

# Message from the President

Kyoto University pursues international exchange and collaboration through close partnerships with institutions overseas, student and researcher exchange programs, interdisciplinary research collaboration, and a multitude of other activities. As a university that is widely connected to society and the world, it seeks to promote harmonious coexistence in the global community through international and interdisciplinary collaborative research. The creative and groundbreaking accomplishments of the university's researchers continue to garner international recognition in the form of prestigious accolades, such as the Nobel Prize, Fields Medal, and other prestigious awards.



Kyoto University's education is unique in that it fosters a creative spirit in its students by providing them with direct experience of such cutting-edge academic research, and encourages them to set their own challenges and strive to solve them through a self-reliant and independent style of learning.

Currently, multiple complex issues threaten the health and lives of all people on Earth. Such issues include the unexpectedly rapid worsening of climate change, large-scale natural disasters, and environmental degradation, as well as the escalation of international conflicts, widening economic disparity, and global pandemics. To address such issues, the university will firmly link its past achievements to its future progress, and continue to make the utmost efforts to contribute to society through the creation of new intellectual value and the cultivation of outstanding human resources.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Minato'.

**Nagahiro Minato**  
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