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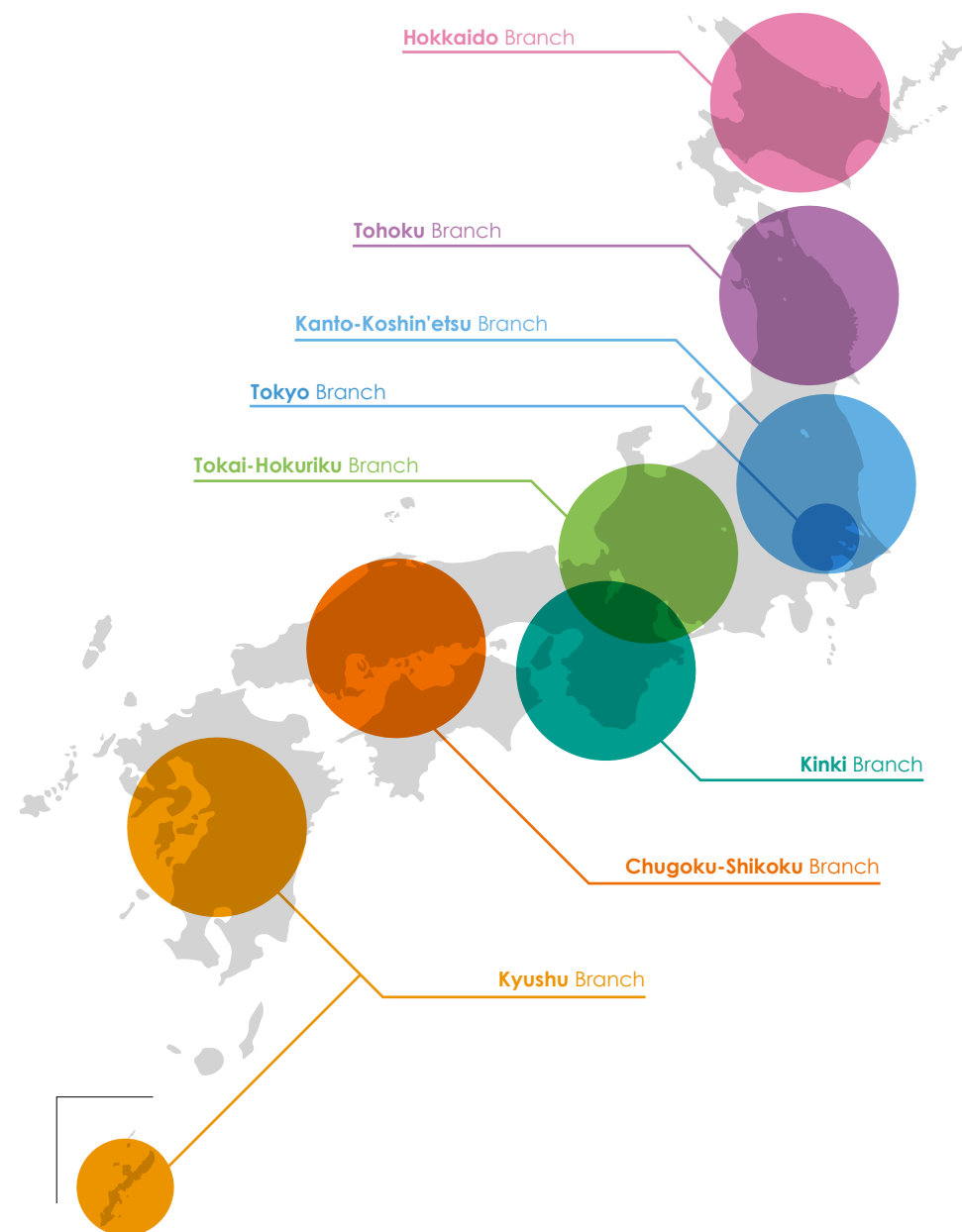
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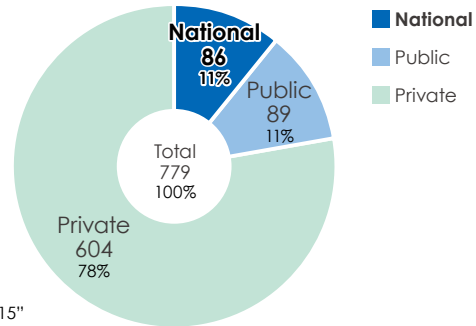
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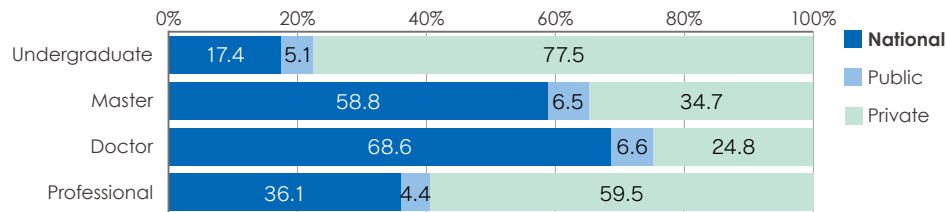
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Institutions



(Source)MEXT "School Basic Survey 2015"

Students



		Total*	National	Public	Private
Total		2,805,536	595,759	145,592	2,064,185
Courses	Undergraduate	2,556,062	445,668	129,618	1,980,776
	Master	158,974	93,416	10,372	55,186
	Doctor	73,877	50,676	4,876	18,325
	Professional	16,623	5,999	726	9,898

*Total includes National, Public, and Private.

Total including advanced course students, special course students, listeners, and research students.

(Source)MEXT "School Basic Survey 2015"

International Students & Foreign Faculties

	Total*	National	Public	Private
International Students Total	105,844	35,490	3,498	66,856
Undergraduate Students	65,865	10,844	1,755	53,266
Graduate Students	39,979	24,646	1,743	13,590

	Total*	National	Public	Private
Foreign Faculties Total	20,756	4,850	1,380	14,526
Full-Time Foreign Faculties	7,735	2,574	514	4,647
Part-Time Foreign Faculties	13,021	2,276	866	9,879

*Total includes National, Public, and Private.

(Source)MEXT "School Basic Survey 2015"

(Source)MEXT Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) "International Students in Japan 2014"

Japanese National Universities



Hokkaido University



President
Yamaguchi
Keizo

Academics

Letters, Law, Economics and Business Administration, Medicine, Dental Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Information Science and Technology, Fisheries Sciences, Environmental Science / Environmental Earth Science, Science, Agriculture, Life Science, Education, International Media, Communication, and Tourism Studies / Media and Communication, Health Sciences, Engineering, Chemical Sciences and Engineering, Public Policy

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International Students 1832

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Hokkaido University is a member of RU11 consisting of eleven research universities in Japan. The University was originally founded as Sapporo Agricultural College in 1876 to educate students to become national leaders, and to help develop the potential of Hokkaido. In fiscal year 2014, the Hokkaido Universal Campus Initiative (HUCI) project was selected as one of the 13 universities for the Top Global University Project Type A (Top type) to be funded during 2013-2023 under the support of MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology). The distinctive contents of HUCI are as follows:

In an effort to develop future global leaders, we established special programs for undergraduate students named NITOBÉ College and for graduate students named NITOBÉ School. Both programs are intended for selected students of all departments and provided in addition to the normal curriculum. The students benefit from receiving advices from alumni mentors as well as receiving scholarships for study abroad.

In 2014, we formed a new organization to enable researchers to focus on certain academic fields relevant to particular regional and global issues: the GI-CoRE (Global Institution for Collaborative Research and Education). We invite distinguished research groups from around the world to conduct cutting-edge research and educational activities together with Hokkaido University's researchers, in such fields as quantum medical science and engineering, zoonosis control, and food, land and water resources.

Between June and August, more than seventy courses called "Hokkaido Summer Institute" will be set up both inside and outside the University campus. We have at our disposal not only Hokkaido's vast natural resources, but also such resources as our cutting-edge research facilities, extensive research forests, and a brand-new training ship. Students from around Japan and overseas will gather and learn while working and mixing with Hokkaido University students.



Hokkaido University of Education



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Academics Education

Number of Students

Undergraduate 5209
Graduate 309
International Students 94

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Hokkaido University of Education is Japan's largest national teacher training college. The University's headquarters are located in Sapporo, Hokkaido and there are campuses in the five major cities of Hokkaido; Sapporo, Asahikawa, Kushiro, Hakodate, and Iwamizawa.

Since its establishment in 1949, the University has been a hub for promoting academic and cultural creativity. By offering beneficial information to regional society and providing extensive fields of learning, the University has large numbers of educators and other human resources to society.

The University made a new departure as a unique university firmly rooted in the regional society that combines both the arts-science assimilated type of academic research on human and region. Consequently, the faculty members as well as the University hope to contribute to the regional society of Hokkaido and the international society by training talented individuals to lead the regional society in the 21st century.

Under the slogan "Hokkaido University of Education where people foster people", we aim to become "a university that trains students" as a "university of education", or in other words firmly grounded on education. The University is confident that it is the place where students grow and where students, faculty and staff members respect each other. Most importantly, we aim to become "a university that the people of the local and regional society can trust and depend upon".



Muroran Institute of Technology



President
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Academics
Engineering

Number of Students
Undergraduate 2782
Graduate 522
International Students 134

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- Making Dreams Come True Through Creative Science and Technology -

Taking advantage of the rich natural environment of Hokkaido, Muroran Institute of Technology offers a comprehensive science and technology education. The university engages in creative scientific and technological research that balances the needs of humanity, society and nature. In addition, the university strives to contribute to both regional and international knowledge in order to develop a harmonious future society.

Outline of the University

Muroran Institute of Technology was established in 1949. The new university was amalgamation of the then Sapporo Agricultural College Engineering Department (founded in 1887), and the former Muroran Engineering High School (established in 1939).

Currently, the Institute has four undergraduate departments, and a graduate school offering three master courses and a doctoral course.

Message from the University

Academic education at Muroran Institute of Technology specializes in providing students with both a quality science and engineering education and a grounding in the liberal arts. Such an approach enables students to develop a broad perspective, in depth knowledge, and comprehensive value judgment. To facilitate this quality educational approach, the university provides class teachers and a tutor system.

Over the years, the university has established an excellent reputation for accepting foreign students. As of May 2015, a total of 137 foreign students, representing 12 countries, are enrolled at Muroran IT, all of them thoroughly enjoying college life and relishing the unique experience of living in Japan.

Open to the world, Muroran Institute of Technology strives to develop our students' potential to become global leaders in the field of engineering.



Otaru University of Commerce



President
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Commerce

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Graduate 107
International Students 85

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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 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.

Education and Research Aim

Our goal is not only to contribute to the development of the commerce and economics of the local community, but also to nurture research and people who are capable of contributing to the development of human culture by utilizing our traditional emphasis on practical study and the unique character of our commerce-oriented single faculty university. We will realize this goal by continuing to provide well-supervised education with a low student to faculty ratio and promoting academic research that has universal applications.



Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine



President
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Academics
Agriculture, Veterinary

Number of Students
Undergraduate 1152
Graduate 141
International Students 42

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Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (OUAVM) was established in 1941. 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. Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine has strengthened various efforts for achieving the following visions:

1. Creating a "community for learning from each other" on campus where the advantage of rich natural environment is utilized for encouraging students to enjoy learning actively and to foster a rich humanity;
2. Developing graduates who are internationally minded, have practical knowledge and skills, and can take a broad view of things on the basis of expertise in both agriculture and animal science;
3. Establishing the university as a leading center of academic research which is pursued for the purpose of solving global problems related to human life, food and environment; and
4. Contributing to sustainable development of the regional/international community through practical application of the results of creative, interdisciplinary and practical studies.



Asahikawa Medical University



President
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Academics
Medicine

Number of Students
Undergraduate 989
Graduate 129
International Students 7

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Asahikawa Medical University was founded at the behest of the national government in November 1973 as the first national medical university. Since it was founded, Asahikawa Medical University has produced 3,777 graduates from the Medical Course and 1,085 graduates from the Nursing Course, many of whom are employed at the vanguard of community medicine, research institutes, and administrative bodies.

To nurture individuals who can contribute to medical care in Hokkaido, we set aside approximately half the quota for the Medical Course for the selective medical school admission policy, which is open to prospective students from Hokkaido. As a result, more than 60% of newly registered students are from this prefecture. At the same time, medical education in Japan, like other educational branches, is becoming globalized and must meet the standards of international educational accreditation, so we have designed a new curriculum that meets world standards.

Asahikawa Medical University Hospital is an advanced treatment hospital with sophisticated and diverse medical functions. For example, we are equipped with a heliport for an air ambulance covering the northern area of Hokkaido and we are a cooperative base hospital for the Air Ambulance Project. Asahikawa Medical University Emergency and Critical Care Center is also available 24 hours a day for emergency medical needs. In addition, Asahikawa Medical University Hospital, designated by Hokkaido as a key hospital, includes a regional cancer care coordination core hospital, a hepatic disease care liaison hospital, and a perinatal medical center. We are noted as being an advanced medical center in Hokkaido.

We are advancing the training of future medical specialists to meet local needs and act globally.



Kitami Institute of Technology



President
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Engineering

Number of Students
Undergraduate 1844
Graduate 246
International Students 90

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Kitami Institute of Technology has, for more than half a century, been dedicated to its mission to nurture people, develop technology, contribute to the community and work toward a better future by promoting knowledge and passing it on to next generations of students.

Kitami Institute of Technology is the northernmost national university in Japan, located in Kitami, a city in the northeastern part of Hokkaido, near Japan's unparalleled scenic spots such as Akan, Daisetsu and Shiretoko National Parks. Our university consists of six undergraduate departments, six master's programs and three doctoral programs, with a total of 2,090 students and 250 faculty and staff. Despite the relatively small size, it has been highly evaluated for its teaching and research, and its contributions to community.

Our undergraduate students acquire basic knowledge and study the latest scientific technology, while our graduate students deepen existing knowledge and expand professional skills through research and development, working towards higher academic degrees. We are primarily committed to research and development in the fields of engineering, particularly integrating the regional characteristics of our cold climate change as a key theme: for example, Methane Hydrate (Energy & Environment), Ski Boots Designed for Japanese Skiers (Information Science) and Snow Accumulation Observation in Shiretoko Peninsula (Civil Engineering).

Today's globalization and increasing cross-border exchange of human resources and products require people to have an open mind and multi-faceted ideas and approaches. Kitami Institute of Technology has concluded international academic exchange agreements with 24 universities in ten countries and regions. Its International Center has established various types of exchange programs, such as study abroad programs, language study tours during vacations and more. The university strives to contribute to the internationalization and prosperity of the region.



Hirosaki University



President
Sato Kei

Academics
Humanities and Social Sciences,
Education, Medicine, Health
Sciences, Science and
Technology, Agriculture and Life
Science, Regional Studies,
Agricultural Sciences

Number of Students
Undergraduate 6117
Graduate 795
International Students 147

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Hirosaki University is a national university founded in the former castle town of Hirosaki in 1949. It has grown into a medium-size university consisting of five Colleges: Humanities & Social Sciences, Education, Medicine, Science & Technology, and Agriculture & Life Science. These Colleges cover a broad range of undergraduate academic disciplines. The university is also home to seven graduate programs.

Hirosaki itself is a city with every modern convenience but with deep historic roots and proud traditions. The city grew up in the 16th century around the newly constructed Hirosaki Castle. The city is large enough to include many modern necessities, department stores and local shops; it is also small enough to be easy to navigate on foot, bike, or by bus.

Like any proper Japanese city, Hirosaki offers a range of seasonal activities. In spring, the 2600 cherry trees that adorn Hirosaki Park come into full bloom. The park has become a national touchstone for the cherry blossom presentation and maintenance. Hirosaki Park boasts some of the oldest and most vibrant cherry blossoms in Japan.

