctor course
- Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine “Special Training Program for Veterinary Researchers toward building an International Network of Veterinary Researchers”: Doctor course
- Graduate School of Agriculture “The Special Postgraduate Program in Bio-systems Sustainability”: Master course & Doctor course
- Graduate School of Science “International Graduate Program in the Natural History Sciences”: Master course & Doctor course
- Graduate School of Life Science “International Graduate Program for Research Pioneers in Life-Sciences”: Master course & Doctor course
- Graduate School of Chemical Sciences and Engineering “International Graduate Program for Asian Graduate Schools of Chemistry and Material Science”: Doctor course

Improvement of Accommodation Facilities for International Students
Due to the recent rapid increase in the number of international students at Hokkaido University, we have improved and expanded accommodation facilities for students in order to better acclimatize them to living in Japan so they will be able to devote themselves to their studies and research. In 2011, Hokkaido University acquired a 252 room student dormitory close to JR Sapporo station and our campus to be used as an international student dormitory. Data from May 2011 shows that Hokkaido University provided dormitory living to 48% to all of its international students (642 of a total of 1340) – a figure much higher than the other national universities of a similar scale.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Faculty of Education & Graduate School of Education
  Master’s Course/Professional Degree Course

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 5,312
  - (Graduate) 280

- **Int’l Students:** 79

- **Foreign Researchers:** 7

- **Int’l Agreements:** 31

- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Educational activities begin with a perpetual interest in and enthusiasm for the development of human beings. Given our deep and advanced knowledge of modern-day human beings and children as well as our experience-based methods, we constantly foster students’ awareness of the joy and honor of educating people.

The society and education process of the twenty-first century require individuals with integrated knowledge of science and humanities as well as flexibility in active interaction and coexistence. It is therefore essential to help students develop a strong personality and to enhance their capabilities of interacting with society, through varied practices and experiences in all fields including arts and sports. We use the slogan “Creative and Active Liberal Education” to provide modern liberal education.

In the field of education, it is essential to have a strong motivation for striving for others. In modern times, teachers are required to have a sensibility that enables them to understand children’s difficulties and sympathize with them as though the difficulties are their own. They are also required to have a strong motivation for addressing various current issues in the local and world communities. Thus, we aim at the cultivation of motivation at all levels of our educational activities.

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HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION

Admission & Support Information

Scholarship Information

1) Japanese Government Scholarship (Research Student)
   http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/boshu/1304055.htm

2) Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Student (JASSO)
   http://www.jasso.go.jp/study_j/scholarships_e.html

In addition, you can apply for other private scholarship.

Message from University

Message from Director of International Center

   Established based on the history and cultural climate of Hokkaido, the Hokkaido University of Education is a unique national higher education institution that educates women and men to be exquisite educators and contributors to societies and cultures.

   We set three education missions, such as ‘Advanced human education’, ‘Active liberal Education’ and ‘Cultivation of motivation’, and we churn out successful graduates, especially in the area of education.

   In 1988, we first concluded agreements with School of Oriental and African studies, University of London (England), Shenyang Normal University (China) and Harbin Normal University (China), since then, we continue to develop many meaningful relationships among 31 exchange partner institutions.

   One of the characteristics of our international exchange style is that we keep contacting partner institutions earnestly once we started exchange programs. We accept many international students from our exchange partner institutions every year.

   We hope that we can accept excellent human resources from all over the world, not only from exchange partner institutions for the future.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Engineering
- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 2,844 (Graduate) 596
- **Int’l Students:** 106
- **Foreign Researchers:** 15
- **Int’l Agreements:** 30
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Muroran Institute of Technology was established on March, 1949. It was combined by two schools: one is Hokkaido University Attached Civil Engineering Special Division of Sapporo Agricultural College Engineering Department founded in 1887 and another is Muroran School of Technology which is former Muroran Engineering High School established on May, 1939. The Institute provides undergraduate and graduate (Master’s course and Doctor’s course) schools.

Utilizing the rich natural environment for manufacturing city of Muroran, Muroran Institute of Technology offers comprehensive science and technology education, and at the same time, engages in creative scientific and technological research considering the balance between humanity, society and nature, and contributes as a stronghold for the development of local and international knowledge in order to develop a well-rounded society in the future.

As an educational scheme, academic pursuits at the university center on both in their major of technical education and their sub-major of liberal arts education. This policy facilitates students to learn not only their professional field of science but also broader subjects in the liberal arts. This enhances students to promote their ability of broad perspective, high knowledge, and comprehensive value judgment. In addition, the university provides class teacher and tutor systems which enables detailed education for each students.

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Admission & Support Information

1. Scholarship
Muroran Institute of Technology provides “Muroran IT Foreign Student Support Scholarship” with a benefit of 30,000 yen/month.

Eligibility For Application
(a) Full-time private founded students enrolled in regular degree course at Muroran IT
(b) Full-time private founded students not obtaining other scholarships of a monthly benefit of 30,000 yen/month or more.

2. Learning Assistance
The University provides learning assistance of tutor for foreign students to support their Japanese language acquisition.

3. Special Tuition Exemption System
The University provides special tuition exemption of half-rate for eligible tuition waiver.

4. Accommodation for Foreign Students
The University provides accommodation for foreign students. Period can be subjected to the regulations of each dormitory from 1 year up to time of graduation.

Message from University

Muroran Institute of Technology offers special programs for foreign students such as study tour, factory tour, outdoor seminar (ski) and mountain climbing.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ○ □ Commerce

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 2,301 (Graduate) 119
- **Int’l Students:** 87
- **Foreign Researchers:** 12
- **Int’l Agreements:** 19
- **Overseas Office:** Nil

Outline of University

The Otaru University of Commerce was reorganized as a university in May 1949 by the national government and shifted in National University Corporation Otaru University of Commerce in April 2004. It was originally established as the Otaru Higher Commercial School in March 1910 and has reached the present stage after many changes.

The University traces a long history for more than 100 years since its foundation, during which it has contributed not only to the industrial circles but also to the advancement of the arts and sciences through its excellent teaching and research in these fields.

Education and Research Aim:

Our goal is to contribute to international economic and social development and to the regional development of Hokkaido by applying our traditional focus on practical learning and the unique character of our single faculty commerce-oriented university. We will therefore continue our mission to conduct research and develop human resources that will have a positive impact on human culture. We will realize this goal by continuing to provide well-supervised education, maintaining a small faculty-student ratio and promoting academic research that has universal applications.

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Admission & Support Information

“Financial Supports for Degree Seeking Students (Limited availability after enrollment)”

1. JASSO Study Encouragement Scholarship (Gakushu Shoreihi for Undergraduate and Graduate students)
2. Otaru University of Commerce: Alumni Association Scholarship

Support for All Aspects of Life:
International Students cannot avoid experiencing the adaptation process to a new environment and culture, not to mention the language. The university offers various schemes to help international students adapt to this new situation quickly and easily. The International Center is a home for international students who are far away from their countries, which supports all aspects of your life in Otaru.

Message from University
Dr. Makio Yamamoto, President

Otaru University of Commerce is 100 years of rich in history and tradition. Since the foundation of the university, our school has focused our resources on foreign language education and has become renowned as the “Language Institute of Northern Japan.” Our school philosophy is “Commerce Study is Global.” Our international exchanges have been actively developed in line with this tradition. We have prepared all the necessary resources to assist in your academic study as well as in everyday life in Japan by offering various scholarships, a dormitory, and volunteer student tutors. You have the impression that our university is relatively small; however, we view this as an advantage, offering individual-oriented support for each student.

Your life in Otaru, surrounded by rich nature and flavored with the romance of an old northern seaport, will leave you with precious memories of your student life in Japan. I am looking forward to meeting each one of your with the warm welcome of Otaru University of Commerce.
Outline of University

Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (OUAVM) was established in 1941 and celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2011. As the only national university in Japan specializing solely in agriculture and veterinary medicine, OUAVM has education and research focused on knowledge and technologies that can help solving global problems in the fields of agriculture and veterinary science. The university has always aimed at developing individuals who can play significant roles in the increasingly globalized international community.

Japan has limited natural resources, and thus development of human resources must be at the top of its list of priorities. Agriculture and livestock industries produce food which is vital for supporting not only human lives but also healthy and gratifying living. In this regard, agriculture and livestock industries are inseparably connected with such global issues as famine, poverty, environmental destruction, energy, etc.

Under the present circumstances, the regional/international community requires people who are competent enough to resolve various pressing problems related to food safety and security from a comprehensive perspective of agriculture, animal science and veterinary science.

Nurturing the university characteristics through creation and practical use of knowledge, and contributing to the regional and international communities through development of human resources who can “support and protect food safety and people’s livelihood”.

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Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine

Admission & Support Information

Obihiro University arranges a safe and secure learning environment for foreign students. We have a limited number of special scholarships for international graduate students in the Animal and Food Hygiene Program only. These offer an 80,000 yen per month stipend and exemption from entrance and tuition fees for a maximum of 3 years. In addition, we provide financial assistance (scholarships, full or partial tuition fee exceptions) and an international dormitory for singles and families. Moreover, we provide student visa sponsorship, Japanese language courses, and support services for daily life and so on. Note: Students are limited to 1 year residence in the international dormitory.

Message from University

My research is on malaria parasite focusing on new detection methods using recombinant antigens. Beautiful nature, less populated cities, friendly citizens and many other good points make Hokkaido a very pleasant place for study and living. (Afghanistan, Hakimi Hassan, 2nd yr PhD)

I had the pleasure to study, and appreciate life in Tokachi region, Hokkaido. Apart of the quality of education and the excellence of the professors, what I really like in my life here, is the way everything is well organized, also we have regular training about how to react in case of disaster. (Benin, Adjou Moumouni Paul Franck, 2nd yr Masters course)

I came to Obihiro in October, 2009 to do post-graduate studies in animal hygiene and food safety. It offers world-class university facilities, many natural wonders, and almost zero crime rate! And the Japanese people are by nature kind and helpful! Thus, I encountered minimal problems in adjusting to my new environment!" (Philippines, Lary Nel Bilbao Abao, 1st yr PhD)

I am studying at the Department of Life Science and Agriculture. During my study, I can learn not only the advanced technology in scientific research but also the Japanese customs and cultures by enjoining the Japanese tea ceremony, bon dance, yosakoi soran dance, etc. A big earthquake happened Japan. For the safety of foreign students, university staff sent us earthquake information websites through which we could see the environmental radiation measurement result of the Fukushima region and the condition of Obihiro city. For me, I did not go back to mother country and did my research works concerning animal production field since. (Myanmar, Than Than Sint, 2nd yr PhD)

Before I came to Japan, I knew that Japan is one of the countries in the world where natural disasters occur frequently. However, my country has the same condition as well. Moreover, Japan is famous by its good disaster prevention management, as long as we obey and follow the instructions from the authorities, as everyone can see that the impact can be mitigated. Apart from excellent research facilities, Japan also provided me good academic atmosphere and freedom to explore my scientific adventure. I can say here is no serious problem faced by us in our life here since our arrival. My supervisor, laboratory mates, other international students, the university staffs, our Japanese neighbors all look like big family to me. (Indonesia, Taufik Epi, 2nd yr PhD)
Asahikawa Medical University

Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools:  ○Medicine

- Students:  
  - (Undergraduate) 912
  - (Graduate) 141

- Int’l Students:  10
- Foreign Researchers:  4
- Int’l Agreements:  5
- Overseas Office:  0

Outline of University

Asahikawa Medical University began as a national medical college in 1973. In 1979, the Graduate School of Medicine (Doctor’s Program) was established. In 1996, the undergraduate nursing course was established. In 2000, the Graduate School of Medicine was reorganized as the Graduate School of Medical Research by incorporating the newly established Master’s Program for Nursing.

Our main educational objective is to foster and train medical health-care professionals with highly specialized and balanced medical skills, a well-rounded character, and effective international communication competence. Our research objective is to contribute to society by promoting medical research rich in creativity and ingenuity, and by improving health and welfare in the local community. We have contributed to society not only by achieving these goals but also by providing medical services to the local community and as a center for medical research in this expansive northern island, Hokkaido.

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Admission & Support Information

We have tried to improve the educational and research environment for privately funded international students (undergraduate, graduate, and research students). As for financial aid, we offer them a scholarship specific to our university (30,000 yen per month) funded by Grant-in-aid for Young Researchers and Students. As for housing, we have established an International Center to provide housing for international researchers and students. The center has one lounge, six single rooms, and one family room. The rooms are all equipped with furniture and a kitchenette. The lounge may also be used for various international events and parties.

Message from University

Our philosophy is that there are no national borders in science. Collaborating on research, studying together, and sharing ideas with people from different nations, with different cultural backgrounds, and with different ideas, lead to great developments in science, which ultimately will constitute a solid basis for lasting peace.

We have promoted international exchanges in education and research. We have accepted international students to study here and have regularly invited co-researchers from all over the world. In addition, a large number of our alumni have been abroad, conducting medical research, engaging in medical services, and actively attending international conferences.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ○△Engineering

- **Students:**  
  - (Undergraduate) 1,934  
  - (Graduate) 308

- **Int’l Students:** 98

- **Foreign Researchers:** 6

- **Int’l Agreements:** 20

- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

**Basic Principle**

To nurture people, develop technology, contribute to the community and work toward a better future

**Goals**

1. To provide education that motivates students, stimulates creativity and inspires future ambitions

2. To pursue unique research that is related to the regional characteristics of this area, and which leads to intellectual advancement

3. To meet the needs of the community, and to provide leadership and contribute to the development of the community

4. To develop an international mentality among students, faculty and staff, and to promote education and research that has a global outlook

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Admission & Support Information

Scholarships by Kitami Institute of Technology

This scholarship is for the international students who have already enrolled at Kitami Institute of Technology. The amount varies depending on the financial situation of the students.

- **Graduate (Master's)**  Up to 40,000 yen per month  
  *you have to work more than 3 years in Kitami after graduation.
- **Graduate (Doctoral)**  Up to 30,000 yen per month  
  *except adult student

Message from the University

Kitami Institute of Technology (KIT) is the northernmost national university in Japan.

Some of you might have the image of a cold and faraway place when hearing “Hokkaido”. However, Kitami, located in the center of Okhotsk Subprefecture, is the most populous city (population of 120,000) and commercial center in this area. It is blessed with beautiful nature and it is a safe place from natural disasters such as earthquakes or typhoons. It provides an optimal environment for studying.

The summers are very comfortable and in winter you can enjoy winter sports in the beautiful snow-covered landscape.

In general each international student entering KIT will be assigned a tutor. The tutor will support you in many ways to settle into the new environment - for example by helping with all sorts of necessary procedures and formalities as well as providing advice regarding your studies and daily life.

And then there is also the International Center of KIT. The International Center will not only support you in all official matters, such as visa procedures, scholarships or any other kind of event, but also provide consultation regarding accommodation, daily life and so on. If you have any questions or worries, the staff members of the International Center will always be there to help you.

We are waiting for you here at KIT!

Welcome Party          International "C" hour           Study Tour
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Humanities, △Education, ○Medicine, ○Health Sciences, ○Science & Technology, △Agriculture & Life Science, ●Regional Studies, ▲The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences (Iwate University)

- **Students:**
  - Undergraduate: 6,089
  - Graduate: 813

- **Int’l Students:** 134
- **Foreign Researchers:** 33
- **Int’l Agreements:** 26
- **Overseas Office:** NA

Outline of University

In the spirit of the fundamental principles of education, the aim of Hirosaki University is to broaden the mind through in-depth research, collaboration, and teaching; to develop intellectual, moral, and practical skills; and to cultivate and prepare individuals to contribute to society and the well-being of humanity.

Hirosaki University is a medium-size university with Faculties of Humanities, Education, Medicine, Science & Technology, and Agriculture & Life Sciences. These five Faculties cover a broad and comprehensive range of undergraduate academic disciplines. The university is also home to seven graduate programs, including the independent and interdisciplinary doctoral course in Regional Studies.

Hirosaki University has taken full advantage of its location in Aomori Prefecture to advance its educational and research goals. First of all, within Aomori Prefecture there is great potential for energy production and development, including the nuclear energy and nuclear fusion-related facilities located within its borders. The Shirakami Wilderness World Heritage Site, located along the border of Aomori and Akita Prefectures, offers many possibilities for the study of global warming and other environmental issues. Finally, in the era of reoccurring food crisis and concern over food security, Aomori Prefecture serves as a national food production base. Hirosaki University has tailored its educational, research, and community outreach programs to focus on these areas of study, to develop the needed human resources to meet the challenges they pose, and to project its research findings locally, regionally, and globally.

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Admission & Support Information

The following scholarships are now awarded to international students studying abroad at their own expense at Hirosaki University.

- The Scholarship for International Students Studying Abroad (at their own expense)
  (¥48,000/month for Undergraduates, ¥65,000/month for Graduate Students)
- The Hirosaki City Scholarship (¥15,000/month)
- The Rotary Club Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Scholarship
  (¥100,000/month for Undergraduates, ¥140,000/month for Graduate Students)
- The Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship
  (¥100,000/month for Undergraduates, ¥120,000/month for Graduate Students)
- The Iwatani Naoji Foundation Scholarship (¥150,000/month)
- The Monbukagakusyo Scholarship (applied in Japan)
  (¥123,000/month for Undergraduates, ¥152,000/month for Graduate Students)
- The Hirosaki West Rotary Club Scholarship (¥20,000/month, Last month ¥40,000)

Message from University

Hirosaki University has set up an International Exchange Center to assist overseas students and facilitate the process of studying abroad in Japan. This Center will provide support to the international students to help them with the necessary paperwork and to find adequate housing in Hirosaki. The Center also operates and manages an International Student House, where exchange students may also live. The University offers Japanese language classes for the international students, as well as courses in Japanese Art and Culture, Literature, Economics, Politics, and also Business Management which are taught in English and Japanese. These courses are primarily taught in English, but Japanese may also be used during the lecture. If you are interested in studying overseas in Japan, please contact the International Center at Hirosaki University. (Tel: 0172-39-3124  http://www.hirosaki-u.ac.jp/kokusai/index.html)

As we are sure you are well aware, a strong earthquake struck the north-eastern part of Japan on March 11th. This earthquake caused a massive tsunami to hit the north-eastern coast of Japan, destroying countless villages and an inconceivable number of lives were lost in the wake of this powerful disaster. It was truly a tragic day for Japan. As widely reported in the international news, the tsunami also destroyed a Nuclear Power Plant, which caused the leaking of some radiation into the local area. Hirosaki University is located in northern Japan, however it is far from these tsunami hit areas (the epicenter was 300-400 kilometers to the southeast of our university), so we have not been affected by these disasters. Our student body at Hirosaki University, which includes many international students from around the world, have already started a normal academic life without any difficulties. If you are concerned about the residual radiation level of Aomori Prefecture, you can refer to our home page.
Iwate University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ○Humanities and Social Sciences, ○Education, ○Engineering, ▲Agriculture
- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 5,107 (Graduate) 878
- **Int’l Students:** 204
- **Foreign Researchers:** 11
- **Int’l Agreements:** 44
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Iwate Prefecture is about 500 kilometers north of Tokyo, and is located in the Tohoku region at 39°41’N (lat.) and 141°9’E (long.). Its area is approximately seven times larger than Tokyo, and is the second largest prefecture in Japan.

The whole prefecture of Iwate is well known both for its spectacular natural beauty, such as Mt. Iwate (“Mt. Fuji of the Nambu Area”), as well as for its cultural assets, including the Chusonji Temple in the town of Hiraizumi. Also, there are many typical Japanese recreational attractions such as hot springs and skiing.

Iwate University is located in Morioka city, which is one of the principal cities in the Tohoku region. The population of Morioka city is approximately 300,000. There are three rivers, the Kitakami River, the Nakatsu River, and the Shizukuishi River, that merge in the center of the city. Morioka is a city surrounded by historic sights and unspoiled nature.

Iwate University was established in 1949 as a national university, and as of 2004 Iwate University (as an incorporated national university) was inaugurated along with 86 other national universities. The university’s faculties include Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Engineering, and Agriculture and there are currently over 6,000 students enrolled along with an additional 800 administration and teaching staff. Also, Iwate University has over 200 international students from over 20 countries.

Iwate University aims at fostering human resources that have a broad range of general knowledge and advanced expertise, creating academic culture to pursue the truth as a place for education and research. We also stand by the principles that one of our roles is to contribute to development of regional culture and global society. As a traditional academic institution in Japan, Iwate University has produced many quality graduates playing an important role in various fields not just in Iwate but in all of Japan and the world.

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Iwate University

Admission & Support Information

In addition to the admitting system of all faculties for international students, we also offer pre-arrival admission which enables you to know whether you are accepted while remaining in your home nation/region.

Almost half of the international students in Iwate University receive scholarships such as Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students and Iwate Ryugakusei Yuukou Kouryuu Scholarship though we don’t offer scholarships of our own.

Message from University

Most of the coastal areas in Iwate were seriously damaged by the earthquake in March 11, 2011. Since Iwate University is located in Morioka city which is over 100km away from the area damaged by the earthquake and tsunami, our campus had little damage and we can conduct classes as usual. Please refer to the website to see school life in Iwate University after the earthquake. http://iuic.iwate-u.ac.jp/cgi-bin/etopics.cgi?f1=1312854490&f2=staff

Also we have established Iwate University Office of Revitalization for Sanriku Region to implement revitalization projects such as education support, regional disaster prevention research, fishing and manufacturing industry support and volunteer activities.

You will have a lot of chances to interact with people living in Iwate since our University is traditionally unique for collaborative interaction throughout the region. Additionally we offer you kinds of events such as garden parties conducted by international students, field studies, snow activities, and ski trips.

Moreover, we provide unique educational programs for international students as exemplified by enhanced Japanese language programs, and classes with Japanese students including study camp dealing with multi-cultural domains. Also, international students are sufficiently supported by programs like Tutorial System and events with group circles in Iwate University.
Tohoku University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Arts and Letters, Education, Law, Economics, Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Agriculture, International Cultural Studies, Information Sciences, Life Sciences, Environmental Studies, Biomedical Engineering, Educational Informatics Education Division
- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 10,967 (Graduate) 7,258
- **Int’l Students:** 1,224
- **Foreign Researchers:** 1,682
- **Int’l Agreements:** 479 (University Level: 156, Department Level : 323)
- **Overseas Office:** 13 (Overseas Offices: 4; Liaison Offices: 9)

Outline of University

**Historical Background:** Tohoku University (TU) was founded in 1907 as the third Imperial University of Japan. From its start, it displayed to the world an unswerving commitment to an “Open Door” policy. TU accepted graduates from technical schools and higher normal schools, and despite of opposition from the government at that time, became Japan’s First University to admit female students in 1913. At the time of its founding, TU was able to attract young and brilliant researchers who had trained around the world to serve on its faculty. For this reason, a “Research First” principle was established, calling upon scholars to not only pursue highly productive research but to also put their findings to work in the teaching of their students. In addition, TU has nurtured a tradition of “Practice Oriented Research and Education,” in which the results of cutting edge research are being put to use for the good of society and the improvement of living standards. Evidence of our pioneering practice includes the establishment of local venture businesses which have contributed to regional industry, and our status as the nation’s center for research on family law; the domestic branch of law which is closely associated with our daily lives. This spirit remains alive and can be seen in today’s new era of advanced globalization.

**Mission Statement:** TU has been committed to the “Research First” principle and “Open Door” policy since its foundation, and is internationally recognized for its outstanding standards in education and research. The university contributes to world peace and equity by devoting itself to research useful in solving societal problems, and educating human resources in leadership skills.

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Admission & Support Information

- Tohoku University Scholarship:
  President Scholarship for International Students (payment of costs in the amount equivalent to entrance examination, admission and tuition fees)

- International Students Lodging Facilities:
  International House (available for singles, couples and families), Rent: 5,900~11,900 yen per month
  University House Sanjo (available for singles only), Rent: 9,700~10,000 yen per month

- Entrance Examination Information:
  Tohoku University not only provides courses conducted in Japanese, but there are also courses conducted in English (available at faculty and graduate school level). For further information on entrance examination application methods for courses held in English, please visit our website; http://www.fgl.tohoku.ac.jp

Please check out our Guide for International Students; http://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/guidebook/

Message from University

The Great East Japan Earthquake and New Challenges for Tohoku University ~ Brand New Tohoku University

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake, and our deep gratitude for the unfaltering efforts of those providing aid and support to the affected areas. We would also like to express our appreciation for the heartfelt support and speedy assistance received from overseas.

This earthquake in question, with a magnitude of 9 according to observation, was one of the largest recorded in history, and the accompanying tsunami caused enormous damage. However, our campuses proved secure and happily no severe injuries were sustained. We are closely observing the situation at the nuclear power plant, over 80km away, where there have been leaks of radioactive material. According to measurements taken by the university, radiation levels in Sendai are within normal range.

Tohoku University is currently putting all its energy into the restoration of our educational and research capabilities, and started the new academic year in May 6th, 2011.

Faced with an almost unprecedented disaster, we have to seek to implement a paradigm shift to a new human society, based on “Constructing a Safe and Dependable Society”. In addition to contributions from our individual specialists, we established the Institute for Disaster Reconstruction and Regeneration Research as a center of excellence that brings together the world’s wisdom. We will strategically and systematically address research, education and societal contribution that lead the reconstruction and revitalization of the region, and transmit and put these results into practice. Finally, we will contribute to the regeneration of the region, Japan and human society by working vigorously to create a safe, secure society for the next generation in which humans can coexist with nature.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:**
  Faculty of education (Elementary Education Teacher Training Courses, Secondary Education Teacher Training Courses, Special Needs Education Teacher Training Courses)
  Graduate School of Education (Master’s Course <Special Needs Education, Education Subjects> /Specialist Degree Course <Research Division of Advanced Teacher Training>)

- **Students:**
  - Undergraduate: 1,529
  - Graduate: 132

- **Int’l Students:** 24

- **Foreign Researchers:** 0

- **Int’l Agreements:** 5

- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

- **Introduction**

  1965 Founded as Miyagi University of Education.
  1968 Moved from temporary campus located at Tomizawa, Taihak ku, Sendai to Aobayama.
  1988 Graduate School: Research Division of Education (Master’s Course) inaugurated.
  1996 Life – long Education Course inaugurated.
  2004 The National University Coporation, Miyagi University of Education established.
  2007 Faculty of education is reorganized.
  2008 Graduate School Research Division of Advanced Teacher Training Course inaugurated.

- **Features of Miyagi University of Education and its research**

  Taking a leading role in the field of education, Miyagi University of Education is devoted to nurturing future teachers with high quality and proficiency in the kindergarten, elementary school, junior high school and special education areas. In order to increase the expertise of our students, we handle a variety of education related issues, such as students’ extracurricular activities, projects to improve proficiency in information technology, and volunteer activities, to coincide with a curriculum that allows students opportunities to increase their knowledge of the fundamental and specialist skills for their area of study. In addition, through the Support Center for Students with Special Needs, we guarantee the highest quality of educational opportunities for those students who require extra assistance. To answer the calls of teachers already in the classroom but wanting to further improve their teaching skills, in 2008, we established a professional education course as part of our graduate school. For those wanting to narrow their focus further in their field of expertise, we also offer graduate courses, where students aspire to contribute further to the development of educational ideals.

  Furthermore, with the cooperation of the Sendai-City Board of Education and the Miyagi-Prefecture Board of Education, we have been able to create a positive relationship with a mutual exchange of theoretical and practical ideas with local schools to contribute to the improvement of education in the district. To coincide with Foreign Language Activities becoming mandatory in grade five and six at elementary schools from April 2011, the Miyagi University of Education Affiliated Elementary School English Education Research Center was established in February 2011. This Center provides support for teachers in local elementary schools while also conducting research to continuously improve the quality of education in this subject. On June 28, 2011, the Education Reform Center was established in order to provide support in the reformation of education in Miyagi Prefecture after the Great East Japan Earthquake. The center’s staff aims to provide strong support to teachers and students by developing a clear plan to rebuild a strong educational base for local children as well as both mid- and long-term plans for the future.

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**Admission & Support Information**

Admission: Applicants are judged by EJU(The Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students), Japanese Grammar and Reading Comprehension Proficiency Examination administrated by MUE, Interview, and Practical Examination.

Supports: In the first year, A Japanese Student Tutor is assigned to every Incoming International Students. They help a lot both in School and Private Life. Besides it, We offer various kinds of Events for both International Students and Japanese Students. For exam, Spring and Winter Hiking, Year End Party, and Global Café. Through those events, They can get acquainted with each other.


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**Message from University**

**Message from International Students**

Hello my dear friends, My name is Pankaj, I am from India. I am a student of Miyagi University of education since April 2011. I just want to share something with you. As I came to Japan -Sendai in Oct’2010, I had enjoyed my life in Sendai. Then we got a big shock of 11th march earthquake. I was on the 3rd floor of Miyagi Universities one of the building, I thought maybe I will die today but I remain safe without any injury. Thanks to the architecture of Japanese buildings. Only the destruction took place due the tsunami but it was far from the Sendai city, so we had no problem. Only for few days we faced a problem with food and water, but it was nothing. Japanese people are really helpful and friendly, they help us a lot. But I also worried of Fukushima plant, so I return home on 17th of March. I came back again in Sendai on 25th of April2011, and what I saw was life is as easy as before the earthquake. No one can imagine that this is a country which had a one of the biggest earthquake some days before. So I was really happy to come back to Sendai once again. Now I will complete my study and will go back in march2012.

This I told you because, please do not believe in any rumors. Sendai is very beautiful city and safe to live. If you get a chance to come to Sendai and study it will be a good opportunity for you. I wish I could extent my stay in Sendai. I have visited many cities in Japan, but I love Sendai very much. In future If I get a chance to come to Japan, surely I will come to Sendai. I will miss my college, teachers, friends and Sendai. (Pankaj Jadhav from India)

|MUE is a fantastic place for those who are thinking about going abroad to study in Japan. The students are warm and friendly and the staff incredibly kind and ready to help with anything you can think of. You'll have the opportunity to study Japanese in classes with other international students, and if you feel up to it, in mainstream classes with the Japanese students. It's challenging but an excellent way to improve your Japanese and to really test yourself. There are a heap of extra-curricular activities and groups to join ranging from language exchange, music and photography to traditional Japanese sports such as kendo and karate. Sendai City is a great place to live. It's the perfect size and you'll always find new things to explore. It's very green and natural - you hardly feel like you are in a big city at all. I would recommend anyone thinking about going to Japan as an international student to study at MUE. If I could go back again and do it all tomorrow I wouldn't hesitate one bit! (Daniel Pearcey from Australia)|
Akita University

Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools: ◳Faculty of Education and Human Studies, ○Faculty of Medicine, ○Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science

- Students: (Undergraduate) 4,510 (Graduate) 677
- Int’l Students: 161 (as of May 1, 2011)
- Foreign Researchers: 20 (accepted in SY 2010)
- Int’l Agreements: 36 universities from 16 countries (as of October 31, 2011)
- Overseas Office: 0

Outline of University

Akita University is a comprehensive national university consisting of three undergraduate faculties – the Faculty of Education and Human Studies, the Faculty of Medicine, and the Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science. The Faculty of Education and Human Studies developed out of the Akita Teachers’ Training College, which was founded in 1873, and has produced excellent human resources for different fields including educational fields in and outside of the prefecture. The Faculty of Medicine was established in 1970 as the first national medical school in Japan since World War II. It is developing doctors who can contribute to the society and playing a leading role in community medical care. In October of 2002, the School of Health Sciences was established. Its principle is to promote original basics highly evaluated internationally and to develop human resources who have the skills to bring peace of mind to people. The Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science developed out of Akita Mining College, which was founded in 1910, and celebrated its centennial in 2011. It is producing many national and international engineers and researchers. The departments of engineering deal with materials, information, machinery, electrical and electronic engineering, and civil engineering, and the departments of resources are engaged in global resources, environments, energies and recycling. As the key educational institute in Northern Tohoku, the university has entered into agreement with 36 universities in 16 countries and regions as well as 16 faculties in 9 countries and regions in order to promote international exchange (data as of November 1, 2011).

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**Admission & Support Information**

Admission: Akita University actively accepts and supports international students. The qualification for admission varies depending on the status. For information on admissions for graduate and undergraduate courses, please visit [http://www.pcix.akita-u.ac.jp/inter/in_hope.html](http://www.pcix.akita-u.ac.jp/inter/in_hope.html).

Support for international students: Tutorial system, counseling, multicultural lounge, partial aid for premium on housing for international students

**Message from University**

society. For that purpose, we expect Japanese students to learn and improve together with motivated students from overseas. The serene neighborhood in the local city provides an ideal environment for studying and researching. In addition, there are events unique to the snowy area such as summer festivals at different locations, rice-cake making and skiing.

**AUEP Program:** This experiential program is for students of Akita University’s partner schools who have never learned Japanese. Participants learn, on top of Japanese, multicultural exchange through training camps and field trips, the Japanese culture, and the Japanese society in English and Japanese for approximately one year. While acquiring communication skills in Japanese, opportunities are provided to acquire broad knowledge on the culture and language of Japan and Akita, to experience the original culture of Tohoku and Akita and to thereby know the reality of Japan.

