

Message from the President



President
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Kagawa University has six faculties and 13 courses of study, six graduate courses and two professional graduate schools, and it is located in the central city of the Seto Inland Sea region. After its founding as a new-system national university in 1949, the former Kagawa University merged with Kagawa Medical School, and then became the current National University Corporation Kagawa University.

This university's principles are to educate students to be creative professionals and researchers with a deep sense of humanity through world-class educational and research activities, and to serve as leaders in the local community in building a symbiotic society.

In student education, we began the Advanced Seminar to cultivate students who want to take their studies to the next level and the Kagawa University Next Programs (Global Education Program, Disaster Prevention Instructor Program and Program of Literary Pursuits for Humanities), special training programs in which students learn independently. In one of the Next Programs, the Global Education Program, four students learning English achieved their objective levels and began preparing to study abroad. In addition, to respond to the globalization of society, we started the 4&1 Plan project team to achieve our goal of accepting 400 international students a year and sending 100 Japanese students abroad per year by 2023, and the team began considering concrete policies. In May, we established Olive Square, a facility that includes a Study Lounge where students can independently improve their study habits and an English Lounge where students can freely engage in English conversation. This is part of our efforts to develop an environment that proactively supports the development of diverse human resources and socializing from both soft infrastructure and hard infrastructure approaches.

To contribute to the local community, with the support of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, as part of the Program for Developing Universities as Center of Regional Communities, or Center of Community (COC) Program, Kagawa University is engaged in activities to activate the local area including cooperation between the school and local governments in the prefecture, activating isolated islands and towns and a plan to promote settlement of them. Last year, the University Hospital, which marked the 30th anniversary of its founding, was being renovated, and the South Ward began operating in the summer of 2014. Carrying out medical practitioner training centered on community health care and further enhancing its functionality as a key disaster hospital, it continues to contribute to improving community health care.

Furthermore, in the area of research, while steadily producing results that contribute to community development, we communicate those results from Kagawa to the rest of the world. Regarding rare sugar, which has been receiving attention in recent years and which was rapidly industrialized using a groundbreaking production method discovered at Kagawa University, a written agreement was reached with Kagawa Prefecture aiming to create an international research center. Moreover, as the first medical cooperation system to open in the country, the K-MIX telemedicine project, started mainly by Kagawa Prefecture, the Kagawa Medical Association and the Faculty of Medicine of Kagawa University, is receiving attention both in Japan and abroad.

Last year, we enacted a student charter. In this, students themselves established a code of conduct and standards for being a Kagawa University student and objectives for student living. At Kagawa University, students and faculty cooperate to continue reforming the university so it meets the expectations of the community and society, aiming to improve the quality of the university and make it a student-centered university with strong ties to the community. We look forward to your understanding and support in the years to come.