In August, the setting sun is accompanied by the pounding of drums, as the Neputa festival marches down the main roads of Hirosaki. Neputa, and its sister festival Nebuta in Aomori City, are one of the top three summer festivals in Japan. The festival is lively, beautiful and quintessentially Aomori. When the Neputa flutes fade it marks the transition into fall. Aomori is apple country, and fall is harvest. This is perhaps the most dangerous time to be in Hirosaki. The onslaught of delicious apples, pies, juices, and other apple delights threatens to make all other apples in your future fall miserably short by comparison. When winter settles in, Hirosaki is blanketed in snow. Aomori is one of the snowiest regions in Japan, and Hirosaki definitely gets its share. The light fine powder snow that always falls here is perfect for skiing and snowboarding.

This and so much more are waiting for you here in the heartland of northern Japan. If you would like to learn more, please feel free to visit our website. The website also includes resources for interested students, including information about scholarships, lodging, and part-time jobs.

We hope to see you soon!

Iwate University



President
Iwabuchi Akira

Academics

Humanities and Social Sciences,
Education, Science and
Engineering, Agriculture

Number of Students

Undergraduate 4840
Graduate 849
International Students 45

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Outline of Iwate Prefecture and Iwate University

Iwate Prefecture is about 500 kilometers north of Tokyo in the Tohoku region. As the second largest prefecture in Japan, its area is seven times larger than Tokyo's. The whole prefecture of Iwate is well known both for its spectacular natural beauty, such as the Rikuchu (saw tooth) Coast and Mt. Iwate (called "NANBU-FUJI"), as well as for its cultural assets, including the Chusonji Temple in the town of Hiraizumi. In addition, many typical Japanese recreational attractions such as hot springs and ski resorts abound. Iwate University is located in Iwate Prefecture's capital, Morioka City, which is one of the principal cities in the Tohoku region. The population of Morioka is approximately 300,000.

The university's faculties and graduate schools include Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Science and Engineering, and Agriculture and there are currently over 6000 students enrolled and 800 administration and teaching staff. Also, Iwate University is hosting over 200 international students from over 20 countries.

All university faculties are located within 20 minutes on foot from Morioka City's JR Train Station and beautiful downtown Morioka, so it is very convenient for students wanting to find part-time jobs, do shopping, and enjoy city life.

Iwate University has adopted the slogan, "Together with Iwate and its people." and has engaged in education, research and social activities centered around local revitalization. At a time when there is strong demand for local revitalization, we again recognize our slogan and seek to have a strong presence in the local community through enhancing Iwate University's distinctive structure. It is also a growing presence in the disaster area through contributions for recovery and reconstruction efforts after the Great East Japan Earthquake.

Tohoku University



President
Satomi Susumu

Academics

Arts and Letters, Education, Law,
Economics and Management,
Science, Medicine, Dentistry,
Pharmaceutical Sciences
Engineering, Agricultural Science,
International Cultural Studies,
Information Sciences, Life Sciences,
Environmental Studies, Biomedical
Engineering, Educational
Informatics Education, Educational
Informatics Research, Law School,
School of Public Policy,
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Number of Students

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Graduate 7027
International Students 1989

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Tohoku University was established in 1907 as Japan's third national university, and has consistently ranked high among the country's leading academic institutions. The five main campuses are in Sendai City, built around the ancient site of Aoba Castle.

The university has a diverse community of more than 18,000 students across academic fields that include engineering, medicine, life sciences and the liberal arts. With a strong history of innovation, Tohoku University is also home to leading, groundbreaking research - most notably in materials science, physics and chemistry - and actively encourages academic - industry - government cooperation.

In the five years since the Great East Japan Earthquake, the university has played a key role in providing disaster science expertise and support to the region's reconstruction efforts.

Tohoku University's Global Initiative

Tohoku University fosters globalization by maintaining Academic Exchange Agreements with a network of over 400 overseas institutions. It is also a proud member of several international university consortia.

In 2014, Tohoku University unveiled its global initiative, which addresses education reforms and ways to strengthen research capabilities. As part of its on-going commitment to globalization, the university promotes joint graduate programs with leading universities around the world. It also aims to bring top minds together to create an "International Fellowship of Knowledge" through the Forum for Creativity.

Information & Support for International Students

The Future Global Leadership Program (FGL) at Tohoku University offers three undergraduate and 15 graduate degree courses taught in English.

Students from around the world are also welcomed on shorter programs, such as the double degree programs offered with partner schools, incoming short-term programs in the sciences and humanities, and summer school.

There is a wide range of support for all international students, including visa assistance, information on living in Japan, help finding dormitories and private apartments, as well as financial aid through the university's own scholarship system.



Miyagi University of Education



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Academics
Education

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Undergraduate 1509
Graduate 107
International Students 8

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Miyagi University of Education is a national university committed to training future educators. Since our establishment, following the principle of "Taking the Responsibility to Educating Teachers," we have focused on training university students to become teachers with a strong will for high quality, high proficiency and life-long learning. Having been entrusted with taking the responsibility of being the base of education over a vast area, and redefining the Mission Statement set three years ago, we now aspire to train students to become outstanding educators following our motto of "For the Future of Education and the Future of Children."

Our university is made up of three curricula in the undergraduate school: Elementary School Teacher Education; Junior High School Teacher Education; and Special Needs Teacher Education, and two curricula in the graduate school: Master's Course and In-service Teacher Master's Course. In all our curricula, we take upon the responsibility of training teachers who have exceptional human qualities and practical leadership skills and broad vision to excel in their chosen field. The professors at MUE are devoted to training inspirational teachers on a daily basis, as is described in our Diploma Policy.

There is also an abundance of extra-curricula activities available at MUE, including independent research seminars, club activities, volunteer groups, study trips abroad, exchange programs and well as strong links with educational organizations such as zoological parks and astronomical observatories. Our professors understand the great importance of rearing the next generation as globally minded people, and thus have a rich English language program, short-term and long-term study abroad programs, in addition to firm relationships with international organizations such as UNESCO, NIDTEP in Thailand, and active cooperation with affiliated universities in several countries.



Akita University



President
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Academics
International Resource Sciences,
Education and Human Studies,
Medicine, Engineering Science

Number of Students
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Graduate 658
International Students 210

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Akita University is a comprehensive national university consisting of both undergraduate and graduate programs. Formerly known as Akita Normal School, Akita Young Men's Normal School, and Akita Mining College, it was later established as Akita University in 1949.

Faculty of International Resource Sciences

This is the only Faculty of International Resource Sciences in Japan. It is comprised of science and technology studies from the fields of science and geotechnology with a focus on economic minerals and petroleum exploration, development, and production. The faculty also provides studies in humanities with a focus on the politics and cultures of resource-producing nations.

Faculty of Education and Human Studies

The faculty consists of two departments. The Department of School Education strives to train the teachers of tomorrow for active engagement in regional education through close partnerships with real-world classrooms, and the Department of Regional Studies and Humanities aims to provide graduates with a multifaceted perspective for contributing to regional revitalization and for helping to resolve regional issues.

Faculty of Engineering Science

This faculty consists of four departments, the department of Life Science, Materials Science, Mathematical Science and Electrical-Electronic-Computer Engineering, and Systems Design Engineering. These programs train advanced engineers and researchers in developing and researching world-leading technology such as technologies to help the elderly population, research new materials, and clean the environment. The faculty also researches and develops rockets and other aerospace vehicles and structures, and researches regional disaster prevention targeting events such as tsunami or snow damage.

Faculty of Medicine

Passing on knowledge and compassion to train tomorrow's medical professionals and researchers.

School of Medicine
School of Health Sciences



Yamagata University



President
Koyama
Kiyohito

Academics

Literature and Social Sciences,
Education Art and Science,
Science, Medicine, Engineering,
Agriculture

Number of Students

Undergraduate 7543
Graduate 1270
International Students 216

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As of January 1, 2016, Yamagata University has 128 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 Vietnam National University of Agriculture 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. Today, there are six satellite offices in the world (China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Kenya, Peru, Latvia).



Fukushima University



President
Nakai Katsumi

Academics

Human Science, Economics,
Psychology, Business Administration,
Arts and Literature, Mathematics
and Information Technology, Health
and Sports Sciences, Mechanical
and Electronics Engineering,
Foreign Language and Cultures,
Materials and Energy Sciences,
Law and Politics, Life and
Environmental Sciences, History
and Society

Number of Students

Undergraduate 4210
Graduate 256
International Students 61

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Fukushima University is located in the region affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster. In April 2011, immediately after the disaster, Fukushima University established the Fukushima Future Center for Regional Revitalization (FURE) to carry out support activities to benefit victims and the region. Building on this, we established the Institute for Environmental Radioactivity in 2013 to investigate the impact of long-term radioactivity on the natural environment and host researchers from in and out of the country to advance international research.

Fukushima University established new academic areas in science and technology at the same time as it became incorporated as a national university corporation. It developed from a humanities-oriented tertiary institution into a comprehensive university that fuses the humanities and the sciences. We are striving to "move forward with the community" with the aim of developing human resources with a global perspective and sensitivity who are able to solve the various challenges facing the region.



The University of Tokyo



President
Gonokami
Makoto

Academics

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

Number of Students

Undergraduate 14024
Graduate 13953
International Students 3228

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The University of Tokyo (UTokyo) was established in 1877 as the first national university in Japan. As a leading research university, UTokyo offers courses in essentially all academic areas at the undergraduate and graduate levels and conducts research across the full spectrum of academic activity. With around 4,000 faculties and 27,000 students, evenly divided between undergraduate and graduate students, of which about 10% are international students, UTokyo is known for the excellence of its faculty and students and since its foundation.

In 2015, Dr. Gonokami started his 6-year presidency and shared his vision and action plans in “The University of Tokyo: Vision 2020”, setting “Synergy between Excellence and Diversity” as the basic principle. It has four visions and actions for each. Based on this, UTokyo will continue to strive to serve as a global base for knowledge collaboration that can contribute to 21st-century global society.

Under the UTokyo’s initiative of “Constructing a Global Campus Model”, funded by MEXT’s Top Global University Project since 2014, UTokyo is implementing a variety of activities in order to fulfill the vision and aims to construct a Global Campus Model that includes the following six characteristics:

- World-class, cutting-edge research
- Comprehensive reform of education for the era of globalization
- Enhanced contents and variety of degree programs in English
- Provide greater opportunities for research and education in Japanese
- Diversity among students, faculty and administrative members
- Reform the administration system and career development

As one of our efforts in encouraging students to possess a global outlook, UTokyo offers a broad spectrum of unique experiences and opportunities, and invites students from all over the world to participate through the following programs:

- Undergraduate courses offered in English: Global Science Course (GSC), PEAK programs
- Variety of short-term programs over the summer
- Student exchange programs at partner universities



Tokyo Medical and Dental University



President
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Academics

Medicine, Dentistry, Health Care Sciences, Oral Health Care Sciences

Number of Students

Undergraduate 1492
Graduate 1767
International Students 271

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Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU) is the only comprehensive medical university in Japan that has both undergraduate and graduate programs in medicine and dentistry. The undergraduate programs are offered through the Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry, and prepare students to be medical and dental professionals. Our graduate programs in Medical and Dental Sciences and Health Care Sciences produce leaders who go into research, education or a combination of such work. Many professors teach and conduct cutting edge research in their respective Faculty or at one of our specialized research institutes, such as the Medical Research Institute or the Institute of Biomaterials and Bioengineering.

Today, approximately 3,000 students are pursuing medical, dental, and life science degrees at TMDU, with a nearly equal number of students in undergraduate and graduate programs. Undergraduates begin their career at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to ensure a well-rounded education. After moving on to the Faculty of Medicine or Faculty of Dentistry, students concentrate on a curriculum that is increasingly integrated between medical and dental sciences and utilizes an inter-professional educational approach, just as graduate students at TMDU have traditionally enjoyed.

TMDU currently has approximately 200 international students, who are predominantly enrolled in the graduate school. In fact, despite its relatively small size, TMDU has the largest number of international students in the medical and dental fields of any national/public university in Japan. TMDU is also recruiting outstanding young scientists from around the world for assistant professorship positions focused on medical science research through its tenure track initiative.

TMDU’s mission is to cultivate Professionals with Knowledge and Humanity. We aim to deploy these professionals domestically and globally, and become a world-leading integrated medical university.



Tokyo University of Foreign Studies



President
Tateishi
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Academics

School of Language and Culture Studies, School of International and Area Studies, Graduate School of Global Studies

Number of Students

Undergraduate 3812
Graduate 514
International Students 643

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Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS) is the oldest institution in Japan that is devoted to international studies. It began as Bansho Shirabesho (Institution for Research of Foreign Documents), a government translation bureau founded in 1857. It was then established as an independent educational and research institution with the name Tokyo Gaikokugo Gakko (Tokyo School of Foreign Languages) in 1899. In 1999, the University celebrated the 100th anniversary of its "independence".

The present campus is located in Fuchu City, a suburb in the western part of Tokyo. Students belonging to the schools of Language and Culture Studies (1480 students), International and Area Studies (1500 students), and the Graduate School of Global Studies (148 students enroll in the Master's Course and 40 students in the Doctoral Course every year) study about languages and cultures of the world.

In addition to this, the campus also holds the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa and the Japanese Language Center for International Students.

TUFS was selected as the 'Top Global University' in 2014 by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; MEXT (Type B : Toward Globalization).

[Educational Objectives]

TUFS offers comprehensive research and education in the languages, cultures and societies of various areas in the world including Japan. We aim to develop human resources, who will be able to address global issues. By collaborating with people from various cultural backgrounds, acquiring and utilizing a broad education and a variety of views with a flexible thought process, rich sensibility, and advanced language ability, TUFS students will be armed with both knowledge and adaptability to meet all modern global challenges.



Tokyo Gakugei University



President
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Academics Education

Number of Students

Undergraduate 4824
Graduate 847
International Students 286

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History

Tokyo Gakugei University was formally chartered as a university in 1949 when four teacher training institutions in Tokyo from the pre-war era were merged.

In 1966 the Faculty of Liberal Arts was changed to Faculty of Education, and a Graduate School of Education (master's program) was established to provide education and research in a wide range of fields from humanities and social sciences to natural science, physical education, and the arts.

Ever since its founding, the university has sent its graduates in large numbers to serve as educators throughout Japan, developing into an institution with a fine tradition of teacher education.

Core Objectives

As Japan's key teacher training university, Tokyo Gakugei University seeks to foster talented educators who are highly knowledgeable, well cultured, and rich in creativity and practical capacity. This is to be achieved through the pursuit of broad-based educational and research activity in the arts and sciences, grounded in a scientific approach and a generous spirit of humanity. The following basic objectives shall be pursued specifically in the course of achieving our stage 2 midterm goals.

1. To train creative, practically-minded educators who can engage actively with a variety of contemporary issues in school education.
2. To cultivate individuals equipped with profound intellect and noble spirit who will assume leadership roles all across the lifelong learning society.
3. To promote research activity that will guide educational practice in Japan, and to use the fruits of that research in the pursuit of original and creative approaches to education.
4. To establish systems for gathering, organizing and disseminating, both within and outside Japan, a wide range of information on school education and the training and professional development of teachers.
5. To be a university that is open to the wider community and actively advances initiatives for social contribution and international exchange.



Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology



President
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Academics
Agriculture, Engineering

Number of Students
Undergraduate 4120
Graduate 1935
International Students 391

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Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT) was founded in 1874 when the Agricultural Training Institute and Silkworm Diseases Experiment Section were established under the Industrial Encouragement Department of Ministry of Home Affairs. The two institutions respectively evolved into the Faculty of Agriculture and the Faculty of Engineering of TUAT in 1949. Likewise, TUAT has a long history and tradition of over 140 years.

TUAT strives to tackle the challenges towards “the realization of sustainable development of society”, the needs which became prominent in the 20th century. Through education and research based on flexible ideas in agriculture, engineering and the combined fields, TUAT promotes its philosophy to contribute to the progress of science and technology in harmony with the world peace, society, and nature, as well as to develop human resources with capability to challenge problems and to creation of knowledge.

【Strengths and plans】

In the Third Medium-term Plan of TUAT, starting from the 2016 fiscal year, the President’s vision calls for achievement of “globally-recognized research university”. We aim to play a vital role as a university that can strengthen Japanese presence in the world. By actively promoting following functions, TUAT strives to become competitive with international universities which maintain outstanding achievements, and to promote education research and social implementation with excellence.