**Farm stay:** It is held twice in October and November each year, participated by international students, Japanese students and teachers of Akita University and other institutes of higher education in the prefecture. In the first tour, participants are divided into 6-7 farmers to experience farming work and farm lodging. Students who have just arrived in Japan can learn the traditional culture and wisdom by experiencing the life at Japanese traditional residences, meals mainly consisting of vegetables and rice planting. In the second tour, participants taste the harvest through rice-cake making among others and make albums and PR brochures of each farmer.

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**Kanto**

(Garden lanterns(on campus))

**Farm stay**
Yamagata University

Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools: △Literature and Social Sciences, △□Education, Art and Science, ○Science, ○Medicine, ○Engineering, △Agriculture, The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Iwate University(participation)

- Students: (Undergraduate) 7,800 (Graduate) 1,361
- Int’l Students: 188
- Foreign Researchers: 55
- Int’l Agreements: 100
- Overseas Office: 3

Outline of University

As of October 1, 2011, Yamagata University has 39 academic partnership institutions in Asia, Europe, North America, and elsewhere, and provides international students and scholars with study abroad opportunities for a semester or a full academic year in Japan. In an effort to globalize our academic resources, we encourage faculty members to develop collaborative research and education with their counterparts at overseas institutions. We also host international symposiums and accept groups of visitors from abroad.

Moreover, as bases for joint research as well as exchange of students, faculty and staff, we are planning to set up satellite offices abroad. The first of these was opened at Hanoi University of Agriculture in Viet Nam in December 2008. The office is being used constructively to publicize Yamagata University, to attract students wishing to study in Japan, exchange of faculty and researchers, and for promotion of international joint research.

We opened another satellite office in Heilongjiang in China in 2010, and are due to open a satellite office in Tanzania in 2011. Yamagata University is endeavoring for further globalization, and is planning to set up satellite offices in South America, and make contributions towards international cooperation.

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Admission & Support Information

Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (JASSO)

Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation

Heiwa Nakajima Foundation

Sagawa Scholarship Foundation etc.

Message from University

Yamagata University, with an enrollment of about 10,000 students, is one of the leading comprehensive, doctoral-granting institutions in northeastern Japan. In my view, students are the main actors of the university, and therefore should be put first and foremost. As such, it is important to make sure that the president, faculty and staff work for the benefit of the students. I believe that our mission at Yamagata University is to provide each and every student with a thorough and contextually-sensitive education, and to send forth into society as many graduates equipped with “a rich liberal arts education” and “superior expertise” as possible. It is our aim to form a university where its students play a primary role and its alumni say, “It was a good thing indeed, that I attended Yamagata University.”

I would like to improve education, especially liberal arts education at YU among other things. We would like to thoroughly instill in our graduates a strong “human force” that will enable them to enjoy a long and fruitful life. Accordingly, throughout the duration of their enrolment, we would like our students to receive a wide variety of superior liberal arts education in a well-balanced manner. To this end, starting in academic year 2010 we incorporated arts and sciences education into the 1st-year curriculum.

In April 2004, all national universities in Japan were transformed into corporate entities and subsequently required to begin practicing independent and autonomous management. At YU, we have been promoting “speedier decision making” and “simplified administrative procedure” and subsequently using time and energy gained out of such efforts so that faculty can find more time to interact with students to further improve education whereas administrative staff can turn their more attention to offering a range of support services to the students.

Akio Yuki
President
Yamagata University
FUKUSHIMA UNIVERSITY

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Cluster of Human and Social Sciences, Cluster of Science and Technology, △Human Development and Culture, △Public Policy and Regional Administration, △Economics, ○Symbiotic Systems Science and Technology

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 4,246
  - (Graduate) 325

- **Int’l Students:** 155
- **Foreign Researchers:** 7
- **Int’l Agreements:** 17
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Located in Fukushima City at the heart of Fukushima Prefecture, Fukushima University is known for its innovative academic structures that support inter-faculty and community-orientated study and research. The university incorporates a cluster-based academic system, in which its four faculties are divided into two academic clusters that interact with one another. Through this system, and by having both science and liberal arts faculties located on the same campus, the university encourages students to take programs that are outside of their field of study, and garner a multilayered perspective on global issues through doing so.

Furthermore, Fukushima University values contributions made to its programs by communities throughout its region. Many of its programs utilize practical learning opportunities that are outside of the classroom, and having experienced the natural disasters and nuclear accidents on March 11th, the university intends to further this educational attitude, and create new, innovative approaches in the filed of post-disaster recovery.

As a means to facilitate this process and provide assistance to its surrounding communities, Fukushima University created a new centre, called “The Fukushima Future Centre for Regional Revitalization (FURE),” which conducts practical research and human resource development in the fields of nuclear safety, disaster risk management, and social rehabilitation. Through this centre, Fukushima University hopes to make important contributions to the recovery efforts by its local residents, surrounding municipalities, and the Japanese nation as a whole.

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FUKUSHIMA UNIVERSITY

Admission & Support Information

Scholarships:
The Japan Educational Exchanges and Services Scholarship
Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship
Fukushima Friendship Diplomats Scholarship
Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Scholarship
Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship

Accommodation:
International Student House, Fukushima City

Other:
Tutor System

Message from the University

Message from the President

Some consider the earthquake and catastrophes encountered by our university to be history changing. Fukushima University and its students must together develop programs and research that will face and overcome these challenges. We look forward to welcoming new students who want to be a part of this historical endeavor. Students who take advantage of this unprecedented academic opportunity will surely be rewarded and feel enriched during their stay at Fukushima University. – Osamu NITTONO, President

Message from our International Students

I feel the quality of one’s life is determined by the number of challenges they overcome. Let’s work together, overcome the present challenges, and create a brand new Fukushima.” – Jiu HAO (China)

The 3.11 earthquake left a mark in everyone who experienced it. But those of us who are here in Fukushima now believe that we can help Japan emerge as a stronger nation. Thank you for all the well wishes and the support.

– Canet Luis Gerardo Jr. SANCHEZ (Phillipines)
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Law, Medicine, Engineering, Letters, Science, Agriculture, Economics, Arts and Sciences, Education, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Frontier Sciences, Information Science and Technology, Interdisciplinary Information Studies, Public Policy

- **Student**
  - (Undergraduate) 14,260
  - (Graduate) 14,386

- **Int’l Students:** 2,901
- **Foreign Researchers:** 402
- **Int’l Agreements:** 355
- **Overseas Office:** 47

as of May 1, 2011

Outline of University

The University of Tokyo (also known as “Todai”) was established in 1877 as the first national university in Japan. As a leading research university, Todai offers courses in essentially all academic disciplines at both undergraduate and graduate levels and conducts research across the full spectrum of academic activity.

Todai has over 4,000 faculty and a total enrollment of about 29,000 evenly divided between undergraduate and graduate students, about 10% of which are international students. Todai is known for the excellence of its faculty and students and ever since its foundation many of its graduates have become leaders in government, business, and the academic world.

The university places strong emphasis on cooperation and links at all levels of research and education – interfaculty, interdisciplinary, and with other universities both within Japan and abroad – and strives to establish strong local and global research and education networks to deepen and strengthen ties with Asia and the world.

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Admission & Support Information

- Japanese Government (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or “Monbukagakusho”) Scholarship
  Monthly scholarship (amount of scholarship is vary from campuses to which the student belongs)
  - Undergraduate students: 127,000 yen-128,000 yen per month
  - Research students: Research student (graduate) 154,000 yen-155,000 yen per month
  - Master's program student 156,000 yen-157,000 yen per month
  - Doctoral program student 157,000 yen-158,000 yen per month
- The University of Tokyo Special Scholarship for International Students (University of Tokyo Fellowship)
  Monthly research grant: 150,000 yen
  36 doctor’s course students, 14 master’s course students, and 1 professional degree course student were chosen to receive the grants in 2011.
- The University of Tokyo Scholarship for international students on the College of Arts and Sciences Junior Division International Education Program
  126,000 yen per month
- The University of Tokyo Foundation for Supporting International Students Scholarship
  50,000 yen per month
  Number of scholarships available: 30
- Public Corporation and Other Scholarships for International Students Before Coming to Japan
  For details, please refer to

Message from University

The University of Tokyo is focusing on becoming a more internationalized organization. With this in mind The University of Tokyo has began to promote the building of Global Campus which is one of the priority areas of the Action Scenario: Forest 2015, the mid-term university objectives. By building a Global Campus, The University of Tokyo means creating a centre of learning with personnel from all over the world, broaden the view a student has of the world, and create environments appropriate for a global campus, and so forth. The University of Tokyo also encourages students to participate in various educational activities abroad during the time they are enrolled to study at the university. Currently there are 31 courses* of graduate school available in English offering degrees and in an effort to becoming an more internationalized facility, The University of Tokyo is planning to increase the number of courses available in English. Furthermore, the university is planning to set up two new courses offered in English for undergraduate students. Namely PEAK - “Programs in English at Komaba”, Komaba referring to the Komaba Campus of The University of Tokyo. These courses will be available from next year, and scholarships are awarded for these courses in some conditions. For more information on these courses and the availability of scholarships please refer to the website** given below.

We look forward to inviting many talented high school students from all over the world

* http://dir.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ICE/
** http://peak.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/
Tokyo Medical and Dental University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Faculties: Medicine, Dentistry, Health Care Sciences, Oral Health Care Sciences; Graduate schools: Medical and Dental Sciences, Health Care Sciences, Biomedical Science PhD Program, Biomedical Science
- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 1,405
  - (Graduate schools) 1,409
- **Int’l Students:** 211
- **Foreign Researchers:** 15
- **Int’l Agreements:** 66
- **Overseas Office:** 3

Outline of University

Tokyo Medical and Dental University is unique among medical and dental universities in Japan in that we have three divisions dedicated to graduate education and research: Medical and Dental Sciences, Health Care Sciences, and Biomedical Sciences (Education and Research). In all, TMDU is composed of four undergraduate faculties (Medicine, Dentistry, Health Care Sciences and Oral Health Care Sciences), an undergraduate College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, two research institutes (the Institute of Biomaterials and Bioengineering and the Medical Research Institute), a university hospital attached to the Faculty of Medicine, and a university hospital attached to the Faculty of Dentistry.

At TMDU we strive to produce scientists who expend every possible effort in seeking the truth, and who have the courage and ability to explore new areas, the tolerance and humility to respect diversity and accept new ideas, and the intellectual curiosity born of a broad education. These qualities are necessary for successfully engaging in clinical practice or research, and, indeed, are required for ensuring the future of mankind. Meeting the challenging standards expected of a TMDU student will lead you to a satisfying and fulfilling scientific career, one that will completely reward the hard work you will invest in your studies.

With the above goals in mind, we determined “Cultivating Professionals with Knowledge and Humanity” to be a statement of our mission. “Knowledge” consists of learning and techniques, and “Humanity” encompasses education and sensitivity. Medicine is driven by knowledge, and humanity smoothes its implementation. The proper combination of these factors thus leads the way to becoming a professional. In fact, medical care is an art woven by knowledge and humanity acting as weft and warp threads.

TMDU’s Educational Philosophies

- To provide students with a broad education and a rich sensibility
- To educate creative people capable of diagnosing and solving problems independently
- To train medical professionals with a rich international quality

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Tokyo Medical and Dental University

Admission & Support Information

• Tokyo Medical and Dental University Graduate School (Medical and Dental Sciences / Life Science and Technology) International Summer Program (ISP) International Student PhD Program Special Selection

  Students who were invited to a TMDU International Summer Program can submit a special application to the graduate school. This program aims to attract talented international applicants and expand the educational opportunities for international students who have a strong desire for further study and research in a life science, bioengineering, or dental medicine program at TMDU.

• TMDU Special Encouragement Scholarship for International Students

  This program is for international students who display academic excellence and are privately funding their education at the Tokyo Medical and Dental University Graduate School. Selected students will be awarded 80,000JPY per month for 4 years under this program.

• TMDU Encouragement Scholarship for International Students, supported by Sony

  Two students from Southeast Asia who display academic excellence and are enrolled in a Tokyo Medical and Dental University Graduate School PhD program are eligible for a 200,000JPY scholarship award per month for 4 years. This scholarship is funded by the Sony Corporation. The purpose of the scholarship is to support research institutions, to help researchers develop professionally, and to benefit the international community by increasing the number and level of international exchanges with Southeast Asian countries.

Message from the University

From President Takashi Ohyama:

First of all, I would like to state my heartfelt appreciation for the kind messages and generosity exhibited by people all over the world in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake. The aid and support provided by our friends in the international community has inspired and humbled us, and we will always be grateful for the help we received in our time of need.

Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU) is unique among Japanese universities in that all of our divisions are related to the education of health care professionals (doctors, dentists, nurses and other medical care providers) or bioscience researchers. After the terrible earthquake and related disasters, which fortunately did not greatly affect our day-to-day activities at TMDU, we renewed our determination to fulfill our mission of “Cultivating Professionals with Knowledge and Humanity.”

We are looking forward to young people from all over the world joining us in our academic endeavors. Together, and from the standpoint of health sciences, we can serve the people all over the world who, in this turbulent era, so greatly need our help.

Five international students (one each from Mongolia, the Philippines and Vietnam, and two from Thailand) are currently participating in the six-month Special Preparatory Intensive Japanese course (from October 2011). These new international students will study Japanese language intensively for a semester. As well as gaining a fundamental ability in using Japanese language, students in this program learn about Japanese culture and gain fluency in Japanese medical terminology.
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools: Faculty of Foreign Studies, ○Graduate School of Global Studies (The Faculty of Foreign Studies will be reorganized as two schools, The School of Language and Culture Studies and The School of International and Area Studies, as of April 2012.)

- Students: (Undergraduate) 3,632 (Graduate) 335
- Int’l Students: 557
- Foreign Researchers: 48
- Int’l Agreements: 39 countries, 1 area, 96 institutions, 4 consortiums
- Overseas Office: 3

Outline of University

Educational Objectives

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS) offers comprehensive research and education in the languages, cultures and societies of various areas in the world including Japan. We aim at developing human resources who will be able to address global issues by collaborating with people from various cultural backgrounds while acquiring and utilizing a broad education and variety of views, a flexible thinking ability, rich sensibility, and advanced language ability.

Reformation of the Faculty of Foreign Studies

■ The School of Language and Culture Studies aims at developing global-level intellectual personnel with a deep knowledge of languages and cultures and the ability to communicate and coordinate with people by crossing the barrier of languages and cultures. They will be a bridge between people with different languages and cultures both in Japan and overseas and contribute in creating a new sense of values.

■ The School of International and Area Studies aims at developing global-level professionals who have the ability to understand, research, and analyze the complicated systems around the world, and who also have the practical ability to solve issues from a global view. They will be able to engage in various activities in social, political, economic, and other fields both in Japan and overseas.

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Admission & Support Information

Entrance Examination Information (2012 Academic Year)

■ Special selection entrance examination for international students for the School of Language and Culture Studies (Japanese Studies) / the School of International and Area Studies (Japan Area Studies)
■ Entrance examination for privately financed international students for the School of Language and Culture Studies / the School of International and Area Studies

URL: http://www.tufs.ac.jp/english/examination/international_applicant/

Support for International Students

Three scholarship programs of TUFS funded by the “International Education Support Fund” are available.

* “Yukio Chou Scholarship for International Students from Asia”: ¥80,000/month for 12 months, for 1 undergraduate student and 1 graduate student
* Scholarships for privately financed international students: ¥30,000/month for 6 months, for 10 undergraduate students and 15 graduate students
* Scholarships for the students from the partner institutions for those who are not recipient of any other scholarships such as JASSO: ¥30,000/month for 6 months, for 28 students.

International students and researchers can reside in the “International Halls” located on the campus. The facility has a capacity for about 200 people providing rooms for singles, married couples and families.

Message from University

Message from the President Ikuo Kameyama

It has been described as a time when all Japanese are staying at home and remaining inactive. Therefore, especially after March 11, there is a strong need for the development of human resources that are able to play an active role on the front line in a global society. With this fact in mind, TUFS is focusing on developing two types of personnel by reforming the Faculty of Foreign Studies to establish two schools as of April 2012. One are the global-level intellectual personnel who can play as a mediator between people with different languages and cultures. Another are the global-level professionals who can actively participate in international business. In aiming at fostering these human resources, who will contribute to Japan’s “resurrection” in the near future, TUFS continues to make asserted efforts.

The Great East Japan Earthquake and International Students in TUFS

TUFS has “International Halls” on the campus as residences for international students. When the Great East Japan Earthquake occurred on March 11, 2011, about 200 students were residing in the halls. No residents were injured and there was no damage to the facility. After the disaster, many of the international students continued to stay in the halls and after completing their programs this summer, they returned to their home countries. In October, many new international students started living in the halls and spending their university life on the campus. It is understandable that the prospective students and their parents may have some feelings of unease living and studying in Japan after knowing the situation reported by much of the media on the disaster. However, as the student life here at TUFS was not affected by the disaster, we hope you will consider studying at TUFS.
Tokyo Gakugei University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Education, ▲The United Graduate School of Education

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 4,935
  - (Graduate) 887

- **Int’l Students:** 358
- **Foreign Researchers:** 8
- **Int’l Agreements:** 56
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Established in 1949 upon the foundation of teacher training by the former Tokyo Normal Schools dating back to 1873, Tokyo Gakugei University (TGU) is the key university of education dedicated to the upgrading and professional development of teacher education in Japan. At present, TGU offer doctoral, master’s, professional, and undergraduate degrees, postgraduate diploma and a range of in-service programs for around 6,000 students and serving teachers. A half of students at our Koganei campus in a rich natural setting are from Tokyo Metropolis and surrounding prefectures, but others come from as far area as Hokkaido in the north, right through to Japan southernmost prefecture of Okinawa. Graduates often return to their home prefectures to become school teachers, forming a nationwide alumni network.

The faculty of education, TGU has the largest critical mass of experts as its academic staffs in Education and related Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Technology, Creative Arts, Music, Health and Sports Sciences fields in Japan. TGU have also eleven attached experimental schools and five research institutes, e.g. the Center for Research and Support of Educational Practice, the Center for Research in International Education, the Curriculum Center for Teacher, the Field Studies Center for Environmental Education, and the Advanced Support Center for Science Teachers, as well as the support centers for students including with the International Student Exchange Center, the Student Health and Counseling Center, the Student Counseling Center, the Student Career Develop Center.

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Tokyo Gakugei University

Admission & Support Information

Admission Information: [http://www.u-gakugei.ac.jp/08nyushi/](http://www.u-gakugei.ac.jp/08nyushi/)
International Student Exchange Center: [http://www.u-gakugei.ac.jp/~gisec/01ryugaku/index.html](http://www.u-gakugei.ac.jp/~gisec/01ryugaku/index.html)
Accommodation: The university has housing facilities for international students as follows.
International House, Higashi-Kurume International Student Dormitory, Hitotsubashi University International student House, Higashi-Koigakubo International House.

Japanese Government Scholarship system:
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) will choose scholarship students recommended by the university. Scholarship for research student (graduate school level) is about 150,000 yen per month.

Privately Funded Scholarships offered for recommendation in 2011:

Message from University

We have been mobilizing all our assets mentioned in “Outline” to built TGU into a comprehensive higher institute of education that prepares education-minded talents for roles in every kind of schools and related fields of educational endeavor in an increasingly globalized world.

Japanese university-based teacher education system is entering a new phase. We will play a pivotal role among Japanese universities by engaging in further discussion on the quality of teacher education to develop a new realistic education system. We also hope to contribute to international collaborative research activities to solve the educational problems which are faced common to universities of education in the world.

We are waiting for you. Would you please to join us and to enjoy the campus lives at TGU.

Director of International Affairs and Planning, TGU
Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:**
  - (Faculty) Agriculture, Engineering
  - (Research Institutions) Agriculture, Engineering
  - (Graduate schools) □ □ □ Engineering, □ Agriculture,
    □ □ Bio-Applications and Systems Engineering
  - (United Graduate Schools) □ Agricultural Science

- **Students:**
  - (Faculties) 4,016
  - (Graduate) 1,937

- **Int’l Students:** 388
- **Foreign Researchers:** 26
- **Int’l Agreements:** 90
- **Overseas Office:** 5

Outline of University

Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT), soon approaching its 140th anniversary, was initially established in 1874 in the form of the Agricultural Training Institute and Silkworm Diseases Experiment Section at the Naito-Shinjuku Branch Office in the Industrial Encouragement Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which would later become the Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Engineering, respectively. Since being established from this unique set of circumstances, TUAT has developed into an unparalleled university with the never-before-seen characteristic of focusing on the fields of agriculture and engineering and the harmonization of the two pillars of human society, agriculture and industry.

TUAT is focused on addressing head-on issues relating to the realization of a sustainable society, and, as a leading science and technology-based academic institution, using "Mission-Oriented Research and Education giving Synergy in Endeavors toward a Sustainable Earth (“MORE SENSE”)" as our basic philosophy, TUAT is committed to cultivating leading researchers, technical experts, and high-level professionals with a rich education, high ethical standards, and international sensibility who can meaningfully contribute to human society.

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Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology

Admission & Support Information

Through establishing “Jiritsu Scholarship,” our own research subsidy system, TUAT is able to grant Research Fellow status to highly-capable post-graduate students, etc. and provide them with research subsidies. Furthermore, by being selected to receive the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology’s International Environment Leaders Training Program of Strategic Funds for the Promotion of Science and Technology, TUAT instituted the Education Program for Field-Oriented Leaders in Environmental Sectors in Asia and Africa (FOLENS) and established its own scholarship system (ACE Scholarship) aimed at providing scholarships to international students from Africa and Asia participating in the program. TUAT also proactively makes use of scholarship support for and accepts students participating in programs such as the Japan Student Services Organization’s short-term study abroad and student exchange programs (Short Stay / Short Visit Program).

Message from University

Using “Mission-Oriented Research and Education” as a basic principle, TUAT has instituted efforts that coordinate both research and education and developed an education system that can produce leading-edge research results while responding to social needs. In the 2010 academic year, TUAT established the Innovation Advancement Organization, which, along with tackling the creation and promotion of new societal values and the fostering of innovative human resources, also actively engages in the sending of students and young researchers abroad in order to expand the potential of our forward-thinking human resources. Furthermore, TUAT’s advanced research ability is reflected in our high national ranking in areas such as the ratio of outside funding for research, and the number of collaborative research projects with private industry and amount of funding received per researcher.

As of October 2011, TUAT is currently involved in academic exchange agreements with 90 universities and research institutions from 35 different countries and vigorously conducts joint research projects and exchanges of both faculty and students. TUAT has also established overseas offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Bangkok, Brighton (England), and the Czech Republic and through them is able to better accommodate international students who wish to study at TUAT, further promote international industry-academia-government collaboration, and support the building of TUAT’s alumni network.

Along with providing special dormitories for international students on both Fuchu and Koganei campuses, TUAT also established the International Center in order to further strengthen the internationalization of the university and provide support and assistance to international students.

To advance the internationalization of the university, TUAT actively pursues the acquisition of outside funding. Examples of this are the previously-mentioned FOLENS program and the Education Program of IT Engineers for Advanced Manufacturing. In FOLENS, educational research bases are established with the cooperation of partner universities in China, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, and Ghana, and students from Asia and Africa come to study at TUAT. TUAT was able to implement the Education Program of IT Engineers for Advanced Manufacturing and accept students from Asia using funds from the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology’s Career Development Program for Foreign Students in Japan.
Tokyo University of the Arts

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ○Fine Arts, ○Music, ●Film and New Media

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 2007
  - (Graduate) 1213

- **Int’l Students:** 132
- **Foreign Researchers:** 16
- **Int’l Agreements:** 48
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Tokyo Geijutsu Daigaku (Tokyo University of the Arts) has played a major role in Japanese art education and has produced many excellent artists, educators, and researchers, for more than 120 years.

Tokyo Fine Arts School and Tokyo Music School – the two predecessors of Tokyo University of the Arts—were founded in 1887. These two schools laid down the foundation of modern Japanese traditional arts and combining them with the thought—processes and techniques of Western art.

In 1949, these two schools were merged, and since then, Tokyo University of the Arts came to be known as the only one national art university in Japan.

The original campus is still at Ueno, but satellite campuses have been established in Toride, Yokohama, and Senju, where around 3,000 students are currently enrolled.

The university includes the Faculty of Fine Arts, Graduate School of Fine Arts, Faculty of Music, and Graduate School of Music. The Graduate School of Film and New Media was recently introduced in 2005. Here, the main goal of education is to enhance students’ practical skills through small group instruction.

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Tokyo University of the Arts

Admission & Support Information

Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship
Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for long-term study abroad)
Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for short-term study abroad)
Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for short-term study in Japan)

Message from University

The Tokyo University of the Arts, the only national arts university in Japan whose goal is to play a key role in developing Japanese art and culture, continues to offer unsurpassed art education and research based on a tradition of respecting the spirit of freedom and creativity, a tradition in place since its founding. Reflecting on its outstanding history over the past 120 years, I would like to express my deep admiration for all the faculty members and students who have been a part of that history, as well as my heartfelt gratitude for their contributions and for the support of all others who have played a role at the university.

At the start of my second term as President, I would like to focus on the following topics. First, I want to strive even harder to establish an interactive relationship with the world and society. Like a peddler delivering fresh vegetables from place to place, I have sought to convey and to introduce our works of art, fresh from the University, to the wider world. Likewise, I want to fill my homebound basket with works born and bred in the towns where I make my stops and bring them back to the University.

Second, I want to promote exchange with universities and educational institutes in East Asia. In the commemoration programs celebrating the 120th anniversary of the University’s founding in 2007, the presidents from 11 universities in China, South Korea, and Japan delivered a joint “Declaration of the Arts” that spurred exchange among these countries and launched our attempt to communicate East Asian art to the world. In December 2009, art universities in China and Japan gathered in Beijing to hold the Japan-China Art Education Symposium. In this way, we will promote expanded relations with East Asia.

At this year’s matriculation ceremony, in my calligraphy demonstration to celebrate our 996 incoming freshmen, I drew an ancient Chinese character that signifies resonance (Kyo). The shape of the character represents two people facing and supporting each other, with a vessel in between. It refers to individuals of high aspirations who find mutual resonance through mutual efforts, mutual support and respect, and mutual learning.

This character resonance incorporates another character meaning homeland, a reminder of esteem for one’s origins and for traditions. With these two ideals in mind, I expect all our students to have a fulfilling school career that paves the way toward future careers.

While valuing our own traditions, we must also strive for a new resonance through interactive relationships with East Asia in which we face, respect, and explore diverse traditions different from our own. Based on our core guidelines of valuing interactivity and our traditions—the ideas represented by resonance—we will move forward into the future.

MIYATA Ryohei
President
Tokyo Geijutsu Daigaku
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ○ Science, ○ Engineering, ○ Bioscience and Biotechnology, ● Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering, ● Information Science and Engineering, ● Decision Science and Technology, ●□ Innovation Management

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 4,332
  - (Graduate) 4,570

- **Int’l Students:** 1,129
- **Foreign Researchers:** 140
- **Int’l Agreements:** 237
- **Overseas Office:** 3

Outline of University

- **The Mission of Tokyo Institute of Technology**
  As a top national university of science and technology, Tokyo Institute of Technology seeks to contribute to civilization, peace and prosperity in the world, and aims at developing global human capabilities par excellence through pioneering research and education in science and technology, including industrial and social management. To achieve this mission, we have an eye on educating highly moral students to acquire not only scientific expertise but also talent in the liberal arts, and a balanced knowledge of the social sciences and humanities, all while researching deeply from basics to practice with academic mastery. Through these activities, we wish to contribute to global sustainability of the natural world and the support of human life.

- **Vision 2009**
  Formulated in April 2009, “Vision 2009” is the guideline to clarify the shape of Tokyo Institute of Technology focusing on the coming ten years with a view to achieving “a truly reliable science and engineering university.”

  Primary Objectives:
  - To nurture “knowledgeable, skilled, ambitious, peace-minded and harmony-seeking scientific creators”
  - To enable the entire university to enhance the overall standing of Tokyo Institute of Technology
  - To prioritize the strengthening of fields capable of contributing to society from a global perspective
  - To create new values, and pursue fairness whilst respecting freedom and diversity
  - And to strive to engender the trust of the world

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Tokyo Institute of Technology

Admission & Support Information

- International Graduate Program:
Tokyo Tech's International Graduate Program aims to offer qualified international students with little or no knowledge of Japanese an opportunity to enroll directly in the Master's or Doctoral programs at Tokyo Tech to pursue a full-degree program of advanced studies in Japan. Since lectures and seminars are given in English, it is no longer essential to master the Japanese language. A limited number of applicants in this program with outstanding academic results can receive Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarships through Tokyo Tech's recommendation. [http://www.gakumu.titech.ac.jp/nyusi/prospectus/international_gp_e.html]

- YSEP (Young Scientist Exchange Program):
Under the Young Scientist Exchange Program, Tokyo Tech waives the tuition fees of undergraduate International Exchange Students (in their final year of study) from participating partner universities. All the courses are conducted in English in this program. Exchange Students may have an opportunity to receive a scholarship (JASSO). [http://www.ryu.titech.ac.jp/~ysep/home.html]

- ACAP (Academic Cooperation Agreement Program):
Under the Academic Cooperation Agreement Program (ACAP), Tokyo Tech waives the entrance, admission, and tuition fees of undergraduate (second year or above) and graduate International Exchange Students from participating partner universities. Exchange Students may have an opportunity to receive a scholarship (JASSO). [http://www.iad.titech.ac.jp/intl_students/rs8_e.html]

Message from University

Tokyo Institute of Technology is a top tier university, leading the world in Science and Technology since 1881. The Institute has undertaken education and research of the highest quality and has a strong presence in multiple areas.

-Recent Activities-

To advance science through computational modeling and simulation, Tokyo Tech developed the supercomputer, TSUBAME 2.0, which ranks as the greenest petaflop-class supercomputer on the recently released Green500 list. TSUBAME has also been established to foster advanced education in computer and computational sciences, and is open to every student at the university.

Tokyo Tech’s students are active on world stage. At the iGEM (The International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition) a worldwide synthetic biology competition held at MIT annually, Tokyo Institute of Technology has won the gold medal five years in a row, a world record.

In addition to these activities, faculty and students are dedicated to a great many pursuits, fulfilling their lives with high aspirations.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Marine Science, Marine Technology, Marine Science and Technology, Maritime Science and Technology, Sea Training

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 2,024 (Graduate) 710
- **Int’l Students:** 242
- **Foreign Researchers:** 16
- **Int’l Agreements:** 86
- **Overseas Offices:** 0

Outline of University

Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology (TUMSAT) was founded in October 2003 by merging two institutions with a tradition of over 130 years (Tokyo University of Mercantile Marine and Tokyo University of Fisheries) to create an institute of higher learning that abounds with tradition as well as a spirit of progress and enterprise.

As Japan's only college entirely devoted to ocean sciences, our goal is to gain domestic and global recognition for our specialized training, advanced research and contributions to society. Our efforts focus on training world-class experts, promoting international exchange in a variety of fields, and multiplying opportunities for Japanese and non-Japanese to study and carry out research together.

In the wake of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami that devastated Eastern Japan, we are determined to commit all our resources, including experts and training ships, to assist in the swift recovery of affected areas, particularly the preservation of the marine environment and the revival of the fishing industry.

[training and research vessel Umitaka-Maru]

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Admissions & Support for International Students

Considerable efforts are devoted to a system of tutors and to Japanese language education in order to allow newcomers to adapt as quickly as possible to life in Japan. Language courses cover all levels of proficiency, with additional classes for international students with little or no knowledge of Japanese.

The International House located on campus gives international students the opportunity to live and study in a safe and comfortable environment.

Students facing economic difficulties may apply for a full or partial fee exemption.

The university also recommends outstanding students for public and private scholarships offered by the Education Ministry, the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), and private foundations.

Throughout the year, study trips, meetings and other events provide international students with a chance to develop their ties with other students, professors and members of the local community.

Message from the University

After hearing reports in the international media about the calm attitude of the Japanese people, particularly in areas affected by the 3.11 catastrophe, and realizing that the situation was gradually improving, I decided to return to Japan and continue my studies.

Japan is an archipelago blessed with abundant marine resources, and with very advanced industries in the fields of fishing, shipbuilding and marine transport. TUMSAT is the only university in Japan that specializes in ocean sciences, and as such it offers an excellent environment to study those fields.

The university's support for international students - including the Japanese language course, the immediate assistance of a tutor and study trips - allows us to deepen our friendship with fellow Japanese students.

HE Sheng Jie (China) 2nd-year master's student, Course of Food Science and Technology

Following the 3.11 disaster, the university provided international students with useful information to help them better understand the situation. I was also convinced that the discipline displayed by the government and the Japanese people would allow us to overcome these terrible circumstances, and that is why I decided to continue my research at TUMSAT.

