

Message from the President



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It was in 1949 that the former Kagawa University was founded, emerging from the consolidation of Kagawa Normal School, Kagawa Normal School for Youth and Takamatsu College of Economics. 1955 saw the establishment of the Faculty of Agriculture, followed by the Faculty of Law in 1981 and the Faculty of Engineering in 1997, and Kagawa University was born when the former Kagawa University was integrated with Kagawa Medical School in 2003. The university was incorporated as a National University Corporation the following year, and this brings us to the present day.

As is stated in the Kagawa University Charter, the mission of Kagawa University is to engage in a rigorous pursuit of the truth as an academic center learning and to return the fruits of this endeavor to society, while contributing to academic advancement in a manner befitting a university based in the central city of the Seto Inland Sea region.

Kagawa University educates students to be compassionate and ethical individuals possessed of the broad general learning and advanced specialized knowledge that will enable them to be effective problem solvers and active participants in the international arena. Recent trends including our globalizing and increasingly information-oriented society, along with Japan's low birthrate and aging population, have made the future of our world unclear, but in uncertain times like these it is all the more necessary to educate individuals who have the capacity to seek out the best solutions to the issues they face.

The 2013-14 academic year has seen the commencement of the “Advanced Seminar” series, led by instructors who serve on the front lines of society and aimed at motivated students who wish to take their studies to the next level, in addition to our “Next Programs”, which seek to help students master a variety of subjects and skills. These programs include “Global Education”, which enables students to develop language skills and international expertise through study-abroad programs, “Disaster Prevention Instructor”, which provides instruction in disaster prevention at the workplace and in other arenas, and “Literary Pursuit for Humanities”, which helps students develop a richer sense of humanity through reading. We now also award class credit to students who take part in the Setouchi Triennale, and we are making a greater effort to help students cultivate social skills through fieldwork.

Kagawa University also conducts creative and innovative basic research inspired by a fusion of diverse values, and this in turn will stimulate distinctive new research which will contribute to the resolution of the issues and problems facing our society. We established the Office of Research Strategy in April of this year, and we plan to develop large-scale research projects integrating differing fields of research.

Furthermore, Kagawa University serves the needs of the local region by acting as a source of knowledge and expertise, and we put the results of our research to use in furthering the advancement of such areas as culture, industry, medicine and lifelong learning. In addition to taking part in industry-university collaborative efforts to promote research and development that contributes to the industrial development of the region, we also established satellite offices in three locations within Kagawa prefecture (Higashikagawa city, Sakaide city and Mitoyo city) during the 2012-13 academic year to provide lifelong learning opportunities to members of the regional community.

Kagawa University is also committed to furthering joint efforts with other universities that include the “Joint Project to Implement E-Knowledge Based Higher Learning”, a collaborative effort between universities of the Shikoku region to encourage the use of e-learning in education, as well as the establishment of graduate schools offering a “The Project of Cooperative University Education based on e-Knowledge” that will serve as a base for the education of disaster prevention and risk management specialists in the Shikoku region.

At Kagawa University, we will work to contribute to the local community as a center of knowledge and expertise and as a student-centered university with strong ties to the community.

We look forward to your understanding and support in the years to come.