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Hokkaido University, Hokkaido University of Education, Muroran Institute of Technology, Otaru University of Commerce, Obihiro University of Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine, Asahikawa Medical College, Kitami Institute of Technology

Tohoku Branch (7 universities)

Hirosaki University, Iwate University, Tohoku University, Miyagi University of Education, Akita University, Yamagata University, Fukushima University

Tokyo Branch (12 universities)

The University of Tokyo, Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo Gakugei University, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, Ochanomizu University, The University of Electro-Communications, Hitotsubashi University, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Kanto-Koshin'etsu Branch (14 universities)

Ibaraki University, University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba University of Technology, Utsunomiya University, Gunma University, Saitama University, Chiba University, Yokohama National University, Niigata University, Nagaoka University of Technology, Joetsu University of Education, University of Yamanashi, Shinshu University, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies

Tokai-Hokuriku Branch (12 universities)

University of Toyama, Kanazawa University, University of Fukui, Gifu University, Shizuoka University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Nagoya University, Aichi University of Education, Nagoya Institute of Technology, Toyohashi University of Technology, Mie University, Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

Kinki Branch (13 universities)

Shiga University, Shiga University of Medical Science, Kyoto University, Kyoto University of Education, Kyoto Institute of Technology, Osaka University, Osaka Kyoiku University, Hyogo University of Teacher Education, Kobe University, Nara University of Education, Nara Women's University, Wakayama University, Nara Institute of Science and Technology

Chugoku-Shikoku Branch (10 universities)

Tottori University, Shimane University, Okayama University, Hiroshima University, Yamaguchi University, The University of Tokushima, Naruto University of Education, Kagawa University, Ehime University, Kochi University

Kyushu Branch (11 universities)

Fukuoka University of Education, Kyushu University,Kyushu Institute of Technology, Saga University, Nagasaki University, Kumamoto University, Oita University, University of Miyazaki, Kagoshima University, National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya, University of the Ryukyus

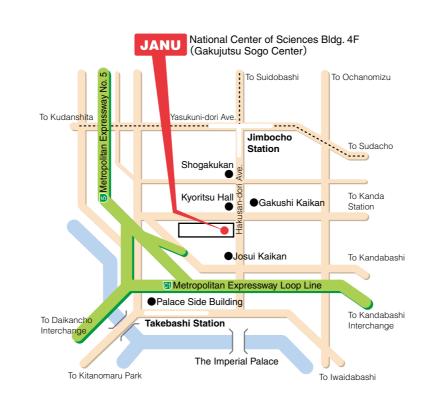
Special Members (4 organizations)

National Institutes for the Humanities, National Institutes of Natural Sciences, High Energy Accelerator Research Organization, Research Organization of Information and Systems

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Access



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By car

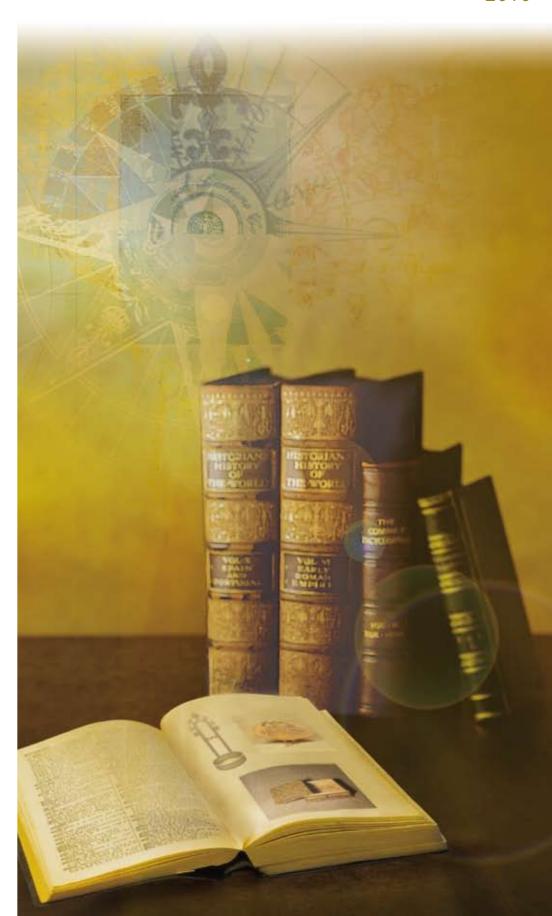
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Message from the President