Suttisak BOONYOUNG (Thailand) 3rd-year PhD student, Course of Applied Marine Biosciences
Ochanomizu University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Letters and Education, Science, Human Life and Environmental Sciences, Humanities and Sciences

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 2,091  (Graduate) 1,042
- **Int’l Students:** 233
- **Foreign Researchers:** 2
- **Int’l Agreements:** 48
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

“Ochanomizu University will support all women, regardless of age or nationality, in protecting their individual dignity and rights, freely developing their unique qualities and capabilities, and pursuing personal learning so as to satisfy their intellectual appetites.”

As a pioneer of women’s education in Japan, Ochanomizu University offers programs that will develop women capable of being opinion leaders in politics, economics, academia, culture, and other fields on the international stage.

These programs – that of the “21st century Ochanomizu University model” – focus on three areas:

1. Development of higher education for women into the future
2. Centralization of research and 21st century liberal arts education
3. Social contribution and international exchange

Cutting-edge research and development based on new ways of thinking is a unique feature of research at Ochanomizu University.

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Admission & Support Information

· Admission: There are special entrance examinations for international undergraduate and graduate students. For details, please refer to the website below as follows;
http://www.ao.ocha.ac.jp/index.html

· Support Information:
  1. Scholarship
     A. Japanese Government Scholarship: Our sister university students will be able to apply for this scholarship through Ochanomizu University. Other university students can apply for Japanese Embassy/Consulate in their home countries. For details, please refer to Japanese Embassy/Consulate. (3 grantees: Recommended by Ochanomizu University, 10 grantees: Recommended by Embassies/Consulates, in 2011 FY)
     B. Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO) Scholarship: Only for our sister university students. “Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship For Short-Term Stay Program)” will be granted 80,000 yen/month. (4 grantees in 2011 FY)
     C. Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO) Scholarship: Only for degree students. “Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students” will be granted 48,000 yen/month for undergraduate students and 65,000 yen/month for graduate students. (undergraduate students: 6 grantees, graduate students: 12 grantees in 2011 FY)
     D. Scholarships by Private Foundations: Only for degree students. Amount of scholarship differs from each foundation. (15 grantees in 2011 FY)
  2. Exemption and Extension for tuition fee:
     Excellent students who have difficulty in paying their tuition fee by economical problem, they can apply for Exemption and Extension for tuition fee
     A. Exemption (All of tuition fee): 50 students in 2011 FY, Exemption (Half of tuition fee): 31 students in 2011 FY
     B. Extension for paying a tuition fee: 17 students in 2011 FY
  3. Tutor System:
     A. Private Tutor: Private tutors assist international students for one year soon after their enrollment. Less than 20 hours for one semester.
     B. International Students Advisory Room Tutor: International Students Advisory Room tutors will answer and advise their questions. They also help correcting their written Japanese.
  4. Peer Sport System, Mentor System:
     A. Peer Sport System: A support system by the students.
     B. Mentor System: Mentor will advise and help your daily life at International Student House.

Message from University

There was no damage and injured students at Ochanomizu University when the earthquakes struck on March 11, 2011.
97.4% of international students continue studying and researching after the earthquakes excepting 4 students who were shortened their period of study or transferred to other universities.
89.4% of international students except 7 non-degree students have enrolled as scheduled in April 2011.
There are 243 international students at present. (274 students before the earthquakes)
The University of Electro-Communications

Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools: ○Informatics and Engineering, ●Information Systems
- Students: (Undergraduate) 4,198 (Graduate) 1,454
- Int’l Students: 337
- Foreign Researchers: 46
- Int’l Agreements: 41
- Overseas Office: 1

Outline of University

The foundation of the university of electro-communications (UEC) dates back to the year 1918 when the Technical Institute for Radio Communications was established for the purpose of training advanced radio communication engineers, and it was the only such institution in Japan. Throughout its inception to the current form of university, UEC has been producing advanced level scientists and engineers with distinctive features who have acquired practical capabilities in many sectors, including information, communication, electronics, mechatronics, and basic sciences, and thus enjoying high reputation from society. By recognizing its history of over ninety years, and in an effort to further strengthen UEC’s distinctiveness and its social basis, UEC has formulated a strategic plan “UEC Vision 2018-toward centennial and beyond” in which the desirable form of the university in 2018 is proposed.

In order for human beings to be able to sustain their existence, ”UEC Vision 2018” defines the desirable form of society to be the one where all people can live fulfilled life, and names such society as “advanced communication society”. In such society it becomes extremely important to have a viewpoint that the fundamental values should be placed on the communications between individuals, individuals and nature, individuals and society, and individuals and man-made objects. This concept of comprehensive communication would lead to the creation and development of “comprehensive communication sciences”, which is an essential field of science and technology for supporting the “advanced communication society”. UEC strives to develop this concept and to cultivate necessary human resource, thus contributing not only to Japanese society but also to global society.

「UEC Vision 2018  UEC Strategy: toward centennial and beyond」URL
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The University of Electro-Communications

Admission & Support Information

UEC provides various assistances to all international students through such programs as Japanese language classes and consultation services for academic matters and living in Japan. Meanwhile, UEC makes its best endeavor to secure scholarships for those international students who are sent from our sister universities under the short term student exchange program (JUSST: Japanese University Study in Science and Technology) under the auspices of JASSO. In addition to this scholarship, a consideration is made to provide UEC’s own scholarship (UEC scholarship) to the students in this program so that most of the students in this program will be able to receive the scholarship. Also for those students who are visiting UEC for less than three months, we put effort into securing scholarships under the International student exchange assistance program (short stay) run by JASSO.

Message from University

Toward its centennial in 2018 and beyond, the University of Electro-Communications (UEC) has formulated a strategic plan “UEC Vision 2018. The principal goal of the plan is to establish an international center for excellence for education and research in comprehensive communication sciences, and UEC is putting every effort to meet this goal. UEC sees globalization as one of the most important challenges it faces. In view of this, UEC strives to promote international activities based on the following policies and measures. These policies are “cultivating internationally minded students”, “create an attractive education and research environment” and “enhance research capabilities through systematic partnerships”. And the measures are “promote international exchange and partnership frameworks”, “enhance the ability to communicate information worldwide” and “internationalize the campus”. For example, currently about 6% of UEC’s student body is international students, we are intending to increase this figure to 10% by 2018 as well as encouraging enrollment of more doctorate students. Also in an effort to increase the number of UEC students going outbound to about 300 students per year by 2018, curriculum improvement and other measures are underway.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ○ Commerce and Management, ○ Economics, ○□ Law, ○ Social Sciences, ● Language and Society, □● International Corporate Strategy, □International and Public Policy

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 4,444 (Graduate) 2,006 (as of May 1, 2011)
- **Int'l Students:** 623 (as of May 1, 2011)
- **Foreign Researchers:** 478 (as of May 1, 2011)
- **Int'l Agreements:** 105 (as of May 1, 2011)
- **Overseas Office:** Asian Center in China

Outline of University

Hitotsubashi University is an academic institution which primarily focuses on the social sciences and the study of civil society. It has long been contributing to the development of culture as well as of politics, economy, and society in Japan in a spirit and academic climate that respect liberty. Ever since its foundation, the University's goal has been to produce cultured individuals with a solid background in the social sciences and a civil-minded and international sensibility, people who will be able to take on leadership roles in the political and economic world and in the industrial world as "Captains of Industry."

This ideal is now embodied in the Charter of Research and Education of Hitotsubashi University as "producing creative-thinking specialists, innovators who will act with reason and rationality, and policymakers and businesspeople with leadership skills."

In order to realize its goals, the University has been constantly trying to maintain students' high standard of basic academic performance by improving and expanding curricula at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In addition, we have always endeavored to deepen students' education by focusing on a small-group seminar system so that students create and discover something new and inspiring day by day.

To further increase its appeal the University will strive constantly to produce more and more capable individuals who will be able to contribute widely to global society, and to continue to develop the University environment. Our goal is to create a university that is more interdisciplinary and international, where people from around the globe can gather and share their knowledge with reason and sensibility, to finally produce the most attractive university possible.

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Admission & Support Information

(Entrance Examination)
Privately Financed Foreign Students Entrance Examination
(Hitotsubashi University’s own Scholarship System)
Hitotsubashi University Fund For Foreign Student Scholarships, etc.
(Dormitories)
International Dormitory (Kodaira International Campus)
International House (Kunitachi Campus)
(Academic Advising For International Students )
Tutorial System
Language Community

Message from University

The globalization of education will advance through the promotion of international exchange in both undergraduate and graduate programs. Our future goal is for all students to have some experience of overseas study during their undergraduate years; the university’s medium-term plan expressly states a target of around 300 students per year participating in inbound and outbound programs, including language study and other short-term study abroad, to be implemented mainly with partner universities. In order to achieve student mobility of the order of 300 students annually while maintaining high-quality education, it will be essential to: (a) increase the number of degree-based international students in the faculties and graduate schools, (b) organize partnerships with other universities, (c) expand scholarship programs for inbound and outbound students, (d) expand and promote teaching in an English-language medium, and (e) make infrastructure improvements such as provision of a joint residential facility for Japanese and international students and the development of administrative structures.

As international exchange advances, Hitotsubashi will evolve into a global campus. Furthermore, the experience of overseas study will provide Japanese students with a diversity of experiences and equip them with foreign language proficiency, the skills of judgment and problem-solving, and the toughness needed to survive in the working world. Their interest in artistic pursuits and other forms of culture will also grow. Overseas study will thus play a key role in the cultivation of smart and tough Hitotsubashi students, and this is why the university will be taking an even more active approach to the advancement of international exchange. (Susumu Yamauchi, President)

Hitotsubashi University has all the necessary elements to improve myself. Not only from the academic point of view, but its environment is also ideal for learning Japanese culture and social life. The campus is the best for focusing on studying. I particularly like the Library, which provides a pleasant environment for study. The Main Reading Room always encourages me to try harder from the moment I enter, and the green courtyard makes me feel relaxed during the break. Furthermore, a great number of teaching staff with deep expertise and a broad perspective face us as teachers, and sometimes as seniors. With the benefit of such support, we have been able to have serious discussions in class. I have a lot to learn from fellow students as well as from the teachers. Hitotsubashi University has many unique students from around the world and from all over Japan. I am very fortunate to be able to study in the same classroom with people who have different views and opinions, and this motivates me to study further.

(BAATARKHUU Khos-Erdene (Mongolian) 3rd year student, Faculty of Commerce and Management)
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △○Graduate School of Policy Studies, ■Policy Research Center, ■Center for Study of International Development Strategies, ■Institute for Comparative Studies in Local Governance, ■Library, ■Health Services Center

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) -- 422
  - (Graduate) 422

- **Int’l Students:** 282
- **Foreign Researchers:** 59
- **Int’l Agreements:** 21
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) aims to train leaders who can spearhead democratic governance. To this end, GRIPS pursues three core goals.

Our first goal is to train discerning public policy professionals who have the skills and talent to serve effectively on the world stage. Unlike the public policy graduate programs at Japan’s other universities, GRIPS does not aim to educate people who are just starting their careers in the public or private sector. GRIPS focuses on preparing midcareer politicians, public administrators, and businesspersons for top careers as policy professionals and leaders of their countries.

Our second goal is to promote interdisciplinary policy research. Interdisciplinary research requires not only the study of a single discipline, such as economics, political science, and public administration, but also the ability to see public policy as the art of interdisciplinary application based on the individual disciplines.

Our third goal is to become an international center for public policy research and education. For a Japanese university, GRIPS has a very international character in every respect, from our student body to our faculty members and our administrative professionals; however, we need to promote this further and thereby advance even more as an international hub for public policy studies.

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Admission & Support Information

Over 95% of our international students are financially supported

Full scholarships are available for exceptionally qualified candidates who have been accepted for study at GRIPS. You may apply for one of them when you apply for admission.

Scholarship Sponsors

- **Japanese government**: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- **International organizations**: Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank (WB), World Customs Organization (WCO), etc.
- **GRIPS Fellowship**: for doctoral students

Message from University

"GRIPS is a mini global community of people with the strong passion to work for the public. The diversity of the faculty is also the strength of GRIPS. Professors of eminent academic careers and professors with various experiences in public services provide the theory, practice, and skills necessary to succeed in public service."

Vice President and Professor, Program Director, Young Leaders Program
Masahiro Horie

Awarded "2001 Stars of Asia Award" from "Business Week" for distinguished reform leaders and innovators (as the first professional Japanese government official in the field of politics and public administration)

"Creating a policy and evaluating it is an extremely complex process. A broad and deep understanding of both theory and reality is required. GRIPS has the optimum resources to enable this – faculty from a diverse background, students coming from all over the world, and a policy studies network within and outside of Japan."

Professor Hiroko Ota
Former Minister of State for Economic and Fiscal Policy

GRIPS Advantages:

- Best place for studying public policy exclusively
- International student body from over 50 countries, comprising 60% of the whole student body
- Total student support (Student Office, residence halls, In-house Health Services Center, etc)
- Modern spacious campus close to the area of political and business center of Japan
- Active alumni network of around 3,000 alumni in more than 80 countries around the world
- Numerous international conferences and seminars in various fields
- Well-developed training program for current senior executive government officials
- Full preparation for natural disasters (sufficient stockpiles, Safety Confirmation Service, etc)
Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools: College of Humanities, College of Education, College of Science, College of Engineering, College of Agriculture, Graduate School of Humanities, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Agriculture, Advanced Course for Special Support Education, The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 7,166 (Graduate) 1,157
- **Int’l Students:** 296
- **Foreign Researchers:** 13
- **Int’l Agreements:** 36
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

History

On May 31, 1949, Ibaraki University was founded as a new national university, as the enforcement of the 1949 School Education Law (Number 150) by integrating prewar institutions. It was originally comprised of the College of Literature and Science, the College of Education, and the College of Engineering. This was which combined the Old Mito High School, Ibaraki Normal School, Ibaraki National School for Youth, and Taga Technical College. The following is a brief history:

Special feature

Ibaraki University has been performing education and research toward the new age, from a global perspective. We provide our students with a wide range of learning opportunities, across various disciplines, in order for them to build up professional skills. At the same time, world-leading research achievements in each discipline are transmitted from here, and furthermore, we promote academic activities in many fields, which enable us to make a positive contribution to the society. Ibaraki University, located in the Kanto Plain that faces the Pacific Ocean, is a base of academic culture, and it is my delight to introduce the university's various facts to you on this occasion.

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Admission & Support Information

There are approximately 10 scholarships granted by private organizations to overseas students at our university. Announcements on how to apply for these scholarships are available at the Student Exchange Division. In 1997 the University established its own scholarship entitled “The Ibaraki University International Exchange Project Scholarship”.

Please note that application periods and amounts are subject to change.

Message from University

Message from the Director of International Student Center

As of May 2011, 296 international students have joined undergraduates and graduates study at three campuses of Ibaraki University. We play an important role in promoting international exchange. As an attempt to contribute to international solidarity, we have implemented inter-varsity academic exchange programs in agreement with 39 universities and institutions across 14 countries as of October 2011.

The Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11th 2011 caused widespread destruction. Some buildings in our campus, especially at Hitachi campus were damaged. We were deeply concerned with the drastic drop in the international students number that followed the nuclear accident (Hitachi campus which is about 100 kilometers away from Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, Mito campus which is about 125 kilometers away and Ami campus which is about 170 kilometers away.) and in fact, a number of international students from China and Korea went back home temporarily.

However, the first semester began on April 12th (on May 9th at Hitachi Campus) and most of those students have returned back to Ibaraki University. Compared with the pre-quake figure of 275 as of October 2010, International students have increased by around 20 after the massive earthquake. With all these factors, we might say that the earthquake and nuclear accidents have little impact on Ibaraki University. I should add that the number of international students as of October 2011 is 296. Ibaraki University International Student Center has utilized a mailing list of international students and has also been introducing the e-mail consulting system for international students. Those efforts have greatly contributed to the crisis management after the earthquake. It worked as a safety confirmation system.

The International Student Center offers Japanese Language Courses covering four levels taught by experts which is mainly designed for international students who need to study Japanese. At Hitachi and Ami campuses, Japanese classes and makeup Japanese lectures are offered through Virtual Campus System. The International Student Center takes prompt response for international students for secure and safe school life in Japan. In conjunction with the e-mail consulting system, we provide face-to-face counseling with each of the international students. For more information about International Student Center, please visit our website at http://www.isc.ibaraki.ac.jp/

Message from the International Student

Hello, my name is Jiyoun Son from Korea. I’m studying ‘Cross-cultural communication’ in Ibaraki University. In Japan, there was an earthquake in 11 March 2011. Ibaraki also influenced by earthquake, but I’ve studying hard and have a good time now. Also, I have a plan to travel in Hokkaido during spring vacation. I want to travel many places of Japan during one’s stay in the Japan as a student. In addition, Ibaraki University is offer many travel program to foreign student, so me and another foreign students are enjoying the studying abroad in Japan. I realized while I studying abroad that know about some country’s culture and contact with those culture is really fun, so I want to contact with more culture and thanks to exchanged various country’s foreign students, my view is broaden. Therefore, I thought that it was good decision to studying abroad in Japan. So please come to Japan and enjoy the Japan!
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:**

- **Students:**
  (Undergraduate) 9,956 (Graduate) 6,748

- **Int’l Students:**
  1,818

- **Foreign Researchers:**
  141

- **Int’l Agreements:**
  243

- **Overseas Office:**
  5

Outline of University

In October 1973, the University of Tsukuba was established as the first comprehensive University in Japan; emphasizing "Openness", offering "New Systems for Education and Research" achieved through a "New University Administration". Although the University of Tsukuba is a new university of about a 40 year history, it has inherited the history and tradition from its predecessor, the Normal School, which was established first in Japan in 1872.

The University of Tsukuba has three unique characteristics.

1. A comprehensive array of distinctive academic disciplines, ranging from the humanities and social science to physical science, engineering, information science, agricultural science, medical science, health and sports science, and art and design.

2. A focus not only on the deepening of expertise, but also interdisciplinary education.

3. The central role it plays in the accumulation of Japan's leading research institutions to the Tsukuba Science City area.

Advanced education research is conducted in cooperation with many research laboratories.

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University of Tsukuba

Admission & Support Information

The University of Tsukuba provides several "Tsukuba Scholarships" to high achieving students. High achieving international students are able to receive a Tsukuba Scholarship of ¥60,000 or ¥80,000 per month during a one-year.

As well as the University's Tsukuba Scholarships, a wide range of other scholarships are also available from the Japanese Government's Ministry of Education, the Japan Student Services Association or a variety of other sources. Approximately 50% of University of Tsukuba international students receive a scholarship annually.

In addition, there are large-scale residence halls in the Tsukuba Campus. Residence halls are placed at the south and the north of the University grounds, and accommodate approximately 4,000 people in total. Currently, about 60 percent of all foreign students live in these residence halls.

Message from University

Studying in Japan may be better value than you expect, with international tuition fees at Tsukuba around half those in comparable UK and US institutions without any loss in quality. Indeed, we generally have smaller class sizes in Japan than in other major universities. The entrance and first year tuition fees have been waived for G30* undergraduate program, further reducing the costs of studying at Tsukuba.

In the meanwhile, the University of Tsukuba suffered considerable damage from the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011. Nevertheless, we were able to commence classes in April of the new academic year as scheduled.

* G30 (Global 30 Program)

In 2009, the University of Tsukuba was chosen as one of 13 elite Japanese universities to pioneer the government's new "Global 30" internationalization scheme. As part of this scheme, the university has launched new, English-language undergraduate, masters and doctoral degree programs.

G30 website: http://www.global.tsukuba.ac.jp/
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Industrial Technology, Health Sciences, Technology and Science

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 366
  - (Graduate) 13

- **Int’l Students:** 2
- **Foreign Researchers:** 0
- **Int’l Agreements:** 13
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

The National University Corporation Tsukuba University of Technology (NTUT) was established in 1987 as the only higher education institution in Japan specialized for hearing and visually impaired students. Since the foundation, we have been continuing to improve the environment for both hearing and visually impaired students for reliable university education and satisfying student life, through research projects, development of new educational methods, support systems, and faculty development.

In April of 2010, “Graduate School” took its first step in order to meet the needs of higher-level studies and research. In April of 2011, we also established the Teacher-Training Program. Also, International Student Center is in our future view, and extending our capacity of Continuing Education for the graduates as well as working people is one of our future plans. NTUT will continue to refine its programs, proceeding with the plans to get along with diverse educational needs, and build achievements in order to serve as a core and leading institute in education for the hearing impaired and visually impaired.

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Admission & Support Information

No scholarship is offered by our university.

It is possible however, to apply for the Reservation Program for Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students by JASSO.

Message from University

Tsukuba University of Technology is the only higher education institution for hearing and visually-impaired students in Japan.

There are two Departments, Faculty of Industrial Technology for the hearing impaired and Faculty of Health Science for the visually impaired. And there is the Master Course, Graduate School of Technology and Science.

All the research and classes are performed by the faculty members who take the impairments into consideration. Access to various kinds of information is prepared. The student can receive the appropriate education according to each disability, for example, technology of an engineering system or a medical system. Moreover, research of the newest devices for access to information is also pursued. Tsukuba University of Technology is a unique university and has a graduate school for students with disabilities.

Until now, many Japanese impaired students studied, were employed, and became independent successfully, after graduating from our university. We are promoting globalization through plans to accept overseas impaired students.

Although these international programs are now limited to sister institutions, we are presently preparing various method of acceptance of regular oversea undergraduate students or graduate students, and International Exchange Students with short-term experience.

We would like many impaired students to have future dreams.
UTSUNOMIYA UNIVERSITY

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ○International Studies, △Education, ○Engineering, △Agriculture, ▲Agricultural Science
- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 4,265 (Graduate) 987
- **Int’l Students:** 323
- **Foreign Researchers:** 34 (full-time:13, part-time:21)
- **Int’l Agreements:** 49 (University level: 29, Faculty level: 20)
- **Overseas Office:** -

Outline of University

Utsunomiya University, one of Japan’s national universities, is truly pleased to welcome you. The University comprises four faculties (the Faculty of International Studies, the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Engineering, and the Faculty of Agriculture), four graduate schools, ten university institutes for education and research, and six facilities attached to the faculties.

Utsunomiya University is located in the city of Utsunomiya, the prefectural capital of Tochigi, a short distance of 100 kilometers (50 minutes by high-speed Shinkansen train) from Tokyo. Some 5,300 undergraduate and graduate students are currently studying at our campuses set in a beautiful natural environment. The University has exchange agreements with 29 universities around the world and similar agreements at the faculty or institute level with 20 universities or research institutes. We vigorously encourage exchanges of researchers and students with the aim of contributing broadly to the international community and global exchanges both in education and research. Currently, as many as 323 international students are registered and studying at the University.

Utsunomiya University’s motto is to impart “a wealth of ideas to the community and new knowledge to the world.” We function not only as a center of knowledge in the local community, but also as an open university serving the international community at large. Our fundamental mission is to contribute to improving the welfare of humankind and fostering world peace, in the process of providing distinctive education and research of the highest quality.

To accomplish this mission, the University strives to nurture high-level specialists endowed with a broad and in-depth education and practical expertise for opening up new paths to the future. Moreover, the University also fosters exceptionally high levels of research in specialized fields. In this regard, we established a new education and research center for optical technology in 2007 with the cooperation of Canon Inc. for promoting the world’s highest level of research and development activities in this discipline.

Utsunomiya University wholeheartedly welcomes undergraduate and graduate students and researchers from around the globe in all fields of study.

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Admission & Support Information

In the hopes of supporting international students financially, Utsunomiya University offers the “Masuyama Scholarship”. Applicants for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Graduate students in master’s courses
2. Excellent students with good academic records
3. Privately financed international students who need financial aids
4. International students who pay with no reduction or waiving of tuition fees
5. International students who have not been granted any other scholarships that cover tuition fees

Screening is conducted by the university’s selection committee based on criteria that are established every year.

Message from University

- Utsunomiya University International Student Center
  The purposes of the International Student Center are as follows:
  1. To provide international students with Japanese language education and Japanese cultural studies.
  2. To provide international students with counseling and consultation regarding studying and living in Japan.
  3. To promote international exchange programs in the local area.
  4. To provide information on study abroad.

- Utsunomiya University International House
  The International House of Utsunomiya University was built for the purpose of providing international students and researchers with accommodations and facilities in order to contribute to the promotion of international communication in the field of education and research at the University. In addition to the International House, a Japanese male student dormitory is also available for some international students (10 units).

Message from International Student

I am from India and currently a PhD student in Utsunomiya University. I have been in Utsunomiya for two years and its an amazing place to live. I like Utsunomiya for three main reasons 1) The town is peaceful, calm and not busy (unlike Tokyo) 2) people are very friendly 3) it has all facilities (entertainment and daily needs). There are separate tracks for bicycles on the roads and Utsunomiya is very flat too which makes bicycling very fun (I love that very much). The university is very keen in taking care of the international students and they were always there to help me when I had a difficulty. To specially note, the service they rendered during the March 11 earthquake made me feel very easy. The university has all facilities you could ask for. I enjoy my research and other activities (party, travel, sports) in Utsunomiya University. Nothing has changed in Utsunomiya after the March 11 incident and I am able to enjoy living as I did earlier.
Gunma University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Education, △Social Information Science, ○Medicine, ○Health Science, ○Engineering

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 5,152
  - (Graduate) 1,469
- **Int’l Students:** 263
- **Foreign Researchers:** 35
- **Int’l Agreements:** 81
- **Overseas Office:** 2

Outline of University

Gunma University is composed of the 4 faculties of the Faculty of Education, Faculty of Social Information Science, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Engineering, 5 Graduate Schools in the fields of Education, Social Information Science, Medicine, Health Science, and Engineering, and the Gunma University Institute of Molecular and Cellular Regulation.

Currently the university continues to make rapid progress in some of the world’s most advanced educational research programs including state-of-the-art cancer treatment in its heavy ion radiotherapy facilities, Global COE Program of Signal Transduction in the Regulatory System and Its Disorders, Low Carbon (LC) Society Program utilizing Carbon Materials, an Educational Trainee Program dealing with the highest domestic levels of circularity, as well as its world-class program introducing team medical education.

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Admission & Support Information

Various forms of support including a wide range of scholarships, as well as the waiver of entrance fees and exemptions from tuition are available. The university also has special housing for international students, international student consulting with trained faculty members, and practical employment support for international students. The university also plans a variety of situations and events that encourage the interaction of our international students with the local community. Entrance examinations vary among the individual faculties. For details, send inquiries to: http://cier.aramaki.gunma-u.ac.jp/english/

Message from University

Creating a new society  Kuniaki Takata, president

Over ten years have past since we entered the 21st century, and the world’s population continues to expand explosively, developing nations are undergoing rapid growth, our sources of natural resources are being exhausted, and the progress in information technology is leading us towards a major unification of the countries throughout the world. The major role now given to our universities is one of providing the world with intellectual resources capable of dealing with these drastic changes. As a national university located in Gunma Prefecture, Gunma University finds itself facing the challenges of world leadership through intellectual creation, as an academic institution deeply involved in opening up the 21st century, and striving to contribute to the further development of our society.

Currently, while 263 foreign students from 29 countries throughout the world are enrolled in our university, we believe that these students serve as a major asset to our community as they pursue their educations in their attempts to give birth to outstanding intellectual activities of their own.

During this past year, Japan experienced the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami, but all of the educational and research activities of Gunma University are being carried out as usual.

We are looking forward to working hand in hand with you here at Gunma University in our combined efforts to create a new society.
Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools:
  (Faculties) Faculty of Liberal Arts, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Engineering
  (Graduate Schools) △ Master’s Program, □ Doctoral Course, △ □ Graduate School of Cultural Science, △ Graduate School of Education, △ □ Graduate School of Economic Science, △ □ Graduate School of Science and Engineering

- Students: (Undergraduate) 7,568 (Graduate) 1,351
- Int’l Students: 535
- Foreign Researchers: 141
- Int’l Agreements: 59
- Overseas Office: 0

Outline of University

Saitama University was originally founded in 1949 as a teacher’s college. The university currently has five faculties (Liberal Arts, Education, Economics, Science, and Engineering) and four graduate schools (Cultural Science, Education, Economic Science, Science and Engineering).

Saitama University aims to develop individuals into key citizens through the cultivation of knowledge and skills pertinent to our times.

We take various approaches towards education, seeking to equip students with advanced expertise as well as general knowledge, and produce internationally-minded contributors to society. Our minor program and cross-faculty education are two such examples.

Situated in the mid-western region of Saitama City (population 12,000,000), Saitama University can be reached by train and bus in roughly an hour from Tokyo. A total of 7600 undergraduate students, 1300 graduate students and 470 teaching staff form this productive environment. International students number roughly 530, and engage in study and research alongside local Japanese students.

Saitama University welcomes many foreign students from various universities across the world.

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Admission & Support Information

Admission details are available on Saitama University website


Saitama University International Exchange Foundation offers scholarship to students from overseas partner universities. (60,000 JPY/month)

Message from University

Saitama University has established three fundamental policies as follows.

1. Saitama University (SU) plays a universal role as a seat of knowledge.
   (1) SU is committed to being a university that looks beyond the present and has established as its primary goals the development and transmission of knowledge to future generations and the creation of new knowledge.
   (2) To function effectively in the present, SU is striving to be a university that is trusted by society at large.
   (3) SU is striving to be a bold and influential university that serves as a center of academic research.

2. SU strives to solve the challenges facing contemporary society.
   (1) SU is striving to meet the expectations of society by applying its knowledge to the development of solutions to contemporary problems.
   (2) Making the most of its position as the only national university in Saitama Prefecture, which makes up a corner of the capital region, SU is ensuring that it can meet its social mission across a wide region.

3. SU is contributing to the international community.
   (1) Given its position in the global community, SU is committed to being open to the world.
   (2) SU is striving to be a university that contributes to the international community with efforts aimed at solving the contemporary problems facing all of humanity.

Center for International Exchange

Center for International Exchange has the aim of plan and promotion of Academic and Student Exchange with overseas universities, and also a plan of education for International Students and international contribution by the educational research aspect. The main function of the center is to conclude academic and student exchange agreement, accepting researchers and students from overseas universities and sending researchers from SU, offering Japanese study programs “STEPS” (Short Term Exchange Program in Saitama), and short term overseas training program. Also, the Center for International Exchange provides full package of support for Japanese students who wish to study abroad, including advice on both on-campus and off-campus problems. Managing International House, an on-campus housing facility for international students, is one other important duty of the center.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Letters, △Education, Law and Economics, ○Science, ○Medicine, ○Pharmaceutical Sciences, ○Nursing, ○Engineering, ○Horticulture, ●Humanities and Social Sciences, ●Advanced Integration Science, □Law School, △The United Graduate School of Education

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 10,703
  - (Graduate) 3,659

- **Int’l Students:** 1,071

- **Foreign Researchers:** 48

- **Int’l Agreements:**
  - University Level: 89
  - Faculty Level: 148
  - Student Exchange Agreement: 110 universities

- **Overseas Office:** Beijing (China), Bangkok (Thailand), Zhejiang (China), Seinäjoki (Finland), Depok (Indonesia), Shanghai (China),

Outline of University

Chiba University undertakes teaching and research to maintain, disseminate and advance knowledge. In its teaching Chiba University will seek to meet the interests of students and the needs of the community, and to foster generally the exploration and discovery of ideas and knowledge.

Since the foundation of its predecessor in 1872, the University has achieved national acclaim, and has grown to become a highly ranked university that has contributed significantly to the society. Chiba University has links with leading universities in the US, Europe and Asia. With 9 faculties, 11 graduate schools, one of the largest university hospitals in Japan, and 19 research centers in four beautiful campuses, Chiba University is achieving its goal to become a world-leading institution by working closely with students, researchers, faculty, administration, our local community, our country, and people all over the world.

Based on the university philosophy “Always Aim Higher”, we encourage students to learn independently and produce strong research results, which benefit human being throughout the world. Chiba University is continuously striving forward by creating new organizations to strengthen management and cultivating educational environments to achieve academic success.

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Admission & Support Information

For admission guidelines, please directly contact the faculty/graduate school of your interest (http://www.chiba-u.ac.jp/e/education/index.html): admission policies and outlines vary depending on majors and degrees.

Information such as scholarship, housing, Japanese language courses, and cultural exchange opportunities is offered at International Student Division (http://www.chiba-u.ac.jp/international/sai/index.html). International Student Division also has a helpdesk called International Support Desk (ISD) which functions as a primary contact for international students, providing services and assistances to help international students for adapting in life in Japan and at Chiba University. Visit the website of ISD (http://www.chiba-u.ac.jp/international/isd/english/index.html) for more details.

Message from University

Chiba University welcomes students from all over the world who want to join our vibrant and diverse campus community. We provide an inspiring setting for personal growth, career exploration, academic achievement, and friendship.

