

President's Message

Becoming an “open university” that fosters “Knowledge into Action” for a new era



Founded in 1885, Chuo University has forged a history of tradition and achievement, symbolized by Hakumon, the University's original stone White Gate. From its beginnings, Chuo has embraced a mission of contributing to society by nurturing individuals who go on to support society and to lead the way toward the future, with our founding spirit of “Fostering the Ability to Apply Knowledge to Practice.” Today, as a comprehensive university with eight faculties, eight graduate schools, two professional graduate schools, four affiliated high schools, two affiliated junior high schools, and nine research institutes, this founding spirit has been passed down as the University's message at the heart of diverse academic research and broad, practical education.

Academia always moves with the times and evolves to adapt to changes in society. “Ability” in Chuo's founding spirit, “Fostering the Ability to Apply Knowledge to Practice,” refers to a foundation of skills that can be applied to society, and “fostering the ability” refers to cultivating not only knowledge, but also the capabilities needed to communicate, discuss, and make informed decisions through experiences and interactions with others, while embracing life-long learning.

On the other hand, in order to build sustainable social infrastructure, universities must take an increasingly multifaceted view of academic fields that leads to expansion of interdisciplinary research and education based on the fusion of multiple disciplines, particularly the implementation of research and education integrating humanities and sciences through focusing on the interrelationships between science and technology (natural science fields) and human and social behavior (humanities and social sciences fields). Furthermore, it is essential to improve the academic environment and educational

programs, as well as to promote sports activities so that students can lead healthy and independent lives at the University.

Taking on responsibilities expected by society, and from the perspective of nurturing individuals with the knowledge and initiative to play an active role in the era of Society 5.0, Chuo University has been promoting educational DX (digital transformation) and implementing the Chuo University Interfaculty AI and Data Science Program since 2021. With the relocation of the Law Faculty to the Myogadani Campus in April 2023, “Academic Frontiers” will begin as a joint course of the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Science and Engineering, and the Faculty of Global Informatics, integrating humanities and sciences to provide students with comprehensive perspectives. This course will be expanded and developed together with the Faculty Linkage Program (FLP), which provides university-wide interdisciplinary education. Furthermore, we will facilitate greater collaboration with foreign universities and international organizations so that our students consistently learn with and about the world and develop the ability to apply their intellect to society while growing together. As we move forward, Chuo will continue to open and share its abundant human and material resources with our various local and extended communities, and actively seek to interact widely with society. In short, we aim to become “a more open Chuo University” in order to realize learning that leads to a solid future.

A handwritten signature in Japanese calligraphy, reading '河合 久' (Kawai Hisashi).

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