1. Globally-competitive research ability.
2. Education and research with interactive capacity in the international community.
3. Leadership role in the Japanese industries to strengthen presence in the international community.
4. Training of advanced level of innovation leaders.



Tokyo University of the Arts



President
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Academics
Fine Arts, Music, Film and New Media

Number of Students
Undergraduate 2104
Graduate 1344
International Students 198

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Tokyo University of the Arts was founded in May 1949 under the National School Establishment Law (Act No. 150 of 1949) through a merger of Tokyo Fine Arts School (currently the Faculty of Fine Arts) and Tokyo Music School (currently the Faculty of Music). At the time of its establishment, the university comprised ten departments in two faculties, the Faculty of Fine Arts (Departments of Painting, Sculpture, Crafts, Architecture, and Aesthetics and Art History), the Faculty of Music (Departments of Composition, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Conducting, and Musicology), as well as the University Library.

The faculties have expanded and been reorganized through the years, resulting in the current organization comprising 14 departments in two faculties; the Faculty of Fine Arts (Departments of Painting, Sculpture, Crafts, Design, Architecture, Inter-Media Art, and Aesthetics and Art History), the Faculty of Music (Departments of Composition, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Conducting, Traditional Japanese Music, Musicology, and Musical Creativity and the Environment), as well as facilities such as the University Library, the University Art Museum, and the Performing Arts Center.

Tokyo University of the Arts is spread across four campuses; Ueno Park in Taito-ku, Toride City in Ibaraki Prefecture, Yokohama City in Kanagawa Prefecture and Senju in Adachi-ku, with the majority of departments and facilities concentrated within Ueno Park. The Department of Inter-Media Art in both the Faculty of Fine Arts and the Graduate School of Fine Arts and the MFA course in Global Art Practice are based at the Toride Campus. The Graduate School of Film and New Media is situated at the Yokohama Campus, while the Department of Musical Creativity and the Environment in the Faculty of Music, and various research fields of the Department of Musicology and Music Studies in the Graduate School of Music are at the Senju Campus.



Tokyo Institute of Technology



President
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Academics

Science, Engineering, Materials and Chemical Technology, Computing, Life Science and Technology, Environment and Society

Number of Students

Undergraduate 4734
Graduate 5079
International Students 1223

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Tokyo Tech is the top national university for science and technology in Japan with a history spanning more than 130 years. Of the approximately 10,000 students at the Ookayama, Suzukakedai, and Tamachi Campuses, half are in their bachelor's degree program while the other half are in master's and doctoral degree programs. International students number 1,200. There are 1,200 faculty and 600 administrative and technical staff members.

Tokyo Tech has launched a new education system in April 2016 and undergraduate and graduate schools are now joined for the first time in Japan. Through this new system, Tokyo Tech seeks to develop talented people in the fields of science and technology with the expertise and skills to lead.

While leading the world in several research fields already, Tokyo Tech is carrying out plans to further strengthen its research. Today the world faces many issues on a global level and needs the outcomes of scientific and technological research to solve them. The Institute will become a research and educational hub which will attract outstanding international researchers and students to work on these problems.

Tokyo Tech is the best sci-tech university in Japan, and embraces the challenges of becoming one of the world's top 10 research universities with spirit, enthusiasm and confidence. The Tokyo Tech community continues to strive for the betterment of society.



Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology



President
Takeuchi Toshio

Academics

Marine Science,
Marine Technology

Number of Students

Undergraduate 2065
Graduate 684
International Students 240

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Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology (TUMSAT) was established in October 2003 through the merger of two universities, Tokyo University of Mercantile Marine and Tokyo University of Fisheries established in 1875 and 1888, respectively, and therefore has a history and tradition of 140 years.

In addition to preserving the traditions and characteristics of the two universities, as the only university dedicated to ocean science in Japan, TUMSAT serves education and research with the mission "learn, protect, and utilize the ocean" and plays a leading role as an educational and research center to develop Japan as a maritime nation.

The characteristics of TUMSAT are the small-group instruction and many research & education programs centering on practical education, which has continued from its establishment. Lectures are carefully planned for students to deepen scientific understanding and acquire "logical thinking ability" and "appropriate judgement ability", as well as to form a rich humanity in liberal arts education. More concretely, by giving many opportunities for experimentation, practical learning and exercise lesson to students and letting them learn theory to practice in a consistent context in class, we aim to foster human resources with practical leadership and problem-solving skills.

In growing globalization, we focus on training marine professionals who will be active in the world through enhancing language education programs, especially English, e.g. lectures given in English and studying-abroad programs.

TUMSAT has academic exchange agreements with 100 universities & research institutes in 34 countries/regions (as of March 1, 2016), and promotes active international exchange programs. Also, having over 20% of our students from overseas, our graduate school is highly international in Japan.

Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology is ranked 20th in the Times Higher Education (THE) World's Best Small Universities Ranking, 2016.



Ochanomizu University



President
Murofushi
Kimiko

Academics

Japanese Languages, Geography, Literatures, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Education, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematical and Information Sciences, Physics, Architecture, Home Economics / Clothing / Nutrition Sciences, Music, Human Sciences, International Relations, Liberal Arts

Number of Students

Undergraduate 2065
Graduate 877
International Students 217

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Mission

“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.

Admission and Support Information for International Students

- Admission: There are special entrance examinations. Check the website below; <http://www.ao.ocha.ac.jp/index.html>
- Support Information:
 1. Scholarship
 2. Exemption and Extension for tuition fee
 3. Tutor System
 4. Peer Sport System, Mentor System

Message from University

Approximately 250 international students from over 20 countries are currently enrolled in Ochanomizu University for study research in various fields. In order for international students to get accustomed to the Japanese culture as well as to encourage their friendship with Japanese and other international students, we hold various events as follows:

International Festival Night/Japanese traditional flower arrangement class/Kimono class/Japanese traditional calligraphy class/International exchange study tour.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at Ochanomizu University.



The University of Electro-Communications



President
Fukuda Takashi

Academics

Informatics and Engineering

Number of Students

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Graduate 1225
International Students 210

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The foundation of the University of Electro-Communications (UEC) dates back to the year 1918 when the Technical Institute for Radio Communications was established. Its purpose was to train advanced radio communication engineers, and it was the only such institution in Japan. Throughout the journey from its inception to the university's current form, UEC has been producing advanced level scientists and engineers who possess distinctive practical capabilities in many sectors, including information, communication, electronics, mechatronics, and basic sciences. It thus enjoys a high reputation within society. By recognizing its history of over ninety years, and in an effort to further strengthen UEC's distinctiveness and its social basis, the university has formulated the “UEC Vision 2018-toward centennial and beyond” - a strategic plan for its proposed desired form in 2018.

“UEC Vision 2018” defines the society required for human beings to be able to sustain their existence as one where everyone can live a fulfilled life. For this to be the case it becomes extremely important to place fundamental value on the communication between individuals, individuals and nature, individuals and society, and individuals and man-made objects. The UEC Vision 2018 describes this as the “advanced communication society”. This concept of comprehensive communication would lead to the creation and development of “comprehensive communication sciences” - an essential field of science and technology for supporting the “advanced communication society”. UEC strives to develop this concept and to cultivate the necessary human resources, thus contributing not only to Japanese society but to society globally too.

“UEC Vision 2018 UEC Strategy: toward centennial and beyond”
URL : <http://www.uec.ac.jp/eng/about/uecvision2018.html>



Hitotsubashi University



President
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Academics
Management, Business, MBA,
Economics, Law, Politics,
Sociology, Linguistic

Number of Students
Undergraduate 4437
Graduate 1976
International Students 772

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Throughout the 140 years of its history, Hitotsubashi University has steadily developed into one of Japan's leading research universities in the field of social sciences. The university's particular strengths lie in academic research with practical applications. Such studies include research directed toward providing solutions and redesigning systems related to society, the economy and the law in Japan and worldwide, research to help improve business management, and much more.

Hitotsubashi University offers a wide range of educational opportunities. Students can specialize in almost any field of the social sciences, including management, economics, finance, law, sociology and history. Through its unique zemi (seminar-style) teaching system that focuses on small groups of about 7 or 8 students, Hitotsubashi University provides an academic environment that values and nurtures each and every student. In addition to their respective specialized disciplines, students are encouraged to take courses from other departments to broaden their knowledge. The university also hosts international students from all over the world. About 700 students from 52 countries are now enrolled at Hitotsubashi, creating a university community with a distinctly cosmopolitan flavor.

In an increasingly globalized world, Hitotsubashi University vows to build upon its long-standing tradition and commitment to progress, and to continue to fulfill its role at the center of cutting-edge research and education.



National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies



President
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Academics
Policy Studies

Number of Students
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Graduate 415
International Students 236

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Located in the heart of the fascinating city of Tokyo, The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) is an international premier policy school with the aim of contributing to the betterment of democratic governance around the world. We excel at providing interdisciplinary education for future leaders in the public sector and conduct research on contemporary policy issues to generate innovative solutions.

Founded in 1997 as a stand-alone graduate institute, GRIPS is comprised of world-class academics and distinguished practitioners with expertise in public sector policy formulation and management. Around 20% of the faculty and 60% of students are recruited from outside Japan. Our vibrant, diverse student body consists of almost 400 members hailing from 65 countries and regions – all with the ambition to advance good governance across the globe or contribute to policy related research.

We offer a diverse array of Master's and Doctoral Programs, from which students cultivate the ability to analyze issues and suggest solutions, develop interdisciplinary knowledge and skills that span related fields, and gain practical expertise. In addition to our degree programs, we also offer executive level short term training programs across a wide range of themes.

Since our inception, our achievements in promoting good governance are considerable and far-reaching. Today, our impressive Alumni network of over 4,000 strong are actively shaping policy in more than 100 countries around the world.

Ibaraki University



President
Mimura Nobuo

Academics

Humanities, Education, Science,
Engineering, Agriculture

Number of Students

Undergraduate 7039
Graduate 1074
International Students 291

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Ibaraki University is located in Ibaraki Prefecture, facing the Pacific Ocean to the east and bordering the Tokyo metropolitan area to the south. While inheriting the ethos of honoring scholarship and education, such as the Kodokan—established in the 19th century as the Mito clan's school for the feudal domains, Ibaraki University engages in education and research across Colleges of Humanities, Education, Science, Engineering, and Agriculture, and in regional contribution activities. Ibaraki University is also active in industry-university cooperation initiatives for the industrial technology centering Hitachi city—the birthplace of Hitachi, Ltd., and agricultural practices, technology development, and international distribution of goods based on Ibaraki Prefecture's characteristic producing the country's second-largest agricultural products. We are also working actively to preserve and promote culture and arts of the region. For example, we manage the old house and a garden associated with Okakura-Kakuzo (Tenshin), known for "The Book of Tea," and conduct relevant research.

Ibaraki Prefecture accommodates state-of-the-art research facilities such as those in Tsukuba Science City and nuclear-related agencies. Ibaraki University also work on research and education on frontier quantum beam science that utilizes the high-intensity proton accelerator facility J-PARC in Tokai-mura.

As for the global network for higher education and research, Ibaraki University is promoting the exchange of research and education in Southeast Asia. In this area, we focus on Sustainability Science studied at its Institute for Global Change Adaptation Science (ICAS).

Through these efforts and activities, we aim to build a "university as the center of knowledge for regional revitalization, and a university exhibiting unique features globally."

University of Tsukuba



President
Nagata Kyosuke

Academics

Humanities and Culture,
Social and International Studies,
Human Sciences, Life and
Environmental Sciences, Science
and Engineering, Informatics,
Medicine and Medical Sciences,
Health and Physical Education,
Art and Design, Education,
Business Sciences, Pure and
Applied Sciences, Systems and
Information Engineering, Library,
Information and Media Studies

Number of Students

Undergraduate 9788
Graduate 6621
International Students 2732

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The University of Tsukuba aims to be an open university in all aspects and we are a frontrunner in the university reform in Japan. Our fundamental principle is to create a flexible education and research structure as well as a university system to meet the needs of the next generation. We aspire to be a comprehensive university, continuously meeting new challenges and developing new areas. The foremost mission of a university is to provide an environment that allows future leaders to realize their potential in full. The University of Tsukuba gives students the opportunity develop their individuality and skills through an education that is backed by cutting-edge research. Toward this end, we set the following goals.

1. We aim to actively expand interdisciplinary and integrative approaches to education research, further specialized expertise and produce distinguished research.
2. We aim to provide an environment that allows future leaders to realize their potential in full and gives them the opportunity to develop their individuality and skills through education that is backed by cutting-edge research.
3. As the core of Tsukuba Science City with its concentration of scientific research institutes, we aim to promote collaboration among industry, academia and government, and actively contribute to society while continuing to strengthen our education and research capacity.
4. Promotion of basic and applied researches with scientific and social values, and researches contributing to the inheritance of science and culture to the next generation.
5. Our university has links with countries and regions all over the world and we aim to become a university with high international reputation and influence by actively promoting world-class education and research activities and collaborative interaction.
6. We take the initiative in university reform through collaborative work between staff and faculty members and valuing their individuality and abilities.



Tsukuba University of Technology



President
Ohkoshi Norio

Academics
Engineering, Synthesis

Number of Students
Undergraduate 350
Graduate 19
International Students 5

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National University Corporation Tsukuba University of Technology (NTUT) was established as the only higher education institution in Japan specialized for hearing and visually impaired students, in attempt to offer student with limited hearing and eyesight to study under barrier-free educational environment, develop their talent and abilities, lead more socially independent life, and eventually participating and taking leadership in the society for the betterment of disabled people.

Faculty of Industrial Technology

As a higher educational institution for the hearing impaired, professionals who can participate in society and contribute to social development are brought up through “information processing”, “manufacturing” and “the creation of living environments”. Moreover, educational improvement is tackled by research in each special field and through development of educational methods and equipment.

- Department of Industrial Information
- Department of Synthetic Design

Faculty of Health Sciences

As a higher educational institution for the visually impaired, in a society where technical innovation, informatization, and globalization are proceeding, our aim is to nurture highlevel medical specialists who can cope with those changes flexibly. We also bring up experts of information technology who can contribute to health and welfare.

- Department of Health
- Department of Computer Science

Graduate School of Technology and Science

The goal of our Graduate School of Technology and Science at the NTUT is to train experts who

- have ample knowledge and specialized research skills in industrial sciences and medical technologies
- can contribute or respond to needs from private companies or medical institutions
- have special knowledge and skills for Information Accessibilities
- Division of Industrial Technology
- Division of Health Sciences
- Division of Information and Communication Accessibility



Utsunomiya University



President
Ishida Tomoyasu

Academics
Regional Design, International
Studies, Education, Engineering,
Agriculture

Number of Students
Undergraduate 4221
Graduate 769
International Students 277

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The UDAI Spirit = Pioneer a Bright Future with the “3C Spirit”

At Utsunomiya University (UDAI), we cherish the “3C Spirit.” The 3C’s are “Challenge,” “Change,” and “Contribute.” We are pioneering a bright future by actively challenging new things, by constantly changing ourselves to adapt to these changing times, and by generously contributing to our society. We strongly resolve to cultivate this spirit and make it a vital part of our university’s culture so that we, both students and faculty, working together, will be at the forefront of our future society.

To reach this goal, we are improving our education system with new programs so that our students can develop “Active Intelligence.” One of these new programs is the nationally-famous English Program of Utsunomiya University (EPUU). Another is “Active Learning,” a method incorporated into many of the subjects offered here, which changes learning from a passive process into an exciting activity where students deepen their thinking by proactively discussing specific issues among themselves. Taking advantage of this university’s medium size with limited student numbers, the faculty and students can meet face to face. This allows us to effectively provide individual guidance to each student.

Furthermore, from 2016, in addition to our present four faculties, the Faculty of International Studies, the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Engineering, and the Faculty of Agriculture, we established a new faculty, the Faculty of Regional Design. Utsunomiya University is itself evolving by incorporating the “3C Spirit” to provide education that corresponds to our changing world.

Our aim is to take care of our students better than any other university in Japan and we will accomplish this by enthusiastically supporting our students and by approaching issues from their perspective.