We offer a variety of majors and degrees including unique courses. Some of our most popular majors are horticulture and design which are available exclusively at Chiba University within the national university system.

In addition to the rich academic life the University has a lot to offer, a for-fun college atmosphere also awaits you. There are more than 180 clubs and organizations to choose from, ready to help you make friends, learn arts, culture, and sports. Naturally, many yearly student developed events; such as school festivals, are sponsored. All four Chiba University campuses are located within the Chiba prefecture providing convenient access to the greater Tokyo metropolis.

We look forward to enriching your academic experience together.

Message from a graduate of Chiba University

I had a great time at Chiba University. The 5 years I spent there helped me to figure out what kind of person I want to be. The experience of studying and researching organic electronics enabled me to be patient, persistent and positive. The participation in the multi-career program encouraged me to be as aggressive as a pioneer, as ambitious as an entrepreneur and as open-minded as a globalist. The involvement in the service of Chinese Student Association as a cadre enlightened me on the spirit of service, the skills of communication and the significance of coordination. My student life, which ended in Chiba, can be concluded with the following words, and they will always be my faith: Remember your source, aim higher and follow the wind of freedom to where you are supposed to be.

by Howard Pu, Ph.D. from China, an alumnus of Graduate School of Engineering and Advanced Multi-Career Training Program in the class of 2011 (photographed with Professor Mark Haley at graduation)
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ○Cultural and Social Studies, ○Physical Sciences, ○High Energy Accelerator Science, ○Multidisciplinary Sciences, ○Life Science, ○Advanced Sciences

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) -- 535
  - (Graduate) 535
- **Int’l Students:** 115
- **Foreign Researchers:** 35
- **Int’l Agreements:** 6
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (Sokendai) is a graduate university offering five-year and three-year doctoral programs. It aims to foster researchers with “exceptional professional expertise”, “international competitiveness”, and “broad perspective”. The University provides education in affiliation with world-class research institutes (Inter-University Research Institutes), which possess large-scale experimental/observatory facilities and special laboratory equipment. “This ideal research and education environment allows students to interact with many cutting-edge researchers in Japan and abroad and offers more than 2.5 faculty members per student.” In all schools except for School of Cultural and Social Studies, students are able to pursue Doctoral degrees with using only English. Sokendai attracts international students from all over the world who aim at earning Doctoral degrees under one of the best research circumstances in Japan, and more than 20% of all the students of Sokendai are from outside Japan as of May 2011.

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Admission & Support Information

Sokendai has a special admission process by which applicants who reside outside Japan can apply and have interviews over the internet, etc. Besides it provides financial support for applicants whose academic performance is outstanding to travel to Japan to have admission interviews. Those applicants also have chance to visit the laboratories for a few days and experience the research environment in Sokendai.

Sokendai provides financial support for its students by hiring them as Research Assistance, and some of the departments have their own scholarships for students. During the first year, newly enrolled international students are able to have their tutor’s assistance as settling down and starting up a new life in Japan.

Message from University

The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (Sokendai in the Japanese abbreviation) was established in 1988 in affiliation with former national research institutes, which were by then transformed into the current Inter-University Research Institutes. Unfortunately, Japanese society has since remained stagnant and the situation surrounding the national universities has become increasingly severe. The great East Japan earthquake and the yet unresolved accident of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plants have inflicted additional blows. Many problems have burst to the surface and shaken the foundations of our country. Amid this national crisis, the national universities in Japan are more than ever facing critical challenges.

Under this circumstance, now is the time for Sokendai as one of the 86 national universities in Japan to reaffirm its mission and to join together to achieve our objectives and ideals. Sokendai’s mission is just one, that is to nurture specialists who combine a high degree of expertise and a broad perspective by enhancing each individual student’s strength and by utilizing organizational structure in our parental Inter-University Research Institutes. The qualities of both expertise and broad perspective are crucial.

Hermann Hesse might speak of our mission as follows: Every Sokendai institute and every Sokendai person “should hold to only two goals and ideals: to attain to the utmost command of his subject, and to keep himself and his subject vital and flexible by forever recognizing its ties with all other disciplines and by maintaining amicable relations with all.” Hesse also issued the following warning during the totalitarian regime of the Nazis: “...but if the nation no longer wants to authorize this, or if it should be struck by impoverishment, war, and so on, then our life and studying would be over in a minute.”

If his word “war” were replaced with “catastrophic national disaster,” as we have experienced since last March, the warning might appear to be aimed at the national universities in Japan. To overcome this crisis, we must help people understand that we remember the promise we made in the Diet 23 years ago and that we continue striving to attain our goals and ideals. We fully recognize that the responsibility of a national university is grave for the current and future Japanese society.

Naoyuki Takahata
President
YOKOHAMA National University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Education and Human Sciences, Economics, Business Administration, ○Engineering Science, ●International Social Sciences, ■Environment and Information Sciences, ▲Urban Innovation, ※Education (Participation)

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 7,548
  - (Graduate) 2,519 (As of November 1, 2011)

- **Int’l Students:** 868
- **Foreign Researchers:** 170
- **Int’l Agreements:** 98
- **Overseas Office:** 3

Outline of University

It is said that this is an era of globalization. In this regard, YOKOHAMA National University (YNU) is playing a pioneering role in Japan. A major factor contributing to this is the fact that it is based in Yokohama, which has been serving as Japan’s gateway to the world ever since the Meiji Restoration in the middle of 19th Century. This is why the university began to have exchanges with overseas universities and accept international students over half a century ago, being ahead of many other Japanese universities. A huge advantage of studying at YNU is that you can feel the process of how Japan has achieved modernization and where the world is heading to.

As of today, YNU has concluded International Exchange Agreements with 98 universities in 36 countries and has 868 foreign students coming from 58 different countries and regions in the world (accounting for approximately 9% of the total number of students). Naturally, a lot of communication goes on between Japanese and international students on campus.

Many YNU graduates have gone back to their own countries where they now hold important positions. There are also country-specific alumni associations (in 16 countries and regions), which often invite the YNU President to their gatherings and other events.

YNU is open and forward-looking, whether in Japan or overseas. Its mission is to act and contribute on a global scale as a “international focal institute of practical scholarship.”

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Admission & Support Information

YNU Scholarship for Privately Funded International Students, tuition and admission fee waiver and a wide variety of scholarships funded by more than 50 foundations are available to international students each year.

The university offers scholarships for the students with notably excellent academic performance and character to further increase their motivations and provide them with financial support to allow them to focus on their studies. In regard to the tuition waiver, about 70% of the applicants have their tuitions half or fully waived each year.

Message from University

YNU is attracting a lot of attention from overseas for its proven record of accepting international students and a wide variety of scholarship and financial support for them. It is highly recognized in terms of education as well, for its carefully designed Japanese language education and excellent cultural and liberal arts education. It also offers inexpensive yet high quality short-term study-abroad programs to meet different needs of different students from overseas.

YNU Ooka International Residence, located in the City of Yokohama, is a housing complex for international students as their home in Japan. It not only offers an advanced Internet environment, desks, beds, air conditioners, kitchens, and shower rooms, but also a reliable security system. It also provides a wide variety of rooms for different types of dwellers, from single researchers and students to those living with their families.

The International Student Center, situated on the campus, is another facility for students from abroad, where expert faculty, staff members, and volunteer students communicate with international students and provide them with the support they need in their studies at YNU and their lives in Japan.

Many international students graduate from YNU every year. We sincerely hope that all of our international students spend a lot of fun, invaluable, and productive time in Japan.

Kazuhisa Matsuoka, Executive Director for International Affairs

Left: Mizuki (Moon Viewing) Party for International Researchers and Students, hosted by the President
Right: With the President in *happi* coats
NIIGATA UNIVERSITY

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Humanities, △Education, Law, Economics, Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Agriculture, ●Modern Society and Culture, ●Science and Technology, ●Medical and Dental Sciences, ○Health Sciences, □Technology Management, □Law School

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 10,297 (Graduate) 2,243
- **Int’l Students:** 411
- **Foreign Researchers:** 45
- **Int’l Agreements:** 193
- **Overseas Office:** 4

Outline of University

Niigata University is located in the City of Niigata, the only government ordinance–designated city on the Northwestern coast with a population of over 800,000 and thus is the region's leading municipality. With the picturesque Sado Island off the coast of Niigata City and Japan’s longest river, the Shinano River, running through Niigata prefecture’s Echigo plain, students can pursue their academic goals and take part in a wide array of activities on our two campuses while also enjoying the abundance of natural beauty that Niigata has to offer.

Niigata University boasts a long history and rich tradition, with the predecessor institutions of the university tracing back about 140 years. Today our school is a large comprehensive university with nine faculties, five graduate schools, two professional schools, the Brain Research Institute, Research Institute for National Hazard & Disaster Recovery and the Niigata University Medical and Dental Hospital. Our student body numbers about 12,700 and our academic and administrative staff totals approximately 2,800.

The ideals of Niigata University shall be those of autonomy and creation based on the traditions of simplicity and modesty fostered in the lofty ambition (we call it "earth of Koshi") and the enterprising spirit of a port city opened to the world, and the university shall contribute to the steady development of the region and the world through education and research as its purpose.

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**Admission & Support Information**

Niigata University aims to become a key university in the Japan Sea Rim region through educational outcomes and research achievement.

- We offer double degree programs of the graduate school and programs taught in English for international students.
- International students may live in on-campus residence halls or off-campus apartments for international students or a new residence hall that houses both Japanese and international students.
- The number of students from overseas partner universities who participate in our short-term programs is increasing each year.
- We offer short-term programs in Japanese language and culture.
- We help international students find employment with Japanese businesses.
- We also provide one stop service at International Student Center.

Presently, 411 international students from 32 countries/regions are studying at Niigata University.

**Message from University**

**Message from Students**

Mr. LIN JIE  
Chinese  
Major: Education  
I find that many Japanese people are friendly and easy to get along with. Japan offers an excellent living and natural environment. With a wide array of programs offered at Japanese universities, I believe Japan is an ideal destination for international students. If you hope to study abroad in Japan, I hope that your dream will come true. We will be waiting for your arrival.

(Far right, front row)

Ms. TRAN THI NGOC ANH  
Vietnamese  
Major: Engineering

The Japanese government as well as Japanese people responded to a natural disaster immediately by taking various measures. I was impressed by such emergency response, which helped me stay calm. It was an valuable experience. I pray for Japan’s recovery at an earliest day possible. If you hope to study in Japan, I strongly encourage you to do so. Then I am sure you will share my feelings. Please be excited about coming to Japan as it has many good things to offer including its fascinating culture.
Basic Information

- **School of Engineering (7 Courses)**
  Graduate School of Engineering (7 Master Courses / 4 Doctoral Courses)
  Graduate School for Management of Technology (System Safety Course)

- **Students:**
  (Undergraduate) 1,289  (Graduate) 1,092

- **Int’l Students:** 284

- **Foreign Researchers:** 25

- **Int’l Agreements:** 84

- **Overseas Office:** 4 (Hanoi, Guanajuato and two in Monterrey)

Outline of University

- Nagaoka University of Technology (NUT) is one of the top universities in engineering, covering full range of degrees in various technical fields; mechanical, electric/electronics/information technology, material science and technology, civil, environmental systems, bioengineering, management & information systems. It has produced more than 20,000 graduates since its inception in 1976.

- NUT is always ranked at top in employment rate of graduates.

- NUT has strong collaborative relationship with industries and government institutes. NUT professors are receiving contract research funding from industry and grants from government every year. This close relationship with industry is greatly contributing to foster student’s pro-business mindset and up-to-date knowledge on industrial technology.

- In its education program, NUT places emphasis on its graduate level education and serves students with a seamless curriculum that integrates undergraduate and graduate programs. 80 percent of our undergraduates continue their studies at graduate school. Another unique feature of NUT’s education program is a five-month internship program. It is offered to 4th year students who are to continue studying at graduate school. Through exposure to the real-world, students gain a hint for their master research. NUT has developed overseas internship programs in 14 countries (as of 2011).

- NUT has 301 international students from 27 countries and regions (as of November 2011). This represents 13% of all the students, and creating a truly cosmopolitan environment.

- NUT actively promotes international exchange programs, and has concluded academic cooperation agreements with 84 research institutions from 24 countries. NUT earned a reputation as a pioneer in the twinning programs.

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Admission & Student Support

- NUT is offering a diversified admission channels for international students both at undergraduate and graduate level.
- For undergraduate students, Twinning Programs have been developed with partner universities in Vietnam, Mexico, China and Malaysia. The Twinning Program students complete their first two (or two and half to three) years at home university and the latter two years at NUT. We have overseas offices at partner universities’ campus.
- For graduate students, a unique program, Graduate Course for Continuous Professional Development, is offered to those who are working in industry or universities. Also other admission programs, such as Double Degree Program, are offered.
- Applicants can apply for those programs without having to travel to Japan for the examinations.
- NUT has dormitories for international students (capacity is about 100). For those who reside in a private housing, the university helps students by providing Guarantor Program. Housing and other living cost in Nagaoka area is cheaper than in metropolitan areas like Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka.
- After admission, NUT assigns a tutor (usually a master-level Japanese student) to every international student for the period of six months to assist your study and life.
- Various Japanese classes are provided for international students to learn language and culture suited for their needs and language proficiency level.

Message from University

- There are about 300 international students from almost 30 countries on every continents studying at NUT. It represents about 13% of all the students and this rate is one of the highest among Japanese universities specialized in engineering. This creates a truly cosmopolitan atmosphere in the campus.
- In addition, the international student association called NUTISA actively organizes various events for the international students.
- The various career options after the graduation can be found for international students. Many of them find the employment in Japan and the rest return to their home countries to work as leading engineers of the local and Japanese companies in addition to becoming the faculty or researchers at the universities and research institutes.
- Nagaoka is a quiet city where can be reached in about 90 minutes from Tokyo on the Japanese Bullet Train (Jo-etsu Shinkansen). Every summer, the city hosts a significant number of visitors for the famous Nagaoka Fireworks. It is also known as heavy snow fall areas where you can enjoy the winter activities.
- The rice production in Niigata is also well-known and there are many famous Sake breweries producing fine Sake. Niigata has a great variety of food including seafood.
- Nagaoka provides the great living as well as educational and research environments to learn the most advanced technology and Japanese Manufacturing (Monozukuri) culture. We are looking forward to seeing you in Nagaoka.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** College of Education, Graduate School of Education

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 682
  - (Graduate) 710

- **Int’l Students:** 42
- **Foreign Researchers:** 0
- **Int’l Agreements:** 9
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Joetsu University of Education contains the College of Education (undergraduate courses) in which we train students for both elementary school and secondary school. In addition, our institute has an attached kindergarten, elementary school, and junior high school. We put great emphasis on practical subjects in schools and we trained our students with practical teaching abilities.

We also have a Graduate School of Education (for Master’s Program) in which we promote education and research accomplishments focusing on practical, comprehensive and specialized studies.

Furthermore students can pursue Ph.D. Program for doctorate degree in education.

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Admission & Support Information
Scholarship by the International Exchange Supporters' group in Joetsu University of Education
MONBUKAGAKUSHO Scholarship
JASSO Short-term Student Promotion Program (inbound) Scholarship
JASSO Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students
Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Scholarship
Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship

Message from University
42 foreign Students are studying in our university now. We have a variety of events they can take part in. And we also give them a room that is called “foreign student’s plaza,” so various talks and activities are exchanged among foreign students and between foreign students and Japanese students. There is no damage caused by the huge earthquake that was generated on March 11 this year.

Programs for foreign students
Orientation, Cherry Blossom Viewing Party, Classroom Observation in Attached Elementary School, Lunch Meeting with President, Ski Tour, KIMONO Trial

International Dormitory House
42 rooms (10 for family, 15 for married couple, 17 for single)
University of Yamanashi

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △ □ Education and Human Sciences, ○ Medicine, ○ Engineering, ■ Special Support Education
- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 3,962 (Graduate) 966
- **Int’l Students:** 202
- **Foreign Researchers:** 28
- **Int’l Agreements:** 33
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Established in May, 1949, the University of Yamanashi merged with the Yamanashi Medical College in 2001 and was incorporated as a national university corporation in 2003. Its primary aim has been to produce competent people who will, with high intelligence and morality, contribute not only to local industry, culture, education and medicine, but also be active in various scenes overseas as well, as is summarized by the motto “Key persons locally, human resources globally.” And now in order to enhance our education and research scope, the university restarts in 2012, adding a new faculty (the Faculty of Life and Environmental Science) and reorganizing the faculties of Education and Human Sciences and of Engineering.

The Faculty of Education and Human Sciences is to consist of the Department of Teacher Education, which will train students who will be able to cope with current and urgent tasks and problems, and the Department of Life-Long Learning, which will educate those who will be specialized in sports and health education. The Faculty of Engineering is to have 7 departments: Mechanical Engineering, Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Mechatronics, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Applied Chemistry and Science for High-Tech Materials. The four departments of the new Faculty of Life and Environment Sciences, the Departments of Biotechnology, Local Produce and Food Sciences, Environmental Sciences, and Regional Social Management, concentrate on more practical studies in life, food, the environment and social management to train experts who have an integrated knowledge to realize a society which will co-exist with nature. The Faculty of Medicine aims to turn out medical specialists with high morality, medical and scientific knowledge and technical skills. Reorganized and enlarged, the university is expected to offer more systematic and full-ranged education and research opportunities. Furthermore, the coming graduate-school reorganization will build up an interdisciplinary education and research system of medicine, engineering and agronomy.

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Admission & Support Information

The following graduate courses admit candidates that submit recommendations from their university counseling professor or the chairman of their department without the oral examination in Japan, provided that they have preparatory interviews with our teaching staff outside Japan or by some means of communication:

- Master’s Course: Computer Science and Media Engineering
- Doctor’s Course: Engineering for Functional Material Systems, Information and Mechanical System Engineering, Natural, Biotic and Social Environment Engineering
- The University offers an admission fee waiver or payment extension
- Reduction or exemption of tuition
- Funo Scholarship
- Scholarship to support students’ livelihood
- Rent subsidy for private apartment

Message from University

A Message from a Foreign Student at UY

Second-year student at the Department of Computer Science and Media Engineering, the Faculty of Engineering

NGUYEN DINH HOANG

In order to learn Japan’s advanced technology and the Japanese mind and with a prospect of contributing to the industry of Vietnam in the future, I came to Japan in April, 2008. Since then I have learned a lot of things, encouraged and supported by teachers and students.

I felt some of the disaster caused by the 3.11 earthquake. To be honest, I was very scared for some time after the disaster. Some of the foreign students hurried home. This was the first time I had experienced something which might have led to my own death. I thought of leaving Japan at first and so talked with my friends, teachers and the Embassy of Vietnam. However, the last thing I wanted to do was to give up my dream already on its way, but what I heard about the spreading radiation made me extremely worried and I started to rethink about my decision. Then every day I paid much more attention to what the media, not only Japanese but Vietnamese and American, made known. The media outside Japan tended to exaggerate the situation and my parents and friends were so concerned about me. In fact, however, I was leading a normal life here in Yamanashi as other students were and had no problem in living as a foreign student.

Six months have passed so quickly. Now I am sure that my decision to stay on was right. Those students who hurried home have come back here rather soon. So what I want to say is that Japan is OK and that you can study at Yamanashi University completely safely. Of course I have learned many things from the disaster. I am impressed by the unity and patriotism of the Japanese people. You can feel this yourself if you do come here. I do look forward to seeing you.
Shinshu University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Arts, △Education, △Economics, ○Science, ○Medicine, ○Engineering, ○Agriculture, ○Textile Science and Technology, □Law, ●Interdisciplinary Science and Technology

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 9,324
  - (Graduate) 1,988

- **Int’l Students:** 347

- **Foreign Researchers:** 51

- **Int’l Agreements:** 107 (University level: 56, Faculty level: 51)

- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Shinshu University was established in May, 1949 as a national university by unifying the regional colleges and institutions in Nagano prefecture, and then became a National University Corporation in April 2004. The University consists of eight faculties, eight graduate schools, many research institutions and educational facilities including libraries and a hospital. We work together to provide the best possible educational opportunities to our students while keeping close links with the local community.

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Admission & Support Information

SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION FEE EXEMPTION:  
Basic information on scholarships for privately-financed students is posted on the website of Shinshu University International Center (SUIC). Detailed information will be provided after entering the university through notice boards and websites, but please be informed that all that all those scholarships have eligibility requirements and are highly competitive. Therefore, you are strongly recommended to prepare sufficient funds in advance.  
Besides, students who have excellent academic records and in need of financial assistance may apply for tuition exemptions ranging from 50% to 100%.

HOUSING:  
We have two International Houses that are exclusively for international students and researchers: one in Matsumoto City and the other in Nagano City. International students can also apply to student dormitories or choose to live in private apartments.

STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEM:  
Each international student will be paired up with a Shinshu University student called a tutor who helps the incoming international student to familiarize with campus life at the beginning of his/her study term. To improve Japanese language skills, international students can take Japanese language courses at Matsumoto campus and Japanese language supplementary course at the other four campuses.

Message from University

Although Nagano is not a big city like Tokyo or Osaka, it is a nice place to live with good environment. Having a national treasure Matsumoto Castle, it is also a famous sightseeing area. Many foreigners visit and live in Nagano, and we can experience various cultural exchanges with the people here. Why don’t you join us and study in this rich environment?  

(Liu Zhuo Wen / China / Faculty of Arts)

At the University, foreign students get the maximum support and help that makes life much easier. It is not only about academics, different people from different parts of the country come to teach and give nuggets of wisdom concerning the future, and this makes your thinking deeper. Come let’s enjoy the wonderful and worthy university life in Shinshu.  

(Ronald Mutenda / Zimbabwe / Faculty of Economics)

Nagano is surrounded by mountains and good environment to live. Although Shinshu University is not well known compared to the university in Tokyo, it provides a good learning environment. So, I think that Shinshu University can give you a good learning environment and a meaningful college life on your study abroad in Japan.

(Tan Kang Ning / Malaysia / Division of Science and Technology (Master’s course))
University of Toyama

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Humanities, △Human Development, △Economics, ○Science, ○Engineering, ○Medicine, ○Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, △Art and Design, ■Innovative Life Science

- **Students:**
  - Undergraduate: 8,133
  - Graduate: 1,171

- **Int’l Students:** 327

- **Foreign Researchers:** 38

- **Int’l Agreements:** 102

- **Overseas Office:** 5

Outline of University

The University of Toyama has 3 campuses located in Toyama City and Takaoka City, Toyama Prefecture, located on the West coast of Japan. Toyama Prefecture is a local district between the Tateyama mountain range in the south and the Sea of Japan to the north. The University of Toyama is a university comprised of 3 national universities; Toyama University (founded in 1949), Toyama Medical and Pharmaceutical University (founded in 1975), and Takaoka National College (founded in 1983), which were integrated by the government in October 2005. The university is now an academic and research center consisting of eight faculties, including Humanities, Human Development, Economics, Science and Engineering (Gofuku Campus), Medicine, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (Sugitani Campus) and Art and Design (Takaoka Campus), as well as an institute and a hospital. In 2006, the Graduate School of Innovative Life Science (PhD Program) was established, which is the first attempt in Japan to integrate medicine, pharmaceutical science, basic science, and engineering for the purpose of collaborative education in the field of life science. The University has an International Student Center which offers a 6-month Japanese language program for international students entering graduate school, extra-curricular Japanese training courses for international students, and advice on academic and daily life. There are about 9,000 students (about 300 international students) studying at the university. The University of Toyama has agreements of science exchange, with universities in the United States, Britain, India, Egypt, Australia, Thailand, South Korea, China, Brazil, Malaysia, and Russia.

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University of Toyama

Admission & Support Information

The University of Toyama offers special admission examinations for non-Japanese students, which are usually announced in late October and held in late February of the following year at the University of Toyama. The University offers special admission examinations for non-Japanese graduate students with certain exceptions. These examinations are announced between June and October and held between June and February the following year at each graduate school of University of Toyama. It is possible to enter some graduate programs in October.

[ Scholarships ]

The University of Toyama offers the following scholarships for self financed international students (excluding short term non-regular students) in 2011:

- Gofuku Campus International Exchange funds for International Graduate Students (For students enrolled at Gofuku or Takaoka Campus)
  - M.A / M.Sc. Students 20,000 yen/month
  - Ph.D. Students 30,000 yen/month
- Sugitani Campus International Exchange funds for International Students (For students enrolled at Sugitani Campus)
  - 21,000 yen/month

There are also scholarships sponsored by other organizations, including Toyama Prefecture, The Japanese Ministry of Education and private associations.

[ Housing ]

There are 2 residences for international and research students, the university apartments and shared dormitories. The monthly rent for the former is between 5,900 and 14,200 yen, and for the latter between 13,000 and 18,000 yen. There are also many private apartments for students around the University of Toyama. On average, a one-bedroom apartment with private bath costs between 25,000 and 50,000 yen per month.

Message from University

Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Adhikari Subash [Nepal]

I decided to study at the University of Toyama because its Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, with its long history and well-established traditions, is very famous. At the University of Toyama research into traditional Chinese medicine is flourishing, and I think that it is very unusual in that we can study these traditional pharmaceutics from our first year here. I am studying Japanese Kampo-pharmaceutics, as well as basic pharmaceutical knowledge, namely organic chemistry and other kinds of chemistry.

The cost of living is of prime importance for international students, and I think that Toyama is a good place to live as apartments and food are inexpensive, and the food here is delicious. In the future I want to contribute to the development of Nepal using the pharmaceutical knowledge I have gained in Japan. I want to act as a bridge between Japan and Nepal.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** College of Human and Social Sciences, College of Science and Engineering, College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Human and Socio-Environment Studies, Graduate school of Natural Science and Technology, Graduate School of Medical Science, Law School
- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 7,962
  - (Graduate) 2,462
- **Int’l Students:** 522
- **Foreign Researchers:** 47
- **Int’l Agreements:** 151 (University level: 97, Faculty level: 54)
- **Overseas Office:** 19

Outline of University

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Kanazawa University Blooming into a Knowledge Center of Asia Today

Kanazawa University is the leading institution of higher education in the Hokuriku region (the middle-north part of Japan), acknowledged as the nation’s third oldest university since it originally started in 1862 as a smallpox vaccination center of the Kaga Clan. Over the past 150 years, it has flourished in the academic town of Kanazawa. Meanwhile, the university started again in 1949 as a national, or state-owned, university, inheriting the history and tradition of its preceding institution. Kanazawa University is currently composed of 3 Colleges, 16 Schools, 5 Graduate Schools, the University Hospital, and the Cancer Research Institute.

Based on our University Charter, "a research university dedicated to education, while opening up its doors to both local and global society," we see it as our mission to create new knowledge and develop human resources in order to confront and resolve various issues in the society today. The new educational organization of 3 Colleges and 16 Schools, restructured in 2008, is the first step in fulfilling this mission.

Now Kanazawa University has become a university playing a responsible role as a knowledge center of East Asia. Our present mission is to bear a more important role as a university which opens up its doors to global society, with its base rooted in local society, pursuing state-of-the-art research and education from a global viewpoint, enforcing ties with the regional community through social contribution, and actively cooperating with business sectors.

The historical and cultural city of Kanazawa has continuously taken part in the creation of new culture. With the coming 150 years as well as our past 150 years in our view, we at Kanazawa University also endeavor to send out information to the world across the boundaries between nations and the differences in ethnicity, and to contribute to world peace and the sustainable development of humankind.

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Admission & Support Information

Kanazawa University financially supports its international students under the Kanazawa University Student Special Support System, or shortly called the “Acanthus Support System,” as part of its international exchange business. This program provides a monthly payment of about ¥30,000 for a period of one year to final-year and privately-funded international students with academic excellence and exceptional talent so that the university can promote the students’ commitment to international exchanges and social contribution in their campus life as well as to improve their motivation for study and research.

Message from University

Kanazawa University provides “Kanazawa Studies in Ishikawa,” the cultural experience program focusing on “experience” and “lecture,” for international students from all over the world, Japanese students and the general public. “Kanazawa Studies” is offered every season, serving as valuable opportunities for those who want to experience Japan’s traditional culture, such as Noh plays and Japanese martial arts.

Moreover, the university has launched “Japanese Culture and Social Experience Program” since the fall semester of 2011 for both international and Japanese students to learn about the culture and society of Kanazawa/Japan through various hands-on experiences, including gold leaf craftwork, karate-do, tea ceremony, pottery, and company and school visits.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ● Knowledge Science, ● Information Science, ● Materials Science

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) -- (Graduate) 946
- **Int’l Students:** 253
- **Foreign Researchers:** 45
- **Int’l Agreements:** 97
- **Overseas Office:** 1

Outline of University

Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, JAIST, was established in 1990 as Japan’s first graduate institute without an undergraduate program for the purposes of advancing science and technology and training and educating future leading scientists and engineers. From JAIST 4,539 masters and 693 doctors have graduated and have been taking active roles in the industrial world and the academic world.

JAIST consists of three graduate schools, School of Knowledge Science, School of Materials Science, and School of Information Science. Our faculty members and doctoral students have been carrying out top-level researches in the world. School of Knowledge Science conducts unique and advanced research on knowledge science that supports a growing knowledge-based society. School of Information Science enjoys high reputation in the technologies for dependable cyberspace and research on verification technology. School of Materials Science draws worldwide attention to its device research based on completely new principles such as nano-liquid process.

In the field of science and technology JAIST is the most internationalized academic institute in Japan. Receiving many students and faculty members from all over the world, now JAIST has more than 25% of its students and over 15% of its faculty members from abroad. In addition, all of the doctoral courses are taught in English and the master’s degree program can be completed in English only, too.

JAIST welcomes ambitious young people who wish to take a leading role in the global society.

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Admission & Support Information

1) Admissions
   JAIST Admission Policy
   In considering applicants for admission, emphases are placed on applicants' motivation, their intellectual capabilities, and their skills in conducting research.
   a) Master's Program(Selection Process)
      JAIST regards oral examination of research proposal and interview as the most important elements in selection, and evaluates candidates based on the result of the interview and transcripts of grades.
   b) Doctoral Program(Selection Process)
      JAIST regards oral examination as to applicants’ master’s thesis, research outline, and interview as the most important elements in selection, and evaluates candidates based on the result of an interview, transcripts of grades, and proof of English language proficiency

2) Students Housing
   Student housing buildings are located on campus and each room is equipped with an air-conditioner and refrigerator. All the international students can live in the student housing.

3) Scholarships
   In order to support international students JAIST prepares a variety of financial support systems consisting of benefit-type scholarships and on-campus employments.

4) Lecture in English
   To prepare students for future international career, JAIST uses English as the lecture language for all the doctoral courses and a half of the master’s courses. To secure students’ English ability, the Institute of General Education offers systematically structured programs of English.

5) Japanese Language Education Program
   JAIST offers a systematic Japanese language education program for international students from basic Japanese for daily use to business Japanese for future employment in Japan.

   More information is available at http://www.jaist.ac.jp/index-e.html

Message from University

JAIST is located on a hill in the city of Nomi in Ishikawa Prefecture, at the heart of the Ishikawa Science Park. Our beautiful campus enjoys splendid view across nearby counties and over the ocean.

The area provides us with recreational activities in every season, including several ski resorts, seaside parks, hot springs and recreational parks in its vicinity.

Within 20km of JAIST is the city of Kanazawa, which hosts numerous cultural events all year round.

JAIST students can enjoy a variety of international exchanges and Japanese cultural events.

As for the huge earthquake that hit Japan on March 11 in 2011, JAIST was not affected at all due to our location far away from the disaster-stricken area. We have been able to maintain normal operation of education. As a research institute, JAIST is determined to make as much contribution as possible to the reconstruction of Japan.

International exchange event
University of Fukui

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △ ○ Education and Regional Studies, ○ Medical Sciences, ○ Engineering

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 4,114
  - (Graduate) 902

- **Int’l Students:** 219
- **Foreign Researchers:** 25
- **Int’l Agreements:** 65
- **Overseas Office:** 1

Outline of University

In the year of 1949, Former Fukui University was established as the foundation of Fukui Normal School and Fukui Youth Normal School, Fukui college of Technology.

Former Fukui University and Fukui Medical University were integrated into the University of Fukui in 2003. The current university consists of three faculties, the Faculty of Education and Regional Studies, the Faculty of Medical Sciences and the Faculty of Engineering.

- **Mission Statement**

  Serving as a community of academic and cultural activities, the University of Fukui, with a high sense of ethics, aims; to promote world-class education and research of science and technology for the wellbeing of people, to conduct cultivation of human resources who contribute to region, country and international society, and creative and region featured research of pedagogy, advanced science and technology, and medical science, and to provide advanced medical services to local residents.

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University of Fukui

Admission & Support Information

Special programs offered in English: In addition to regular bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral programs, University of Fukui offers a doctoral program, GEP (Global Engineering Program for Research and Development), and master’s program, GEPIS (Global Engineering Program for International Students). Students in these programs will study various fields of engineering and conduct research in English.

