

Nagoya City University 2015 Autumn Semester Matriculation Ceremony



Nagoya City University (NCU) promotes globalization. Accordingly, this ceremony will be conducted in both Japanese and English.

Ladies and gentlemen, congratulations on your admission to Nagoya City University.

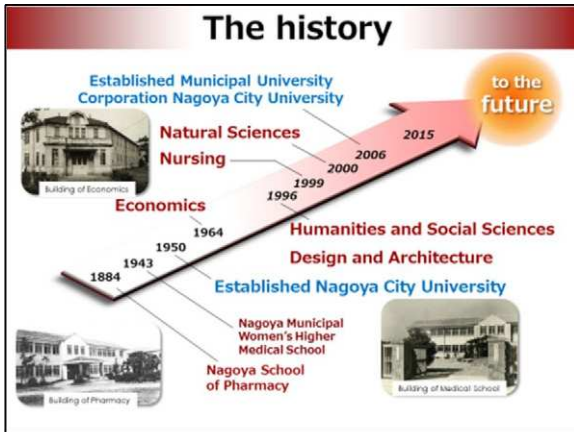
On behalf of the university, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our first ever autumn semester matriculation ceremony.

In Japan, entrance ceremonies have conventionally been held in the spring, during cherry blossom season. However, as globalization proceeds, some universities in Japan have begun to hold ceremonies in autumn to encourage the enrollment of students from all over the world.

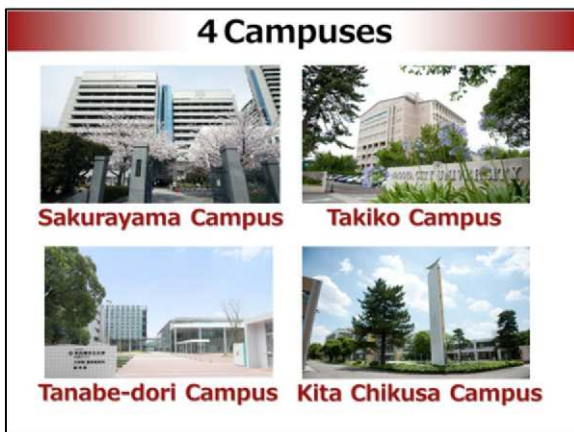
A table with a white background and a dark red border. The table has three columns: "Total Number", "Medical Sciences", and "Pharmaceutical Sciences". The first row shows the total number of students: 11 for Medical Sciences and 2 for Pharmaceutical Sciences. The second row shows the number of foreign students: 3 for Medical Sciences and 1 for Pharmaceutical Sciences. The countries of origin for the foreign students are listed below the numbers: Bangladesh, Egypt, and Zimbabwe for Medical Sciences; and China for Pharmaceutical Sciences.

	Medical Sciences	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Total Number	11	2
Foreign students	3	1
	Bangladesh Egypt Zimbabwe	China

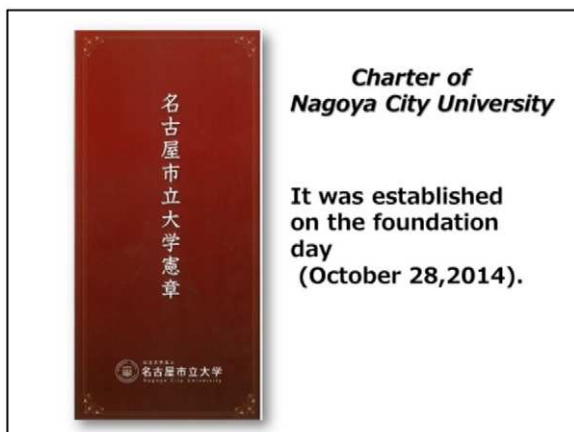
Starting this autumn, NCU's graduate schools have also begun offering entrance examinations for autumn enrollment. This time, 13 students have enrolled in our graduate programs: 11 students in the medical sciences and 2 students in the pharmaceutical sciences. Of those 13 students, there are 4 international students, including one Japanese Government Scholarship Student. I expect the number of enrolling international students to increase in the years ahead as NCU works to recruit top students from abroad



In 1950, NCU was established as a public university by integrating the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, founded in 1884, and the Medical School, founded in 1943. Since then, NCU has developed as a university and is currently comprised of 6 faculties and 7 graduate schools. 10 years ago, NCU became a public university corporation. It continues to evolve as it looks to the future.



NCU has 4 campuses, Sakurayama, Takiko, Tanabe-dori, and Kita Chikusa. Despite the inconvenience of having separate campuses, our students, teachers, and staff of all faculties will continue working as one united NCU as the university takes its next leap forward.

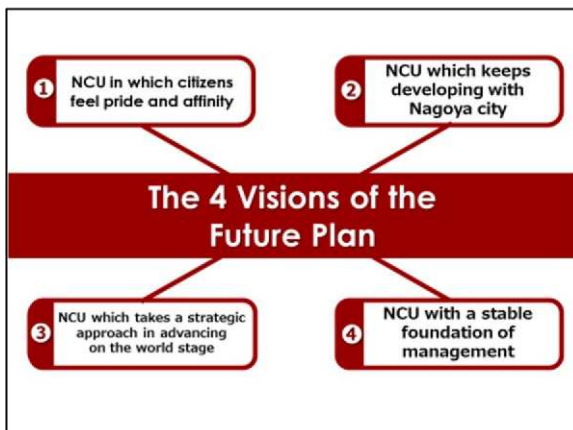


In connection with the idea of unity, I would like to mention *The Charter of Nagoya City University*, which was established last year on NCU's Foundation Day, October 28th. The Charter is to our university what a constitution is to a country. Each of the university's faculties has its own individual specialization and history, and NCU's charter guides them to cooperate in achieving the same vision for the future.



