Message from the President

Since its foundation in 1897, Kyoto University has fostered a culture of academic freedom grounded in a spirit of self-reliance and self-respect. For its students and researchers, I believe that the university should function as a "window" to society and the world at large, and that it must be an institution that can respond to the needs and demands of the current era. My role as president, therefore, is to work together with all of Kyoto University’s faculty and staff members to achieve that, and to ensure that each of our talented and ambitious students are inspired to venture out into the world with confidence to realize their full potential. In line with this, I have made “WINDOW” the keyword for Kyoto University’s current phase, with each of its letters standing to remind the whole university of our key objectives (see below for details).

At Kyoto University, we seek, through creative education and research, to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and wisdom, and to participate in the search for solutions to pressing global-scale issues. I invite highly motivated students and researchers from around the world to join us in our endeavors.

WINDOW – A Vision for the Future

- **W** 
  Wild and Wise
  Fostering in our students the practical skills and resources to venture into new realms of knowledge, together with sound judgment and decision-making skills.

- **I** 
  International and Innovative
  Enhancing and internationalizing our education and research environment to provide increasingly fertile ground for innovation and new developments.

- **N** 
  Natural and Noble
  Looking to nature as our closest and greatest teacher, and maintaining an awareness of our human dignity as part of the natural world.

- **D** 
  Diverse and Dynamic
  Maintaining an open mind towards diverse cultures and ways of thinking, and providing a calm vantage point from which our scholars can approach their studies, informed by the vast span of history.

- **O** 
  Original and Optimistic
  Cultivating the ability to fearlessly embrace errors and criticism as opportunities to learn new perspectives and integrate them into our path to success.

- **W** 
  Women and the World
  Providing an environment that fosters aspiration and confidence through the Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality and support for student career-path development.

Profile of the President
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More about the WINDOW Concept
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Bridging the World through Excellence

Kyoto University engages with the international community through diverse and vibrant networks founded on multicultural understanding. The University’s internationalization efforts are a vital component of its endeavors to cultivate future leaders, to pioneer knowledge-creation and academic advancement through outstanding research and education, and thereby contribute to the global community.

The dynamic advancement of the University’s international education and research initiatives is bolstered by a robust and evolving administrative support system performing to high standards of expertise and professionalism.

The Kyoto University Basic Concept for Internationalization presents a vision for the University’s contribution to a sustainable future for global society.

**Education**

- **Education that Cultivates International Outlooks and Competencies**
  - Provide attractive academic programs and curricula
  - Promote international student mobility by developing partnerships with outstanding institutions overseas
  - Further develop an inclusive environment with comprehensive student support

**Research**

- **Global Development of Innovative Research**
  - Promote international mobility of researchers underpinned by partnerships developed strategically
  - Make efficient use of research resources and outcomes by building international networks among industry, government and academia
  - Develop strategic communications to best present the University’s research activities and outcomes to international stakeholders
  - Enhance internationally open and friendly research environments

**Harmonious Coexistence on the Planet**

- **Contribution to Harmonious Coexistence**
  - Nurture competent and responsible global citizens
  - Foster education and research with international scope that contribute to global and local sustainable development and produce meaningful societal impact
  - Provide a campus that is inclusive and respectful of social and cultural diversity

Complete text of the Basic Concept for Internationalization
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