I want to challenge everyone at Utsunomiya University to learn and pioneer the future together!



Gunma University



President
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Academics

Education, Social and information studies, Medicine, Health Sciences, Science and Technology

Number of Students

Undergraduate 5133
Graduate 1342
International Students 215

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Gunma University began on May 1949 and comprised of four undergraduate schools: Education, Social and Information Studies, Medicine and Science & Technology. In addition, it is home to five graduate schools: Education, Social and Information Studies, Medicine, Health Sciences and Science & Technology, as well as a leading research institute, the Institute for Molecular and Cellular Regulation.

Gunma University takes part in some of the world's most advanced educational research programs, particularly in cancer treatment at its state-of-the-art Heavy Ion Medical Center. The School of Medicine was proudly awarded the Program for Cultivating Global Leaders in Heavy Ion Therapeutics and Engineering under the auspices of the Program for Leading Graduate Schools in Japan. The Faculty of Engineering is host to the Program for a Low Carbon Society, and the School of Medicine boasts a cutting-edge program introducing medical team education. The Faculty of Education operates the Educational Trainee Program, one of the most advanced educational programs in Japan.

Gunma Prefecture is located in the northwestern corner of the Kanto plain. Gunma serves as a key hub for ground transportation, i.e. three major highways and three Shinkansen lines pass through. From Tokyo to Gunma takes about one hour by Shinkansen. Gunma's duration of sunshine throughout one year is one of the longest in Japan, with 5 days out of each week being clear and sunny. Gunma is also famous for its hot spring resorts, such as Kusatsu and Ikaho, which are located in majestic natural settings deep in the mountains.



Saitama University



President
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Academics

Liberal Arts, Economics, Education, Science, Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Science and Engineering

Number of Students

Undergraduate 7343
Graduate 1387
International Students 541

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Saitama University (SU) is situated in the southeast part of the Saitama prefecture, a part of the Tokyo metropolitan area; approximately one hour from the JR Tokyo station by public transportation. SU is distinctive in the fact that all 5 undergraduate and 3 graduate schools are located together within the Okubo campus. This is advantageous in many respects for our education, extracurricular activities, and student life. Surrounded by beautiful nature, SU offers its students an ideal environment for their academic activities.

As a university open to the world, SU has been actively engaging to have agreements on academic exchange with foreign universities in order to implement our international engagement. The university's international community consists of more than 500 international students from 33 countries and areas, and they are demonstrating excellence in their academic achievements.

As a comprehensive institution, SU has set the following goals, in line with its key policies of developing human resources as the mainstay of a civil society and generating knowledge and technology in response to the demands of the day:

- 1 : To fulfill a universal role as a seat of knowledge
- 2 : To strive to solve the challenges facing contemporary society
- 3 : To contribute to the global community



Chiba University



President
Tokuhisa
Takeshi

Academics

Liberal Arts and Sciences, Letters, Law, Politics, and Economics, Education, Science, Engineering, Horticulture, Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nursing, Humanities and Social Sciences, Advanced Integration Science, Law School, The United Graduate School of Education, The United Graduate School of Child Development

Number of Students

Undergraduate 10694
Graduate 3449
International Students 853

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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 world-class university that has contributed significantly to the society. Chiba University has links with leading universities in all over the world. With 10 faculties, 11 graduate schools, one of the largest university hospitals in Japan, and 21 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.

Chiba University pursues to create global campus through improving curriculum, promoting study abroad and faculty and staff development based on "Top Global University Project" and "SKIPWISE Program".

Admission & Support Information

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

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.



Yokohama National University



President
Hasebe Yuichi

Academics

Education and Human Sciences,
International Social Sciences,
Economics, Business Administration,
Law, Engineering Sciences,
Environment and Information
Sciences, Urban Innovation

Number of Students

Undergraduate 7617
Graduate 2522
International Students 881

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Yokohama is Asia's Gateway to the World. Ever since the port of Yokohama was opened in the 19th century, Yokohama has been a unique crossroad where West meets East. Today, as Japan's second largest city, Yokohama is recognized as one of the most exciting cities for its cultural, socio-economic, and infrastructural dynamism.

YNU has had close collaborations with local schools, communities, industries and international organizations from the beginning of YNU's history. The local associations and collaborations have been empowered by offering life-long study programs and technological workshops to YNU students and local community throughout the YNU Global-Local Education and Research Center and its partnerships.

YNU has been known as one of the leading universities in Japan. With a student population of 10,000, a vast, leafy campus and modern facilities, YNU has long been committed to playing a global role with a long-term perspective. Students can enjoy lectures, seminars and workshop-style studio activities in small groups, as well as internships in the Tokyo-Yokohama metropolitan area.

There are international programs taught in English on the undergraduate and graduate levels in the areas of global leader's & facilitator's education, economics, engineering, and infrastructural management. These programs are supported by Japanese government (MEXT) scholarships, Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the World Bank, foreign governments, and YNU global alumni. Their applicants, including Japanese students, are required to be proficient in English (TOEFL/iBT 80+; IELTS 6.0+) but do not need any Japanese language skills. Students in these programs are from over 50 countries and regions including exchange students of international partners.

Yokohama National University established the Institute of Advanced Sciences (IAS) in October 1, 2014, to further expand its function as an international hub of practical scholarship, in response to scientific and technological progress and social demand. All the research stations of IAS have been active for their outputs in journal papers, acquisition of external funding, patents and symposiums, and linkages with leading researchers.



SOKENDAI (The Graduate University for Advanced Studies)



President
Okada
Yasunobu

Academics

Cultural and Social Studies,
Physical Sciences, High Energy
Accelerator Science,
Multidisciplinary Sciences, Life
Science, Advanced Sciences

Number of Students

Undergraduate 0
Graduate 528
International Students 153

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Incubating excellent researchers at Japan's finest institutes

In conjunction with its numerous 'parent institutes', SOKENDAI offers comprehensive doctoral programmes that provide students with the opportunity to study in an ideal academic environment while enjoying access to cutting-edge facilities and being steered by the finest researchers.

Established in 1988 as Japan's first independent graduate university, SOKENDAI offers three- and five-year doctoral programmes. SOKENDAI is unique in that it is affiliated with world-renowned, international research bases, known as Inter-University Research Institutes (IURIs). Most professors and students at SOKENDAI conduct research and study as members of IURIs, which provide ideal environments for these activities. In particular, students have access to the large-scale experimental and analytical facilities of the IURIs that host their schools.

This system allows a favourable staff-to-student ratio of 2.5 faculty members per student to be achieved, so that it offers a rich educational environment for doctoral studies. In addition, being an independent graduate university, SOKENDAI attracts students from various universities, backgrounds and nationalities.

Graduate education at SOKENDAI covers a wide range of fields including cultural studies and the natural sciences. Teaching is conducted at the 20 departments of the 18 IURIs, where joint, cross-field research is actively pursued in conjunction with other institutes in Japan and overseas. This environment provides the optimum conditions for students, allowing them to acquire high levels of expertise, a cross-disciplinary perspective and an international outlook. This fosters excellent researchers with outstanding knowledge and a broad perspective.

SOKENDAI aims to establish a new research graduate school that accepts both bachelor and master graduates from diverse academic backgrounds who are ready to take on a challenge.



Niigata University



President
Takahashi
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Academics

Humanities, Education, Law,
Economics, Science, Medicine,
Dentistry, Engineering, Agriculture

Number of Students

Undergraduate 10317
Graduate 2161
International Students 477

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Niigata University has a long history and a rich tradition. Through education and research we aim to contribute to the steady development of the region and the world.

Niigata University is a large, comprehensive university with over 140 years of history. It has 2 campuses, 9 faculties, 5 graduate schools, 2 professional schools, and a variety of specialized institutions.

Niigata University has established several international research centers that conduct leading-edge research, including the Brain Research Institute, the Research Institute for Natural Hazards & Disaster Recovery, the Transdisciplinary Toki Project, and the Development of a Hydrogen Production System based on high-temperature solar thermal collection. As specialized educational programs, Niigata University is one of the first universities in the country to have introduced major and minor education programs, in which students can study outside their field of specialization; students are thus able to pursue a wide range of studies.

International students from 31 countries and regions around the world are studying at Niigata University, where we have not only formed international networks, but are also promoting joint research and student interaction on an inter-university level.



Nagaoka University of Technology



President
Azuma
Nobuhiko

Academics

Mechanical Engineering, Electrical, Electronics and Information Engineering, Materials Science and Technology, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Bioengineering, Information and Management Systems Engineering, Nuclear System Safety Engineering, System Safety, Department of Science of Technology Innovation

Number of Students

Undergraduate 1277
Graduate 1058
International Students 301

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Nagaoka University of Technology aims to establish itself as an indispensable member of global society, a university which creates GIGAKU with a proactive approach to societal change, produces engineers with practical, creative capabilities and a spirit of service who will lead society into the future, and places emphasis on graduate-level education.

Among the unique aspects of the education provided by our university is an integrated curriculum that provides a unified course of study that begins in the undergraduate years and continues systematically through graduate studies. The master's program aims to train people who will become leaders in the fields of engineering and science, and who will be capable of successfully addressing the needs of an increasingly complex society. The program places special emphasis on the development of a high level of knowledge, extensive practical experience and expertise, and originality.

We have been pursuing international exchanges with universities and research institutes all over the world. We have concluded about 100 Academic and Educational Cooperation Agreements and developed various international collaborative education programs including twinning programs.

We have been selected for the "Top Global University Project" launched by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in 2014. Our program is aimed to produce "a university that has solid networks with strategic regions in the next-generation and which continues to take a lead in practical, global engineer education that leads the world" through establishing GIGAKU Education and Research Network", which expands systems to develop practical engineers, including high schools and KOSEN (Colleges of Technology) to overseas countries and establishing GIGAKU Techno Park Network", which expands industry-academia collaboration models to overseas bases.



Joetsu University of Education



President
Sato Yoshinori

Academics Education

Number of Students

Undergraduate 688
Graduate 613
International Students 34

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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 teachers. 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 train our students in 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.

In order to train specialist with high abilities in research and instruction, the joint Graduate School (Ph.D. Program) conducts practical research on educational activities and the teaching of subject areas.

Message from University

Presently (Nov 1, 2015) 34 foreign Students are studying in our university now. There is a variety of events foreign student can take part in. And university also provides a room called "foreign student's plaza," where various talks and activities are exchanged among foreign students and between foreign students and Japanese students.

Programs for foreign students

Orientation, Cherry Blossom Viewing Party, Classroom Observation in Attached Elementary School, Lunch Meeting with President, Ski Tour, Tanabata (the Star Festival) tea ceremony.

International Dormitory House

42 rooms (10 for family, 15 for married couple 17 for single)



University of Yamanashi



President
Shimada Shinji

Academics

Education, Medicine, Engineering,
Life and Environmental Sciences

Number of Students

Undergraduate 3927
Graduate 791
International Students 174

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Focused on putting “global professionals at the heart of the community,” the University of Yamanashi aims to contribute to society by encouraging cutting-edge, international research that fuses medicine, engineering, and agriculture and lays the foundation for advanced education to develop human resources capable of meeting community needs and thriving on the global stage.

The University, conveniently located just 90 minutes from the Tokyo metropolitan area, is surrounded by scenic beauty on all sides: magnificent views of Mt. Fuji—a World Cultural Heritage site since 2013—to the south, Yatsugatake to the north, and the peaks of the Southern Alps to the west. Thanks to the natural environment of the local area, which boasts the longest daylight hours in Japan and bountiful supplies of water, as well as the community’s long tradition of water control, which began with the work of famous general Takeda Shingen in the 16th century, the University plays a key role in formulating solutions to energy and environmental problems on a global scale. The Clean Energy Research Center and Interdisciplinary Centre for River Basin Environment, meanwhile, have already established the University of Yamanashi as a global center for research in their respective fields. The Institute of Enology and Viticulture, meanwhile, is the only research institution in Japan to specialize in fruit wine—a distinctive local product. In addition to featuring these innovative research organizations, the University is also working to promote world-class interdisciplinary research and development in areas like developmental engineering, advanced brain science, and medical device development through strong, institution-wide bonds among the medical, engineering, and agricultural fields. Drawing on the fruits of these research efforts, the University offers an education that gives students the sense of respect for diverse values, high levels of expertise in their chosen disciplines, and truly global perspective that they need to help create a sustainable society and fuel innovation.



Shinshu University



President
Hamada
Kunihiro

Academics

Arts, Education, Economics and
Law, Science, Medicine,
Engineering, Agriculture, Textile
Science and Technology

Number of Students

Undergraduate 9400
Graduate 1916
International Students 319

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Shinshu University is a comprehensive national university consisting of 8 faculties and 7 graduate schools. A wide range of education and research are carried out on the 5 campuses within Nagano Prefecture. Collaboration between the various departments is carried out, utilizing the advantages of a comprehensive university, to achieve world-level advanced and innovative education and research. Also, based on the rich natural environment, looking out onto the Japan Alps that are referred to as the “roof of Japan”, we are deepening the collaboration with the local community and industry to serve as a center of innovation and creation to achieve a sustainable society. We are proud to be ranked as the No.1 Japanese national university that contributes to the local community for four years in a row since 2012 in the survey conducted by the Nikkei Research Institute of Industry and Regional Economy.

In responding to the recent rapid progress of globalization, Shinshu University Global Education Center (GEC) works on the following five objectives, i.e., “Promotion of globalization”, “Introduction of Global Education Subjects and facilitation of global learning”, “Incrementation of the number of admissions for regular international students”, “Incrementation in the number of participation in overseas study and research”, and “Advancement of international joint research”.

One of the significant result of Shinshu University’s progress is that we have established Interdisciplinary Cluster for Cutting Edge Research (ICCER), where our resources will be distributed according to five focused research fields (Carbon Sci. & Tech., Energy & Environmental Sci., Fiber Eng., Mountain Sci., and Biomedical Sci.) that are unique to Shinshu University. In addition, we also have established the “Global Aqua Innovation Center for Improving Living Standards and Water-sustainability (COI)”. This is a national project initiative for whole Japan to promote social systems innovation in water.



University of Toyama



President
Endo Shunro

Academics

Humanities, Human Development, Economics, Science, Medicine, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Art and Design, Innovative Life Science, Teacher Training

Number of Students

Undergraduate 8089
Graduate 1043
International Students 333

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Toyama Prefecture is blessed with an abundant natural environment which is supported by its rich water resources from the Northern Alps that flow gently into the Toyama Bay. Furthermore, thanks to the long history of its Manyo literature and education-consciousness together with the various industrial activities based on its renowned pharmaceutical products and traditional industry since Edo Period, the prefecture is affluent in such characteristics. The open door policy to overseas countries and regions such as China, Korea, Taiwan, and Russia is increasing annually now that the Hokuriku Shinkansen bullet train service has begun operation. Toyama has also naturally been the center of attraction domestically for its abovementioned history of medicine, industry, craftsmanship, and high standards of education.

In October 2005, Toyama University, Toyama Medical and Pharmaceutical University and Takaoka National College were integrated to form the present University of Toyama. The University is comprised of eight faculties in the following academic and research fields of Humanities, Human Development, Economics, Science, Medicine, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering and Art and Design, as well as the Institute of Natural Medicine and the University Hospital. Through exchange of ideas with various countries and regions in both East Asia and rest of the world, the University endeavors not only for basic research which contributes to the development of both regions and the world but also for "Integrating Knowledge of the East and West." Such examples can be observed at our Museum of Materia Medica, which houses a collection of traditional natural and herbal medicines from around the world, and the Lafcadio Hearn Library, which stores a collection of books owned by this infamous western scholar of Japan, are two examples of our "Integrating Knowledge of the East and West."



Kanazawa University



President
Yamazaki
Koetsu

Academics

Arts, Law, Economics, Education, Science, Medicine, Nursing, Health Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Regional Development Studies, Arts in International Studies, Philosophy, Medical Sciences, Literature, Socio-Environment Studies, Business Administration, Politics

Number of Students

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International Students 535

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The origin of Kanazawa University dates back to a smallpox vaccination center established by the Kaga Clan in 1862. We have a history of over 150 years in Kanazawa. Succeeding the history and tradition of multiple predecessors, the university was established in 1949.