At the same time as the Charter was established, we also finalized the *Future Plan of Nagoya City University*. Based on the principles of the Charter, the Future Plan looks ahead 15 years. 15 years from now must seem like the distant future. At that time, the Linear Chuo Shinkansen will have shortened transit between Tokyo and Nagoya to just 40 minutes, and the townscape of Nagoya may have undergone drastic changes.

We have distributed summaries of the Charter and the Future Plan to you today. On this occasion, I want you to take interest in the plan. I appreciate your great support in achieving its vision for the future.



The *Future Plan of Nagoya City University* puts forth four visions. They are

NCU in which citizens feel pride and affinity,
 NCU which keeps developing with Nagoya City,
 NCU which takes a strategic approach in advancing on the world stage,
 NCU with a stable foundation of management.

The *Future Plan of Nagoya City University* specifies 52 plans based on these four visions. Of those, I would like to introduce five plans which are of importance to you in your

research and studies as graduate students.

Future Plan I

NCU 65th anniversary

(1) Engendering the affection for the university, and building momentum toward the 70th anniversary

NCU celebrates its 65th anniversary of establishment this year.



The first of these plans is titled *Engendering affection for the university, and building momentum toward 2020, NCU's 70th anniversary*. Having pride and affection for NCU should not be limited to the university's students, faculty and staff, alumni, and their families; it should extend to local citizens as well. NCU celebrates its 65th anniversary this year, and we are commemorating it through events for international development in cooperation with the local community and companies. These are not simply one-year events. Instead, they connect to projects for the 70th and 80th anniversaries and the steady implementation of the Future Plan.

Future Plan I

World-leading University

(2) Evolving into a world-leading university

Aiming to become a world-leading university in research, education, and medical treatment



NCU aims to become a world-leading university in research, education, and medical treatment. Your effort for productive research plays an essential role in NCU attaining and maintaining a top position in the world university rankings. I expect each of you to do your best.

Future Plan III

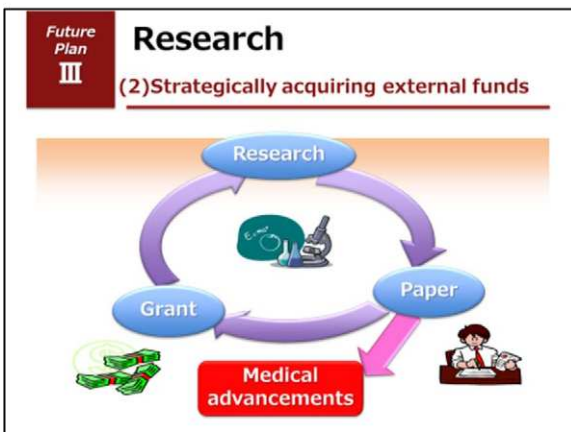
Research

(1) Establishing a research promotion headquarter

Sharing the fruits of NCU's cutting-edge research with the world



With regard to research, NCU is establishing a research promotion headquarter to strategically support cutting-edge research. We would like to share the fruits of NCU's research with the world.



With the idea that quality research requires sufficient funding, NCU endeavors to acquire funds strategically. This leads to improved research, resulting in a greater number of highly evaluated papers being written. These excellent papers then lead to the acquisition of more research funds. I refer to this as the research funding cycle, and consider it important for the improvement of research at NCU.

Future Plan V

Internationalization

(1) Making an action plan for globalization

Actively promoting globalization in education and research



NCU is making an action plan for globalization and has enriched the function of its International Exchange Center. We are also promoting globalization in education and research. I believe that two important points for conducting excellent research are having the courage to try and acting with originality.

Up to here, I have selected just five of the plans related to you from the *Future Plan of Nagoya City University*.

Youth

You are as young as your faith,
as young as your self-confidence,
as young as your hope.

人は信念と共に若く
人は自信と共に若く
希望ある限り若い



Samuel Ullman

Finally, let me introduce a passage from a poem named *Youth* by Samuel Ullman.

You are as young as your faith,
as young as your self-confidence,
as young as your hope.

This poem is primarily a message to elderly people, but it holds importance for young people like you. The whole poem is quite short so please read the rest of it tonight.

志之雲凌
Ryouun no Kokorozashi

名古屋市立大学 理事長 学長
郡健二郎
Kenjiro Kohri

Beside the poem, I would like to present one of my favorite phrases to you: *Ryouun no Kokorozashi*. As you can see, I've written it with a brush.

Everyone tends to become satisfied and slack in his or her efforts after achieving a triumph. Today, you celebrate a great achievement in entering the graduate school of NCU. Please be reminded that today is the *start* of your school life; do not stop making efforts towards a successful future.

You have joined the members of the world of NCU, a world that is moving forward by leaps and bounds to become a world-leading university. As a graduate student, please have pride in and fondness toward NCU. I look forward to your future contributions to the world.

Once again, please allow me to congratulate
you on your matriculation to NCU.

Kenjiro Kohri, MD, Ph.D.

Chairman, Nagoya City University

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