

Greetings

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Fukuoka University has played an important role in the local community as one of the largest universities in western Japan, with an enrollment of more than 20,000 students and a history and tradition dating back 75 years to its founding in 1934. The university is comprised of nine faculties and 31 departments at the undergraduate level, and 10 graduate schools and 33 majors at the graduate level. The university's large campus in the southwestern part of Fukuoka City incorporates a wide range of facilities, including the University Hospital.

Our mission is to provide the highest level of advanced service in three fields: education, research and medicine. As a regional core university, we pursue this mission by devoting all our energies to responsible education, diligent research guided by a strong spirit of inquiry, and medicine of high quality. By further strengthening these three functions through holistic education based on our founding spirit and principles of education research, Fukuoka University has nurtured the talents and skills of a great many men and women who are now contributing to our local society and to our country.

Recently, Japanese universities have been driven into a tight situation by several factors: the rapid increase in the number of universities following the relaxation of governmental regulations, reduction of the 18-year-old population due to the declining birthrate, the increased risk of unfilled admissions quotas, national universities' transition to independent administrative status, the increasing globalization of Japanese society, and other factors. All of these social changes create mounting pressure on universities to maintain competitive perspectives. In this situation, Fukuoka University strives to strengthen its competitive power and to reinforce and stabilize its management base by designing and implementing a variety of strategies and policies.

Situated in Fukuoka City, which developed as a gateway between Japan and the continent, we are able to fully leverage the merits of our location near to other East Asian nations, welcoming undergraduate and graduate students from many Asian countries, and indeed around the world. By providing high-quality education, we are helping to educate the professionals who will be world leaders in the future.

Lastly, we are determined to enhance our *raison d'être* as a region-conscious, region-harmonious university deeply rooted here in the Kyushu area of Japan. Valuing local and regional relations, we shall continue advancing steadily toward fully establishing Fukuoka University as one of the foremost private universities in Japan.

