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In recent years, higher education in Japan has embarked on a wide range of reforms. These include the fundamental reform of management systems for national universities, which were turned into corporations in 2004; quality assurance; enhancement of international competitiveness in education and research; and the promotion of collaboration between universities and industry.

In January last year, the Central Council for Education issued a report titled "The Future Vision of Higher Education in Japan," and last September they released a report titled "Graduate School Education in the New Century: Moving Toward Internationally Attractive Initiatives for Graduate Education." Reforms of the national university system have been promoted through efforts such as these, and effective strategies for individual universities should be developed further. Since they became corporations, national universities have made the most of their corporate status to promote various reforms, according to their ideals and characteristics. These reforms include the establishment of a university management strategy, activation of education and research, improvement of support for students, promotion of university-industry collaboration, and enhancement of contributions to regional society.

The status of national university management in 2004, when the national universities were first turned into corporations, was evaluated by the Evaluation Committee for National University Corporations. A settlement of accounts was approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and the results of the evaluation and financial statement were disclosed for all stakeholders.

Individually, national universities should use their vast store of knowledge accumulated in a wide variety of academic fields since the Meiji Era. They should play a central role in the knowledge-based society of the 21st century in promoting the development of outstanding human resources and respond to the expectations and demands of contemporary Japanese society.

As the association of national universities, JANU supports this mission and that of implementing environmental support for the enhancement of education and research of high efficiency and high quality. We can assume that the future will present many challenges to higher education in Japan, but with the support and understanding of people from all sections of society, JANU will do its utmost to promote the development of national universities and higher education in Japan.

On behalf of the Japan Association of National Universities, I thank you all for your continued support and guidance.

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(Professor of Tokyo Institute of Technology)