Financial Aids and Scholarships: University of Fukui provides financial aids to selected full-time students by exempting half or the full amount of the enrollment fee and/or tuition, or by extending the payment period. Students may apply for the following scholarships; Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship – application through Japanese embassies (Embassy recommendation) and application through universities (University recommendation, Domestic recommendation); Scholarships by JASSO – ex. Honors scholarships for privately funded students; Scholarships by Private foundations.

Support for International Students: International Student Center has two main roles; providing Japanese education and advising students on their academic, personal, and cultural matters. Students are also welcome to participate in activities organized by the center, such as sports activities and ski trip.

Message from University

Interviews with international students studying at the University of Fukui

Abdulghani Abdul-Rahman Hafiz
(Pakistani, Doctoral Student, Graduate school of Engineering)

Q. What do you think about life in Fukui?
A. Fukui is very different from where I grew up, but I enjoy my life in Fukui. People here are so friendly, and we have many activities for foreign students. Every season we have different activities. For example, in winter we go snowboarding, in spring we go to see flowers and in summer we go to see fireworks.

Q. Any message to prospective students?
A. I feel that going abroad to study is challenging for many students, but if someone wants to do, they should not hesitate. It’s a very good experience and will open their mind. They will feel stronger in the future and in all aspects like life, study, or work. So, if someone has an idea to go abroad and study in Japan or Fukui, they should not hesitate.

Nilna Ameria (Indonesian, Master’s student, Graduate school of Engineering)

Q. What do you think about the academic environment at the University of Fukui?
A. It’s very nice. First, I was shocked because I did not understand much Japanese. But, all the lecturers were very cooperative and very nice, and so in the first year I could make it through lectures. Now, I am in my second year and I really enjoy experiments.

Q. What do you think about your life in Fukui?
A. I like my life in Fukui very much because unlike big cities Fukui is very peaceful. The price is lower than the one in big cities and most importantly people here are very friendly and relaxed. Fukui is a very safe city, so I don’t find any trouble when I come home very late at night. As for food, I cannot eat beef, chicken or pork, but I can eat fish. Fukui has good fresh fish.
GIFU UNIVERSITY

Basic Information

- **Colleges & Graduate schools:**
  - Undergraduate: △ College of Education, △ College of Regional Studies, △ ○ College of Medicine, ○ College of Engineering
  - Graduate: College of Applied Biological Sciences, ▲ College of Agricultural Science, ▲ College of Veterinary Sciences, ▲ College of Drug Discovery and Medical Information Science

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 5,858
  - (Graduate) 1,710

- **Int’l Students:** 392
- **Foreign Researchers:** 15
- **Int’l Agreements:** 41
- **Overseas Office:** 2

Outline of University

Gifu University is a national university corporation, consisting of five undergraduate and eight graduate degree programs. We also have a number of research and education centers (Life Science Research Center, River Basin Research Center, Center for Cooperative Research, International Student Center, Information and Multimedia Center, Library, etc.).

In the educational area, our first priority is the cultivation of human resources. To this end, we conduct education replete in both quality and quantity and strive to furnish students with an affluent education as well as a sophisticated expertise. Through this, we hope to offer our students a broad outlook, the ability to make general decisions, coupled with an excellence in communication skills. We hope to train independent and internationally minded professionals ready to contribute to society in a variety of different fields.

In the research area, we strive to maintain high standards of research to serve as the foundation of outstanding education. We also aspire to be a hub for advanced, original research in fields such as life, and environmental sciences, and to return the products of research to society.

In the area of international relations, we currently have 360 international students from 26 different countries. We also have 41 sister universities in 15 countries with agreements for academic exchange. Through these, we hope to promote the exchange of students, faculty, and research information between our schools.

Surrounded by rice fields and lush mountain forests, Gifu University offers the ideal place to study in peace and tranquility. Gifu University is conveniently located only two hours from Tokyo and one hour from Kyoto by bullet train. Nagoya is also only 20 minutes away by local train.

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Admission & Support Information

Name of Scholarship: Gifu University Scholarship
Application Period: early June
Monthly Payment: ¥30,000
Duration: 1 year
Max. Number of Students to be recommended by Gifu University: 5
Eligibility of Non-degree seeking Student: Ineligible

Message from University

【Message from The President】

At Gifu University, we have as our motto “Learn, Master, Share.” Although brief, we hope that this short saying will help in giving direction to our students while they study with us here at Gifu University. As a student, we implore that you learn all you can, make it yours, master it. When you leave us, take that knowledge with you and share it, spread it- help make society better with what you have gained with us here while studying here, at Gifu University.

Based on that outlook (our motto), we have set a few goals for our second semester which I would like to discuss in brief here. The goals as written go, “Make the cultivation of human resources a top priority, and conduct education replete in both quality and quantity. Foster students to become highly-competent professionals with expertise in wide-ranging fields, and who will then become great contributors to society.” We want to make sure that you, the student, are developing the skills and abilities needed to succeed after graduation- this is our top priority. In order to accomplish this, as educators we commit ourselves to providing in abundance, only the highest quality of education. With these goals in mind, Gifu University commits itself to producing graduates who will play significant roles in the promotion of education, businesses, economy, culture or medicine as responsible and dependable members of society.

Gifu University is a research university. As such, over the past few years much of our research has allowed us the opportunity to participate and/or contribute to a number of various endeavours, some of which we are proud to boast. In November of 2009, Gifu University declared itself a “Environmental University”. In doing so, we have implemented a nature conservation program, and have tried hard to maintain an environmentally friendly campus. The Faculty of Regional Studies, University Library and Central Administration building have passed ISO 14001 standards. Some of our current research projects include; 1) “The Rearing Program for Basin Water Environmental Leaders,” a cooperation between Asian and African countries, 2) the development of clean energies by the Center of Innovative Photovoltaic Systems, and 3) research activities of “satellite ecology” which observe absorption rates of carbon dioxide (CO2) of forests under the 21th Century COE Program conducted by the Japanese Government.

In addition, Gifu University focuses on internationalization with the objective, “Improve the systems and the structure of Gifu University for internationalization and contribute to society.” I sincerely hope that international students and researchers who intend to study here at Gifu University enjoy their lives to the fullest while staying in Japan. May you achieve successful results in your respective fields with us.

Hideki Mori
President, Gifu University
Shizuoka University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Humanities and Social Sciences, △Education, △Informatics, △Science, △Engineering, △Agriculture, ●Agricultural Science(Participation), ●Science and Technology, Research Division, □Law

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 8,837 (Graduate) 1,587
- **Int’l Students:** 351
- **Foreign Researchers:** 12
- **Int’l Agreements:** 55
- **Overseas Office:** 3

Outline of University

Shizuoka University was founded on May 31, 1949. The 2 campuses are in Shizuoka City and Hamamatsu City. Our educational goal is to prepare good citizens who will take leadership roles, drawing on international perspectives, to solve problems in an increasingly global society. There are 9,000 students in 6 faculties and 1,600 students in 8 graduate schools in Shizuoka University. Shizuoka University devotes a large effort toward international exchange. At present, some 300 international students, both graduate and undergraduate, are studying and are engaged in research.

**Vision -Freedom and Enlightenment & Creation of the Future-**

At Shizuoka University, with a philosophy of "Freedom and Enlightenment", students and teaching staff proactively pursue education, study, and social collaboration, striving for the "Creation of the Future" - creating a future that is peaceful and abundant. As members of the local community, we respect the regional environment and culture, and respond to the expectations of society. Moreover, we will bravely stake serious challenges to global environmental issues, food issues, poverty, war, and the collapse of the traditional community and sense of values. Thus, all the people involved with Shizuoka University, noting first and foremost the students and teaching staff, share at large the philosophy of "Freedom and Enlightenment & Creation of the Future" and strive to create a peaceful and happy future while trusting in each other, studying, and respecting individual diversity.

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Shizuoka University

Admission & Support Information

Shizuoka University has a tutor system designed to assist overseas students in becoming accustomed to a new university life, as well as to encourage study and research. A tutor assigned to an overseas student will give advice and assistance in Japanese language matters, general studies, and daily living. Tutors will only be provided for 1st or 2nd year undergraduate students or 1st year graduate students.

For further help, The International Center organizes Japanese Volunteer Students to help to learn Japanese language and culture and meet International Students’ demands.

Moreover, International Student counselors can help and give some advice in either English or Japanese. The teaching staff at the International Center also deals with various problems that International Students face in daily life.

For financial support, there is a Shizuoka University International Exchange Fund. It was established for the purpose of promoting international collaborations of our university, and offers a scholarship for International Students of Shizuoka University. As of 2011, 10 International Students have been provided with 40,000 JPY a month every half year.

We have Shizuoka International Residence (35 rooms), Hamamatsu International Residence (52 rooms) and a dormitory (45 rooms) to provide housing for overseas students and researchers.

Due to capacity restrictions, not all applicants can be accepted. However, the co-op (located at both Shizuoka and Hamamatsu campuses) will assist to find an apartment.

Faculty of Engineering has prepared a new education program called “NIFEE (National InterFacing Engineering Education program)”. The program is limited to students from Indonesia, Vietnam, and Thailand. Entrance examinations are held at each country in March, and the enrollment date is 1st of October.

[Details about NIFEE] Please visit http://www.eng.shizuoka.ac.jp/nifee/NifeeTop.html

Message from University

In line with Vision -Freedom and Enlightenment & Creation of the Future-, we develop individuals who can assume responsibility for the future of the planet, equipped with an international outlook toward the nations of Asia and the rest of the world, possessing advanced specialty expertise and a strong willingness to face challenges without fear of failure. These individuals will be the learned minds equipped with abundant humanity who will lead society in a wide range of fields and continue to pursue solutions to the problems of the 21st century. To cultivate wisdom and abundant sensibility, we provide students with opportunities for field work, manufacturing experience, local community development, and contact with schools and regional facilities where they can grow alongside children.

The human potential stimulated by these opportunities will be reflected in students' study and research in basic and applied fields.
Hamamatsu University School of Medicine

Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools: ○Medicine

- Students: (Undergraduate) 921 (Graduate) 195
- Int'l Students: 26
- Foreign Researchers: 8
- Int'l Agreements: 12
- Overseas Office: 0

Outline of University

1974. 6 Hamamatsu University School of Medicine was founded.
1977. 4 The University Hospital was established.
1980. 4 Graduate School of Medicine, Doctoral Degree Program, was established.
1995. 4 The Faculty of Nursing was established.
1999. 4 The Master's Degree Program of our Graduate School of Nursing was established.
2004. 4 The National University Corporation Hamamatsu University School of Medicine started.
2008. 4 Graduate Course of Midwifery was established.

Several years have passed since this university’s incorporation and renaming as National University Corporation, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine but our original vision and goals remain unchanged.

They are: (1) to educate our students to be excellent clinicians and highly creative researchers; (2) to practice medicine on a patient-first basis; and (3) to play a key role in developing community health care.

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Hamamatsu University School of Medicine

Admission & Support Information

Hamamatsu University School of Medicine International Exchange Fund Scholarship
Self-financed foreign students who do not have any scholarship or who have a small scholarship are eligible. This scholarship committee will select candidates. The recruitment period will be approximately from July to August. Length of awards is one year.

Message from University

Hamamatsu University School of Medicine International Residence Halls
The University runs on-campus housing that is open to all foreign students and researchers called the International Residence Halls. As a general rule, one can reside here for only one year. Please note that we have a limited number of places available, so even if you apply you are not guaranteed housing.

Applications for housing are accepted twice a year in July (for those moving-in in October) and January (for those moving-in in April). Outside of the above application periods, we will accept and process applications on a timely basis whenever there are vacancies. Please contact the section for Educational Affairs in the International Student Office.

Housing Information (Case of foreign students)

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A security deposit (10,000 yen ~ 30,000 yen) and a cleaning fee (10,500 yen ~ 31,500 yen) are also required when you move in.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate Schools:** ○Letters ○Education ○Law ○Economics ■Informatics and Sciences ○Science ○Medicine ○Engineering ○Agricultural Sciences ●International Development ●Mathematics ●Languages and Cultures ●Environmental Studies ●Information Science

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 10,147 (Graduate) 6,492
- **Int’l Students:** 1,749
- **Foreign Researchers:** 122
- **Int’l Agreements:** 306
- **Overseas Office:** 9

Outline of University

Nagoya University originated in 1871 as a temporary hospital with a medical school and was established as an Imperial University in 1939. In 1949, following educational reform, the university transformed to Nagoya University comprising 6 schools. The university continued to develop steadily, undergoing numerous reorganizations and reforms. Since 2004, the university has been operated as a National University Corporation. It has become an international center of education and research with 13 graduate schools, 9 undergraduate schools, 3 research institutes and 19 research centers.

The university’s greatest strength is its capacity for research that stands out on the world stage; 4 of the 9 Japanese Nobel Prize winners since the beginning of the 21st century are related to Nagoya University. Further, Nagoya University continues to be among those selected, through a competitive process, to receive significant government grants, most recently through the 21st-Century Center of Excellence (COE) and Global COE Programs. Nagoya University is a research-intensive university whose achievements are recognized worldwide.

Because of its internationally-recognized achievements and established academic standing, Nagoya University is among the few universities selected by the Japanese government to offer International Programs, called Global 30 (G30) programs, from October 2011.

The university has academic exchange agreements with 306 universities and research institutes in 51 countries and regions around the world. It also enjoys positive ties with the industries that densely populate Nagoya's Chubu region and provides much of their top-level workforce.

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Admission & Support Information

For Global 30 programs at the university, the International Programs’ Admissions Office has a comprehensive application review process that takes into account high school or secondary school grades, essays, recommendation letters, and extracurricular activities as well as student’s study plans. The initial selection is followed by an interview, which can be conducted in Japan or abroad. In short, Nagoya University seeks self-motivated students who are able to take new challenge. Please visit G30 website for more details and application: http://admissions.g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/index.php

Regular programs of Nagoya University, taught in Japanese, offer a wide range of choices to any student who is proficient in the Japanese language. Several graduate schools also offer English courses. For more details, please visit the website of the Education Center for International Students (ECIS) website: http://www.ecis.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/admission/index.html, or each graduate school.

To support international students, the university offers several support programs. For example:

**Nagoya University Scholarship for Outstanding Graduate Students**

**Admission & Tuition Fee Exemption**

**Housing for International Students**

Message from University

Throughout its history, Nagoya University has done its utmost to maintain a free and vibrant academic culture. As an educational institution, we aim to cultivate what we call “courageous intellectuals”: social contributors endowed with the powers of rational thought and creative imagination.

With the “Hamaguchi Plan” published by President Hamaguchi, we are taking further steps to become a globalized university where students are able to acquire comprehensive knowledge, develop personal ethics, and aspire to international careers.

Nagoya, located in the center of Japan, is the heart of the country’s business and industrial network. During the Edo period, the city prospered as a key junction for traffic between Edo (Tokyo), Osaka and Kyoto and developed into the hub for business and industry it is today. The blend of the energetic city and refreshing nature allows students to enjoy a versatile lifestyle in Nagoya.

Nagoya University, as one of Japan’s pivotal comprehensive research universities, plays a great role in shaping and influencing the future of today’s youth in Japan and overseas, in these times of growing diversification of values and global uncertainty. We cordially invite you to join us at Nagoya and explore the “traditional” free and vibrant academic culture in the very central part of exciting Japan.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △ Education, □ Practitioner in Education

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 3,928
  - (Graduate) 379

- **Int’l Students:** 71
- **Foreign Researchers:** 7
- **Int’l Agreements:** 20
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

We offer teacher-training-centered education with the emphasis on liberal arts. Our undergraduate course aims to produce excellent teachers who will devote themselves to the education of children, the future peace-builders of our society, through various teacher-training programs. Moreover, the course aims to nurture students to become members of society with multifaceted perspectives through the education based on the idea of liberal arts. Our graduate course provides the opportunity for prospective teachers and in-service teachers to undergo professional training and to acquire a high level of ability.

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Aichi University of Education

Admission & Support Information

AUE aims to promote international academic exchanges by providing various forms of support to international students from partner universities.

To this end, we have established our own scholarship system “International Student Support Program by the Education and Research Fund of AUE”.

Message from University

Message from the President

Aichi University of Education (AUE), which is one of the largest universities for teacher education in Japan, is located in central Japan where you can enjoy mild climate. It takes one hour from Central Japan International Airport and the surrounding area is one of the most active industrial area known for automobile industry and manufacturing technology.

AUE is a top-ranking university in terms of the number of graduates who enter the teaching profession. A doctoral course will be established on April 1st, 2012. AUE’s mission also puts emphasis on liberal arts and science education at undergraduate level. Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language Course has more than twenty-year history and has produced fully qualified Japanese language teachers. For international students as well as Japanese students, a newly built on-campus women’s dormitory is available from academic year 2012. We heartily welcome you to AUE.

Message from the Center for International Exchange

If you are interested in spending your school days in Japan, why don’t you study at AUE where you can gain knowledge from professors who work closely with you and share experiences with students with diverse backgounds. The Center for International Exchange, AUE is ready to provide various types of assistance to you ranging from academic supports, such as special Japanese Language Courses to daily life consultation.

We are confident that your experience at AUE will help open doors for your future.
Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools: Faculty of Engineering (Undergraduate), Graduate School of Engineering

- Students: (Undergraduate) 4,330 (Graduate) 1,573
  - Int’l Students: 370
  - Foreign Researchers: 44
  - Int’l Agreements: 63
  - Overseas Office: 1

Outline of University

Nagoya Institute of Technology (NITech) was founded in 1905 as National Nagoya Higher Technical School. In its one hundred year history NITech has educated over 70,000 excellent engineers and researchers, and has contributed to the creation of a better social context and the improvement of Japanese industries.

Since the late 20th century, many problems in the world have had to be solved in a borderless global context in order to help people lead a stable life in a comfortable social environment. NITech will continue to be aware of global context while respecting different value systems through collaborative relationships with research institutions in and outside of Japan, in order to develop technologies for human welfare, and to educate promising students and researchers.

Under the three principles of
(1) Hitozukuri (Education),
(2) Monozukuri (Innovation) and
(3) Miraizukuri (Contribution),
NITech welcomes prospective students who possess determination to accomplish their educational goals.

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Admission & Support Information

<Company-Sponsored Scholarship>
The scholarship was established in 2008, funded by donations from local companies with the intention of developing global talents who will contribute to the development of manufacturing industries in the 21st century, and promoting human interaction beyond national boundaries. Two Vietnamese students have been enrolled in NITech since 2008 under this scholarship. In the year 2011, one student from India was selected and enrolled in NITech.

<I-Scholarship>
I-Scholarship was established in 2008 and is dedicated to helping the financial needs of international PhD students in the Department of Engineering Physics, Electronics and Mechanics.

<Double Degree Program>
This International Graduate Program is in cooperation with Beijing University of Chemical Technology and also with Tongji University in China. Currently, five master course students are conducting research in this program: three incoming master course students, and two NITech students. In September 2012 two students will obtain master degrees from both universities.

<Twinning Program>
NITech has been engaged in a Twinning Program with Hanoi University of Technology (HUT) in Vietnam since 2007. Under this program, undergraduates from HUT transfer to NITech in their third year. After completing two years in the NITech undergraduate program, these students will be awarded Bachelor’s degrees. Currently there are four students studying under this program.

<International House>
The International House offers housing for international students: 54 single rooms, 6 rooms for couples, and 2 rooms for families. The residents include Japanese tutors. We attempt to meet the diverse needs and interests of residents.

<International Center>
A wide range of activities and programs are offered for international students, including Japanese language courses and educational events to learn more about Japan and its culture. In addition, the center supports career path and job-hunting related seminars.

Message from University

Nagoya, where NITech is located, is in the geographical center of the mainland of Japan. One of the attractive advantages of NITech is easy access to the campus and a range of shops. Currently, around 370 international students enjoy the wide range of activities that are available in a vibrant, yet peaceful and safe, modern city.

Studying in Japan is a valuable and rewarding experience. We invite those who are serious about studying in Japan to join our campus. They can then return to their homeland to spread the word of their amazing adventures in Nagoya.
Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools: Engineering

- Students: (Undergraduate) 1,136 (Graduate) 1,049
- Int’l Students: 216
- Foreign Researchers: 6
- Int’n Agreements: 50
- Overseas Office: 2

Outline of University

Master Technology, Create Technology

Our university was founded in 1976 and our mission is to foster engineers and researchers who will be future leaders of society in the field of technological science in both creative and practical ways for the realization of enriched humanity, symbiosis with nature, and an internationally cooperative society.

We place emphasis on our graduate programs, promoting an education that will foster lucid of insight, a fine and considerate sensitivity, adaptable intelligence and a global perspective.

Looking ahead to further human development, we also conduct research with the aim of developing new standards in technological science.

Educational Systems focused on Graduate School Programs

We are going ahead with continuous education from undergraduate course to master’s course. So we focus on our graduate programs. The number of students per faculty member is less compared to other universities and students can get enhanced small-group instruction.

Distinctive Education for Creative Engineers—“Spiral-Style” education—

To foster creative engineers we provide our unique education to students with learning both basic and specialties repeatedly in Master’s course as well as undergraduate.

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Admission & Support Information

More than 80 percent of our international students receive some kind of scholarship, so they can concentrate on their studies and researches. International students are able to apply MEXT Scholarship, JICA scholarship, or JDS program before coming to Japan. Students are also able to apply for scholarship given by the private funds after coming to Japan. One reason of high success ratio of scholarship is that our international students are very much motivated and talented.

Also students can apply for tuition and admission fee exemption, and more than 80 percent of applicants in our graduate course have been awarded tuition exemption for 2010, with at least half exemption or 25% exemption.

Students of our university are able to borrow up to 150,000 yen without any interest from TUT Association of International Student Support. This debt must be paid back within 6 month.

Message from University

We conclude international exchange agreements between 50 universities worldwide and 10 percent of our students are from overseas, with the majority coming from Asia, like Indonesia, Malaysia. This reflects the success of the University's overseas outreach programs since being established.

We offer a special doctoral and a master's course conducted in English, which is open for overseas students seeking a degree in the engineering fields.

After graduation from Toyohashi Tech, many of our graduates take high positions in their home country and in Japan.

Center for International Relations

The Center for International Relations provides counseling and advising services for international students concerning problems in their studies and everyday lives. And for the information of students’ visa, hospital problems, daily life, traveling in Japan or having fun, any questions are welcome at International Affairs Division.

School cafeteria

We provide Halal food at cafeteria for students and researchers from Muslim regions.

Welcome

We welcome talented and ambitious people from the global science and engineering community to join us in advancing knowledge by an interdisciplinary approach to both education and research.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ■ Humanities, Law and Economics, △ Humanities and Social Sciences, △△ Education, △△△ Medicine, △△△ Engineering, △△△ Bioresources, ● Regional Innovation Studies

- **Students:** 
  (Undergraduate) 6,112  
  (Graduate) 1,245
- **Int’l Students:** 263
- **Foreign Researchers:** 19
- **Int’l Agreements:** 74
- **Overseas Office:** 4

Outline of University

From Mie to the World!

We provide world-class community-based education and research results through harmonious coexistence of nature and mankind.

Our Philosophy

As a center of learning, Mie University strives to contribute towards the “Development of Human Resources and Research”, enhancing the “Welfare of the Society”, through the “Harmonious Coexistence of Nature and Mankind.”

Education at Mie University, we develop “Four Key Abilities”, which are “The Ability to Empathize”, “The Ability to Think”, “The Ability to Communicate”, and “The Ability to Live”, for the cultivation of human beings who are capable of promoting regional innovation with advanced knowledge and technology based on broad education.

Research at Mie University, we aim to enhance basic and applied research to maintain our tradition of developing the scientific fields through international innovative research that contributes to the society.

Collaboration with Community, we aim to contribute to the development of communities and promote mutual cooperation among people through our education and research.

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Admission & Support Information

Mie University Scholarship Program

Mie University offers a Scholarship Program for Students from Partner Universities.

- **20,000JPY** monthly for short-term exchange students.
- **280,000JPY** (one time entrance fee). Plus **520,000JPY** yearly.

For further information, please contact the International Student Office.

Message from University

CIER, the Center for International Education and Research

It was inaugurated on October 1, 2005, as a special facility for research and education. The CIER’s key for internationalization is to organize diverse high quality international exchange programs, hoping that progressively more active participants shall continue to bring further development to international issues. Currently, our partnership has expended to 74 universities in 27 countries, conducting mutual exchange activities and international collaborative research.

Student Support Center

At the Student Support Center (http://www.mie-u.ac.jp/life/), faculty and staff members with expertise provide student activities with assistance at the “School Life Support Office”, “Student Counseling Services & Information”, and “Career Support Center.” The International Student Office offers support to international students. For further inquiries, please visit the website of the Center for International Education and Research. (http://www.cie.mie-u.ac.jp/en/cier/)

Center for Physical & Mental Health

The Center for Physical & Mental Health provides medical advice for students, faculties, and staff members. At the center, doctors, nurses, and mental health counselors deal with mental illnesses and physiological stress, as well as physical illness. If problems arise or if guidance is required to address any health worries that you may have, please feel free to visit the Center for Physical & Mental Health.

Housing Information – International Students Dormitories

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Outline of University

Shiga University has two Faculties, the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Economics. Each faculty has a graduate school.

Faculty of Education consists of three departments: (1) Department of School Teachers' Training, which aims to develop teachers with attractive personality as well as practical leadership to respond productively to the new school education; (2) Department of Environment Education, which aims to enhance understanding of current environmental systems and problems and encourage students to create new ways to solve problems they are facing.

Faculty of Economics consists of six departments. All disciplines of Economics aim to develop specialists in economics with a global perspective and a problem solving ability capable of responding to the needs of a global information society.

Graduate School of Education (Master’s Course) aims to develop teachers' expertise and practical capabilities so they can meet the diversified demands of the times; the Graduate School of Education is also designed to provide training for in-service teachers to improve their abilities.

Graduate School of Economics has the Master's Course and the Doctoral Course. The Master's Course aims to develop specialists in the field economics with an international perspective. The Doctoral Course aims to train an international "Risk Manager" who is capable of performing risk analysis as well as risk management for economy or business administration.

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Admission & Support Information

Shiga University has accepted international students since 1967. As of October 2011, the total number of international students enrolled at Shiga University is 179. While Shiga University gives the opportunity of special examinations to privately financed international students, it also accepts Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho or MEXT) Scholarship research students and undergraduate students. Furthermore, Shiga University is committed to accepting international students from overseas exchange partners. Located in the vicinity of the Hikone Campus, there is a facility called “International House of Shiga University” available to international students. Students can take part in exchange activities with volunteers and enjoy life in Japan.

While there are some governmentally financed international students at Shiga University, the major part of international students is comprised of privately financed students. Both in Faculty of Economics and Faculty of Education, special examinations are given to privately-financed international students. Applicants are selected comprehensively on the basis of the results of tests & interviews, application documents, and the EJU scores. The Graduate School of Economics gives entrance examination especially for international students.

Admission fee for 2011 for undergraduate/graduate students is JPY 282,000 per year and tuition fee is JPY 535,800 per year. Undergraduate/graduate students with outstanding academic achievements and yet with financial difficulties may be exempted from paying tuition fees upon request. Scholarships available to international students at Shiga University include Honors Scholarships for Privately Financed International Students (undergraduate students: JPY 48,000 per month, graduate students: JPY 65,000 per month), Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Inc. (undergraduate students: JPY 100,000 per month, graduate students: JPY 140,000 per month), and Biwako Scholarship for Foreign Students (JPY 20,000 per month).

Message from University

We wish to express our sympathy to the people who have suffered in the Great East Earthquake. Shiga prefecture and Shiga University have not been affected by the earthquake nor the Fukushima Nuclear Power plant incident. Please be assured that we can provide good academic environment for the students.

In total, twenty full-time/part-time/interlocking staffs work at Shiga University International (SUI). The main office of SUI is located at Hikone Campus, and the branch office is at Otsu Campus. SUI consists of the department of educational and research service. The objectives of the department of students service include accepting international students, providing educational and everyday life support for students at the university, giving advice to students interested in overseas study as well as supporting participants in study tour programs. The department of educational and research service aims to perform a wide range of activities for the support of international education and research activities conducted by Shiga University, including the conclusion of academic agreements and other contracts between Shiga University and overseas universities.
Shiga University of Medical Science

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Medicine

- **Students:**
  - Undergraduate: 887
  - Graduate: 152

- **Int’l Students:** 12

- **Foreign Researchers:** 19

- **Int’l Agreements:** 14

- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Shiga University of Medical Science (SUMS) is a medical school, established in 1974. The Undergraduate School consists of two faculties: the Faculty of Medicine, which has 31 departments, and the Faculty of Nursing, which has 3 departments. The Graduate School includes 5 doctorate sections divided into 23 subsections and 4 Doctoral Programs for Oncology Specialist Course, plus 1 section divided into 3 branches for Master Programs.

SUMS is committed to providing both a broad cultural background and highly specialized knowledge and skills in medicine and nursing. We also aim to nurture research minded, competent medical personnel with a solid ethical sense so that after graduation they will be able to contribute to the advancement of medicine, nursing, and social welfare.

SUMS promotes advanced research projects in basic and clinical medical science as well as advanced medical care, contributing to the medicine and welfare in the world.

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Admission & Support Information

SUMS Grant Program for Foreign Visiting Researchers
Donation by The Shiga Medical Science Association for International Cooperation

Message from University

Shiga University of Medical Science (SUMS) is a medical school, established in 1974. SUMS is located in Shiga prefecture in the middle of Japan’s mainland. Shiga prefecture is blessed with a good natural environment including Lake Biwa, and there are many historical places. Also, access to the main cities of Kyoto and Osaka is easy.

Our mission is to be a world-class university, with the support of the local community, fostering creative researchers and other trustworthy medical professionals who have a faithful sense of medical ethics and mission. SUMS promotes advanced research projects in basic and clinical medical science as well as advanced medical care, contributing to the medicine and welfare in the world. SUMS is promoting collaborations with overseas universities.

SUMS has actively promoted international academic exchanges. The goal of these exchanges is to foster the talents of students pursuing careers in medicine and the efforts of those engaged in medical research and education. Academic exchange agreements have been concluded with several major universities throughout the world, with Beihua University in China, Changchun Municipal Hospital in China, The University of British Columbia, University of Michigan, China Medical University, Roma University, the University of Picardie Jules Verne, Harbin Medical University, Cho Ray Hospital in Vietnam, University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City, Northeastern University in China, the Ottawa University and the National University of Malaysia. To date, SUMS has welcomed many students and scholars from overseas through these programs. In the last 10 years, SUMS accepted about 110 guest researchers, and 30 researchers entered the graduate school, and got the Doctor in Medicine Degree. There are currently 12 graduate students, 1 undergraduate student and 5 scholars working in their respective fields at the university, representing the countries of England, Bangladesh, China, Kenya, Egypt, Canada and Vietnam. In addition, the number of university staff and faculty members dispatched abroad to attend international conferences or to work with their overseas counterparts has been increasing yearly.

To help meet the housing needs of the growing number of visiting students and scholars, SUMS constructed an International House, which was completed in 1994. The building is a three-story residence offering a broad range of amenities in a convenient location at the edge of campus. Any registered student or scholar from overseas, along with their family members, is qualified to reside at the International House.

Self-financed foreign students may be eligible for scholarship opportunities from the Japan Student Services Organization, from Shiga Prefecture, or from private foundations, though one should not assume that a scholarship will always be enough to cover all costs and fees during one’s stay. For foreign students, supplementary lessons in specialized subjects are given as needed. Also, they can participate in free Japanese language lessons if they wish. Foreign students can receive support services through tutors, as needed.
Kyoto University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Integrated Human Studies, ○Letters, ○Education, ○Law, ○Economics, ○Science, ○□Medicine, ○Pharmaceutical Sciences, ○Engineering, ○Agriculture, ●Human and Environmental Studies, ●Energy Science, ●Asian and African Area Studies, ●Informatics, ●Biostudies, ■Global Environmental Studies, □Government, □Management
- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 13,315 (Graduate) 9,125
- **Int’l Students:** 1,820
- **Foreign Researchers:** 1,083
- **Int’l Agreements:** 92
- **Overseas Office:** 48

Outline of University

Located in the historical city of Kyoto, and dating back to 1897, Kyoto University (KU) is the second oldest research university in Japan. Today, as a truly international institution, we are dedicated to providing a free-thinking academic environment with a global perspective.

We offer a broad-minded and accommodating academic environment where researchers can engage in long-term studies and pursue new frontiers in fundamental and applied science. The strength of our methods is testified by the accolades conferred on our alumni and researchers, notably seven Nobel Prize laureates, two Fields Medalists and one Gauss Prize laureate. The internationally recognized accomplishments of our researchers owe a great deal to our unique approach to education and research, which emphasizes free-thinking, independence and dialogue. This academic philosophy encourages the creativity which is essential for groundbreaking research and discoveries. Another key element is the fact that the university is well equipped with state-of-the-art laboratories and research facilities, providing students and researchers with the hands-on practical experience that is vital to their development as scientists and scholars.