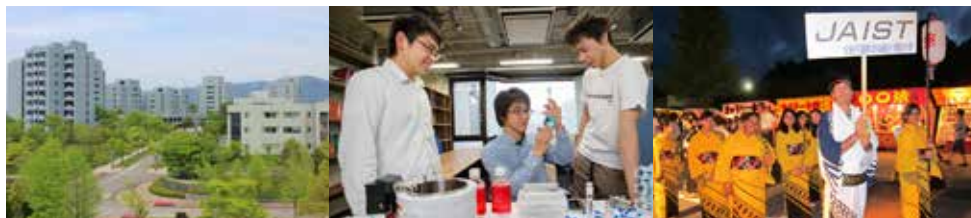
Today, we are comprised of 3 colleges and 16 schools, 6 graduate schools, University Hospital, Cancer Research Institute and other sectors. The enrollment is over 10,300, and students come not only from the Hokuriku prefectures of Ishikawa, Fukui, Toyama but also from 42 nations all over the world. Approximately 500 international students study here in pursuit of their goals.

We tackle the various problems of today's society and believe in the mission to create knowledge and train personnel to solve these problems. In 2014, we instituted "YAMAZAKI PLAN 2014." The university, with its status as "a research university dedicated to education, while opening up its doors to both local and global society," set the goals to educate leaders of the global society and to form a world-class research base, as well as to carry out reforms through university-wide effort in 4 years starting from 2014. Under the concept of "Precursor, Coexistence, and Creation," we will strive to realize "Kanazawa University with Global Prestige."

There is charm in the university being located in Kanazawa, a historical and cultural creation city. It is a city with the power to upkeep tradition while taking in new trends and creating new culture. Since its foundation, the university has always been involved in and affected by this city.

We will continue to transmit information to the world beyond national borders and ethnic differences, and contribute to the world peace and sustained development of humankind.

Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology



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Academics
Knowledge Science, Information Science, Materials Science

Number of Students
Undergraduate 0
Graduate 999
International Students 381

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Outline

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. JAIST sets a goal to cultivate leaders who can open a new world with sophisticated expertise, high level of autonomy and communication ability through its systematic and advanced graduate education. Receiving many students and faculty members from all over the world, now JAIST has 33% of its students and 21% of its faculty members from abroad.

Admission & Support Information

1) Admissions

a) Master's Program (Selection Process)

JAIST places a high value on a short essay, an oral presentation and Q&A based on submitted documents. We select successful candidates, assessing the result of a 30-minute interview and an official transcript etc. comprehensively.

b) Doctoral Program (Selection Process)

JAIST places a high value on an oral presentation and Q&A based on the candidate's research outline and the research proposal. We select successful candidates, assessing the result of a 50-minute interview and an official transcript comprehensively.

2) Scholarships

In order to support international students, JAIST has prepared a variety of financial support systems, consisting of benefit-type scholarships and on-campus employment.

3) Lecture in English

All of the doctoral courses and half of the master's courses are conducted in English so that students can play active roles globally in the future.

4) Japanese Language Education Program

JAIST offers a systematic Japanese language education program for international students so as to be fluent in daily Japanese conversation.

Message from University

Within 20km of JAIST is the historic city of Kanazawa, which hosts numerous cultural events all year round. JAIST students can enjoy a variety of international exchange activities and Japanese cultural events.

University of Fukui



President
Mayumi Mitsufumi

Academics
Education, Medical Sciences, Engineering, Global and Community Studies

Number of Students
Undergraduate 4140
Graduate 972
International Students 175

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Serving as a center of academic and cultural activities, the University of Fukui maintains a high sense of ethics. It aims to promote world-class education and research in science and technology, to foster peoples' well-being, and to provide advanced medical services to local residents. To these ends, the university will develop human resources who are capable of contributing to society on the local, national, and global levels. We also take pride in having the highest employment rate of graduates for eight years continuously among Japanese national universities with multiple faculties. Moreover, we have been highly evaluated by various enterprises for the high retention rate of our graduates.

We will continue to further our own original and region-specific studies in education, pursue highly advanced research in science, technology, and medical sciences, and also provide professional medical care services.

Reorganizing our traditional faculties, we initiated new academic programs for April 2016 with four faculty departments consisting of the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Medical Sciences, the Faculty of Engineering, and the Faculty of Global and Community Studies.

The Faculty of Education has programs in Elementary Education and Secondary Education.

The Faculty of Medical Sciences consists of the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing, which teach all fields of medical care.

The Faculty of Engineering is one of the largest educational and research institutes of engineering in Japan, covering most fields of engineering and having the educational ideal to cultivate Global IMAGINEERS, or advanced professional engineers.

The Faculty of Global and Community Studies offers education at an international level, responding to the needs of a global society by employing two approaches with different perspectives on the global society and the local community.



Gifu University



President
Moriaki
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Academics

Education, Regional Studies, Medicine, Engineering, Applied Biological Sciences, Agricultural Science, Veterinary Sciences, Drug Discovery and Medical Information Sciences

Number of Students

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Graduate 1573
International Students 311

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Outline of University

Gifu University is a national university that has five faculties, five graduate schools and three united graduate schools. There are also several research and education centers, Library and University Hospital.

The University offers a high quality education and research opportunities to the students and researchers alike in many areas. The university has been selected as one of the universities participating in the "COC+ (Center of Community)" project of the MEXT to promote universities as the center of communities.

Gifu City where the University stands is conveniently situated 60 minutes from the Central Japan International Airport (Centrair) by train, 120 minutes to Tokyo, 40 minutes to Kyoto by *Shinkansen* bullet train, and also 20 minutes to Nagoya by train. The main campus is located in Yanagido, a suburb of Gifu City, 30 minutes from Gifu Station. Away from city bustles and noise and surrounded by rice fields and mountain forests, the campus is an ideal place to study in tranquility.

Message of University

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 and reliable and sophisticated expertise, a broad outlook and comprehensive powers of discernment, and excellent communication skills. We strive to train independent and internationally minded professionals ready to contribute to society in a variety of fields. Gifu University strives to fully utilize its rich educational and research features to promote internationalization of the university, bolster the international affluence of students and faculty members, and stimulate local society. (Abstracted from Gifu University's Ideals and Aims)

International students are provided a curriculum especially designed for them to study and learn about domestic affairs in Japan. An environment is also established for them to study and live their daily lives smoothly and anxiety-free. Within this setting, the international students study together with Japanese students, and have ample opportunity to interact with people and businesses within Gifu Prefecture. After they graduate or complete their courses, international students are expected to apply the specialized knowledge and international perspectives they acquired through their studies at Gifu University to contributing to the development of their own countries or the region of Japan centered around Gifu Prefecture.



Shizuoka University



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Academics

Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Informatics, Science, Engineering, Agriculture

Number of Students

Undergraduate 8837
Graduate 1714
International Students 272

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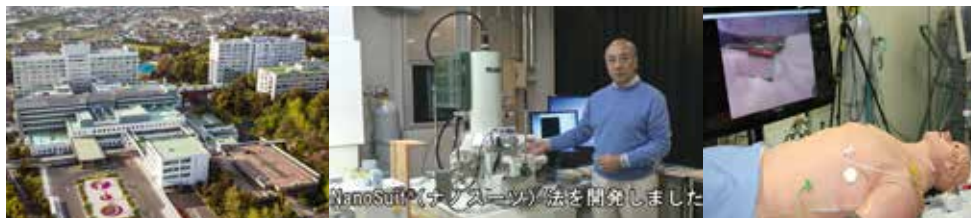
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Our philosophy "freedom and enlightenment" and "creation of the future" Shizuoka University was founded in 1949, incorporating Shizuoka High School, Shizuoka Teacher-training Institutes I and II, a Young Teacher-training Institute, and Hamamatsu College of Technology. When Shizuoka Prefecture Agricultural University was incorporated to the university in 1951, the number of component segments constituting the university was complete. From the start each of these colleges attempted to "consider the student's talent, academic performance and so on." Moreover they aimed to respect the student's originality and to fully develop the student's natural talent by locating them in the most supportive yet challenging environment. This approach was placed under the banner of "freedom and enlightenment".

The educational philosophy mentioned above is indispensable for not only education itself but also creative research based on freedom of thought and reciprocal collaboration with society. Based on this idea, Shizuoka University continues to develop "freedom and enlightenment" as a pillar of the university's stratagem, stressing education, research and collaboration with society. Under the banner of "freedom and enlightenment," both the students and the staff of the university, actively pursue goals in education, research and collaboration with society leading to improvement of the Human Condition in a world becoming increasingly complex. As a member of the local community, Shizuoka University meets obligations to the local community and its environment with love and respect to the land and culture. Furthermore, we dedicate ourselves to solve serious global issues such as environmental contamination and climate change, food, poverty, conflicts and the collapse of traditional communities and values. In this way, the students, the staff of the university, and all the people related to Shizuoka University are working to create a peaceful and blissful future under the complimentary banner "creation of the future." By working as a structured yet integrated whole as we believe and learn from each other and respect individual diversity, Shizuoka University, under the banners "freedom and enlightenment" and "creation of the future," aims to foster the following: to mutually respect diverse backgrounds and values; to nurture a rich humanity with a noble sense of mission and curiosity; to promote creation, succession, and application of knowledge; to attain development together with the local community for the peace and happiness of mankind and for the future of the earth.



Hamamatsu University School of Medicine



President
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Academics

Medicine

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Graduate 205
International Students 17

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International exchanges are significant for our university which has a role in training students who are actively involved in the globalized medical society.

We have essentially two international exchange programs.

One is international exchange of undergraduate students.

Every year, we are sending 6th-year students to affiliated medical schools and the other medical school for clinical rotation.

Of course, we are accepting foreign students from our affiliated medical schools.

We are also exchange nursing school students with Kyungpook National University College of Nursing, Korea.

The other program is doctoral program in graduate school medicine for foreign students.

Hamamatsu University School of Medicine is blessed with sophisticated equipment and high level of facilities such as Preeminent Medical Photonics Education & Research Center, which is only one unique facility in Japan.

These must promote research activity.

Several types of scholarship are, of course, available.

We are also accepting researchers from all over the world.

We welcome those ardent to join us in our ever-lasting medical science pursuit.

Should you have any questions, or comments about our website, please feel free to get in touch with us.

Thank you for your visit!



Nagoya University



President
Matsuo Seiichi

Academics

Letters, Education, Law,
Economics, Informatics and
Sciences, Science, Medicine,
Engineering, Agricultural Sciences,
International Development,
Mathematics, Languages and
Cultures, Environmental Studies,
Information Science,
Pharmaceutical Sciences

Number of Students
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Graduate 6283
International Students 1781

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Established in 1871 and designated as an Imperial University in 1939, Nagoya University is now one of Japan's leading universities with 14 graduate schools, 9 undergraduate schools, 3 research institutes and 19 research centers.

Nagoya University's greatest strength is its capacity for world-class research, having associations with 6 of the 15 Japanese academics who received the Noble Prize in the 21st century, and a solid reputation as a research-intensive university whose achievements are recognized worldwide.

Because of its internationally recognized achievements and firmly established academic standing, Nagoya University was chosen as a "Top Global University" by MEXT and is currently engaging in vigorous efforts to increase the numbers of incoming international students and experienced international faculty, as well as of students going abroad to study.

The university has academic exchange agreements with 394 universities and research institutes across 54 countries and regions around the world. It also has close ties with the industries that densely populate Nagoya's Chubu region and provides much of their top-level workforce.

Nagoya University has officially established and publicized "NU MIRAI 2020", a collection of objectives set by the president to be achieved by the university during his term of office, based on the university's past educational and research achievements. There are five target objectives in "NU MIRAI 2020":

- Fostering courageous intellectual leaders who can contribute to human well-being.
- Continuous creation of human knowledge such as the production of Nobel Laureates.
- Creating a campus that everyone in the world wants to learn at and cultivating human resources to grow with Asia and challenge the world.
- Contributing to innovation and creating social value.
- Autonomous management reform through the President's "Shared Governance" based leadership.

For further details:
http://en.nagoya-u.ac.jp/about_nu/declaration/nu_mirai_2020/index.html



Aichi University of Education



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Academics
Education

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Undergraduate 3932
Graduate 313
International Students 25

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Aichi University of Education is one of the most prestigious teacher-training universities in Japan. Its 140-year-old plus history began with the establishment of Aichi Prefectural Academy in 1873. After a period of sustained expansion, it developed into three normal colleges, Aichi First Normal College, Aichi Second Normal College and Aichi Normal College of Vocational Education, producing many talented teachers over a long period of time. In May 1949, the three normal colleges were consolidated into a new national university by the name of Aichi Gakugei University, in accordance with a nationwide educational reform. The name Aichi University of Education was adopted in 1966.

The Chinese characters for Aichi University of Education mean “university which teaches and nurtures children with a spirit of love-of-wisdom.”

The emblem of our university features the beautiful purple iris, which blooms in profusion in May. The three pedals symbolize the rapport among students, faculty and clerical workers, studying and working together on a campus surrounded by natural beauty and pure greenery. The university has been successful in producing sensitive and compassionate human resources.

There are two types of undergraduate programs. Teacher Training Programs and Contemporary Liberal Arts and Sciences Programs produce well-trained teachers ready for outstanding contribution in educational field and competent and well-cultured professionals for wider fields, respectively. We are planning to reorganize our educational programs and establish new programs from April, 2017.

The three keywords of our university are ‘practical power’, ‘higher quality’ and ‘in-service training’. We are determined to carry on our long-standing heritage as teacher-training institution and to continue producing manifold human resources for the future of mankind, especially for the well-being of next generation youths.



Nagoya Institute of Technology



President
Ukai Hiroyuki

Academics
Engineering

Number of Students
Undergraduate 4181
Graduate 1501
International Students 287

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Nagoya Institute of Technology (NITech) was founded in 1905. Backed by the expansion and development of the central region of Japan, NITech has been growing as one of the leading engineering universities in Japan, producing many excellent human resources, and accomplishing preeminent research results that inspire innovation, under its founding philosophy: “Striving to identify practical issues to be addressed in the industrial community and society in general, pursue these issues as themes for practical research, and at the same time utilize the research outcomes for practical education.”

In response to diversifying demand from society and the industrial community, NITech established a new six-year integrated undergraduate and graduate course, the Creative Engineering Program, in April 2016. At the same time, the faculty and graduate school have been restructured into the following five departments of the faculty and six departments of the graduate school.

- Life Science and Applied Chemistry
- Physical Science and Engineering
- Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
- Computer Science
- Architecture, Civil Engineering and Industrial Management Engineering
- Nanopharmaceutical Sciences (graduate school only)

NITech aims at research that contributes to peace and well-being in the world through engineering. Toward this objective, NITech is striving to establish a research hub that can design new values in our cutting-edge, original research activities in various engineering fields.

Aiming to create a campus in which diverse people work together in harmony, NITech promotes the development of an internationally diverse environment. Chief among our efforts are improving educational programs and support systems intended to attract more international students, inviting research units of foreign faculty members, and augmenting international exchange facilities through the effective use of overseas offices and alumni associations.



Toyohashi University of Technology



President
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Academics
Engineering

Number of Students
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Graduate 1070
International Students 180

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Toyohashi University of Technology (TUT) is a national university founded in 1976, consisting of five engineering departments. It is located in Toyohashi, Aichi, in central Japan, a region that leads in industry and employment. The guiding principle of TUT, “Master Technology, Create Technology,” is realized through the pursuit of technological sciences. This underpinning forms the core of scholarship, leading to the development of new technology—technology backed by science. One example can be found with the university’s investment in smart-sensor research. TUT hosts an on-campus, semiconductor fabrication facility, which is one of the most advanced in the world and promises to make novel advances in the medical and biological sciences. Moreover, TUT leads the world in material sciences, robotics, brain science, disaster prevention engineering, and other research.

One distinctive feature of TUT is the composition of the upper-class student body. 80% of these students transfer in as 3rd-year students from five-year National Institute of Technology(KOSEN). Through an undergraduate-graduate combined education program, the majority of these students proceed to graduate school. At TUT, the student-faculty ratio is much lower and the faculty-research grant ratio ranks among the top ten in Japan, enabling productive collaboration between students and professors.

