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.

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.

WINDOW – A Vision for the Future

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

Enhancing and internationalizing our education and research environment to provide increasingly fertile ground for innovation and new developments.

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

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.

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

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.

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**

- 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**

- 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

**Contribution to Harmonious Coexistence on the Planet**

- 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