Kyoto University’s Mission Statement declares our intention to pursue harmonious coexistence within the human and ecological community on this planet. We invite students and researchers from around the world to become inspired by this ambitious ideal, and not only become specialists in their chosen fields, but also help tackle the world’s most urgent problems and contribute to the global community.

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Programs and Admission
Selected for the Japanese government’s Global 30 Project for Establishing Core Universities for Internationalization (G30), Kyoto University now offers a range of degree programs (1 undergraduate and 15 graduate/MBA courses) entirely in English in addition to regular Japanese-taught courses. The academic year begins in April, but some graduate schools also enroll students in October. Application deadlines and test schedules vary. Further information is available from the relevant faculty administration offices.

Scholarships
Every year, Kyoto University selects and recommends international scholarship candidates to approximately 50 private institutions based on an intra-university selection process. Applications are generally accepted following admission to the university, and each organization generally offers a scholarship of between ¥30,000 and ¥180,000 per month to one or two students. Other scholarships available include Japanese government (Monbukagakusho [MEXT]) scholarships, foreign government scholarships and honors scholarships. Regular (degree-seeking) undergraduate and graduate students with excellent academic records who experience financial difficulty may be eligible for a full or half tuition waiver.

Support
• Accommodation: Kyoto University has four accommodation facilities (International Houses) for international students and researchers. The number of rooms available and duration of tenancy are limited, however, and many students choose other accommodation options, such as private apartments.
• Tutor System: A tutor system is provided for eligible international students to assist with study, research and daily life. Tutors are generally selected from the relevant graduate school.
• The International Center: The International Center provides Japanese language education for international students and researchers. The center also offers advice and counseling services.
• Student Lounge ‘KI-ZU-NA’: ‘KI-ZU-NA’ provides an informal space for students and university staff to enjoy cultural exchange. The lounge also has a range of Japanese language learning materials.


Message from University
Kyoto is a city where the ancient and modern combine, and a unique balance is achieved between tradition and innovation. While preserving its rich cultural heritage and customs, Kyoto has an open and forward-looking spirit, which has been embraced by many successful international businesses that are based there. The combined influences of the city’s contemplative traditional culture and stimulating progressive outlook provide an ideal environment for students of all disciplines to thrive. In this unique environment, Kyoto University has cultivated its tradition of cutting-edge education and research for over a century. A global center of innovation in science and technology and the humanities, the university has concluded academic cooperation agreements with respected institutions and organizations worldwide, and engages in diverse international collaboration and exchange projects.
Kyoto University of Education

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ■ Faculty of Education, △ Research Division of Education, □ The United Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 1,387 (Graduate) 296
  - **Int’l Students:** 56
  - **Foreign Researchers:** 1
  - **Int’l Agreements:** 7
  - **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

The university is conveniently located in the southern part of the historic city of Kyoto. The spacious, 14-hectare campus provides plenty of greenery despite being in an urban area.

The university also has seven affiliated schools, the university library, Educational Support Center and other institutes.

- **Our Objectives**
  At Kyoto University of Education, our objectives are to encourage students to reach a deep understanding of academic disciplines and to cultivate knowledge, passion, and perspective in them, developing their skills and the qualities they need to become good education.

- **History**
  1876 Founding of Kyoto Prefectural Normal School
  1949 Establishment of Kyoto Gakugei University
  1966 Name changed to Kyoto University of Education
  1990 Establishment of Graduate School of Education (Master’s course)
  2000 Reorganization of Undergraduate course
  2004 Establishment of National University Corporation, Kyoto University of Education
  2006 Reorganization Undergraduate course
  2008 Establishment of The United Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education (Professional Degree Course)

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Kyoto University of Education

Admission & Support Information

• Admissions
  Faculty of Education
    Special Admissions for foreign students
  Research Division of Education
    Special Admissions for foreign students

• Support Information
  Exemption from Tuition Fee
    In cases of financial difficulties concerning payment of tuition, undergraduate and graduate students with high level of academic achievements are eligible to apply for exemption from payment of tuition fees.
  Honors Scholarship
    Privately-funded undergraduate, graduate and graduate research students, having been screened for their academic achievements and characters may be provided Scholarship.

Message from University

From our earliest days as the National Kyoto University of Arts under the postwar education system and the 1949 reestablishment of the Kyoto Prefectural Instructor's School, which was founded in 1876, Kyoto University of Education inherits 135 years of history and tradition in the development of educators. We have adapted our organization and subject matter in response to changes in society and the times, but our basic philosophy and goal remain training educator. With our vision fixed, we have continued to produce many excellent teachers engaging in school education, social education, lifelong learning, and more.

• Subject for Foreign Students

| Japanese Supplementary : Primary A•B | For those who have L3 or N4 in the JLPT. |
| Japanese Supplementary : Primary Intermediate A•B | For those who have L2~3 or N3 in the JLPT. |
| Japanese Supplementary : Intermediate A•B | For those who have L2 or N2 in the JLPT. |

| Japanese I A• I B | Exercise and develop abilities in the Japanese language through listening to lectures and expressing thoughts and opinions. |
| Japanese I C• I D | Exercise and gain high level Japanese language skills (reading comprehension, writing). |

| Education around the World A•B | Comparative investigation of education in various countries, inclusive of Japan. Develop Japanese language communication skills through presentations and discussions. |

• Accommodation
  Our dorm (International House) (Total of 46 rooms: 36 Single Rooms, 6 Couple Rooms and 4 Family Rooms) is 15-minute walk from our university. Foreign students and visiting scholars can live there. University will be able to introduce private apartments to foreign students.
Basic Information

- Undergraduate & Graduate schools: ○ Science and Technology

- Students: (Undergraduate) 2,882 (Graduate) 1,114
- Int’l Students: 167
- Foreign Researchers: 23
- Int’l Agreements: 49
- Overseas Offices: 0

Outline of University

One hundred years has passed since Kyoto Institute of Technology (KIT) was first established as Kyoto College of Technology and Kyoto College of Textile Fibers. Located in Kyoto, Japan’s former capital which remains a bastion of traditional culture, KIT has established a unique academic culture combining wisdom, a highly developed aesthetic sense and technology. Our alumni and alumnae make valuable academic, artistic, cultural and industrial contributions to manufacturing, commerce, research and academia.

KIT has a single undergraduate school feeding into the Graduate School of Science and Technology, which is divided into the three major academic fields of Materials and Life Science, Engineering Design and Design Science. Although small in scale, its education and research are unique in pursuing "practical science," creating products ranging widely from cutting-edge science and technology, such as biotechnology, material science, information, mechanics and environmental science, to formative arts and design.

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Admission & Support Information

○ Admission: Special Admission for International Students (Undergraduate, Graduate School), etc.
○ Scholarship: Honors Scholarships for Privately Financed International Students (JASSO), Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT), etc.
○ Tuition Waiver Program: Total or Half Exemption
○ Other Support: Subsidy for National Health Insurance (Ryugakusei Kokuho Hojo)
○ Accommodation: International House (Marikouji Kaikan) Rent Single 5900yen/month
○ Supporters: International Affairs and others will provide valuable support during your time of KIT.
  (We will provide you the Information not only about life but about Disasters by Support Mailing System for International Students.)

Message from University

Kyoto Institute of Technology (KIT) has ties with traditional culture and industries in Kyoto, which has a history of over a millennium, and has been advancing knowledge in engineering, design, and textile science. Pursuing ‘human-friendly practical science,’ KIT and its two predecessors have been serving society for over a century.

【Message from our International Students】

Kyoto is a quiet, easy place to live. There’s no reason students from abroad shouldn’t come here to study. Come make some great memories with us at KIT.
Osaka University

Basic Information


- Students: (Undergraduate) 15,681 (Graduate) 7948
- Int’l Students: 1,896
- Foreign Researchers: 309
- Int’l Agreements: 453 (Inter-university:90 ,Inter-Faculty: 363)
- Overseas Office: 4

Outline of University

Osaka University started in the Edo era, as Tekijuku, and the additional Kaitokudo, which was founded by five Osakan merchants. Since this beginning it has developed into establishment of scholarships and education, with the motto, “Live Locally, Glow Globally”. Today, Osaka University, with the incorporation of Osaka University of Foreign Studies, is comprised of 11 schools, 16 graduate schools, 25 research institutes and facilities. Furthermore, we have four foreign research institutes in San Francisco, Groningen, Bangkok and Shanghai. 2011 marks, 80 years since Osaka University was founded. We are challenging ourselves to make more top level - global education and research, taking the World Premier International Research Center Initiative and also the Project for Establishing Core Universities for Internationalization, on order opportunities to improve our international presence as a top research university.

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Admission & Support Information

◆ Scholarship System ◆

About a quarter of the students receive some scholarship aid each year at Osaka University.

Scholarships for Private International Students

1. Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (by JASSO)
   This scholarship program is offered by MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) to unsponsored international students with outstanding academic and personal records, and who may have economic difficulties with continuing school. An applicant awarded this scholarship receive the financial support of ¥48,000 per month if an undergraduate student, and ¥ 65,000 per month if a graduate student or if they are student taking an equivalent academic course. (As of 2011)

2. Private and Public Scholarships
   A variety of scholarship programs are also offered by private scholarship organizations and local governments. Applications for some scholarship programs require a recommendation from the university, while other programs can be applied directly by the students. The amount of the scholarships varies from ¥30,000 to ¥200,000 per month, but most of them are from ¥50,000 to ¥100,000 per month. Requirements for application and the number of awardees vary depending upon the nature and purpose of the respective program. Announcements or advertisements for these scholarships are posted on bulletin boards at each school/graduate school. You may also find information on scholarships offered each year on the JASSO website—(Japan Student Services Organization: http://www.jasso.go.jp/study_j/index_e.html)

◆ Support Office ◆

In order to support international students and researchers, the Osaka university Support Office was founded in International Student Affairs Division.

In 2009, Osaka University was adopted as Project for Establishing Core Universities for Internationalization, and the Support Office was newly-established by the Division. Now, it is a part of the Center for International Education and Exchange. The Support Office will provide various services, including guidance on how to apply for CESR or visas, introduction to dormitories, etc.

Message from University

Introduction of the Center for International Education and Exchange

In this center, we support international students by offering Japanese programs, inviting international students, and promoting short-term exchange for Japanese students, etc. Besides this, we manage the inquiry counter for students and the Osaka University Short-term Student Exchange Program known as OUSSEP.
Osaka Kyoiku University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Education

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 4,216 (Graduate) 444
- **Int’l Students:** 129
- **Foreign Researchers:** 250 (as of the academic year 2010)
- **Int’l Agreements:** 35
- **Overseas Office:** 1

Outline of University

As one of Japan's leading teacher training universities, Osaka Kyoiku University's mission is to contribute to development of education and culture, as well as welfare of the local community and the world, particularly through the training of capable human resources in the field of education. To achieve this goal, we provide outstanding teacher training education to develop practical teaching abilities, and train students as school teachers with excellent competence for classroom teaching. At the same time, we aim to promote highly comprehensive education in a diverse range of academic fields in the arts and sciences, and foster personnel with specialized knowledge and wide vision who can work in various fields of occupation.

In the Graduate School of Education (Master's Course) of Osaka Kyoiku University, we aim to train teachers who can play a leading role in schools, through exploring the latest knowledge and research results in educational sciences, and acquiring advanced knowledge and research techniques related to subject teaching and curriculum. We also cultivate learning skills so that graduates can handle the diverse issues arising in modern society, and we strive to foster personnel who can serve as leaders by applying their problem solving abilities in a variety of occupational fields. We actively accept international students for both undergraduate and graduate study.

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Admission & Support Information

- Osaka Kyoiku University Scholarship for International Students
  Osaka Kyoiku University Scholarship for International Students, funded by OKU faculties and administrative staff as well as local support groups, provides scholarships for international students. Approximately 10 to 12 students receive the scholarship every year.

- Tuition Exemption Program
  For those who face financial difficulties, a full or half of the tuition will be exempted through screening in accordance with the student’s application for the tuition exemption. Screening takes place each semester.

Message from University

[About Osaka Kyoiku University]
Osaka Kyoiku University (OKU) is one of very prestigious teacher-training universities in Japan with the history and tradition of over 130 years. The OKU Faculty of Education (undergraduate program) consists of the Course for School Teachers, which is further divided in 4 special courses with 11 majors, and the Department of Arts and Sciences with 8 majors. Then, the OKU Graduate School of Education (Master's Course) has 8 fields of specialization. OKU aspires to be a comprehensive university for education by fostering such teachers with strong leadership who will be contributing to the development of the society.

[International Center]
International Center gives advice and support regarding the international student’s Japanese classes and their life in Japan.
1) Office Hour (International Center faculties take turns and counsel international students who have academic as well as any other questions and troubles.)
2) Academic tutor system (Every international student shall be assigned a Japanese student as his/her academic tutor. Tutors assist international student's academic as well as daily life.)
3) Faculty advisor 4) International Lounge 5) Japanese language and culture classes

[International Students Dormitory]
1) Location: 1 on-campus dormitory and 2 off-campus dormitories
2) Facility: Fully-furnished
   (private room) desk, bed, toilet, A/C, internet
   (common space) kitchen, shower, laundry machine, PC
3) Rent: 5,300 - 8,630 JPY (utilities excluded) 4) Capacity: 61 students (single occupancy only)

Director of International Center
Prof. Yasuhiko MUKAI
OKU has many professors who specialize in humanities, sciences, arts, sports, and so on. I'm sure you will find what you want to learn here in OKU! Come and join us!

Ms. Gangeng
(Natural Sciences Major)
OKU is very kind to the international students. I am feeling very happy studying here. International Center gives us frequent opportunities to meet with other international students; thus, we all encourage each other in our daily lives and in study like a big family.
Hyogo University of Teacher Education

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools**: △ □ Education, ▲ School Education

- **Students**: (Undergraduate) 704 (Graduate) 864
- **Int’l Students**: 57
- **Foreign Researchers**: 12
- **Int’l Agreements**: 11
- **Overseas Office**: 0

Outline of University

Aims of Establishment
The university was established in October, 1978 as an institute with two programs embodying a new concept of education. The Graduate School of Education (Master’s Program) provides in-service teachers with opportunities to carry out high-level research on education. The Faculty of School Education (Undergraduate Kindergarten and Elementary School Teacher Training Program) trains kindergarten and elementary school teachers. Then in April, 1996, the Joint Graduate School in the Science of School Education (Ph. D. Program) was opened to develop educators with high level research and teaching abilities. Ever since, with the three programs, the university has been striving to be:

- a “university for teachers” which carries out both theoretical and practical research on education,
- a “university open to society” in Japan and overseas which promotes school education from a wider perspective, and
- a “university disseminating information” which constantly helps modify and upgrade teaching practices.

Most recently, in 2008, the university founded the Graduate School of Education for Professional Degrees (Master of Education Program).

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Hyogo University of Teacher Education

Admission & Support Information

- A fully staffed support system (detailed guidance from advisors, extracurricular instruction by student tutors, counseling by the counseling supervisor)
- Accommodations for foreign researchers and exchange students
- Special admissions for international students (Fall admission) recommended by designated schools (partner institutions) [ Graduate School (Master's Program) ]
- Special entrance examination for privately financed international students [ Faculty of School Education ]
- Students can apply for scholarships such as the City of Kato Scholarship and Hyogo International Association Scholarship

Message from University

The Hyogo University of Teacher Education is a Leader in Teacher Education in Japan

The Hyogo University of Teacher Education, a national university corporation, is a front runner in teacher education practice and research in Japan. As a university specializing in teacher education, we have a faculty that develops new teachers, the largest master course and professional school in Japan, and a doctorate course.

Many currently working teachers are enrolled as students in the master course and the professional school, where they are working hard to improve their expertise and practical abilities as teachers. Education and research at this university is oriented toward “integration of theory and practice," and we have named this approach the “science of school education." Researchers in the field of the science of school education are being developed in the doctorate course.

Japan is becoming increasingly globalized, and learning to meet the demands of globalization is now an extremely important part of teacher education. For this reason, this university is actively developing its international exchanges and international contributions. In order to facilitate exchanges between researchers and students, the Hyogo University of Teacher Education has partnered with 11 universities in the US, China, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. The Hyogo University of Teacher Education encourages joint research and the University is actively developing long-term and short-term student exchange programs.

This university is in the Kansai area in the west of Japan so it has not been affected at all by the major earthquake disaster or the nuclear accident. It is on the outskirts of Osaka City and Kobe City so there is a lot of greenery around the campus. The education and research facilities are extensive, and in particular there are fully-equipped dormitories for researchers and students from foreign countries. There is also warm support from the local community. For example, many of the local residents in Kato City are host families for foreign students. The foreign students are able to experience the abundant nature in Japan and the warm hospitality of the Japanese people.

I promise you that the research exchanges and student exchanges with this university are extremely beneficial to all the parties involved.

Dr. Tetsuya Kajisa
President, Hyogo University of Teacher Education
Basic Information

Faculties & Graduate schools: ○ Letters (Humanities), ○ Intercultural Studies, ○ Human Development (Human Development and Environment), ○ Law, ○ Economics, ○ Business Administration, ○ Science, ○ Medicine (Medicine, Health Sciences), ○ Engineering, ● System Informatics, ○ Agriculture (Agricultural Science), ○ Maritime Sciences, ● International Cooperation Studies

- Students: (Undergraduate) 11,951 (Graduate) 4,779
- Int’l Students: 1,108
- Foreign Researchers: 83
- Int’l Agreements: 238
- Overseas Office: 2

(As of 1st May 2011)

Outline of University

The inception of Kobe University can be traced back to 1902 with the establishment of Kobe Higher Commercial School. It is now a leading comprehensive university in Japan with 11 faculties, 14 graduate schools, a research organization, a research institute, a hospital and a cluster of centers and libraries attached to its four academic fields of Humanities/Human Development, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Bio-medical Sciences.

Ever since its establishment in the international port city, Kobe University has upheld the principles of "integrity, freedom, and cooperation"; and because it places great importance in the interaction with foreign cultures, the University has been actively promoting academic exchanges with educational and research institutes abroad. In keeping with its open and cosmopolitan environs, Kobe University provides education that heightens one's humanity, creativity, internationality and expertise. It also promotes top-level research in all academic fields.

While featuring its international characteristics in education and research, the University is contributing to society through active promotion of industry-university-government collaboration. For the purpose of extending the comprehensive university's interdisciplinary research, Kobe University established the Integrated Research Center in April, 2011. A total of eight projects, varying in topics from subatomic particles to planetary science, are conducting research activities at the Integrated Research Center. This center will also collaborate with international universities, research institutes and corporations that are conducting top-class researches; and by disseminating the research findings to the world, Kobe University hopes to contribute to the advancement of science.

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Admission & Support Information

Kobe University provides incoming international students with support in 1) Scholarship applications; 2) Finding accommodations; and 3) Japanese language education. For details, please visit the following website: http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/international-students/current/pdf/guidebook-2010.pdf

Message from University

How did the Great East Japan earthquake and its aftermath impact on your studies in Japan?

As we all know, the traumatic events of the 11th March in Japan, the earthquake, resulting tsunami and nuclear reactor incidents impacted on the lives of everyone inside and outside Japan.

We made these videos in August 2011, to talk with international students currently studying at Kobe University, about how the Great East Japan earthquake and its aftermath impacted on their studies in Japan, in an attempt to convey how students feel about the current situation in Japan, and especially the Kobe area, 6 months on from the disaster.


HOOPER-BOX GEORGINA ANN, Republic of South Africa
Intensive Japanese Language Course, 2011/4-

DUBENOVA KRISTINA, Slovak Republic
1 Year Japanese Studies Program, 2010/10-2011/9

GEORGE ALBERT MASON, University of Sydney, Australia
Summer Program, 2011/7-2011/8

DANIEL ALLEN, Curtin University, Australia
Summer Program, 2011/7-2011/8
NARA UNIVERSITY
OF EDUCATION

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △ □ Education

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 1,148
  - (Graduate) 175

- **Int’l Students:** 76
- **Foreign Researchers:** 3
- **Int’l Agreements:** 11
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

The history of our university started with the foundation of Ordinary Normal School in 1888 and celebrated the 120th anniversary in November 2008. The school itself has been developing into Nara University of Education with the historical background of being in association with Women's Normal School and Youth Normal School to assume a new aspect as teacher training school in reality and in name, or changing its name into University of Liberal Arts in May 1949 and the present title in 1966.

The university aims at developing cultivated human resources of high intelligence, especially competent educationists, as well as contributing to the advancement of the characteristic culture in Nara.

The Graduate School (Master's Course) and School of Professional Development in Education are affiliated as the place for higher level of research in education and the practical place for reviewing and reorganizing educational theory after having experience of teaching in schools.

Number of Teaching Staffs: 112

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Admission & Support Information
(When you do make an application, please make sure to check the application details of the program you wish to enroll in.)

- **Undergraduate Students (Special selection of privately funded foreign students)**
  Application (Mid-December) → Examination (Mid-January) → Announcement of application results (Early February) → Enrollment procedures (Mid-February)

- **Graduate School Students (Special selection of privately funded foreign students)**
  Application (Mid-January) → Examination (Mid-February) → Announcement of application results (Late February) → Enrollment procedures (Mid-March)

- **Research Students**
  Application (Early February) → Notification of application results (Early March) → Enrollment procedures (Mid-March)

* To enter Japan, you need to present a Certificate of Eligibility for Residence Status at a Japanese Embassy or Consulate and obtain a student visa.

Scholarship Provided after Enrollment
There are certain scholarship programs offered by the Japanese government and private organizations, and applications for these scholarships are received through the university after enrollment. Most of them are offered for undergraduate and postgraduate students, with few programs offered to research students.

Message from University
Nara University of Education, located in the city which has a long history of over 1,300 years, performs such activities in the academic field as (1) training excellent teachers with practical leadership qualities, (2) promotion of characteristic education and research as well as of interdisciplinary investigation, (3) increasing vitality with the local community and (4) promotion of globalization of education and research, with the primary objective of fostering teachers and educators as highly-qualified specialists.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Letters, Science, Human Life and Environment, Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 2,179 (Graduate) 576
- **Int’l Students:** 149
- **Foreign Researchers:** 3
- **Int’l Agreements:** 36
- **Overseas Office:**

Outline of University

Nara Women’s University has its beginning in the former Nara Women’s Higher Normal School founded in 1908, and had entered its 100th anniversary in May of 2009. Since its foundation, Nara Women’s University has fulfilled its role as an institute providing women with education at the highest level.

The campus is located in the central part of Nara City where many historical treasures have been found. Within such this beautiful environment, the university is comprised of three undergraduate faculties, the Faculty of Letters, the Faculty of Science, and the Faculty of Human Life and Environment. We also have the Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences, all of which offer a high level of academic research and education. While small in scale, we strive for an individualized approach to education and research.

In 2004, the International Exchange Center was set up to promote international exchange activities. We have concluded exchange agreements with 36 overseas universities, and about 150 international students are currently enrolled at Nara Women’s University.

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Nara Women’s University

Admission & Support Information

- Nara Women’s University International Relations Fund Scholarship for International Students
- The International House and the International Student House are university-owned lodgings for international students in degree-seeking courses and exchange programs.
- If international students wish, they will be provided with a Japanese student as their tutor who can assist in various matters of study and daily life.

This system is designed to help international students new to Japan accustom themselves to their new environment as quickly as possible.

Message from University

Nara Women’s University has been at the leading edge of women’s education for over 100 years and continues a tradition of small class sizes and high level research in literature, social sciences and the natural sciences. Graduates of our University have been prominent in a variety of fields and include many pioneering Japanese women. We are also proud to say that many of the foreign students who have attended Nara Women’s University have returned to their home countries to take up prominent positions in society and include both professors and public officials.

As the number of our foreign graduates has increased it has become more common to have reunions held in foreign countries and our graduates’ association now has chapters in Korea and Vietnam.

During its time as national capital 1,300 years ago Nara was a common destination for foreign visitors from China and South East Asia. These visitors brought with them both their knowledge and skills which inspired and influenced the development of Japan’s own unequal culture. Due to this rich history Nara is now home to more national treasures than any other prefecture in Japan. With a stable population of over 400,000 people Nara city is now a tourist mecca for people from all over the world and located near its center Nara Women’s University is a quite haven where it is not unusual to see wild dear grazing.

Nara Women’s University is committed to supporting foreign graduates in finding employment in Japan and towards this end is working with both government and commercial agencies.

We hope you will choose Nara Women’s University to further your study of Japan and the wider world and we look forward to supporting you to become a bridge between your home and ours.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:**
  Graduate School of Information Science,
  Graduate School of Biological Sciences,
  Graduate School of Materials Science

- **Students:**
  (Undergraduate) 0
  (Graduate) 1,050 (Master 752, Doctor 298)

- **Int’l Students:** 131
- **Foreign Researchers:** 46
- **Int’l Agreements:** 48
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST) was established in 1991. Composed solely of graduate schools, NAIST focuses on advanced science and technology in three core fields: information science, biological science, and materials science. In particular, NAIST investigates the integration and interfacing of these three core areas to uncover new fields of next generation research. Through its unique environment, NAIST continues to cultivate global research leaders while delivering cutting-edge findings around the world. As a result, NAIST was ranked top among all 86 Japanese national universities by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in the evaluation of research and education achievements toward the medium-term goals and plans for the first six-year phase since 2004. Moreover, NAIST was awarded the 2011 “Intellectual Property Achievement Award” by the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Diverse faculty members and students come from a broad spectrum of cultural backgrounds and research fields. More than 130 international students comprise over 10% of the total enrollment (roughly 1,000 students). NAIST promotes the collaboration and sharing of intellectual resources, technology and information between universities, industry and the community.

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NAIST holds entrance examinations three times a year, selecting students by interview instead of writing examination, considering students’ specialties. For the master course candidates, their Japanese proficiency is also evaluated. However, no Japanese proficiency is necessary for those who will enter the international programs. For the doctoral courses, candidates can take interview examination either in English or in Japanese.

In addition to the scholarship founded by Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), around 20 private foundations offer scholarships to international students every year. Approximately one third of international students are receiving such scholarships. They can also have opportunities to be employed as Teaching Assistant (TA) or Research Assistant (RA).

International Students take priority to live in dormitories. Monthly rent for a single room is about 10,000 yen. There are also some family rooms. In addition, they can get language support, counseling and other supports.

Message from University

NAIST admission policy aims to promote admission of students whether from Japan or overseas with strong basic academic capabilities without being bound to a major field in university as well as researchers, engineers and others currently working actively in society who have clearly defined goals and aspirations for the future as well as strong interest and enthusiasm for research fields. NAIST accepts students from a broad spectrum of cultural backgrounds and research fields and provides education programs based on advanced research achievement. At this moment, international students are from 31 countries.

International students are supported by staff of the international student office, faculty and tutors in their daily life. They can participate in various events, such as Excursion and the International Friendship meeting.
# Wakayama University

## Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:**
  - Faculty of Education,
  - Faculty of Economics,
  - Faculty of Systems Engineering,
  - Faculty of Tourism

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 4,079
  - (Graduate) 532

- **Int’l Students:** 147
- **Foreign Researchers:** 10
- **Int’l Agreements:** 31
- **Overseas Office:** 0

## Outline of University

### What kind of university is Wakayama University?

Wakayama University is the only national university in Wakayama Prefecture and it consists of four Faculties: the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Economics, the Faculty of Systems Engineering, and the Faculty of Tourism. Standing by our slogan, "Wakayama University wants to support you throughout your life," Wakayama University offers education and assistance with the view to developing human resources who, as members of society exploring the future on their own, have a rich sense of humanity and the qualities to promote internationalization and are capable of adequately meeting the needs of society. We also place strong emphasis on our connection to the community and space research and education, working on a variety of initiatives and facilities development.

### Surrounded by beautiful mountains and ocean

Wakayama City, the home of Wakayama University, is a city with a population of approximately 400,000 people that sits in a location about one hour away from Osaka City and about 30 minutes away from the Kansai International Airport. Situated in the northern part of Wakayama Prefecture, it is close to Osaka, Kyoto, and Nara and, with the “Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range,” a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in the southern part of the prefecture, it is embraced by rich natural and cultural surroundings as well. Wakayama is also blessed with a mild, comfortable climate with minor variations in temperature, and offers students a tranquil environment that is perfect for studying. In addition, it is a city of tradition blessed with a number of places of scenic and historical interest, including Wakanoura, which featured in the “Manyoshu” poetry anthology, and Wakayama Castle.

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Support Information

■ Scholarships
A range of scholarships are available for international students to apply for, the foremost example being Japanese government scholarships. Scholarship information is sent to every international student at Wakayama University via our campus network.
Examples of major scholarships: Honors Scholarships for Privately Financed International Students, Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation, Okuwa Educational and Cultural Promotion Foundation, etc.

■ Japanese Language Education
Detailed instruction is provided to international students according to their varied levels from beginner to intermediate to advanced. There are opportunities to receive Japanese language lessons outside of classes as well; Japanese lessons from volunteer instructors in the community who have completed our "Japanese Teacher Training Course" are available for international students.

■ Tutor Program
Japanese students (mainly graduate students) provide international students with support in various areas, including (i) learning and research, (ii) daily living, and (iii) interpersonal relationships and communication.

■ International Student Dormitory (International House)
We have a dormitory for international students (24 single rooms) in the downtown area of Wakayama City.
Facilities included: bed, table, desk, closet, shoe locker, kitchenette, prefabricated bathroom and toilet, air-conditioner, Internet connection
Fee: ¥9,500 per month (¥5,900 rent + ¥3,600 common area charges (including water))

Message from University

We look forward to welcoming you to Wakayama University!
Jin Xiangmei (China), graduate student in Graduate School of Education
I came to Wakayama University five years ago as an exchange student. I became very fond of Wakayama University as a result of my experience as an international student, so much so that I came back to Wakayama University after graduating from my university in China. Compared to busier cities like Tokyo, Wakayama doesn’t have a developed transportation system and is not a bustling place, but Wakayama is full of really wonderful people. Since this city is full of kind people, when you are having trouble with something you will always find help not only from the teachers at the university but also from a large number of community volunteers.
As I love Wakayama very much, I have decided to work for a company in Wakayama after I graduate.

Wakayama will open up your world
Ganeidran Rainoo Raj (Malaysia), student in Faculty of Systems Engineering
Since coming to Wakayama University to study engineering, it has felt like a whole new world has opened up right in front of my eyes. Wakayama University has a diverse array of teachers and students, and unlike other universities, there is extensive interaction between departments, which makes it possible to engage in a wider range of research. Also, the teachers have a close relationship with students, sometimes acting as parents for international students, and if you work hard, they provide you with many opportunities. Currently, I have even been given an opportunity to conduct my research overseas. Wakayama University is a place where you can have fun learning about the things you’re interested in!
Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools: △Regional Sciences ○Medicine ○Engineering ▲Agriculture ▲Agricultural Sciences

- Students: (Undergraduate) 5,330 (Graduate) 1,182
- Int’l Students: 177 (As of May, 2011)
- Foreign Researchers: 171 (As of May, 2011)
- Int’l Agreements: 85 (As of May, 2011)
- Overseas Office: 5 (As of May, 2011)

Outline of University

Tottori University is an incorporated national university dedicated to education and research under the concept of the “fusion of knowledge and practice.” It carries out its mission in accordance with the 2006 Fundamental Law of Education which states “The university is a center of academic knowledge charged with cultivating a high standard of general knowledge and specialized skills. Its mission is to pursue truth, to create knowledge and to contribute to social development through providing the results of its research to society.”

To transform this commitment into concrete form, the university is dedicated to the following three goals in its research and education:
1. to train personnel with a rich general knowledge to be key people in society
2. to carry our cutting-edge research aimed at providing solutions to social, humanitarian and global issues
3. to contribute to the industry and culture of the local region.

Tottori University was founded in 1949 and has a proud history of almost 60 years of achievement. Since its establishment, it has made an impact at both the local and global levels, and has sent out into society over 43,000 graduates who are active in variety of academic disciplines and occupations both in Japan and worldwide.

At present, the most sought after resource in modern society is personnel with “a rich human potential.” With this in mind, Tottori University places a special emphasis in its work on “developing human potential.” As such, it carries out education programs in each faculty and at each level so that society will evaluate our graduates as highly qualified people with a deep sense of humanity.

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Admission & Support Information

Tottori university affords the following original supports.

(1) Tottori University International Exchange Fund supports gratis as below.
   a. Scholarship: ¥20,000/month (the whole year from April to March; supplied to 10 persons in 2011)
   b. Scholarship: ¥30,000/month (half a year from October to March; supplied to 5 persons in 2011)
   c. Entrance Preparation Lump-sum Payment ¥30,000 (for all the regular students)

(2) Procedures needed in the Municipal office, the bank, and so on are supported.