TUT has partnerships with over 60 universities in 25 countries. With international students making up about 8 percent of the student body, the university continues to accelerate its internationalization with various study abroad programs. An overseas education base established in 2013 in Penang, Malaysia, is one of TUT’s milestones. In 2014, TUT was selected as one of 37 “Top Global Universities” in Japan, with government investment over the next 10 years. This will usher in a new era for TUT, leading the internationalization of Japanese universities and society, spreading its principle, “Master Technology, Create Technology,” to the world.



Mie University



President
Komada
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Academics
Humanities, Law and Economics
Education
Medicine
Engineering
Bioresources
Regional Innovation Studies

Number of Students
Undergraduate 6134
Graduate 1163
International Students 312

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The admission policy of Mie University makes clear its goal of developing “human resources” who will use expert knowledge acquired through a broad-based education to contribute to our host community.

In conducting research and education that caters specifically to local needs in a manner that only a medium-sized national university can achieve, we have made it our mission to return the resulting benefits of such endeavors to the local community.

We offer a range of interactive classes in order to foster the “four key abilities”: ability to empathize, ability to think, ability to communicate, and ability to live.

A frequent recipient of the Energy Conservation Grand Prize and consistently topping the Eco University Ranking, Mie University is recognized as one of the most environmentally advanced universities in Japan.

The University’s faculty, staff, and students are united in their commitment to honing their individual characteristics on a verdant campus overlooking the beautiful Ise Bay coastline.

Working in collaboration its host community, Mie University continues to return the results of its activities to global society.



Shiga University



President
Ida Ryuichi

Academics
Education, Economics

Number of Students
Undergraduate 3579
Graduate 239
International Students 136

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Shiga University, founded in 1949, consists of two faculties: the Faculty of Education in Otsu and the Faculty of Economics in Hikone. Each faculty has a graduate school.

With its origin as the Training Institute of Elementary School Teachers, the Faculty of Education aims to develop teachers with attractive personality as well as practical leadership to respond productively to the new school education. 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, and provides training for in-service teachers to improve their teaching skills.

The Faculty of Economics has its origin in Hikone Commercial College, and it aims 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 Economics has the Master's Course and the Doctoral Course. The Master's Course aims to develop specialists in the field of 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.

As of May 2015, we have approximately 4,000 students including international students from about 10 countries. 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 also gives entrance examination especially for international students.

We support international students by providing assistance such as tutoring, counselling, and scholarship; and Shiga University International provides additional Japanese language classes especially designed for exchange students and research students.



Shiga University of Medical Science



President
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Academics
Medicine, Nursing

Number of Students
Undergraduate 971
Graduate 223
International Students 29

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Shiga University of Medical Science strives to cultivate excellent medical professionals, conduct outstanding medical research, and practice high-quality "holistic medicine" as "the university which is supported by its local community, contributes to the community and challenges to the world." In our undergraduate education, we cultivate physicians, nurses, midwives, and public health nurses. Our graduates are active in the field of medicine and nursing from local communities to the global arena. In our graduate school, we focus to foster clinical scientists with a research mind who will be new generation of leaders in charge of high-quality research in medicine and nursing.

In the School of Medicine, students acquire a wide range of knowledge, sufficient expertise and sophisticated clinical skills in the curricula of liberal arts, basic medicine, and clinical medicine. The Research Physician Training Program is provided for students who aspire to be a physician scientist, where they can undertake research early in the undergraduate education and earn PhD earlier than in standard doctoral courses. Also, we have established the Department of Comprehensive Internal Medicine and the Department of Comprehensive Surgery in order to promote comprehensive medical care.

In the School of Nursing, liberal arts and specialized subjects are integrated into a curriculum organically. We also offer joint lessons with the School of Medicine and extensive nursing practices. Students can apply for a program for becoming a public health nurse or one for becoming a midwife in the 3rd year or later.

We have a high reputation for our unique research activities such as neurodegenerative disease research, iPS cell research using a cynomolgus monkey and international epidemiological research on non-communicable diseases. We aim to lead development of medical science and medical care in a new era, promoting reliable high-quality clinical research centering on our Center for Clinical Research and Advanced Medicine.



Kyoto University



President
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Academics

Letters, Education, Law,
Economics, Science, Medicine,
Public Health, Pharmaceutical
Sciences, Engineering, Agriculture,
Human and Environmental Studies,
Energy Science, Asian and African
Area Studies, Informatics,
Biostudies, Advanced Integrated
Studies in Human Survivability,
Global Environmental Studies,
Government, Management

Number of Students

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Graduate 8589
International Students 1981

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A tradition of non-traditional thinking has defined Kyoto University over its 120-year history.

President Juichi Yamagiwa's ambition is to preserve Kyoto as a safe haven: free from societal pressures, free from prejudice, and free from existing paradigms.

"Universities should protect students and researchers. Free thinking arising from the liberal atmosphere here helps pioneer the future."

Yamagiwa plans to make Kyoto an incubator for 'frontier science' — progressive research based on interdisciplinary communication. "Transcending national borders and differences between the arts and sciences," he says, "our researchers are the pioneers that plough the field for others to follow."

Take astronomer Mariko Kimura (pictured center), a master's student, who put Kyoto University's international network to full use when she witnessed the binary black-hole system V404 Cygni generating a rare outburst. Within minutes, she had collaborators across the globe supporting her with unprecedented amounts of observational data. "We now know that we can make observations based on visible light, without high-spec X-ray or gamma-ray telescopes," Kimura says.

Meanwhile neurologist Wataru Sato has used fMRI to identify the part of the brain that 'feels' happiness. According to his study, happiness is a combination of emotions and satisfaction with life coming together in the precuneus, a region in the medial parietal lobe. "People bond through emotions, but we can't access our subconscious minds directly. Being able to understand that could help us solve problems associated with the mind and spirit — including how to be happy."

For Yamagiwa, this is only the beginning. Even in the face of the uncertainty of this globalized era, he believes that Kyoto can lead the world with its creativity. And he is not merely talking about edgy science. "We wander in academic freedom with a purpose," Yamagiwa says. "These innovations will lead to solutions for a harmonious, sustainable, global society."



Kyoto University of Education



President
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Academics Education

Number of Students

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Graduate 292
International Students 46

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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)

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 140 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.



Kyoto Institute of Technology



President
Furuyama
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Academics

Materials and Life Science,
Engineering Design, Architecture
and Design, Fiber Science and
Engineering, Arts and Sciences

Number of Students

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Graduate 1287
International Students 209

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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 environment combining wisdom, a highly developed aesthetic sense and technology.

KIT has a single undergraduate school feeding into the Graduate School of Science and Technology, which is divided into the five major academic fields of Materials and Life Science, Engineering Design, Architecture and Design, Fiber Science and Engineering, and Arts and Sciences. 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.

In 2014, KIT marked a turning point. KIT was selected as one of the Top Global University Project Universities in Japan. It helps us to promote and expand international student and researcher exchange, and globalize our campus. In addition, the "Expertise Enhancement Project" is the one we have been working hard on since 2014, and we've also gotten special funding for this from the government. We are taking a focused approach in the following three fields; KYOTO Design Lab, Future Textile Initiative, and Green Innovation Center. Thanks to this project, world renowned researchers are on campus, which gives a great opportunity for our students to come in contact with the state-of-the-art research.

When these two schemes reach completion, KIT will have become a center of international and domestic research on engineering, a center of industry, and a gathering place for top researchers in education.



Osaka University



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President
Nishio Shojiro

Academics

Letters, Human Sciences, Foreign
Studies, Law, Economics, Science,
Medicine, Dentistry,
Pharmaceutical Sciences,
Engineering, Engineering Science,
Language and Culture,
International Public Policy,
Information Science and
Technology, Frontier Biosciences,
United Graduate School of Child
Development, Law School

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Osaka University was founded in 1931 as the sixth imperial university of Japan and now has expanded to one of Japan's top research-intensive comprehensive universities, composed of 11 schools and faculties, 16 graduate schools and many research institutes and centers. Ranked 1st in Japan and 18th in the world's most innovative universities in 2015 by Reuters, the university takes pride in its spirit of innovation and progress, the cornerstone of its current endeavors in education and research.

Osaka University's origins date back to the civic-mindedness of two academies of the Edo period, known as Kaitokudo and Tekijuku. Both institutions were established with the support of local citizens and thrived in the vibrant and liberal atmosphere of the city. The university has embraced the spirit, diversity and aspirations of these schools and our motto of "Live locally, grow globally" manifests our inherited commitment to always give positive change to society.

Aware of our social responsibility and by building on our inherited historical legacy, Osaka University has recently presented its "Osaka University Vision 2021." While affirming our fundamental commitment to outstanding research and education, the vision also calls for openness – internally among departments in the university, and externally through open dialogue and interaction with global community. This openness will be the unifying principle of our further institutional evolution and academic excellence in the next six years, leading to our 90th anniversary in 2021.

We aim to compose, orchestrate and harmonize knowledge, integrating innovations from all disciplines and all sectors of society, mobilizing our students, faculty and staff. Through such "協奏 (orchestration)" and "共創 (co-creation)" of knowledge, Osaka University realizes the full potential of its synergies. Open academic endeavors will in turn bring new ideas that will strengthen our university community. It is through this openness that we will contribute more to enrich our common future world.

*image : Hisashi Ishihara and Minoru Asada. Design of 22-DOF pneumatically actuated upper body for child android 'Affetto'. Advanced Robotics. Volume 29, Issue 18, pp. 1151-1163, 2015.



Osaka Kyoiku University



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Academics Education

Number of Students

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Graduate 443
International Students 155

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Osaka Kyoiku University (OKU), which was founded in May 1874 (the 7th year of the Meiji Era) as a teacher training school, boasts over 140 years history and tradition. The current number of undergraduate and graduate students totals approximately 4700, with another 4800 students matriculated in affiliated schools. Among Japanese universities, OKU is a one of the leading producers of qualified teachers and a leading large-scale college of education.

The main campus of OKU was established in the Kongo Ikoma Kisen National Park, in Kashiwara City, Osaka. This campus is approximately 670,000 square meters in area. The university's two main divisions – Teacher Training and the Department of Arts and Sciences – turn out talented people here. In addition, OKU also has a campus in Tennoji, in central Osaka, an international city with easy access that is a mainstay of information technology and industry in Japan.

The Graduate School of Education (Masters Course), which comprises 18 majors, is one of the largest graduate schools for teacher training in Japan. In addition, the United Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education was established in 2015 with Kansai University and Kinki University to train highly skilled and professional teachers.

The university's programs are designed to meet the high educational standards of a comprehensive teacher training university. OKU is made up 11 affiliated schools, including primary, secondary, and special needs education that are located in three areas of metropolitan Osaka: Tennoji, Hirano, and Ikeda city.



Hyogo University of Teacher Education



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Number of Students

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International Students 67

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Hyogo University of Teacher Education : a University for Excellence in the Initial Teacher Education and Continuous Professional Development in Japan

Hyogo University of Teacher Education is a front-runner in the field of both practice of and research into teacher education in Japan. As a university specializing in this area, we have an excellent faculty of teacher education, as well as one of Japan's largest Master's and professional degree programs and Ph.D. program.

A large number of in-service teachers are enrolled as graduate students in the Master's and professional degree programs, to improve their expertise and to enhance practical abilities as an extremely talented teacher. Education and research at this university is oriented toward the "integration of theory and practice," and we have named this approach the "science of school education." Researchers in this field are being developed in the Joint Graduate School (Ph.D. program) in Science of School Education.

In response to the growing demands of globalization, this university is actively committed to the development of international exchange and contribution initiatives. We have so far concluded agreements with 25 universities in 12 countries in Asia, the United States, and Europe for the purpose of implementing exchanges between researchers and students. Through these initiatives, both professors and students from these affiliated universities and our university visit each other, and conduct joint research into effective teaching materials and instruction methods to be used in school education in countries around the world.

We have a variety of facilities, including residential houses for researchers and students from overseas. Citizens in Kato City also offer to be host families for students as powerful support for our university. These opportunities can be an extremely valuable and beneficial for them to enjoy Japan's beautiful nature and the hospitality of the local people.



Kobe University



President
Takeda Hiroshi

Academics

Humanities, Intercultural Studies, Human Development and Environment, Law, Economics, Business Administration, Science, Medicine, Health Sciences, Engineering, System Informatics, Agricultural Sciences, Maritime Sciences, International Cooperation Studies

Number of Students

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Graduate 4695
International Students 1152

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The origins of Kobe University can be traced back to 1902 with the establishment of Kobe Higher Commercial School. It is now one of Japan's leading comprehensive universities with 11 faculties, 14 graduate schools, and a great number of research centers and institutions. By promoting advanced research that transcends the boundaries between academic fields and collaborating with other universities and research institutes, it is pioneering new academic frontiers.

Kobe University actively promotes academic exchanges with education and research institutes abroad. It has links with partner institutions in 53 countries and regions, and alumni associations in 13 countries. There are strong links with the European Union: it coordinates the EUJ-Kansai consortium, and is involved in EU programs such as Erasmus+ and JEUPISTE. Kobe University also provides English-taught programs and degrees across diverse disciplines.

While focusing on internationalization in its education and research activities, the University is also contributing to society by engaging in industry-university-government collaboration. The Kobe University Integrated Research Center on Port Island collaborates with research organizations, other universities and industry to foster human resources in computational science, and promote cutting-edge research including an integrated biorefinery and advanced membrane engineering.

In April 2016 Kobe University established Japan's first interdisciplinary independent graduate school, the Graduate School of Science, Technology and Innovation. This graduate school combines the four priority areas for flagship research at Kobe University (Bioproduction, Advanced Membrane Technology, Advanced Information and Communication Technology, and Advanced Medical Science) with education in the entrepreneurial skills necessary for business innovation. This new initiative aims to produce graduates who can lead innovation in many diverse areas of industry.



Nara University of Education



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Kato Hisao

Academics Education

Number of Students

Undergraduate 1162
Graduate 162
International Students 45

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Outline of University

Our aim at the Nara University of Education is to teach and research both the theoretical and practical aspects of education and culture and to nurture education professionals who are both knowledgeable and experienced. We also enhance the local culture of our region.

Our core objective is to use our respect for education and culture we inherited from our predecessors to nurture educated and knowledgeable human resources equipped with the expertise for forming the next generation as well-rounded humanbeings.

To achieve this, our bachelor courses nurture primary and junior high school teachers with the practical knowledge and experience to deal with the issues surrounds today's education system.

Our graduate school carries on the mission of our undergraduate courses, nurturing educators who have leadership qualities as professionals, and offering life-long education for in-service educators and other adults.

In July 2007, our university became the first UNESCO Associated School of Japanese Universities. UNESCO Associated Schools aim to promote UNESCO values.

As a university in Nara Prefecture, which boasts the largest number of World Heritage Sites in Japan, our university have one of the themes of education and research is "enhancing education and research that makes the most of the World Heritage of Nara".

We have worked hard to develop environmental and cultural education relating to preservation and protection of World Heritage, which UNESCO is promoting on a global scale.

Message for students thinking of studying abroad to Japan

The standard of education for overseas students in this institution has also gained a strong reputation due to its excellent educational content that exploits the special features of the ancient city of Nara.

Overseas students are privileged as their campus and dormitory are located close to the center of Nara City, making it convenient for them to access both the traditional and modern cultures of Japan.

For example, they are able to visit designated national treasure shrines, temples and statues on a daily basis in Nara, with those of Kyoto, another ancient city, not a great distance away too.

Alternatively, there are many modern attractions of Osaka to discover just a 30-minute train ride away.



Nara Women's University



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Academics

Letters, Science, Human Life and Environment, Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences

Number of Students

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Graduate 558
International Students 137

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About Nara Women's University

Nara Women's University, located in Nara, Japan's ancient capital, has its beginning in the former Nara Women's Higher Normal School founded in 1908. For over 100 years, as an institute providing women with education at the highest level, Nara Women's University has fostered the development of women as leaders who contribute to society.