JANU President, Junichi Hamada (President, The University of Tokyo)

Without abundant natural resources on which to draw, Japan's intellectual resources have been the basis of our country's development to date. Standard of living, industrial development, and national power are directly and deeply related to higher education, and universities thus bear a public responsibility as key players in education and research. Given this deep relationship between higher education and national power, countries around the world are taking a long-term perspective and actively increasing investment in higher education. Yet Japan alone is



reducing investment. As a percentage of GDP, our public expenditure on higher education is the lowest of all OECD member states and less than half the OECD average, a situation that threatens the very foundations of our society. Additional investment and a clear national strategic vision for the future of higher education are essential prerequisites for ensuring Japan's sustainable development in the knowledge-based society of the 21st century. In partnership with public and private university associations, the Japan Association of National Universities (JANU) seeks strongly to promote dialogue between academia and government based on the awareness that investment in universities is investment in the future.

In the current environment of international competition, Japan's national universities serve a dual role, as national centers that engage in competition at the global level, and as regional centers that contribute to the development of their local areas and society. Through outstanding research and education programs based on that research, Japan's national universities have produced talented individuals. At the same time, through relatively low tuition fees and by being located throughout the country, national universities have also played a key role in guaranteeing equal access to higher education, and acting as hubs for the training of skilled professionals supporting the regions. In this context, and particularly since incorporation, national universities have energetically engaged in a variety of reforms. While maintaining awareness of its unique institutional philosophy and individual character, each university has created new management strategies, revitalized its education and research activities, enhanced student services, and promoted industry-academia partnerships and contributions to regional society. It has been suggested, however, that society is not sufficiently aware of the many outstanding initiatives promoted by national universities. JANU will continue to strive to improve transparency in the activities of national universities, and by enhancing the understanding of government and society, further develop the educational activities of national universities.

As the first year of their stage two midterm goals and plans, the 2010/11 academic year is a further step toward the next phase of development for national universities. While continuing our unflagging efforts for reform, Japan's national universities, as hubs of knowledge, will promote activities to provide humankind with a reliable compass to the future. As conditions surrounding Japan's national universities become increasingly unfavorable, we urge your continued support for Japan's national universities and your warm cooperation with the Japan Association of National Universities.



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Activities

- universities

• Studies for policy proposal regarding higher education and academic research in Japan and the independent drafting of such policies

- - and materials

- partnerships

Providing management support for national university corporations

- education.

- organizations

- response

• Activities to promote high quality education, academic research, and social contribution for national universities

· Conducting investigative research and formulating guidelines on the current state of admissions to national universities

· Gathering information and materials, conducting investigative research, and examining issues pertaining to high-quality education and research

· Conducting investigative research, follow-up studies, verification and holding symposia relating to the evaluation of results and certification of national

· Conducting and examining investigative research on policies for the promotion of government exchange programs and international student exchange programs of individual universities

· Conducting investigative research and making policy proposals on issues relating to higher education and academic research

· Conducting seminars on issues relating to higher education, academic research, and national universities

· Analyzing the current status and issues of national universities, conducting investigative research concerning their future, and gathering basic information

Promoting exchange projects based on international

· Promoting exchange projects with the various overseas presidents' associations through the participation of members

· Pursuing international exchange with various overseas universities through partnerships and cooperation with public and private Japanese universities

· Supporting other activities of international institutions in Japan related to international student exchange

 Understanding issues pertaining to the university management environment including personal, labor, finance, facilities and hospital affiliated with university, and making policy proposals to organizations relating to higher

· Providing management support for national universities by providing information and materials

· Organizing, implementing, and supporting training programs to improve the performance of executive officers and staff of national universities and related

· Carrying out PR activities related to national universities and JANU

Providing support for the activities of each JANU branch in Japan

· Conducting investigative research in specific fields requiring an immediate

Other activities geared to achieving JANU's goals

· Providing assistance and consulting services in risk management, administration, and improvement of comprehensive insurance for national university corporations