(3) Every month, we deal with immigrations as below through the Application Procedure Through Agency Program.
   a. applying for issuance of a residential status certificate
   b. applying for re-entry permission
   c. renewing the status of visa,
   d. applying for permit for deviation of status

(4) We cope with troubles under the urgent contact system.

Message from University

Tottori University is located in the western part of mainland Japan, so we were not directly affected by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. We had a slight decline in the number of new international students in April but that has recovered in October.

The Center for International Affairs supports international students in their Japanese language and society studies and their daily lives. The center also plays a major role in the internationalization of the university through provision of information and support of international activities.

As part of our educational support to international students, we provide Intensive Japanese Language Course for embassy recommended MEXT scholarship students every semester. In addition, we have a General Japanese Language Courses where students can learn basic skills necessary for their daily lives as well as technical studies. We also arrange a variety of programs where international students experience Japanese cultures and traditions.

To support international students in their lives, we facilitate admission processes and provide pick-up and related services for newcomers. We also hold a day long orientation for new students every semester, in which newcomers get important information to make their life in Japan safe, enjoyable and fruitful.

We have a conveniently-located international house where new students can live in for one year upon their arrival. After that, they have to move to public houses or private apartments. Living cost is an important issue particularly for private students, however, in Tottori, monthly living expense is as low as about 50,000 Yen if one lives in the international house and about 60,000 Yen in a private apartment. Moreover, if private students meet some financial and academic requirements, they usually get half or full exemption of tuition fees. For instance, in the 1st semester of 2011, out of 61 international students who applied for tuition exemption, 36 got full exemption while 25 had to pay only half. We also provide private international students with scholarships from different sources. Students are ranked based on their academic performance, seniority, past scholarship award and participation in international exchange activities and receive scholarships in order of their position in the rankings.

The Center for International Affairs, in addition to contributing to the development of internationally active human resources and promotion of scientific research by supporting international activities of the university, promotes internationalization of the local community by actively collaborating with the local government and other groups and organizations that are involved in international exchange activities.
Shimane University

Basic Information

• **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Law and literature, △Education, ○Medicine, ○Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering, △Life and Environmental Science, ▲Agricultural Sciences, □Graduate School of Law

• **Students:** (Undergraduate) 5,378 (Graduate) 765
• **Int’l Students:** 203 (as of May 1, 2011)
• **Foreign Researchers:** 21 (as of May 1, 2011)
• **Int’l Agreements:** 39 (as of May 1, 2011)
• **Overseas Office:** 1 (as of May 1, 2011)

Outline of University

Shimane University’s Charter  *(Shimane University’s goals are:)*

1. To foster the development of individuals with initiative who possess a high degree of expertise and human compassion.

2. To promote a high international standard of research based on unique, local issues.

3. To promote social service programs that can solve local problems.

4. To promote international exchange with Asian and other foreign countries.

5. To respect academic freedom and human rights and promote public trust in the university.

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Admission & Support Information

Scholarships

1. Japanese Government(Monbukagakusho) Scholarship
   1)-Embassy nominated: a student is recommended for the scholarship award by the Japanese Embassy in his/her home country.
   2)-University nominated: a student, after applying from his/her own country, is recommended for scholarship by the university in Japan at which he/she wishes to study.
   3)- local selection: a student, currently enrolled in a Japanese university and paying tuition and fees at his/her personal expense, is recommended for scholarship by the university at which he/she is enrolled.

2. Gakushu Shoreihi Scholarship (Grant Organization: Japanese Government(Monbukagakusho))

3. Kunibiki Scholarship (Grant Organization: Shimane International Center)

There are many options in private scholarships for international students. Please ask international student section for details.

Message from University

Shimane Univ. has no impact from the Tohoku Earthquake

Despite the recent Great East Japan Earthquake, Shimane University remains unaffected by neither the earthquake nor any radioactive contamination, as it is separated from Fukushima by around 800 Kilometers (500 Miles). This being the case, Shimane University has started the new semester on April as scheduled.

Voice from International Students at Shimane University

■ Both my wife and I are living in Matsue City and I am attending Shimane University. While living here, we have neither heard nor seen any reports of radioactive contamination, nor have we felt even the slightest bit of an earthquake in Matsue. We are very safe here and are doing great.

       Braden & Melissa Bennight (U.S.A.)

■ Now we started right the class for new semester. My life is just same as before and we have no impact both from earthquake and any radioactive contamination. So, please don't worry about us, my friends of overseas and Japan, the families of all Shimane University students. We all are fine.

       He Wen (China)

Please refer to the site below for further information about Shimane University.

■ http://kokusai.shimane-u.ac.jp/english/
Okayama University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Letters, Education, Law, Economics, Science, Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Environmental Science and Technology, Agriculture, Humanities and Social Sciences, Natural Science and Technology, Health Sciences, Environmental Science, Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Law, School Education

- **Students:**
  - Undergraduate: 10,287
  - Graduate: 3,273

- **Int’l Students:** 527

- **Foreign Researchers:** 197

- **Int’l Agreements:** 294 (University Level 66, Faculty Level 128)

- **Overseas Office:** 3

Outline of University

Okayama University, one of Japan’s leading universities, is situated on an extensive campus and has eleven faculties and Master’s and Doctoral courses embracing humanities, social, natural, environmental and life sciences, and pedagogies. Approximately 13,500 students including 500 international students currently enjoy life at this university, and 2,600 staff are engaged in educational and research activities, and university management.

The mission of any university is to create and further knowledge as the basis for the development of human society. Okayama University, an official educational institution of knowledge, is committed to the middle-term goal “Building up a new paradigm for the sustainable evolution of human society” in order to provide substance to our society’s commitment to knowledge.

We believe that the ongoing research activities we engage in are a fundamental basis for the innovation and creativity we see in all aspects of this university. We constantly strive to become one of the leading research institutions recognized all over Japan and the world.

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Support Information

【Okayama University International Exchange Fund Scholarship】
Amount per month: 30,000 yen – 50,000 yen (Exchange Student)
Providing Period: 6-12 months

【Dormitory for International Students】
The university has three dormitories for international students who can live there for one year from the time of entering the university. When the number of applicants has exceeded the dormitories’ capacity, the tenants are selected by lottery.

【International Center】
International Center offers several support services for international students, such as foreign resident registration, housing and scholarships. When international students experience difficulty with student life or living in Japan, they can get guidance and advice at International Center.

【Japanese Language Course】
The Japanese Language Program at Okayama University is open to all international students on campus. We accept international researchers who want to study Japanese in the classes only if there are vacancies in the class. There are six class levels; Beginners 1, Beginners 2, Introduction to Intermediate, Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2 and Advanced Japanese. The level will be decided by the results of the placement test.

【Volunteer Tutors】
A Japanese students’ volunteer group, called WAWA, provides assistance to international students. This group offers volunteer tutors who will provide the necessary support for new students with various things such as studying Japanese, shopping, and escorting them around campus.

Message from University
Okayama University offers its sincerest sympathy to those affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake which occurred on March 11, 2011.

Since the earthquake, we have been working on a number of support projects to aid the recovery of the affected areas.

Okayama has not felt any direct consequences of the earthquake or tsunami; neither have there been any significant effects from the radiation leakage, power restrictions nor shortages of daily necessities.

This year, Okayama University greeted 3,600 new students at its entrance ceremony in April, and teaching and research has been carried out as usual.
Hiroshima University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Law, Economics, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Applied Biological Science, ○Integrated Arts and Sciences, ○Letters, ○Education, ○Social Sciences, ○Science, ●Advanced Sciences of Matter, ○Health Sciences, ○Engineering, ○Biosphere Science, ○Biomedical Sciences, ●International Development and Cooperation, □Law School, ■Engineering
- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 10,887 (Graduate) 4,457 (as of Nov.1,2011)
- **Int’l Students:** 1,085 (as of Nov.1,2011)
- **Foreign Researchers:** 552 (Admissions Numbers (FY2010))
- **Int’l Agreements:** 335 (University Level:130, Faculty/School/Institute Level:205) (as of Nov.1,2011)
- **Overseas Office:** 7 (as of Nov.1,2011)

Outline of University

A successor of the histories and traditions of various pre-war educational institutions originating in Hiroshima, including the Hiroshima School of Secondary Education founded in 1902, Hiroshima University was reorganized into its present form under the National School Establishment Law in 1949, and is now one of the largest scale universities in Japan. After having suffered the first atomic bomb attack in human history, Hiroshima made a strong recovery driven by its residents’ hopes for the future. Based on its founding principle, “a single unified university, free and pursuing peace,” and its five guiding principles “Pursuit of peace”, “Creation of new forms of knowledge”, “Nurturing of well-rounded human beings”, ”Collaboration with the local, regional and international community”, and “Continuous self-development”, Hiroshima University strives to foster excellent human resources who can contribute to society and to promote scientific research benefiting the future of mankind, thereby fulfilling its mission as a university to contribute to society. Hiroshima University is determined to continue its efforts to become a world-class center of education and research.

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Admission & Support Information

Hiroshima University has its own unique scholarship system aimed at supporting self-funded international students. In fiscal year 2011, we granted 20 students a monthly scholarship of ¥30,000 for 6 months. In addition, we hold “International Luncheons” giving Japanese and international students the opportunity to have lunch together to promote international exchange, and to study the languages and cultures of different countries. There’s also a “Conversation Partner-Project” to help improve the language abilities of Japanese and international students through mutual learning.

Message from University

With approximately 15,000 students including 1,085 international students from 63 countries who engage in study and research every day, Hiroshima University is one of the largest scale national universities in Japan.

Japan suffered unprecedented damage from the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011. Because HU is located far away from the stricken area (about 800km), it had no direct damage and continued its usual education and research programs.

Meanwhile, HU has continued to engage in disaster recovery assistance for the stricken area. HU students visited the stricken area and did volunteer work such as restoring houses, learning assistance for children in the disaster zone and more. In addition, armed with the results of its longtime studies on radiation emergency medicine etc., HU faculty organized and sent medical assistance teams immediately after the earthquake to provide on-site medical relief.

HU provides students with opportunities to devote themselves to study and research activities, experience the joy of encountering new knowledge and friends, and communicate with others who share the same passion for learning. Our institution is for students who want to excel in their learning. Join us at Hiroshima University and take the first step toward building a brighter future.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (2012 setting), △Graduate School of Humanities, △Graduate School of Education, △Graduate School of Economics, ○Graduate School of Medicine, ○Graduate School of Science and Engineering, △Graduate School of Agriculture, ●Graduate School of East Asian Studies, ▲Graduate School of Innovation and Technology Management, ▲United Graduate School of Veterinary Science, ▲United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences

- **Students:**
  - Undergraduate: 8,808
  - Graduate: 1,779

- **Int’l Students:** 317

- **Foreign Researchers:** 28

- **Int’l Agreements:** 81

- **Overseas Office:** 5

Outline of University

Mission Statement of Yamaguchi University:

I. Ideals and Goals
   1. Creation of a "Place of Wisdom: Discover it, Nourish it, and Realize it",
   2. Fostering the Spirit of Cooperation, Interactive Education, and Sharing,
   3. Respect for Fairness, Equality, and Fraternity

II. Goals of Education
   1. Cultivation of Specialties and Adaptability to Society
      We, Yamaguchi University, are aware that we are the region's core integrated university.
   2. Dedication to Self-Enlightenment, Self-Development, and Self-Management
      We, Yamaguchi University, nurture those talents which will dedicate themselves to self-enlightenment and self-development, thereby becoming harnessed with self-management.
   3. Nurturing Human Resources to Respond the Needs of an Intelligent Society
      We, Yamaguchi University, nurture human resources capable of exploring tasks and solving problems in the intelligent society of the twenty-first century.

III. Goals of Research
   1. Dissemination and Application of Advanced Research for Social Utilization
      We, Yamaguchi University, emphasize the importance of basic and advanced research activities and others that are useful in solving and overcoming the problems society faces.
   2. Establishment of Interdisciplinary Research Systems
      We, Yamaguchi University, have a high regard for the independence of each individual discipline ranging from Humanities through the Social and Natural Science to Life Science.
   3. Conforming to the Visibility and Accountability of Research Activities
      We, Yamaguchi University, establish a collaborative research base, facilitating the exchange of researchers within and without the University.

IV. Our Missions
   1. Creation of New Values, 2. Contribution to Solving Social Problems,
   3. Cooperation for the Development of Local and International Societies

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Yamaguchi University

Admission & Support Information

In Yamaguchi University, we offer scholarship for Self Financed International Students (except the scholarship for exchange students). International students who are in need economic support can apply these scholarships. Candidates will be selected on the basis of student’s academic record, personal achievement and economical situation etc.

(College scholarships)

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In addition to college scholarships, you can also apply the other scholarship like Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students of JASSO and scholarships of incorporated foundations.

Message from University

(Introduction of International Student Center)

In this center, we offer various educations for international students. In addition to educational support, we also give advices about campus life and support for finding job in Japan. For Japanese students, we also support and promote studying abroad. We aim to promote International Exchange thorough fostering human resources. We have had advisers for international students since 2011 April. They give advice to international students and Japanese students who are interested in studying abroad from Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. International students have various anxieties of study, Japanese life, human relations, VISA problem, taking job etc. We are making effort for getting rid of their anxieties.

(Voice of International Student)

I lived two and half years in Yamaguchi. I like Yamaguchi and Yamaguchi University beyond my description. I felt like in the world of Hayao Miyazaki animation when I lived in Yamaguchi. Every season, I enjoyed the change of beautiful landscape. I think Yamaguchi is so much comfortable for studying and living because Yamaguchi is rich in tranquility and environment. Some people say Yamaguchi is countryside, but I think there is enough convenience for living. The cost of living was so cheaper than big cities and the number of population and Yamaguchi life was suitable for me. To take an advantage of holiday, I went on trips to many places but I think Yamaguchi is the best place if you want to enjoy beautiful Japanese landscape, fresh air and warm human relations. When you feel tired, you can refresh at footbath or hot spring because there are many hot springs near Yamaguchi University. Staffs of Yamaguchi University are kind enough for supporting international students. Especially for international students, Yamaguchi University has International Student Center and special advisers. They support us not only for solving troubles but also for giving advice about any kind of questions. In addition to that they hold social gathering for international students, apple-picking tour, home stay program, investigative tour and so on. Taking part in club activities and school festivals, you will make many Japanese friends. If you want to enjoy studying and campus life, I strongly recommend Yamaguchi University.
The University of Tokushima

Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools: Faculty of Integrated Arts and Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering
  - Graduate School of Integrated Arts and Sciences, Medical Sciences, Oral Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nutrition and Bioscience, Health Sciences, Advanced Technology and Science

- Students: (Undergraduate) 5,958 (Graduate) 1,714
- Int’l Students: 246
- Foreign Researchers: 11
- Int’l Agreements: 49
- Overseas Offices: 2

Outline of University

The University of Tokushima was established as a national university in 1949. It consists of two campuses and has about 7,700 students and about 2,000 staff members.

On Josanjima campus, close to the mouth of the Yoshino River, there are the Faculty of Integrated Arts and Sciences, and that of Engineering. Affiliated with the University are the Center for University Extension, Center for Administration of Information Technology, and the University Library. As for the Faculty of Integrated Arts and Sciences, it has the course of Human Sciences, Civil and Environmental Studies and also that of Mathematical and Material Sciences for the purpose of training talented persons with both general elementary knowledge and expertise in the fields of humanities and natural and social sciences and has a graduate school (Master’s and Doctoral course). The Faculty of Engineering has seven courses for the purpose of training technicians and researchers and contributing to the advancement of the industry and technology. It also has a graduate school (Master’s and Doctoral course).

On Kuramoto campus, at the foot of Mt. Bizan, there are three schools, Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences. As for the affiliated facilities, we have Tokushima University Hospital, the Institute for Enzyme Research, the Institute for Genome Research, the Radioisotope Research Center, the Institute for Medical Resources, and the Life Sciences Library. This campus conducts research on advanced medical treatment as well as education on life science as a medical center.

The University of Tokushima aims to enhance mankind’s culture and welfare by training human resources and promoting academic studies, by striving for the pursuit of truth and the advancement of knowledge in a spirit of independence, and to pass along to others our outstanding scientific, technological and cultural traditions. Our University is open to the whole world, and we are doing our best to create a rich and peaceful society for the future.

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Admission & Support Information

- The University of Tokushima International Student Portal
  This website provides necessary information for prospective international students at the University of Tokushima.
  http://admission.isc.tokushima-u.ac.jp/english/

- Scholarship Fund of the University of Tokushima
  ① “The University of Tokushima Fund for International Education and Research Exchanges” and “Fujii-Otsuka Fund for International Education and Research Exchanges”
    Allowance: 30,000 Yen/month or 50,000 Yen/month
  ② “The University of Tokushima Wakaba Circle Scholarship Fund” (for international students enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine, Graduate School of Medical Sciences or Nutrition and Bioscience)
    Allowance: up to 250,000 Yen/once
  ③ “The University of Tokushima School of Dentistry Scholarship Fund” (for international students enrolled in the School of Dentistry)
    Allowance: up to 30,000 Yen/month

- International House
  ① The University of Tokushima International House: 32 Single Rooms, 15 Couple Rooms, 3 Family Rooms
  ② The International House of NICHIA-KAIKAN of the University of Tokushima: 30 Single Rooms

Message from University

Tokushima is blessed with the lush greenery, crystal clear water, freshening breeze, and mild weather. I believe that Tokushima is an ideal place for study and research that successfully fulfills our motto of “serving locally and taking large steps towards becoming an internationally recognized university.”

As you well know, the mega-earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011 caused devastating damages in the Tohoku and Kanto areas, however, our university is located about 600 kilometers southeast of the disaster area and we have no damage and were not heavily influenced by the earthquake and radioactive contamination in those areas. Since we have no aftermath of the earthquake, the educational and research activities are carried out normally same as the other university which escaped the disaster. We are promoting the invitation of international researchers and students, and the academic exchanges with the universities in foreign countries as before.

The voices of International Students in our university and the participants of Summer Program from the foreign countries about the life in Japan & Tokushima after the Great East Japan Earthquake are on the University official website:  http://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/docs/201111100013/
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △□ Education, ▲ School Education

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 460 (Graduate) 598
  - **Int’l Students:** 55
  - **Foreign Researchers:** 4
  - **Int’l Agreements:** 15
  - **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Higher standards for teachers have come to be expected today in Japanese society. As educators, teachers should have not only thorough understanding of the growth and development of human beings but also sufficient knowledge, ideas, background, methods and technique to teach effectively.

Naruto University of Education was established on October 1, 1981 by the Japanese government to respond with a new approach to such social demands. The university is a new kind of University for teachers in that it is designed to retrain teachers from nation-wide schools through advanced course work and research in graduate programs as well as to produce elementary and secondary school teachers in undergraduate programs. Since then the University has sought the fulfillment of appropriate education and research.

Based on the social expectations for schools and teachers, the University established a new professional degree course as teacher education in 2008 to make investigations on teacher education and to produce the well qualified teachers having specialised knowledge and teaching competence.

Master's program aims to produce elementary and secondary school teachers who have specialized knowledge concerning the areas and subjects and enough teaching competence. Professional degree course aims to produce elementary and secondary school teachers who have problem solving abilities and will be leaders in their schools and societies.

The object of the undergraduate programs (College of Education) is to produce elementary and secondary school teachers who are well qualified for teaching in all areas and subjects on the basis of comprehensive understanding of children's growth and development.

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Admission & Support Information

- **Admission Information**
  Application guidelines for Master’s Program at the Graduate School of Education are published every mid-April. We also provide special selection for self-financed international students.
- **We provide Naruto University of Education Scholarship for self-financed Foreign Student for international students.**

The following scholarships provided by MEXT (Monbukagakusho) and private organizations are also available to self-financed international students.
- Honors Scholarship for Self-financed Foreign Student
- Naruto Zonta Club Scholarship
- Miki Takeo Kokusai Ikuei Kikin
- Rotary Club Yoneyama Scholarship
- Heiwa Nakajima Zaidan Scholarship
- Japanese Government Scholarship to Foreign Student (University Recommendation / Local Acceptance)

- **We provide bicycle subsidy to self-financed international students.**
- **Japanese Supplementary Classes are available by various levels.**
- **We offer a variety of unique Japanese culture experience programs.**

Message from University

Naruto is in Tokushima Prefecture on Shikoku Island. The campus is located about 4 km from the city center, surrounded by the beautiful sea and hilly country. It is an ideal surrounding for study and research. Furthermore, the city is conveniently accessible from Naruto, with the Kobe-Osaka-Kyoto being within a couple of hours trip.

◇ Accommodations
The student dormitories are installed for the purpose of offering the learning conducive environment for all students. Comfortable and inexpensive dormitories on campus are available.

| Facilities and equipment (For single room): Desk, Chair, Bookshelf, Locker for clothes, Bed, Storage, Lighting equipment, TV jack, Telephone line, Internet Jack |

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Basic Information

- Faculties & Graduate schools: △Education, △Law, △Economics, ○Medicine ○Engineering, △Agriculture, □▲Law, □Management

- Students: (Undergraduate) 5,764 (Graduate) 884
- Int’l Students: 163
- Foreign Researchers: 27
- Int’l Agreements: 68
- Overseas Office: 3

Outline of University

Kagawa University was established as a national university in 1949. We have six faculties, six graduate schools and two professional graduate schools.

Principles
We aim to educate students to be creative professionals and researchers with a deep sense of humanity through high quality educational activities, and to serve as leaders in the local community in building a symbiotic society.

Objectives
- Educational Objectives
  We encourage students to become internationally active with good moral values, a wide range of basic knowledge and the ability to deal with new challenges.
- Research Objectives
  We seek to foster distinctive research that harmonizes various fundamental studies in order to develop creativity and innovativeness. We also aim to develop applied research to solve various problems that modern society faces.
- Contributing to the Local Community
  We aspire to be a source of knowledge for the local region so as to meet the regional needs, and at the same time, we seek to promote the development of culture, industry, medicine, and lifelong study using the results of our research.

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KAGAWA UNIVERSITY

Admission & Support Information

Financial Support
- Kagawa University Scholarships
  Waivers of up to 50% of tuition fees are eligible to two students from each department per year
- Kagawa University International Foundation Scholarship
  25,000 yen per month for two privately financed international students per year
  80,000 yen per month for two international students who study under the Career Development Program for Foreign Students in Japan or Double Degree Program per year

Message from University

Kagawa University is located in Takamatsu City, Kagawa Prefecture, Western Japan. It is adjacent to the Seto Inland Sea National Park, which is the first marine park in Japan. The city is approximately 200 km from Osaka, and 700 km from Tokyo. It takes about two hours from Osaka by train, and one hour from Tokyo by airplane. Takamatsu has a population of about 420,000. The city is blessed with a mild climate and many beautiful natural spots. It is also well known for having the best ‘udon’ (wheat noodles) in Japan.

One hundred and sixty three international students from twelve countries and territories currently study at Kagawa University. A segment of these students are housed in the International Residence situated in the city. The International Office (consisting of the Center for International Research and Cooperation, and the International Student Center) provides a wide range of support for international students and scholars in the university. The International Office organizes annual events such as visits to factories and historical sites, and the highly popular Reception Party for International Students to establish rapport and enhance mutual understanding among the international community, the university staff members, and members of the local community.

The role of our university is to create and disseminate ‘knowledge’ so as to contribute meaningfully to the fields of education and research as well as to the benefit of mankind. Viewed from another perspective, Kagawa University’s philosophy is to train creative and responsible professionals and researchers through internationally recognized educational and research methods. We also strive to be a leader amongst the local community, and to contribute towards a cohesive and prosperous society. In an age when ‘knowledge’ has great value, Kagawa University aspires to become a university that is relevant and responsive to the needs of the twenty-first century.
Ehime University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Law and Letters, △Education, ○Science, ○Medicine, ○Engineering, △Agriculture, ▲United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, □▲Kagawa-Ehime Universities’ Graduate School of Law

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 8,326
  - (Graduate) 1352

- **Int’l Students:** 326

- **Foreign Researchers:** 57

- **Int’l Agreements:** 84

- **Overseas Office:** 2

Outline of University

Ehime University was established in 1949 and has 6 faculties: Law and Letters, Education, Science, Medicine, Engineering and Agriculture and each offer graduate programs. We have links with institutions in more than 30 countries. We are proud of being a ‘Student-centered’ university and also of being a leader in Japan for Faculty Development and take seriously our goal of training future leaders of society. We rank around 20th of all universities in Japan for research grants, showing that our research activities are recognized for the excellent work they are doing.

Ehime University has 3 world-class research centers: one has produced the world’s largest and hardest diamond, another has received funding from the Bill Gates Foundation for work on a malaria vaccine and the other has a specimen bank which holds a collection of over 100,000 tissue specimens tracking a 40-year history of heavy metal pollution, an invaluable resource for research.

Other research is being done in such varied fields as the evolution of the cosmos, medical research in genomics and proteomics further our understanding of cancer and other diseases, and ancient Asian iron culture.

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Admission & Support Information

We prepared lots of kinds of scholarship like “Ehime University Alumni Association scholarship”, “Saibikai scholarship”, “Seki Houshi Foundation scholarship” and etc. We also offer tuition exemption opportunity. Half or all of the tuition will be exempt depends on your academic performance and economic status.

To apply entrance examination, you need to take EJU (Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students). We don’t demand TOEFL except for Medical school. We do audition and paper test.

Message from University

*You can see video messages from our International Students. 
http://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/news_important/detail.html?new_rec=7937

* The university has dormitory space and students can find housing off-campus for ¥20,000–30,000/month.

*Survival Course: The Language Skills part meets every morning for two weeks to teach basic Japanese so students can get around on their own, the Life Skills part provides information about Japanese society, etiquette and how to get around in the city. All new students are welcome to attend.


*Support for job placement in Japanese companies, including classes in Business Japanese.

*Several graduate courses in Science, Engineering and Agriculture are offered in English.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate Schools:** □ Humanities and Economics, ■ Education, ■ Science, ■ Medical School, ■ Agriculture, △ Integrated Arts and Sciences( Humanities and Social Sciences, Studies in Education, Studies in Science, Medical Science, Nursing Science, Agricultural Science), ○ Integrated Arts and Sciences( Studies in Applied Science, Medicine, Kuroshio Science), ▲ The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 4,958
  - (Graduate) 581
- **Int'l Students:** 154
- **Foreign Researchers:** 29
- **Int'l Agreements:** 67
- **Overseas Office:** 2

Outline of University

**Principle:**
Under the national consensus and in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Education, Kochi University promotes the development and enhancement of human development and academic research that can benefit local communities and the world at large.

**Mission:**
1. Realization of education that aims at extensive knowledge and advanced level of specialty
2. Promotion of advanced and practical research
3. Strengthening of cooperation with the local community surrounding the university
4. Promotion of contribution to international communities
5. Generous management of the university

**Characteristics:**
As a national university within a local community, Kochi University contributes to the promotion of the local culture and industry. We also provide high quality educational activities and advanced research of a global standard.
1. Aiming at the highest level of university in education, we promote study in the humanities and pursue advancement of major studies.
2. We constantly strengthen the foundations of research by improving facilities, by developing new research fields, by uniting certain different fields, and by providing leading academic research that we can proudly present to the rest of the world from this local community.
3. We aim to be a unique university that not only participates in the global community, but also plays the role of a regional university that is wide open to its local community.

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Admission & Support Information

Kochi University Foundation for International Collaboration.
Scholarship for International Students
Allowance: 30,000 yen per month. Terms of Allowance: 12 months
26 international students were awarded scholarships for 2011.

Admission to Schools Offering Pre-arrival Admission
Department of International Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Economics

Message from University

<International Student Halls>
Two International Student Halls were founded at the end of 1994 to accommodate international students and researchers: One at Oko Campus (Medical School) and One at Monobe Campus (Faculty of Agriculture).

<AAP course>
Special Course for International Students from Asia, Africa and the Pacific Rim Offered by the foreign Student Education Consortium SHIKOKU
Program goals
In this era we are faced with global population explosion, climate change, destruction of both environment and diversity of species, all of which are closely related to agricultural science and technology. This program has been established to foster global leaders who contribute to bio-industry in harmony with the environment, effectively utilizing the regional characteristics of the Shikoku area as an academic research field.

Academic plan
(1) The AAP Special course is a five-year continuous education program composed of Master’s and Doctoral courses. After completion of all the requirements in the first two-year Master’s course, a student will be awarded a Master’s degree from the university where he/she was located. (The requirements include 30 credits from the AAP special course curriculum, an approved Master’s thesis and a passing grade on the final examination.) Students are expected to continue their studies in the Doctoral course (three years) of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Ehime University. Students will be awarded Doctoral degrees after completion of all requirements, which include having their doctoral dissertation approved and passing the final examination.
(2) This system enables students to create a curriculum which corresponds to their own needs. With the help of academic advisors, students can select from over 130 classes to develop their own unique program.
(3) All classes and research instruction are given in English, however all students are required to take a 'Survival Japanese' class after entering the program and, if desired, students can take other Japanese language classes.

<International Education Program>
Purpose of the Program
This program aims to help students to acquire three languages: English as the world’s international language, Chinese because of its increasing importance, and Japanese. With a command of these languages, they will be in a position to acquire international communication skills, to develop their understanding of a diversity of cultures and values, and to contribute to the peaceful development of global human society.
Features of Education
○ Japanese and international students will study the same program and together develop intercultural understanding of minds and customs.
○ In the first two years, they will focus on languages and intercultural understanding, and in the latter half of the program, they will focus on international economics and business.
Japanese students will be provided with the opportunity to study at a sister university abroad and to undertake an international internship. International students will have the opportunity to study at another Japanese university or engage in an internship in Japan. Both may be expected to develop practical ability to efficiently contribute to the development of our ever more globalized world.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Education
- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 2,843 (Graduate) 211
- **Int’l Students:** 77
- **Foreign Researchers:** 3
- **Int’l Agreements:** 7
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Fukuoka University of Education is the only university of education in the Kyushu area. Our university has established (at the undergraduate level) three “School of Education Courses” to educate future teachers, as well as three “Lifelong Education Courses” to cultivate and support educational leaders in society.

Our university trains educators to utilize highly technical skills based on an abundance of not only intelligence, but also the human perspective and social aspect of education in order to support fully children’s healthy growth and learning in today’s drastically changing society. Our university also leads in wide-ranging research focusing on various aspects and phenomena surrounding today’s children, schools, and general education. Based on the results obtained from such education and research, furthermore, Fukuoka University of Education provides local communities with opportunities in lifelong learning, emphasizing comprehensive support in raising the educational levels in the local communities through the schools.

The most important mission of FUE is to train highly qualified teachers. In the undergraduate courses, the able and professional faculty trains teachers who endeavor to become personable and who possess verified practical teaching skills on the basis of technical knowledge grounded in extensive practical education and academic scholarship. This is done while actively grappling with contemporary issues that currently face educators in schools and in the area of education.

Our university trains teachers, in a broad sense, who play leading roles in society and lifelong learning.

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**Admission & Support Information**

【Scholarship】
Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students
Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation

**Message from University**

Fukuoka University of Education is the only university solely dedicated to teacher training in the Kyushu area, with a 60-year history, we are very proud that we have graduated many wonderful educators, contributing to the forward progress in the world of education in Japan.

We consider it a top priority to advance and promote our international exchange programs, taking advantage of the geographical proximity of neighboring countries.

Fukuoka University of Education currently accepts around 80 international students from 10 countries. We provide various types of support for international students such as orientation programs, a tutoring system, and lectures focusing on Japanese language and culture, as well as exchange programs with local communities in the area.

Fukuoka University of Education is located in Munakata City, equal distance between the two cities of FUKUOKA (Hakata) and KITAKYUSHU (Kokura), which is convenient for transportation.

This area is blessed with a natural environment and a relatively warm climate.

We sincerely welcome students who have enthusiasm and the desire to promote the development of school education.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Letters, Education, Law, Economics, Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Design, Agriculture, Social and Cultural Studies, Human-Environment Studies, Mathematics, Information Science and Electrical Engineering, Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Engineering Sciences, Systems Life Sciences, Integrated Frontier Sciences, Institute for Advanced Study

- **Students:** (Undergraduate) 11,737 (Graduate) 7,156
- **Int’l Students:** 2,078 (as of November, 2011)
- **Foreign Researchers:** 849
- **Int’l Agreements:** 316 (University level: 110, Faculty level: 206)
- **Overseas Office:** 12

Outline of University

Kyushu University is a national, comprehensive and one of the top research universities in Japan. The university is located in Fukuoka, the largest and most active business center in Kyushu Island. Founded in 1911, Kyushu University has established itself as a leader in education and research not only in Japan but throughout the world. Celebrated its centennial in 2011, today we have 11 undergraduate schools, 18 graduate schools and more than 50 research institutes and centers. And the university consists of roughly 2,300 academic staff, 2,700 non-academic staff and 19,000 students on 6 campuses.

As a world-renowned university, Kyushu University aims to encourage higher education that attracts a wide range of people from all over the world, to develop highly specialized students to play leading global roles in relevant fields, and to contribute to global development. We also aim to develop new prospects based on traditions in education, and to produce world-class and advanced intellectual achievements.