The campus is surrounded by many cultural sites, including world heritage properties and beautiful nature areas. Students can experience rich Japanese culture and history by walking around the community. The university comprises three undergraduate faculties, the Faculty of Letters, Faculty of Science, and Faculty of Human Life and Environment, as well as the Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences, all of which actively offer academic research and education in various fields of study.

We are a small university, with 2,750 students. This means that students and professors can get to know each other on a personal level, and support is readily available when needed. Students study in a relaxed, at-home environment.

International Exchange

Nara Women's University has international exchange agreements with 39 universities overseas. About 140 international students from all over the world study at Nara Women's University. Many researchers conduct research abroad and actively attend international conferences.

University-owned accommodation is available for international students and researchers. For international students who are new to Japan, we will arrange for a Japanese student to act as a peer tutor and support them with various matters related to daily life and study.



Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST)



President
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Academics

Graduate School of Information Science, Graduate School of Biological Sciences, Graduate School of Materials Science

Number of Students

Undergraduate 0
Graduate 1088
International Students 200

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Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST) is a leading Japanese national university focused on advanced science and technology research and education in three core fields: information, biological, and materials sciences. Composed solely of graduate schools, NAIST continues to gain worldwide recognition for its pioneering approaches to education and research. The faculty's efforts have led to high levels of government (the Top Global University Project and the Program for Promoting the Improvement of Research Universities sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and private funding, and revenue for research expenses in Japan. Since its foundation in 1991, NAIST has achieved impressive results and has been highly recognized in research, education, and community collaboration.

NAIST is conveniently located near the commercial and cultural centers of Nara, Kyoto, and Osaka, and a part of Kansai Science City where there is a high concentration of industrial, government, and academic research centers. The enrollment is limited to about 1,000 students in order to maintain the quality of education and research. With 25% of its students traveling abroad for research and education and about 20% of its current student population from overseas (38 countries/regions), NAIST is actively developing and expanding its global education and research network. NAIST has 79 partner institutions around the globe and it continues to support societal development through science and technology. With the strong support of NAIST's world-leading faculty members from various backgrounds, NAIST students develop into qualified and highly specialized researchers and engineers who will make significant contributions to humanity in the 21st century.



Wakayama University



President
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Academics
Education, Economics,
Systems Engineering, Tourism

Number of Students
Undergraduate 4034
Graduate 494
International Students 186

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Wakayama University is the only national university in Wakayama Prefecture which consists of 4 Faculties and 4 Graduate Schools in Education, Economics, Systems Engineering, Tourism. We provide 2 Doctoral Programs in Systems Engineering and Tourism. Wakayama University offers education and assistance with the view to developing human resources who are capable of adequately meeting the needs of society, with a strong emphasis on our connection to the community.

The enrollment is around 4,500, with nearly 200 international students. We have international partnership with 30 universities in 13 countries and expanding our global network.

Regarding some of our prominent roles, since Wakayama area is known as an origin of organic chemical industry in Japan, the University has performed R&D in the chemical field and encouraged activities of the local companies. The latest development in the Faculty of Tourism is the Global Program, where the students will study in English for the whole 4 years, starting April 2016. Wakayama University is the only national university providing tourism education through its bachelor's and doctoral program. We are expected to contribute to the global development in Tourism Studies with the establishment of the Center for Tourism Research as the first tourism focused research entity in a national university, starting also in April 2016.

The University is located in Wakayama City, which is about one hour from Osaka City and about half an hour from KANSAI International Airport. Wakayama City is a comfortable place to learn and live in, surrounded by beautiful hills and the sea. Moreover, our university is able to count on the support of the entire community residing in Wakayama to assist our international students. We receive support from the local volunteers who assist in learning Japanese and NPOs, so that our students may have a variety of opportunities to learn the current Japanese language and culture trends.



Tottori University



President
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Academics
Regional Sciences, Medicine,
Engineering, Agriculture

Number of Students
Undergraduate 5340
Graduate 1022
International Students 180

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As a national university corporation, Tottori University has the principle concept: "Fusion of Knowledge and Practice" and strives to carry out its mission in accordance with the 2006 Fundamental Law of Education which states "as a center of academic knowledge, university shall cultivate high standard of general knowledge and specialized skills, pursue truth to create new knowledge and contribute to social development through providing the results of its research to society widely". In order to achieve the mission, Tottori University has set the following three goals on education, research and social contribution:

1. To develop well-educated human resources who can play a key role in society,
2. To promote cutting-edge research that contributes to solving global and social issues,
3. To contribute to the international and regional communities, and to unite with the regions.

Tottori University was founded in 1949 and has made a lot of achievements over 66 years. Since the establishment, Tottori University has made an impact on both the local and global levels, and has sent out over 47,000 graduates who are active in variety of academic disciplines and occupations both in Japan and worldwide.

Tottori University comprises four faculties - Regional Sciences, Medicine, Engineering and Agriculture - which offer programs at undergraduate level. In addition, Tottori University offers graduate programs at Master's and Doctoral levels in the field of Regional Sciences, Medical Sciences, Engineering, Agriculture and United Agricultural Sciences, at which researchers are engaged in advanced educational and research activities and have showed successful results. At the graduate level, Tottori University accepts students from the workforce, who conduct researches while participating actively in the society.



Shimane University



President
Hattori Yasunao

Academics

Law and Literature, Education,
Medicine, Science and
Engineering, Life and
Environmental Science

Number of Students

Undergraduate 5331
Graduate 710
International Students 187

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Shimane University was established as a national university in 1949 and consists of the Matsue campus and the Izumo campus. On the Matsue campus, we have the Faculty of Law and Literature, the Faculty of Education, the Interdisciplinary Faculty of Science and Engineering, and the Faculty of Life and Environmental Science along with specialized Graduate Courses. On the Izumo campus, we have the Faculty of Medicine and its graduate courses.

Shimane University aims to foster students who enjoy international perspectives and can play major roles as leaders in each region of the world by taking advantage of accumulated knowledge, culture, and technologies. Thanks to a high-level curriculum, students are equipped with the ability to cope with diverse problems in modern society.

Currently, we have about 200 foreign students from various countries, who are working hard to master their specialized fields with Japanese friends and other foreign students, as well as learning Japanese traditions and culture.

Message from International Student Joyner Cassidy Kalene (U.S.A.)

I think Shimane University is a great place to study Japanese. The teachers and staff are all incredibly supportive, and are always willing to help with anything. The International Student Section frequently holds events and field trips especially for foreign students, and provides many great opportunities to experience Japanese culture and the unique attractions of the surrounding area. The international students here are a pretty close-knit community, so it is very easy to make friends and have a good time.

Shimane is very beautiful, and a wonderful place to see and experience traditional Japanese culture. It may be slightly inconvenient at times, but because it is rather easy to make friends here, finding someone who will help is no problem. If you want to learn Japanese, I feel that studying at Shimane University is the perfect way to challenge yourself.



Okayama University



President
Morita Kiyoshi

Academics

Letters, Education, Law,
Economics, Science, Medicine,
Health Sciences, Dentistry,
Pharmaceutical Sciences,
Engineering, Environmental
Science and Technology,
Agriculture

Number of Students

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Graduate 2891
International Students 628

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Outline of Okayama University

Okayama University is a top-class national university with over 140 years of history. We have 11 faculties, 7 graduate schools and various programs, embracing the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, environmental and life sciences, and pedagogics.

Okayama University boasts an extensive campus within an hour's distance from major cities of Japan by air or by train. Approximately 13,100 students, including 630 international students, are currently enjoying life on our university campus, where 2,600 staff members are engaged in education, research, and administration.

Okayama University is committed to its middle-term goal of "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 constantly strive to become one of the leading research institutions recognized all over Japan and the world.

New BA program: The Discovery Program for Global Learners

Okayama University will launch a brand-new four-year Bachelor's program in English and Japanese to fulfill its mission as part of the "Top Global University Project." This Discovery Program for Global Learners at Okayama University will start in October 2017. We will accept thirty students from abroad and thirty students from Japan.

Students will acquire specialized knowledge through taking courses that are suited to their future goals. They will also gain problem-solving skills for cross-cultural settings by cooperating with others of differing cultures and major fields. The program aims to produce young leaders who will discover their own paths to taking active roles on the global stage. By working closely with a wide range of faculties and departments, the Discovery Program will enable the students to tackle global issues through an interdisciplinary education.

For more information, visit our website.
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Hiroshima University



President
Ochi Mitsuo

Academics

Arts and Sciences, Letters, Education, Law, Economics, Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Applied Biological Science, Social Sciences, Advanced Sciences of Matter, Biomedical & Health Sciences, Biosphere Science, International Development and Cooperation

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International Students 1284

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Hiroshima University was established in Hiroshima, the city where the first atomic bomb in the human history was dropped.

At present, Hiroshima University has its main campus located in Higashi-Hiroshima City and two other campuses located in Hiroshima City.

Hiroshima University has maintained the founding principle of “a single unified university, free and pursuing peace.” Consisting of 11 faculties and 11 graduate schools, it has achieved significant development as one of the most distinguished research universities in Japan that conducts interdisciplinary research.

Global Campus

There are approximately 1,200 international students from over 70 countries/regions studying in Hiroshima University. We are aiming to accept more in the future to create a “Global Campus” where students can interact with one another regularly.

Hiroshima University will continue to sign International Exchange Agreements with more institutions abroad, adding to the 161 existing agreements concluded with universities from 38 countries/regions. At the same time, Hiroshima University is strengthening the network of international alumni to promote student exchange and further international collaborative research through establishment of more international bases and collaborations with them.

Our Future Prospects

In 2014, Hiroshima University was selected as one of Japan's top 13 universities in the “Top Global University Project” (Type A). With this 10-year grant, Hiroshima University will promote university reforms centering on the twin pillars of educational and research capabilities, and aim to become one of the global top 100 universities that continuously produce global talents and create new forms of knowledge by 2023.

By fostering “peace-pursuing cultured personnel with international experience” who are ready to tackle heretofore unknown challenges, Hiroshima University aspires to become a “university with world-wide fame and splendor even after 100 years”.



Yamaguchi University



President
Oka Masaaki

Academics

Humanities, Education, Economics, Science, Medicine and Health Sciences, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, Global and Science Studies, East Asian Studies, Innovation and Technology Management

Number of Students

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Graduate 1564
International Students 359

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Yamaguchi University traces its origins back to Yamaguchi Kodo, a private school, founded by Ueda Hoyo, a feudal clansman of Choshu Province in the late Edo Period (1815). It was established for the purpose of developing academics in Yamaguchi. Since then, and through various educational reforms, this academic institution has held its place as the core for higher education in Yamaguchi, contributed to the cultivation of human resources in the region, and produced many graduates who are active internationally.

In 1949 it was reorganized to become a national university consisting of five faculties. Afterwards, in 1964 Yamaguchi Prefectural Medical College was merged into the university to form the School of Medicine. In 1978 the Faculty of Literature and Science was split into the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Science. 2012 saw the establishment of the Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. Throughout the years the university has expanded into a comprehensive university which boasts nine faculties and eight graduate schools. Most recently, the university launched the Faculty of Global and Science Studies in April 2015.

In order to keep up with increasing globalization in the world, evidenced by deepening economic interdependence internationally, rapidly developing information and communications technology, and increases in foreign travelers and residents, Yamaguchi University is now turning its efforts toward fostering globally competent human resources who understand global contexts and can adapt to different values and environments. Looking both to accept as many international students as possible and to provide our Japanese students an opportunity to study abroad and experience different cultures, the university boasts a variety of programs that cultivate global competence. These programs are supported by 125 overseas partner universities and institutions in 32 countries and territories, 6 overseas offices, and 8 double degree programs as of February 1, 2016.

The year 2015 marked the 200th anniversary of the establishment of Yamaguchi Kodo. As we continue into the future, we at Yamaguchi University will strive to carry on the legacy of our predecessors for another 200 years and take the university to even greater heights.



Tokushima University



President
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Academics

Social Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Bioscience and Bioindustry

Number of Students

Undergraduate 6087
Graduate 1748
International Students 216

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Tokushima University was established as a national university in 1949. It consists of two campuses. Tokushima University 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.

Tokushima University has Josanjima Campus and Kuramoto Campus. On Josanjima campus, there are the Faculties of Integrated Arts and Sciences, Science and Technology and Bioscience and Bioindustry, and the Graduate Schools of Integrated Arts and Sciences and Advanced Technology and Science. Affiliated with the University are the Center for University Extension, International Center, University Library and other institutes and centers.

On Kuramoto campus, there are the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and the Graduate Schools of Medical Sciences, Oral Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nutrition and Biosciences and Health Sciences. As for the affiliated facilities, we have Tokushima University Hospital, Institute for advanced enzyme research, Advanced Radiation Research, Education, and Management Center, University Library and other institutes and centers.

Tokushima University provides newly-arrived international students with various types of educational support including orientations and Japanese language courses. Furthermore, Tokushima University organizes many events in which Japanese and international students can participate together to get to know each other better such as (1) Summer School in which students of Tokushima University and our partner universities jointly participate, (2) International Coordination Symposium that invites former international students to talk about their contributions back in their home countries after graduation, (3) multi-cultural exchange party for international students to have interactions among themselves, (4) study tour to experience Japanese culture and (5) ski trip for Japanese and international students, and also events for international students to interact with local people such as (1) welcome party by local residents for international students newly arrived at the International House and (2) international students' visits to local primary schools, etc.



Naruto University of Education



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Education

Number of Students

Undergraduate 459
Graduate 612
International Students 29

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Location

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.

Mission and Vision

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.



Kagawa University



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Academics

Education, Law, Economics,
Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture,
Management

Number of Students

Undergraduate 5695
Graduate 857
International Students 207

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Kagawa University was established as a national university in 1949. There are currently six faculties which offer courses in Education, Law, Economics, Medicine, Engineering and Agriculture. In addition all of these faculties offer opportunities for further studies at the graduate level, including Management, Kagawa-Ehime University's Graduate School of Agricultural Science. There are about 7,000 students currently enrolled in the university, including an international student body of about 200.

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. Takamatsu has a population of about 420,000, where 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.

The principles and objectives of Kagawa University are as follows,

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.



Ehime University



President
Ohashi Yuichi

Academics

Law and Letters, Education,
Collaborative Regional
Innovation, Science, Medicine,
Engineering, Agriculture, United
Graduate School of Agricultural
Science, Kagawa-Ehime
Universities' Graduate School of Law

Number of Students

Undergraduate 8428
Graduate 1173
International Students 341

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Ehime University, established in 1949, has 7 faculties: Agriculture, Collaborative Regional Innovation, Education, Engineering, Law and Letters, Medicine, Science, and six graduate schools awarding master's and doctoral degrees.

Research: Three world-class research centers: the Geodymics Research Center produces the world's largest, hardest diamond, the Proteo-Science Center is working on a malaria vaccine and the Center for Marine Environmental Studies has 100,000 tissue specimens tracking a 40-year history of heavy metal pollution. Research is also being done in the evolution of the cosmos, and ancient Asian iron culture.

Education: Ehime University is the leader in Japan for faculty and staff development, sponsoring workshops and other programs year round. It also has a unique tenure track program teaching research skills, pedagogy and management. Student leadership is fostered in the Ehime Leaders School and special student volunteers working with the university to improve campus life.

Regional Development: The Paper Industry Innovation Center, the South Ehime Fisheries Research Center and the Center for High-technology Greenhouse Plant Production support development of local industries.

International Relations: We have 341 international students from over 30 countries and partnerships with 110 foreign universities.

Location: Ehime University is located in Matsuyama, pop. 500,000, the largest city, on the island of Shikoku. It has a mild climate and two of the most popular regional tourist sites in Japan, Dogo Onsen Hotspring and Matsuyama Castle, are within walking distance of the main campus.

Kochi University



President
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Academics

Humanities, Social science,
Education, Science, Medicine,
Nursing, Agriculture

Number of Students

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Graduate 599
International Students 154

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National University Corporation Kochi University was established on the principle that, in accordance with Japan's Fundamental Law of Education, we would promote the development of research, and foster human resources that can benefit both local and international communities. We are developing our education on the principles of environmental protection and peaceful human coexistence, while the development of our research is informed by such keywords including the ocean, the environment, and the life.

