

Message from the President

Kyoto University has long promoted international exchange by hosting a significant number of international students and researchers. The university has established strategic partnerships with world-class academic institutions to conduct interdisciplinary and international collaborative research. Close international research collaboration is also promoted through the establishment of on-site laboratories with overseas research institutions. The university also provides international education through double and joint degree programs, and engages in international industry-academia collaboration.

Through such international education and research initiatives, Kyoto University contributes to the harmonious coexistence of the global community as an institution that is broadly engaged with society and the world. It continues to advance numerous innovative and cutting-edge research initiatives, and has been home to many recipients of the world's most prestigious awards, including the Nobel Prize, the Abel Prize, and the Fields Medal.

We are fully committed to further expanding such initiatives at Kyoto University, generating new knowledge through original research conducted in an environment of academic freedom, and thereby contributing to the resolution of societal issues and fostering innovation. We will also spare no effort in cultivating globally-active researchers and highly skilled professionals, ensuring that Kyoto University remains an institution that contributes to the global community.



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Mission Statement

Kyoto University states its mission to sustain and develop its historical commitment to academic freedom and to pursue harmonious coexistence within the human and ecological community on this planet.



"Self-Reliance and Self-Respect" (in Japanese, 自重自敬 *jichō jikei*), a phrase that was coined by the university's first president, Prof. Hiroji Kinoshita, and which he memorialized in a work of calligraphy which still hangs on the wall of the president's office to this day.

Research

- Kyoto University will generate world-class knowledge through freedom and autonomy in research that conforms with high ethical standards.
- As a university that comprehends many graduate schools, faculties, research institutes, and centers, Kyoto University will strive for diverse development in pure and applied research in the humanities, sciences, and technology, while seeking to integrate these various perspectives.

Education

- Within its broad and varied educational structure, Kyoto University will transmit high-quality knowledge and promote independent and interactive learning.
- Kyoto University will educate outstanding and humane researchers and specialists, who will contribute responsibly to the world's human and ecological community.

Relationship with Society

- As a university committed to a broad social engagement, Kyoto University will encourage cooperation with local and national society, and will disseminate knowledge informed by the ideals of freedom and peaceful coexistence.
- As an international institution, Kyoto University will promote foreign academic exchange and thereby strive to contribute to the well-being of the world.

Administration

- In order to enhance the free development of learning, Kyoto University will pay due respect to the administrative independence of each of its component institutions, while promoting cooperation among them.
- Kyoto University will conduct its administration with regard for the environment and respect for human rights and will be accountable to society at large.