

# History of Kyoto University

Kyoto University was founded on June 18, 1897 as Kyoto Imperial University—the second university to be established in Japan. Within ten years, its Colleges of Science and Engineering, Law, Medicine, and Letters were operating, forming the basis for a truly comprehensive institution. Commemorating its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017, Kyoto University continues to develop as a world-class research-oriented university.

In 1869 a school of higher learning in chemistry and physics was established under the name of the Seimikyoku, which was later renamed the Third High School.

1897

Kyoto Imperial University established on June 18.

1947

Renamed Kyoto University.

1860 1870 1880 1890 1897 1910 1920 1930 1940



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Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, director of the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA), receiving the 2012 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

## Award-Winning Research

Kyoto University is one of the most respected research universities in the Asian region. This is testified by the accolades conferred upon its researchers past and present—notably nine Nobel Prizes, two Fields Medals, a Gauss Prize, five Lasker Awards, three Japan Prizes, and eight Kyoto Prizes.

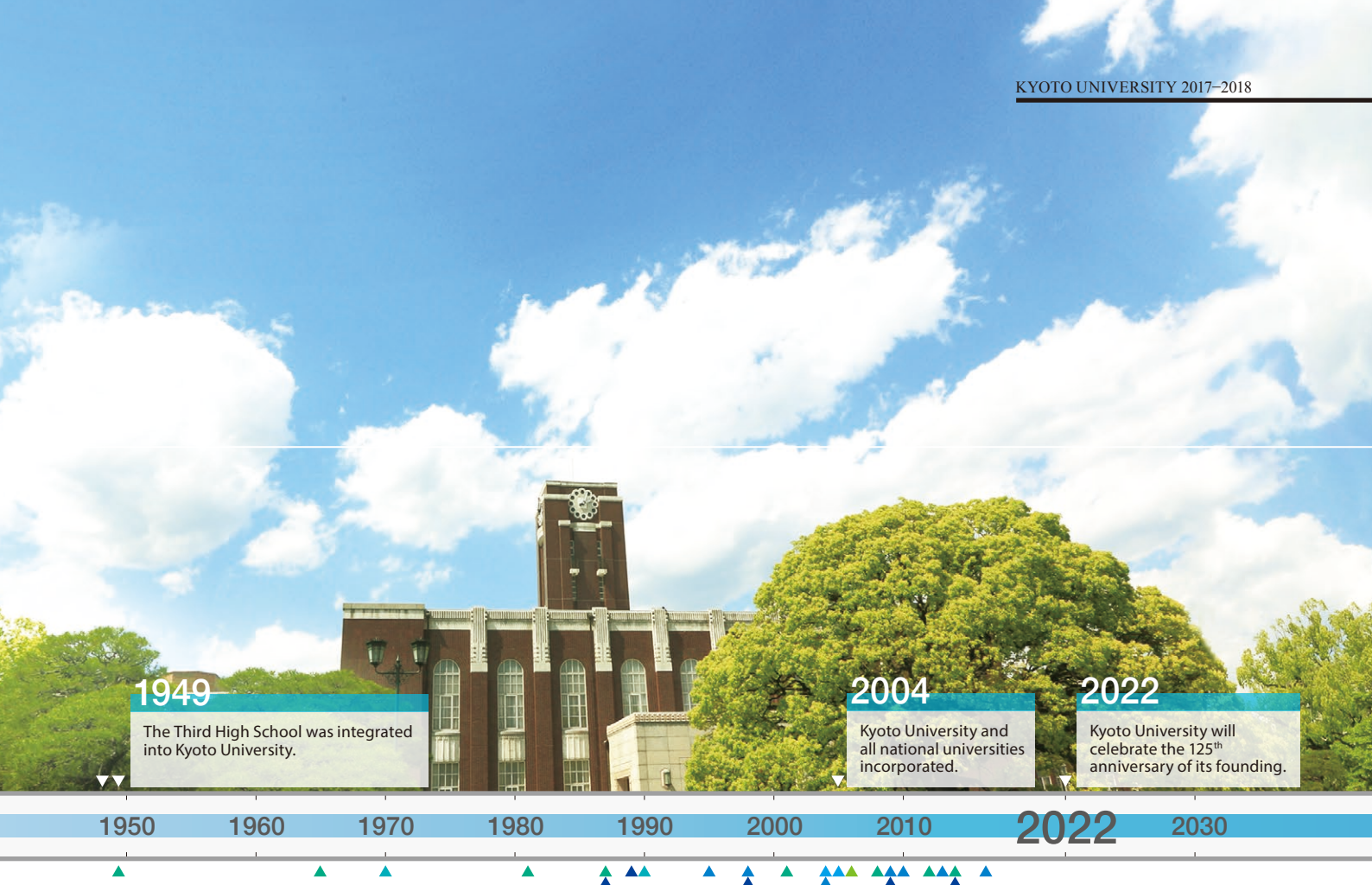


Dr. Kayo Inaba, Kyoto University's executive vice-president for gender equality, international affairs, and public relations, receiving the 2014 L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (Immunology and Medicine).



Dr. Kazutoshi Mori of Kyoto University's Graduate School of Science receiving the 2014 Albert Lasker Award for Basic Medical Research.





1949

The Third High School was integrated into Kyoto University.

2004

Kyoto University and all national universities incorporated.

2022

Kyoto University will celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding.

1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2022 2030

## Nobel Prize ▲



1949  
Physics

Hideki Yukawa



1965  
Physics

Shinichiro Tomonaga



1981  
Chemistry

Kenichi Fukui



1987  
Physiology or Medicine

Susumu Tonegawa



2001  
Chemistry

Ryoji Noyori



2008  
Physics

Makoto Kobayashi



2008  
Physics

Toshihide Maskawa



2012  
Physiology or Medicine

Shinya Yamanaka



2014  
Physics

Isamu Akasaki

## Gauss Prize ▲ Fields Medal ▲



2006  
Mathematics

Kiyoshi Ito



1970  
Mathematics

Heisuke Hironaka



1990  
Mathematics

Shigefumi Mori

## Japan Prize ▲ \*photos provided by the Japan Prize Foundation



2004  
Chemical Technology for the Environment

Kenichi Honda



2005  
Information and Media Technology

Makoto Nagao



2005  
Cell Biology

Masatoshi Takeichi

## Kyoto Prize ▲



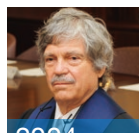
1995  
Basic Sciences

Chushiro Hayashi



1998  
Basic Sciences

Kiyoshi Ito



2004  
Advanced Technology

Alan Curtis Kay



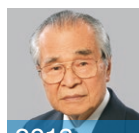
2009  
Advanced Technology

Isamu Akasaki



2010  
Advanced Technology

Shinya Yamanaka



2013  
Basic Sciences

Masatoshi Nei



2016  
Advanced Technology

Takeo Kanade



2016  
Basic Sciences

Tasuku Honjo

## Lasker Award ▲



1987  
Basic Medical Research

Susumu Tonegawa



1989  
Basic Medical Research

Yasutomi Nishizuka



1998  
Basic Medical Research

Yoshio Masui



2009  
Basic Medical Research

Shinya Yamanaka



2014  
Basic Medical Research

Kazutoshi Mori