Based on our aims, international exchange programs are also greatly encouraged and approximately 2,100 students from some 80 countries are studying here. In various fields – humanities, social science, natural science and others, our researchers have provided new knowledge and technology to the world. Additionally, we have been engaged in a variety of international cooperation activities, especially leading the national project E-JUST (Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology). Now we are planning to welcome more international students and to prepare the ideal environment where the courses in English are provided for all students.

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Admission & Support Information

1. Scholarships
There are various scholarships available to international students at Kyushu University. About the half international students receives some kind of scholarships such as Japanese Government Scholarship, Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Honors Scholarships, and approximately 70 types of scholarships sponsored by foundations.

Also, Kyushu University provides our own scholarships for international students as follows.
- Friendship Scholarship (For short term students)
- SHIROUZU SUSUGU Scholarship (students on the register more than a year)
- International Undergraduate Program Scholarship (For international undergraduate programs students in Engineering and Bioresource and Bioenvironment)
- 21st century challenge program (For graduate students)

The list of scholarships for self-supported international students is available at: http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/student/page1-34/page012.htm

2(1) Unique Overseas Study Programs
Kyushu University boasts the distinctive overseas study programs as follows.
- Japan in Today's World (JTW)
  JTW is a short-term study abroad program held in English over a period of 10 months from October to July, with international students from well-known universities in North America, Europe, and Asia.
- Japanese Language and Culture Course (JLCC)
  The 12-month, starts from October, JLCC program provides advanced language training, supervised research opportunities, and courses taught in Japanese to undergraduate international students (typically government-sponsored and short term students from universities overseas with which Kyushu University has exchange agreements) specializing in the study of Japanese language and culture.
- ATW: Asia in Today's World Program (ATW)
  A 6-week summer program for undergraduate and graduate students from all over the world, ATW offers courses on the past, present and future of Asia and Japan, as well as Japanese language training.

(2) Support System for International Students

- International Student and Researcher Support Center
Kyushu University is seeking to develop and improve a support system for international students and researchers in order to assist their daily lives and academic activities in Japan.

We assist new incoming international students and researchers with the following:
- Visa procedure support / Airport pickup (Shuttle Bus Service) / Providing housing information / Residential Assistance / Translation of documents into English / Interpretation over counter / Cooperation with International Student Support Team / Other assistance upon request

- Housing
Kyushu University has three dormitories for international students near campus areas. These dormitories have 387 single rooms, 59 couple rooms, and 34 family rooms in total. International students who are just after their arrival in Japan can live preferentially with affordable fees and safety.

Message from University

Great East Japan Earthquake hit Japan on the 11th of March 2011. From just after the occurrence of the earthquake, Fukuoka where Kyushu University is located was not directly affected on our daily life. Additionally, there have not been any big changes on the measured figure of dose of radiation comparing with the one before the earthquake happened. Kyushu University transmits our correspondence of post-earthquake widely in English on its own homepage not only for the students but also for foreigner residents. Furthermore, as a core university in Kyushu areas, we dedicate to provide the latest information through multiple media both for on-campus and off-campus. For example, the English seminar about the disaster of earthquakes and nuclear power was held in this April in the university. Moreover, the university vigorously offers its support by delivering relief supplies to devastated universities and providing dormitory rooms to international students who temporally evacuate from affected areas.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ○ Engineering, ○ Computer Science and Systems Engineering, ● Life Science and Systems Engineering

- **Students:**
  - Undergraduate: 4,296
  - Graduate: 1,739

- **Int’l Students:** 170

- **Foreign Researchers:** 11

- **Int’l Agreements:** 69 (As of October 1, 2011)

- **Overseas Office:** 1

Outline of University

The Kyushu Institute of Technology (Kyutech) was originally founded as the first 4-year private institution called the Meiji College of Technology in 1907. Its management was transferred to the government in 1921 and it became a national university and was renamed the Kyushu Institute of Technology in 1949. For more than 100 years, we have devoted ourselves to creating new technologies and industries, and to train “global engineers” with advanced technology in order to make them global leaders in their fields. In 2009, Kyutech celebrated its 100th anniversary and has produced more than 50,000 graduates.

Kyutech consists of 3 campuses in the northern area of Fukuoka Prefecture and each campus has a unique characteristics.

- **Tobata Campus (Tobata-ku, Kitakyushu-shi, Fukuoka)**
  - School of Engineering (6 dept.), Graduate School of Engineering (5 dept.)
  - Fundamental engineering focused on manufacturing

- **Iizuka Campus (Iizuka-shi, Fukuoka)**
  - School of Computer Science and Systems Engineering (5 dept.)
  - Graduate School of Computer Science and Systems Engineering (3 dept.)
  - Information engineering focused on advanced information technology

- **Wakamatsu Campus (Wakamatsu-ku, Kitakyushu-shi, Fukuoka)**
  - Graduate School of Life Science and Systems Engineering (2 dept.)
  - Life Science and Systems Engineering applying the superior functions of living organisms and of the brain in a technical way

While working to respond to requests from local communities and simultaneously bringing pioneer innovation from our country to the world as a vital source of knowledge, we are committed to contributing to the creation and cultivation of a remarkable future society.

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Admission & Support Information

【Information on entrance examinations for international students】
○Please refer to the English brochure of Kyutech (P.25) and check our website for further details.
(Kyutech brochure in English:http://www.kyutech.ac.jp/information/publication/pdf/brochure2011.pdf)

【Original scholarships of Kyushu Institute of Technology for international students】
○The 100th Anniversary Memorial Scholarship
  •Amount: Maximum 50,000Yen/month
  •Application Eligibility: Doctoral Students
  •Application Deadline: October

○Uemura Scholarship
  •Amount: 20,000Yen/month
  •Application Eligibility: Students of Asian nationalities
  •Application Deadline: September

【Housing】
○International House

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-Rent (per month): Single 5,900 Yen, Couple 9,500 Yen, Family 14,200 Yen
-The period of residence is, in principle, no longer than 6 months.

○Student Residence IIZUKA
The Student Residence is the dormitory where international and Japanese students share units. There are 20 units and one unit consists of three rooms to accommodate three students.
-Rent(per month): 15,000Yen
-The period of residence is for one year in principle.

【Other accommodation facility】
○Sensuiso (Tobata Campus)
  Accommodation charge: 1st night 3,200Yen, 2nd night 1,400Yen, 3rd night 3,200Yen, 4th night 1,400Yen
  The charge for the number of night on odd number is 3,200Yen, and on even number is 1,400Yen.

○Accommodation facility at JICA Kyushu International Center (affiliated facility located in Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu)
  Hotel Charge: 1,341Yen/night (Breakfast included) ※for 1~6 nights stay (less than 7 nights)
  2,681Yen/night

Message from University
Fukuoka prefecture, where Kyutech is located, is over 1,000 km away from the epicenter of the large earthquake occurred on March 11th, 2011, and we have not been affected by the earthquake or tsunami. Researchers and international students can be assured that there are no changes in daily lives at Kyutech.
Saga University

Basic Information

• Faculties & Graduate Schools: △Culture and Education, △Economics, ○Medicine, ○Science and Engineering, △Agriculture, ▲United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences

• Students: (Undergraduate) 6,156 (Graduate) 833
• Int’l Students: 286
• Foreign Researchers: 37
• Int’l Agreements: 137
• Overseas Office: 1

Outline of University

Saga University, formed by the integration of the former Saga University and Saga Medical School, consists of five faculties: The Faculty of Culture and Education, the Faculty of Economics, the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Science and Engineering, and the Faculty of Agriculture. In our Saga University Charter, we aim at being an “Attractive University, Creation Inheritance, Education-Oriented University, Promotion of Research, Contribution to Society, Contribution to the International Society, and Evaluation and Improvement.

Saga University aims at being an “Education-Oriented University” which will appeal to a broad range of students. We promote attractive campus life, strong student support, in job hunting as well as in educational fields even after graduation so that our graduates can keep affection for their alma mater.

We also aim to promote world-level research projects, developing concrete strategies to make a fusion of research “Needs” and “Seeds”. Through the collaborative research with industry and the local government, we create unique research projects which make us prominent on the world stage.

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Message from University

Saga University is a national university located in the prefectural seat of Saga Prefecture, Saga City. The university was originally founded in 1949 and later was combined with Saga Medical School in 2003. Saga University consists of five faculties: Culture and Education, Economics, Medicine, Agriculture and Science & Engineering, together with five graduate schools, one joint Usage/Research Center, and eight adjoined institutions. Saga University is one of Asia’s major intellectual organizations and strives to contribute to the development of an international society. Currently the University has a student enrollment of 7,300, including approximately 300 international students.

Most of international students are administered through the International Student Center (ISC). The ISC is responsible for the management of Japanese Language Courses, student exchange programs (SPACE), Japanese Language and Culture Studies Program and student counseling for international students. We are focused on ensuring that Saga University, along with the Saga area, provides international students with an educational and social environment that is both exciting and nurturing.

The university has a long history of supporting international students by providing Japanese language classes, housing through the NPO International boarding house – Kokusai-geshukuya – and offering assistance with housing insurance through the Association of International Students (Saga chiiki gaikokujin ryugakusei enjyokai). As a result, many international students who have graduated from our institution say that “Saga is a warm community to live in and Saga University provides students with a positive environment for learning”.

(A First message from an international student)
Recently, there have been many rumors spreading around about how Japan is unsafe to live in due to the nuclear leak that happened during the March 11th tsunami catastrophe. I would like to inform people who are interested in visiting or studying in Japan that Japan is very safe to live in. For example, in Saga prefecture where my university, Saga University is located, there was absolutely no effect from the Tsunami or the nuclear leak. This is also the case in other prefectures in Japan. We are living normal lives with no problem whatsoever so do not hesitate to come and experience the wonderful and memorable study life and beautiful culture of Japan.

Nambooze Joweria
PhD student
Saga University

(A Second message from an international student)
Hi. I am Md. Azad Hossain, studying in Saga University. I have been living in Saga city since 2008. Saga is a very beautiful city. This city is very much suitable for living and serving daily life easily as this city is less populated with all the useful facilities. The natural beauties of this historical city always provide me a fresh air and encouragement for my study and daily life.. On March, 2011 an enormous earthquake occurred in Japan which was followed by a huge tsunami that devastated Fukushima, northeastern Japan and Ibaraki prefecture. Many peoples were injured in the disaster and there are many people whose homes were destroyed or lost. I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the families of the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. I hope that those who were injured will recover as quickly as possible. In addition, I want to inform all of you that, there is not much effect of the earthquake and tsunami in Saga. Saga is very far from the affected areas and so far as of my knowledge, the radiation level of saga are within the limits of normal levels. Therefore, saga is still very much suitable for living and serving the daily life as it was before the earthquake and tsunami.

Thank you all and have a nice and happy life in Saga.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Education, ○Economics, ○Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, ○Engineering, Environmental Studies, Fisheries, ●Fisheries Science and Environmental Studies, ●Biomedical Sciences, ●International Health Development, ●Science and Technology

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 7,608
  - (Graduate) 1,414
- **Int’l Students:** 401
- **Foreign Researchers:** 53
- **Int’l Agreements:** 113
- **Overseas Office:** 8

Outline of University

The university’s School of Medicine is the oldest in Japan, dating back to November 12, 1857 when Igaku Denshusho, Japan’s first institution for teaching Western medicine, was opened by Dutch physician Johannes Lijdius Catharinus Pompe van Meerdervoort. The Faculties/School of Education, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Economics were also established a century ago. New Faculties/School including Fisheries, Engineering, Dentistry, and Environmental Studies have been established over the subsequent years in response to contemporary needs, and the university today has eight faculties and schools, six graduate schools (Education, Economics, Engineering, Fisheries Science and Environmental Studies, Biomedical Sciences, International Health Development) and one research institute (Institute of Tropical Medicine). It is a university with a student population of roughly 9,000, and approximately 2,800 faculty and staff members.

Nagasaki is a cosmopolitan city: it was one of the few Japanese ports open to international trade under the isolation policy effected in the Edo period, and has long played a pioneering role in multicultural exchange. Nagasaki is also a city dedicated to peace, and appeals for everlasting world peace based on its experience of the atomic bomb.

As a university located in Nagasaki, our mission is to achieve excellence and individuality in research and education, inheriting the spirit of harmony, tolerance, innovation and peace from the city’s rich historical past.

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Admission & Support Information

Nagasaki University’s own scholarship programs are the YEH KUO-SHII Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (50,000 per month) and the Maeda Saeko Scholarship (50,000 per month). Various other scholarships are also offered by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, as well as private organizations.

Undergraduate and graduate international students who demonstrate academic excellence and are in need of financial assistance may apply for a reduction of tuition. Successful applicants are entitled to either a 100 percent or 50 percent reduction of tuition. Seventy-one percent of Nagasaki University’s privately-funded international students receive some form of financial assistance. The university also has a tutorship system in place to assist international students new to Japan in their daily lives and studies.

Nagasaki University has two International Houses, the university housing facility for international students, where new incoming students are given priority (164 places; maximum length of stay of one year). The university also provides partial rent assistance for eligible students renting private accommodation.

Some of our graduate schools accept enrolments in October, and some do not require applicants to come to Japan for the selection process.

Message from University

Nagasaki is situated at the western tip of the Japanese archipelago, making it the Japanese city with the shortest distance from other Asian countries. Scheduled flights connect Nagasaki and Korea (Seoul) or China (Shanghai) in 90 minutes. Furthermore, a new scheduled passenger ship (30,000 t) service will commence in January 2012 between Nagasaki and Shanghai, making trips to Japan possible at very affordable prices (around 10,000 yen, one-way fare). Nagasaki University, located in this well-positioned city, currently hosts 401 international students from 37 countries, and looks forward to welcoming you to its student community.

Comments by International Students

Natalia Dames, Special Auditing Student from the Netherlands, International Student Center

Nagasaki is a small city that is filled with a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, making it more comfortable for student life than bigger cities. Nagasaki University encourages international students to participate in club activities. Because of these activities, there has never been a day I have felt homesick. Through the activities, I have made friends with many people and deepened my understanding of not only Japanese language but also of Japanese culture. In addition, students gather at Nagasaki University from various countries, I could also learn about the cultures of other countries while in Japan. I really enjoyed my student life in Nagasaki and had many great experiences. I invite you to come and study at Nagasaki University too. The experience will prove that it was the right choice.
Basic Information

- **Faculties of Letters**, △Faculties of Education, Faculties of Law, Faculties of Science,
  ○School of Medicine, ○School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Engineering,
  ●Graduate schools of Science and Technology, ●Graduate School of Social and Cultural Science:
  □School of Law

- **Students**: (Undergraduate) 8,044  (Graduate) 2,103
- **Int’l Students**: 419
- **Foreign Researchers**: 91
- **Int’l Agreements**: 122
- **Overseas Office**: 4

Outline of University

Kumamoto University is located in Kumamoto City, in the heart of Japan’s Kyushu Island. KU is one of the oldest universities in Japan, and now has seven faculties, eight graduate schools and thirteen research centers/institutes that support a wide spectrum of educational and research activities.

Currently, the university is home to more than 8,044 undergraduate students and 2,103 graduate students, including 419 international students from 39 countries (as of November 2011). For over 100 years our university has been at the forefront of culture, advancing science and technology, and contributing to the development of the Japanese educational system.

Presently, KU will see increasing internationalization through international academic and student exchange programs (as of November 2011, we have partnered with 122 institutes from 27 countries), global-collaboration research programs with the world’s leading researchers at the Global Centers of Excellence (G-COE: currently three projects are active), and other international activities. The short-term international student exchange programs are conducted at both KU and our partner universities. The Kumamoto University Forum has also been held both inside and outside Japan (including Shanghai, China in 2005, Daejeon, Korea in 2006, Surabaya, Indonesia in 2008, and Hanoi, Vietnam in 2010).

Through these activities, KU has been contributing to local communities and to global society.

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Admission & Support Information

- Japanese Government Scholarship
- Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students (Gakushu Shoreihi)
- Mizuno Teijiro Memorial Foundation Scholarship
- Docomo Scholarship
- Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship
- Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship
- Saneyoshi Scholarship
- ITOCHU Scholarship
- Lions Club Scholarship
- Konan Asia Scholarship

Message from University

Kumamoto University is a leader in innovation and discovery. We are home to great students, great faculty, and great programs, and many of the best and brightest minds of the world are part of the University and its 250 years of history.

The University boasts one of the most beautiful and historic campuses in Japan. We have 10,000 students studying at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and approximately 400 international students from 40 countries are currently studying at Kumamoto University. We offer a high-quality, safe, and fun student life, with all of the resources and services that you need to succeed. Not only do we offer some of Japan's top academic programs, we offer a great campus life in a major city with many attractions.

KU has established four fundamental policies in Kumamoto University for you (KU4U), and these have been continuously pursued:

1. Upgrade: To teach the students to be future professionals so that they can make active contributions of a global caliber in a rapidly changing world.
2. Uniqueness: To research our own world-leading studies in the most advanced fields, to create innovation and well-being in society.
3. Union: To collaborate with local and global societies, and to give back to society by providing a promising future through the promotion of education, culture, industry, advanced medical practices and more.
4. Universality: To develop global academic networks and increase internationalization by increasing the numbers of international students and international academic exchange programs, as well as through other means.

Japanese higher education institutions are widely recognized as centers of excellence in many disciplines. Not surprisingly, Japan is an increasingly popular destination for students and researchers from around the world who wish to take advantage of the high education standard and share in a unique cultural experience. In addition, Japan is renowned worldwide for its friendliness and welcome to visitors. These values are as prevalent in Japanese society today as ever, and you can be sure that an integral part of the "Kumamoto experience" will be the welcome you will receive.
OITA University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** △Education and Welfare Science, ○Economics, ○Medicine, ○Engineering, ●Social Service Administration

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 5,023
  - (Graduate) 747

- **Int’l Students:** 144
- **Foreign Researchers:** 8
- **Int’l Agreements:** 68
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

Oita University is committed to developing people who are equipped with creativity, humanity and social awareness. Through education and research in humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, the university enables students to acquire both basic academic skills and highly specialized knowledge. At the same time, the university is committed to carrying out creative research in the pursuit of truth, and aims to create new interdisciplinary fields of study formed from the fusion of different subjects for a broad range of research.

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**Admission & Support Information**

Oita University International Exchange and Academic Promotion Foundation offer a scholarship opportunity for self-financed international students who face financial difficulties. In the 2011 academic year, 8 students in the Spring Semester and 3 students in the Fall Semester were awarded and received 20,000 JPY every month for one year.

**Message from University**

The following message was sent from an international student who studied in Oita University on the day of Great East Japan Earthquake. She had no choice but to leave Japan due to the evacuation order made by the government of her country.

Message:

The day of the earthquake, I was out in the city making preparation for my trip to Korea. But soon after the earthquake started, I was receiving constant emails asking if I was KO, to call home so that they knew I am fine. It was not until I returned home that I received news of what happened. My first reaction was shock and fear, not form myself but for the people living in the affected area. Once I called my family back home and assured that I was safe, I begun to think about what this would mean for me. The next few days I found out that my university had cancelled all study abroad programs with Japan and they wanted all of us home immediately. My first reaction to this news was shock, anger, and sadness. I had just finished my first semester and was about to start the next one, so I was not prepared to go back home so soon. I initially tried to fight the decision and explain to my university that I was safe in Oita and there was no danger. In the end, nothing worked and I had to realize that I was leaving. At that time, I felt that I would never get a chance to return to Japan ever again but when my university said that I would return to finish my exchange, there was no doubt in my mind that I wanted to return. I came back because I knew that Japan was safe. I wanted to return and finish my studies and say proper goodbyes to friends that I meet here in Oita. I was happy when I returned to see that the people of Japan are very strong and are recovering very well in such a short period of time. I will be sad when its finally time for me to leave Oita once again.
University of Miyazaki

Basic Information

- **Faculty & Graduate schools**: △ □ Education and Culture, △ Medicine, △ Engineering, △ Agriculture, ● Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, ● Agriculture and Engineering

- **Students**: (Undergraduate) 4,794 (Graduate) 732
- **Int’l Students**: 116
- **Foreign Researchers**: 137
- **Int’l Agreements**: 39
- **Overseas Office**: 2

Outline of University

The University of Miyazaki is a National University comprised of the former Miyazaki University (established in 1949) and the former Miyazaki Medical College (established in 1974). The two universities were joined together in 2003.

The University of Miyazaki promotes the slogan “Look at the world, Start with the community,” and as the core university of the Miyazaki area, propels research focused in the domain of life sciences, environmental sciences, and energy sciences. Furthermore, the University of Miyazaki promotes interdisciplinary education as it has the only Japanese graduate school to offer a doctoral program in interdisciplinary agriculture and engineering (since 2007), and the only Japanese graduate school to offer an interdisciplinary medicine and veterinary medicine doctoral program (since 2010).

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Admission & Support Information

- **Scholarships**: There are many scholarships offered by various institutions, such as:
  2. The Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
  3. Non-governmental associations, with such examples as the Konan Asia International Scholarship, the Interchange Association, Japan Scholarship, JGC-S Scholarship Foundation Scholarship, The Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship, and the Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Scholarship.

- **Exchange Student Housing**: University International Housing, and the SEIUNSOU International House

- **Admission**: Each faculty carries out its own admissions procedures for privately-funded international students

- **Forms of Support**: The Global Support Office offers one-stop service for access to Japanese language education, daily life assistance, etc.

Message from University

The University of Miyazaki is located in Miyazaki Prefecture, some 900 kilometers southwest of Tokyo. The area is blessed with the abundant nature of Southern Kyushu, offers many examples of beautiful weather and picturesque scenery, and stays warm throughout the year. In this environment, a student can apply oneself to deep study and raise the level of one’s field of study. After the March 11, 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, some international students and researchers returned to their homes temporarily, but Miyazaki received no damage from the quake, and all have come back to their normal lives, study, and research in Miyazaki.

At the University of Miyazaki, the specialist staff of the Global Support Office offer all forms of support for the lives and study of international students and researchers, as well as preparing support for students’ daily life in Japan via the University International Housing and Japanese language education support. Every year in August, the university offers a three-week summer program. After returning to their countries, many participants from this program want to return to Miyazaki for a longer exchange. The university currently has 116 international students, which is not a large number for a national university, but this creates an environment of greater face-to-face interactions and relationships. In line with the Japanese government’s proposed “Plan for 300,000 Exchange Students,” the University of Miyazaki is striving to increase the number of international students at the University threefold. With that, the faculty and students of the University of Miyazaki warmly welcome you to apply for admission.
Kagoshima University

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** ○Law, Economics and Humanities, □Law, △Education, ○Science, ○Engineering, ○Medicine, ○Dentistry, △Medical Science, ○Health Science, △Agriculture, △Fisheries, ▲Agriculture, □Clinical Psychology, ▲Veterinary Medicine

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 8,964
  - (Graduate) 1,757

- **Int’l Students:** 302

- **Foreign Researchers:** 66

- **Int’l Agreements:** 85

- **Overseas Office:** 3

Outline of University

Kagoshima University is located at the southernmost part of the Japanese mainland, an area which is blessed with a rich, diverse natural environment including active volcanoes such as Mt. Sakurajima and Kirishima mountain range, and many islands such as the world natural heritage site of Yakushima and Amami-Oshima being rich in bio-diversity. In addition, Kagoshima is the area which took the lead to introduce overseas different cultures of Asia-Pacific regions and produced many young individuals who contributed greatly to Japan’s change and modernization.

The origin of Kagoshima University traces back to ‘Zoushikan’, a feudal domain school set up in 1773 and after merging with several institutions, it was established newly as a national university in 1949. Currently, it is a comprehensive university comprising 8 faculties and 10 graduate schools with approximately 11,000 students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate courses.

Inheriting this long educational tradition, Kagoshima University aims to produce graduates willing to take on difficult challenges with a ‘spirit of enterprise’ and contribute to the development of the society together with the local community as announced in the Kagoshima University Charter drawn up in 2007.

In addition, to solving global problems, we promote our distinctive interdisciplinary researches of islands, the environment, food and health, and also establish cross-curricular educational courses to educate individuals who are able to work actively in global society. Furthermore, we are integrating our functions as a center for continuing education for intelligence and culture in the community through industry-university-government collaboration, and also a center for international exchange for academic and educational programs in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Admission & Support Information

[ Scholarships ]
Kagoshima University International Students’ Support Scholarship – ¥20,000(JPY)/month
Tanemura Kanji Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students - ¥200,000(JPY)/year
Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarships, Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students by JASSO, Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Inc., Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship for Foreign Students, Asahi Glass Scholarship, Kohnan Asia Scholarship Foundation, Assuran International Scholarship Foundation, Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students by Kagoshima Prefectural Government, Saneyoshi Scholarship Foundation Grant for Privately-Financed International Students, Japan Education Exchanges and Services (JEES) Scholarship and others

[ Dormitory ] International Residence Hall 1, 2 Total number of rooms for international students 76

[ Support System for campus life ] Staff of International Student Center, Center for International Planning and International Student Office support students’ campus life and others.

Message from University

Kagoshima University provides the most superb environment for students to accomplish their academic goals and experience the beautiful nature of Kagoshima and its people simultaneously. Kagoshima Prefecture has a long, interesting history which is preserved in the many tourist sites. As one of the safest cities in Japan, Kagoshima University attracts more than 300 foreign students every year from approximately 40 countries all over the world. This diversity in cultures, language and tradition is integrated into an entity known as the Kagoshima University Foreign Students Association (KUFSA). KUFSA offers opportunities to foreign students and Japanese people to interact with each other through many activities such as here where students are learning how to make one of Kagoshima’s famous products, deep-fried ‘satsumaage’ fish cakes. Sports events are also often held where both students and the general public can enjoy some friendly competition.

Students also have the opportunity to take part in festivals with the local community, where they can learn a lot about the interesting culture of Japan and experience it first-hand. There are many prospects in Kagoshima University to experience many good things about Japan and other countries as well. The variety in the programs offered by the university will surely support you as you strive for academic excellence.

We, as current students, hope you can join us so we can all partake in the rich nature, culture, knowledge and wisdom Kagoshima University has to offer.
National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya

Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate schools:** Physical Education
- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 772
  - (Graduate) 75
- **Int'l Students:** 14
- **Foreign Researchers:** 0
- **Int'l Agreements:** 8
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of University

○ Fundamental goals of the University

The National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya, utilizing its unique position as the only national university in Japan specializing in sports, works through the mediums of sports and physical activity to cultivate capable individuals possessing creativity and vitality, characteristics essential to the development of human beings with healthy bodies and a balanced, harmonious mindset. This University works to contribute to the betterment of the nation’s health as a whole, and to the promotion of learning and culture in both sports and physical sciences and the formation of a healthy, active society.

To achieve these goals, we have adopted the following fundamental goals for education, research, and social contributions, and continue to work to transform ourselves to gain the trust of society, and to win acclaim as a university with a unique defining character.

【1】Educational goals

The University seeks to provide a high standard of education through the theory and practice of sports and health. We provide a full curriculum in both liberal arts and specialist disciplines, offering a rich education, reliable academic ability, outstanding technical skill, and the ability to act with resolve. Further, we aim to foster the development of specialists of the highest caliber, who possess individuality and appeal as individuals. In the Faculty of Physical Education, we will work to cultivate individuals who have both practical and creative leadership and an ability to become dynamic instructors. We aim to foster the development of people of strong character, who are capable of participating actively in every facet of society, and, in the Graduate School of Physical Education, aim for high-level specialist expertise and a wealth of academic success, working to support the development of individuals capable of acting as high-level instructors at an international level.

【2】Research goals

While pursuing practical, innovative, and creative research in fields related to promoting health and improving competitive ability through sports and physical activity, we seek to build on our unique characteristic as a national institute of physical education in the disciplines of humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, through research from within integrated, interdisciplinary, and practical domains.

【3】Social goals

The University shares the results of educational research widely, while working as an open institution to offer opportunities for lifelong learning, access to educational research resources, and cooperation with society on a range of fronts. Furthermore, we contribute to the promotion of health and improvement of sports culture through sports and physical activity.

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National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya

Admission & Support Information

Various scholarships as follows are available in order to help create an environment in which international students can enjoy a stable lifestyle that enables them to fully focus on their studies.

- Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarships  
  http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/toj/toj0302j.html
- Japan Student Services Organization Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students  
  http://www.jasso.go.jp/scholarship/shoureihi.html
- The Korean Scholarship Foundation  
  http://www.korean-s-f.or.jp
- Heiwa Nakajima Foundation  
  http://heiwanakajimazaidan.jp/
- Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation  
  http://www.rotary-yoneyama.or.jp/english/
- Konan Asia International Scholarship Foundation

Message from University

Fitness is defined as the art of nurturing the body. One of the missions of the National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya as a national university for physical education is to provide physical education and carry out research into nurturing the bodies of the Japanese public.

It has been reported that recent trends are resulting in the deterioration of muscle strength, endurance and other physical capabilities throughout all levels of the population, from children through to the elderly people. Deterioration in physical strength not only adversely affects people’s work capabilities (productivity,) it also leads to their dreary lifestyles which, although not actual illnesses in themselves, results in people tiring easily and not wanting to move around.

One of the reasons for this deterioration in physical strength is the fact that people nowadays have had less time for exercise in their daily lives. It has been reported that cars, televisions and computers have become so integral to daily life, which is the major cause in reducing people’s opportunities for exercise. Humans are mammals, and flexing one’s muscles and moving the body is indispensable in maintaining our grip on life.

It is therefore necessary to initiate various projects that encourage people to flex their muscles (exercise) on a daily basis in today’s modern society. However, we are still left with certain questions that remain unanswered, such as how much muscle flexing is necessary, what sort of exercises are the most effective, and what is the most efficient method of including muscle training in our daily lives. The academic organizations that approach these questions in order to find solutions for maintaining the health of the Japanese public are those involved in physical exercise and sports.

The National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya assumes responsibility for creating environments that cater to these social requirements, and we have huge expectations for our future in researching and providing education in the field of ‘nurturing the body’ for all Japanese people.
Basic Information

- **Faculties & Graduate Schools:** ○Law and Letters, △Tourism Business, △Education, ○Science, ○Medicine, ○Health Sciences, ○Engineering, △Agriculture, □Law, ▲United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences

- **Students:**
  - (Undergraduate) 7,287
  - (Graduate) 1,008

- **Int’l Students:** 278
- **Foreign Researchers:** 77
- **Int’l Agreements:** 69
- **Overseas Office:** 0

Outline of the University

The University of the Ryukyus is located in Okinawa, the southernmost prefecture of Japan, and consists of seven faculties and eight graduate schools. Okinawa is blessed with a sub-tropical climate and an abundance of nature, making it a popular destination for many tourists from mainland Japan and abroad. During its years as the Ryukyu Kingdom, Okinawa forged trading ties with China, Korea and Southeast Asia. Owing to its past, Okinawa’s culture is richly diverse and strongly influenced by its former trading partners.

Taking advantage of its historical background and geographical characteristics, the University of the Ryukyus emphasizes education and research rooted in regional characteristics, including:

1. Coral reef production and biotechnological resources;
2. Tropical agriculture and biotechnology;
3. Advanced medical techniques for subtropical infectious diseases;
4. Information technology centered on Okinawa’s tropical environment, energy functionality, and geographic location;
5. Okinawan history, culture, people, languages and cross-cultural studies and

In line with its vision as a university with local and global features, the university has actively promoted international exchanges with academic institutions overseas, especially in the Asia and Pacific regions.

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1. Special Graduate Programs for International Students – The Graduate School of Engineering and Science offers Master’s and Doctorate courses that are administered wholly in English for international students.

   Engineering: Asia-Pacific Engineering Design Program
   Science: Okinawa International Marine Science Program

2. University Accommodation
   A) International students and researchers may reside at the International House, which offers single, couple and family rooms.
   B) International students may also choose to reside in the Student Dormitory, a university residence that is primarily meant for Japanese students. There are separate dormitory rooms for male and female students. All rooms are for single occupancy.

3. Career Advice
   The International Student Center offers Business Japanese classes and holds career seminars for international students who wish to build their careers in Japan after graduation. International students are encouraged to utilize the facilities of the University’s Career Placement Center, which provides career guidance and counseling services as well as information on career offers.

Message from the University

Located at the southernmost tip of Japan, Okinawa is an archipelago of islands that is blessed by a warm, sub-tropical climate. The beautiful oceans and nature of Okinawa make the prefecture a popular tourist destination for many visitors from abroad.

In addition to suffering no effects from the Great Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami, Okinawa is 1,760 km (1,100 miles) away from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, making it safe from the effects of nuclear radiation. Electrical power, water and food supply are plentiful in Okinawa, so students are assured of a safe living and studying environment.

There are currently 278 international students from 48 countries (as of November 2011) enrolled in the University of the Ryukyus. About 70 percent of the international student population is Asian and there are many students from Southeast Asian countries such as Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam.
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