

INTRODUCING KYOTO UNIVERSITY

Tradition, Innovation and a Global Outlook

Established in the historical city of Kyoto in 1897, Kyoto University is the second oldest research university in Japan. Today, as a truly international institution with numerous overseas facilities, it is dedicated to providing a free-thinking academic environment with a global perspective.

An Unshakable Commitment to Academic Freedom

Kyoto University's Mission Statement declares its intention to *sustain and develop its historical commitment to academic freedom and to pursue harmonious coexistence within human and ecological community on this planet*. The statement goes on to declare the university's dedication to *freedom and autonomy in research that conforms with high ethical standards*, and its belief in promoting a disciplinary diverse spectrum of research, while also pursuing an integrated, multidisciplinary approach. In this way, a commitment to seeking innovation through conscientiously encouraging academic freedom and interdisciplinary dialogue is at the very core of the university's ethos.



自重自敬——“Self-Reliance and Self-Respect”



In addition to its commitment to academic freedom and frank dialogue, the principles of self-reliance and self-respect are also key elements in Kyoto University's academic approach. Guided by those concepts, the university encourages its students and researchers to be bold, independent and creative—to make the most of their own originality and individuality. The words “self-reliance and self-respect,” written in Japanese as 自重自敬 (jichō jikei), were memorialized in calligraphy by Prof. Hiroji Kinoshita, the first president of Kyoto University, and they continue to guide our approach to education and research today.



Prof. Hiroji Kinoshita

Continuous Institutional Growth and Development

As of 2012, Kyoto University comprises the following:

Personnel

Academic Staff 2,836
Non-Academic Staff 2,608
Undergraduate Students 13,551
Graduate Students 9,244

Facilities

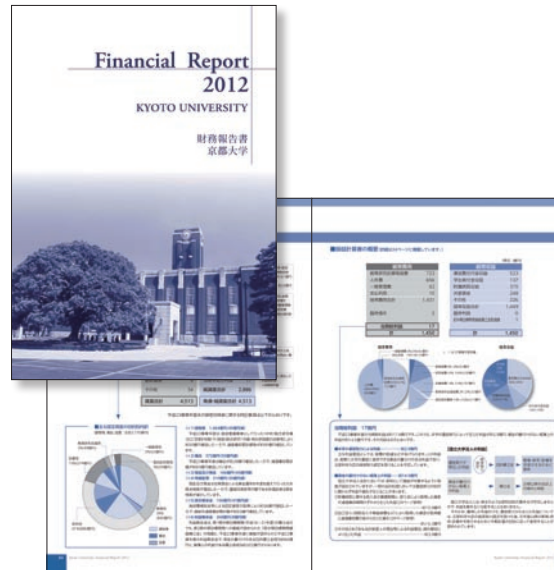
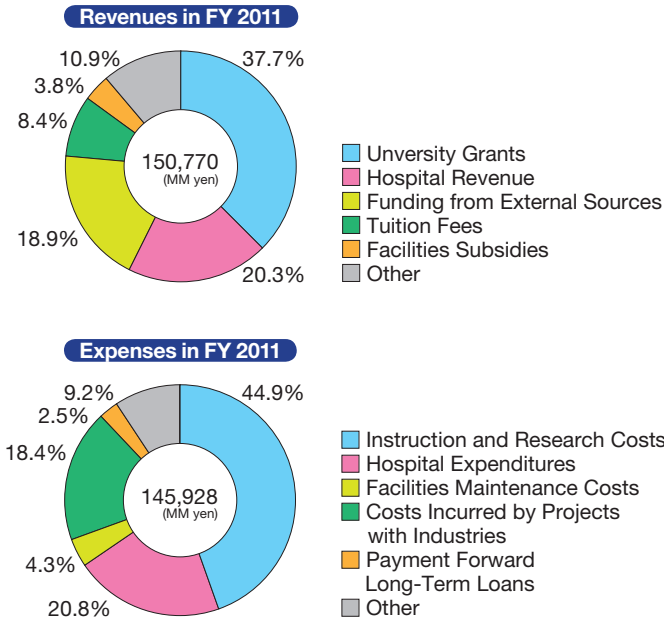
Faculties 10
Graduate Schools 17
Research Institutes 14
Research and Educational Centers 20
Off-Campus Facilities and Offices in Japan 35
Overseas Office and Facilities 48





Finance: Prioritizing Education and Research

The charts below show Kyoto University's total revenues and expenses for the 2011 fiscal year. They also detail the major components of those revenues and expenses. Kyoto University has several revenue sources, the largest of which are university administration grants. The largest portion of the university's outgoing expenses goes towards supporting the activities of researchers and providing quality instruction to students.



Refer to the financial report of Kyoto University for more information.

WEB www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/issue/financial_report/documents/2012/financial_2012.pdf

Kyoto: The Cultural Heart of Japan

Kyoto flourished as the capital city of Japan for over a thousand years from 794 to 1868, and to this day it is regarded by many Japanese as the nation's cultural heartland. It is a city where the ancient and modern combine, and a unique balance is achieved between tradition and innovation. While preserving its rich cultural heritage and customs, Kyoto has an open and forward-looking spirit, which has been embraced by the many successful international businesses that are based there. The combined influences of the city's contemplative traditional culture and stimulating progressive outlook provide an ideal environment for students and researchers of all disciplines to thrive.

At present the city embraces thirty-eight institutions of higher education, making it one of the most concentrated academic centers of Japan. In this unique, intellectually fertile environment, Kyoto University has cultivated its tradition of cutting-edge education and research for over a century. See also pp.2-3.