Kochi University was founded in 1949 as a new authorized national institution on the amalgamated revision of Kochi Normal School, Kochi Higher School and Kochi Young Men's Normal School, merged with Kochi Medical College in October 2003, and started anew as National University Corporation Kochi University in April 2004.

Kochi University, consisted of 6 faculties and a graduate school, is located in Kochi Prefecture, Shikoku Island. Facing the Pacific Ocean, it is blessed with mild climate, the cleanest rivers and the largest proportion of forested land in Japan. Kochi University has three campuses, Asakura, Monobe and Oko Campuses. Kochi University aims at providing higher education with Kochi's free and generous spirit as its background.

Faculty: Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Science, Medical School, Agriculture and Marine Science, Regional Collaboration, TOSA Innovative Human Development Programs

Graduate School:

(Master's Courses) Humanities and Social Sciences, Studies in Education, Studies in Science, Medical Science, Nursing Science, Agricultural Science

(Doctoral Courses) Studies in Applied Science, Medicine, Kuroshio Science

University of Teacher Education Fukuoka



President
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Academics

mathematics,
geometry education

Number of Students

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Graduate 187
International Students 36

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University of Teacher Education Fukuoka serves as a center of the Kyushu area for educational research, aiming to develop humanity, intelligence, and personal growth. We train competent educators through rich practice and profound technical knowledge and skills. We aim to contribute to the development of local and national culture while internationalizing students through exchanges with educational organizations around the world, especially East Asian countries.

The central mission of this University is to train highly qualified teachers. In the undergraduate courses, our university educates teachers with verifiably rich interpersonal and practical teaching skills, based on technical knowledge grounded in abundant theory and practice. Our students take these skills and actively grapple with contemporary issues in school education. In the graduate program, our university nurtures human resources capable of creating sound educational scholarship, with the necessary technical skills to raise the standard of educational practices.

We consider the entire local community to be part of our immense campus, making effective use of our affiliated elementary and junior high schools located in the three major cities of Fukuoka Prefecture (Fukuoka City, Kitakyushu City, and Kurume City), as well as an affiliated kindergarten on campus. We continue to strengthen our ties with local administrations, boards of education, schools, and civic organizations. Through practical use and reinforcement, our university integrates university based knowledge and theory with teaching practical skills in education. Our training emphasizes educational practices based on research results in various areas of study; and aims to contribute to the development of positive education across the region through the active support of schools and the further training of in-service teachers.



Kyushu University



President
Kubo Chiharu

Academics

Letters, Education, Law, Economics, Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Design, Agriculture, Integrated Sciences for Global Society, Human-Environment Studies, Mathematics, System Life Sciences, Information Science and Electrical Engineering, Engineering Sciences, Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences, Integrated Frontier Sciences

Number of Students

Undergraduate 12051
Graduate 7229
International Students 2230

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Founded in 1911, Kyushu University is a leading research-oriented institute of higher education in Fukuoka, which is historically renowned as Japan's gateway to Asia for profound cultural and economic interactions due to its geographical proximity to continental Asia. The University celebrated its first centennial anniversary in 2011 and is taking bold steps forward into its second century.

With enrollment of 20,000 students, it is comprised of 11 undergraduate schools, 18 graduate schools, 17 faculties, five research institutes, University hospital, and University library, as well as over 50 affiliated research centers. The international student population is more than 2200, representing over 80 countries, which reflects our steadfast commitment to internationalization.

A new, state-of-art campus, Ito Campus, is designed for the development of the next-generation technologies, with particular focus on the environment and energy-related researches. Furthermore, blessed with an abundance of nature and history, this new campus is a comprehensive research center that reflects our high regard for the preservation of green areas, groundwater, landscape, and historical remains, and has achieved harmonious co-existence with its surrounding natural environment.

The Japanese Government recently launched the Top Global University Projects under the ten-year funding scheme. Selected as one of the initiatives for university's internationalization, Kyushu University is implementing major reforms of portfolios in research, education, and governance for creation of top global hub campus. We are dedicated to reinforcing various international programs for students and international research collaborations. So far the University has launched 64 degree programs taught solely in English and we are developing more study programs collaborating with international partners.



Kyushu Institute of Technology



President
Oie Yuji

Academics

Engineering, Computer Science and Systems Engineering, Life Science and Systems Engineering

Number of Students

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Graduate 1623
International Students 292

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Contributing to Future Society by Developing Talented Engineers and Creating Knowledge

The Meiji College of Technology, a precursor to Kyushu Institute of Technology (Kyutech), was founded and funded by Mr. Keiichiro Yasukawa, a noted businessman of the time. In the more than 100 years since its inauguration, Kyutech has produced over 60,000 talented engineers by practicing its founding principle of "instilling a deep knowledge of science and engineering in high caliber students." The university has contributed to knowledge creation that will lead to academic progress, enhanced competitiveness in industry and regional development by making the most of its education and research capabilities.

Kyutech continues to produce the kinds of engineers who can help find solutions to the complicated challenges facing our diverse society. Kyutech looks beyond just the acquisition of specialized knowledge and skills, and also focuses on the qualities needed to best put knowledge and skills to use in a globalized society. The university has identified the acceptance of diverse cultures, communication skills, autonomous learning skills, problem discovery and solution skills (the ability to explore) and design skills (engineering design) as essential, and is focusing on their cultivation. Kyutech offers a variety of study programs, and has prepared the best possible learning environment to maximize their value. Approximately 400 students each year participate in the study abroad program that we have offered since 2014. The program includes internships at overseas corporations that are made possible by our solid connections in industry. Students with overseas experience often show positive changes in their behavior and thoughts about learning after their return, evidence of significant mental growth.

In addition, a university is a place for knowledge creation that can be used to unlock the future. In terms of knowledge creation, research activities have two aspects of value. One value is for the development of academic studies and the other is for the development of society. Kyutech has established 11 strategic research centers for the environment, energy, space, LSI, networks, robots and more in order to ensure a diverse array of research activities and, at the same time, to actively promote those activities in partnership with the industrial world.



Saga University



President
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Academics

Education, Art and Regional Design, Economics, Medicine, Science and Engineering, Agriculture

Number of Students

Undergraduate 6025
Graduate 874
International Students 211

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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 combined with Saga Medical School in 2003. Saga University consists of six faculties, and five graduate schools; Teacher Education, Art and Regional Design, Medical Science, Science and Engineering, Agriculture, one joint Usage/ Research Center, and six adjoined institutions. Saga University is one of Asia's major intellectual organizations and strives to contribute to the development of an international society.

Most international students are administered through the Center for Promotion of International Exchange (CPIE).

The CPIE, established on November 1st 2011, 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 a nurturing and exciting educational and social environment.

The university has a long history of supporting international students by providing Japanese language classes, housing through the NPO International boarding house-Kokusaigeshukuya- 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".

Admission & Support Information

1. Saga University offers as a unique scholarship program: Strategic International Postgraduate Program (SIPOP), Saga University Scholarship Fund and Kinoshita Memorial Waka Scholarship.

The list of scholarships for self-supported international students is available at: <http://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/ja/foreign/scholarship.html>

2. Saga University supports international students to have a fruitful campus life not only in study but also in daily social life. For example, many events for international exchanges are held in our campus throughout the year.

3. Saga University has its original Homestay Program and many international students can get the opportunity to stay with Japanese families and deepen their relationship and friendship with the local community.



Nagasaki University



President
Katamine Shigeru

Academics

Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Economics, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Fisheries, Biomedical Sciences, Tropical Medicine and Global Health

Number of Students

Undergraduate 7623
Graduate 1573
International Students 437

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In November 1857, a Dutch army surgeon JLC Pompe van Meerdervoort started giving medical lectures in Dutch to 12 students including Ryojyun Matsumoto, a Shogunate doctor. This medical school is the origin of the School of Medicine in Nagasaki University today and the university itself. The university currently has nine undergraduate faculties/schools and six graduate schools for education and research, further expanding its scope to meet demands of the times.

International Students

As of October 1, 2015, 457 international students from 43 different countries are studying at Nagasaki University. The Liaison Center for International Education provides international students with assistance so that they will be able to settle as easily as possible and it also offers courses about Japanese language and culture.

The University has two International Houses with a combined capacity for about 180 international students and researchers to begin their new life with ease. In addition, about 30 international students are currently living in a student dormitory together with their Japanese peers.

Depending on the eligibility of each student, there are possibilities for scholarships from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) as well as other external opportunities and the University's own bursaries. At present, together with tuition exemption possibilities – partially or fully – a majority of international students benefit from some kind of financial aid.

Research

Integrating our unique education and research domains on food resource and environment around Tropical Medicine, Infection, and Radiation Medical Science, we aim to be a global education and research center on "Health and Safety of the earth and human beings", and be an outstanding comprehensive research university with further advancement, personalization and internationalization of our overall education and research as well as development of influential research results and researchers.



Kumamoto University

Kumamoto University



President
Harada Shinji

Academics

Letters, Education, Law, Science,
Medicine, Pharmacy, Engineering

Number of Students

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International Students 532

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Kumamoto University is located in Kumamoto City, in the heart of Kyushu Island, which is the third largest island of Japan. The University is one of the oldest universities in Japan, and has been at the forefront of culture, advancing science and technology, and contributing to the development of the Japanese Educational system for over 100 years.

Recently, we have been selected by the Government as one of the 22 Research Universities (RU22) in Japan and as one of the 37 Top Global University Projects. Also, the Center of Community (COC) project was awarded. Consequently, Kumamoto University will be seeing increased internationalization brought about by international academic and student exchange programs (as of March 1 2016, we have partnered with 202 institutes from 41 countries and regions), global-collaboration research programs with the world's leading researchers at the Global Centers of Excellence (GCOE: three projects have been successfully completed), and other such international activities. The short-term international student exchange programs are conducted at both Kumamoto University and our partner universities. Through these activities, Kumamoto University has been contributing to local communities and to global society.

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

Oita University



President
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Academics

Education, Economics, Medicine,
Engineering, Welfare and Health
Science, Social Service
Administration

Number of Students

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Graduate 665
International Students 144

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The chapter of OITA UNIVERSITY

The world has recently seen bewildering changes, and the role of the universities must also change.

Oita was once the center for Japan's inter-cultural exchange. Oita University hopes to continue and build on this tradition of initiative.

Students are drawn from a variety of academic backgrounds. It is therefore essential to establish a system for their education which will effectively answer individual needs. It will help students to develop their moral sense their creativity, and their practical abilities. At the same time, it is necessary for the university to encourage advanced research in many fields. Our basic concern will be to secure freedom of research while ensuring that the results of research are disclosed. The university should be organized so as to maintain a balance between fundamental and applied research, and should work towards a rebuilding of knowledge. It is also important to promote active contributions to, and interaction with, both local and international society through mutual communication.

To carry out these tasks, the university needs to have an ongoing reform, based on a regular review and evaluation of its system and method of management.

Oita University will begin a new chapter in its history with a renewed organization and system. We are dedicated to the further development of the university, and the creation of an environment filled with humanity.

Basic Principles of OITA UNIVERSITY

Oita University will foster people rich in creativity, social abilities, and humanity through education and research in the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences. In addition, it will actively contribute to peace and development in the world. It will play an active role in promoting human welfare and creating new culture.



University of Miyazaki



President
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Academics

Education, Medicine, Engineering,
Agriculture, Regional Innovation

Number of Students

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Graduate 809
International Students 188

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The University of Miyazaki marks an important new stage of its history in April 2016 with the opening of the Faculty of Regional Innovation. The addition brings our total number of faculties to five, along with the faculties of Agriculture, Education, Engineering, and Medicine-as well as six graduate schools.

The aim of the multi-disciplinary Faculty of Regional Innovation is to provide education of practical value that optimally utilizes the resources of Miyazaki Prefecture and neighboring areas. The mission of the new faculty corresponds to the university's overall stance of developing deep roots in local communities, while also fostering individuals who are capable of thinking and acting globally.

Moving forward, the University of Miyazaki will continue to specialize its university functions while striving to enhance the individualization of our 5,500 students and 1,800 faculty members. Toward that end, we are engaging in innovative cross-disciplinary initiatives, such as our pioneering graduate school programs that combine the fields of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine as well as Agriculture and Engineering.

Another of our key aims is to enhance the university's global profile by encouraging Japanese students to study overseas and welcoming more international students to our campus. Currently, more than 180 international students are enrolled at the University of Miyazaki, and we have opened five overseas offices in four Asian countries to attract even more students in the future.

In striving toward such innovation, the University of Miyazaki will continue to be guided by the outlook encompassed in our slogan: Look at the World, Start with the Community.



Kagoshima University



President
Maeda
Yoshizane

Academics

Law, Economics and Humanities,
Education, Science, Medicine,
Dentistry, Engineering, Agriculture,
Fisheries, Veterinary Medicine,

Number of Students

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International Students 320

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Kagoshima University has a long history and rich tradition in education, and the university's origins can be traced back to the Hangaku Zoshikan School, which was established in 1773 and was run by the feudal domain. After the merger of several higher education institutions including the Seventh Higher School established during the Meiji period, Kagoshima University inherited this educational tradition and was newly established in 1949 as a national university. The university has developed into one of the leading comprehensive universities comprising 9 faculties, 10 graduate schools and 18 education and research institutes with approximately 9,000 undergraduates and 1,600 graduate students including 300 international students.

In the Kagoshima University Charter, approved in 2007, the university declares itself to be a comprehensive university that contributes to the development of society with the community in full respect of the spirit of self-sufficiency and enterprise. The university endeavors to produce graduates possessing high moral principles and a social nature and individuals who aspire to overcome challenges and work actively for the global society.

We are engaged in developing cutting-edge research by applying our specialized knowledge and skills. In particular, we encourage our highly esteemed basic and applied research and promote research which brings innovation while conducting interdisciplinary research in order to solve local issues. At the same time, as 'the center of intelligence' in the community, the university promotes the development of quality lifelong learning, cultivation of human resources, joint research projects with the local community, and industry-university-government collaboration.

Kagoshima University aims to significantly increase our presence all over the world through our various activities and contribute to society both locally and internationally.



National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya



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Academics
Physical Education

Number of Students
Undergraduate 783
Graduate 74
International Students 12

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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 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.

The history of University

- Oct 1, 1981 Legal establishment of NIFS.
- Apr 1, 1984 Enrollment of students begins.
- Apr 1, 1988 The Graduate School of Physical Education (Master's Course) established.
- Apr 1, 2004 A national university corporation of NIFS established. The Graduate School of Physical Education (Doctor's Course) established.



University of the Ryukyus



President
Oshiro Hajime

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Education, Science, Medicine,
Health Sciences, Engineering,
Agriculture

Number of Students
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International Students 267

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The University of the Ryukyus is located in Okinawa, the southern part 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. Field research on coral reefs and subtropical rain forests; 2. Tropical agriculture and biotechnology using unique bioresources; 3. Advanced medical research on tropical infectious diseases and Okinawa's health and longevity; 4. Information technology, smart energy use, infrastructure management for the development of island's sustainable societies; 5. Okinawan history, culture, people, language and cross-cultural studies and 6. Comprehensive research on the Asia-Pacific region surrounding Okinawa.

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 region.



The Japan Association of National Universities

The Japan Association of National Universities (JANU), founded in 1950, is the association of all 86 National Universities in Japan.

Objectives of JANU (Article 4 of the Articles of Incorporation)

JANU shall contribute to the promotion of national university corporations and the improvement of standards of higher education and academic research in our nation with well-balanced development, creating the circumstances to ensure outstanding achievements conducted by national university corporations on various activities related to education, research and contribution to the society.

Activities of JANU (Article 5 of the Articles of Incorporation)

- (1) Activities necessary for national universities to promote high-quality education, academic research, and social contribution
- (2) Studies and research necessary for universities' voluntary policy-making activities as well as for proposals concerning the national government's policies on higher education, academic research, etc.
- (3) International exchange programs based on international partnership
- (4) Support for the management and administration of national university corporations
- (5) Other activities necessary for achieving the objectives of JANU

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