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Message from the President

In the area of research, as a center of excellence for world leading research, we will prepare and promote advanced and interdisciplinary research projects while at the same time expanding research on fundamental level. In the area of teaching, we will prepare an international training center for and developmentally capable for the future of human society. In order to prepare talented people with understanding capability for an international society, Tohoku University as a center of excellence for world leading research, will prepare and promote advanced and interdisciplinary research projects while at the same time expanding research on fundamental level.

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The mission of the University is to contribute to the advancement of human society by providing quality education and research. To achieve this mission, we need to be aware of the changing values in society after the great earthquake and the nuclear power plant accident, Tohoku University is a university that is entrusted by the Japanese people and society, a more strategic focus might become necessary. Taking into consideration the responsibility of study will be further expended while weak points will be strengthened. Originally, research at universities starts after the direction of innovation has been made clear, we plan for steady functional enhancement. Excellent fields advanced and interdisciplinary research projects while at the same time expanding research on fundamental level. It is necessary to train leaders to be global players, what liberal arts in the human resource training. Besides this, we will prepare an environment introducing culture and understanding deeply. In this area of research, we want to be an innovative world leading research, and at the tip of research at state-of-the-art,
Tohoku University is a University with Clear Ideas.

Tohoku University is a national university with 19 faculties, 16 graduate schools, 3 professional graduate schools as well. In 1913, despite government oppositions, Tohoku University became the first Japanese university to open its doors to graduates of higher technical schools and higher normal schools, in addition to graduates of former higher schools. Students from other higher institutions were also accepted. The university's unique approach to higher education was the result of the new educational system which had been established after the Meiji Restoration. In the future we will construct a cooperative research system not only stretching over Japan but the whole world.

Responsibility for Creating the Future

Tohoku University will be able to face our time, the future and the present future while prominent in history. Today, the University actively participates in the programs and projects of the International Network of Universities (IN-UN), an international network of universities established in 2001. Tohoku University is a member of international university networks such as Association of Pacific Rim Universities, a cooperative network system not only stretching over Japan but the whole world. Tohoku University is a Member of International University

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Lu Xun (1881-1936) was a prominent Chinese writer and political activist. He is best known for his novel “The True Story of Ah Q,” which became a symbol of Sino-Japanese friendship. Lu Xun was born in Zhejiang Province, China, and graduated from Zhejiang Normal University in 1904. After graduation, he served as a teacher in a rural school in Zhejiang Province. In 1905, he went to Japan to study in Tohoku University, where he studied for two years.

In 1907, he returned to China and began his literary career. He published his first novel, “The True Story of Ah Q,” in 1918, which quickly became a bestseller and established him as a major figure in the Chinese literary world.

Lu Xun's works often addressed social and political issues, and he is remembered as a controversial figure in Chinese culture. His writing is known for its biting criticism of Chinese society and its willingness to address uncomfortable truths.

Lu Xun was a prolific writer, and his works include novels, short stories, essays, and political articles. He is considered one of the most important figures in modern Chinese literature, and his work continues to be widely read and influential today.

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Tohoku University is a member of many international university associations such as Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), Global Network of Real Universities (GNURU), University International Network for Global Education for European Engineers and Entrepreneurs (TIME), G20U, and HeKKSaGOn*. Tohoku University was selected as a core university for two MEXT projects to enhance globalization of education in 2015.

Internationalization of higher education is one of the most important issues that Japan is addressing. Tohoku University is one of the 31 universities selected in 2017 (13 undergraduate and 18 graduate) to promote international cooperation under the “Project for Establishing Universities for Internationalization – Global 21 (G21)” (2018-2021). This project is for the purpose of Global Education for European Engineers and Entrepreneurs (G21U). The project is part of the Japan Government’s strategy to support universities in enhancing their internationalization, as well as to promote international cooperation and education in a globally competitive society.

The latter part of the project's goal is to attract top international students to ambassadorial classes, and to construct a visible center. To achieve this goal, excellent researchers in the fields of materials science, materials and system architecture which generates direct societal impacts especially for green innovation; thus Tohoku University is a Globally Recognized Leading Japanese University.

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First, we will contribute to the development of human society. The university is aimed at creating a just and peaceful human society. For this reason, technology development and medical development are very important. Through your understanding of our mission and activities, and with the cooperation of many other people, I will continue my efforts to realize all this and contribute to the development of a cooperative network system not only stretching over Japan but the whole world.

Second, we will fulfill our leading role towards reconstruction and regeneration. Signs of reconstruction can be seen in the Tohoku region. Tohoku University is striving to contribute to the stable development of the region. Based on industry-government-academia cooperation, we will start new businesses for knowledge, a striving force pulling out Japan from its economic stagnation. We already promote various projects and plan to revitalize the region by increasing employment. In addition, Tohoku University will function as an engine for knowledge creation and system architecture which generates direct societal impacts especially for green innovation; thus creating new fundamental paradigms and also promoting the application of research projects with the new findings one after another and made use of their research in student education, firmly establishing the university's Research First Principle.

Liberation of higher education is one of the most important means that Japan is addressing. Tohoku University has acquired the status of a comprehensive university since 2007 (c.f. Report on Evaluation of National Universities, 2007). The university has also been selected as a core university for two MEXT projects to enhance globalization of education in universities: (1) the "Project for Establishing University Network for Internationalization – Global 30 –" (2009) and (2) the "Project for Promotion of Global Human Resource Development" (2012). The former project will carry out innovative projects to promote the quality of general education, especially to promote excellence in international aspects of higher education, while the latter project will provide opportunities for students to study abroad.

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Susumu Satomi
June 2012

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Professor Kotaro Honda (1870-1954), the 6th President of Tohoku University, was a founder and director of one of the first research institutes at a national university.

Responsibility for Creating the Future

Second, we will fulfill our leading role towards reconstruction and regeneration. Signs of reconstruction can be seen throughout the university's campus. Tohoku University, as a comprehensive educational institution in the center of the disaster area, has the mission to devote its whole strength and resources for reconstruction. We will construct a cooperative reconstruction system not only among Tohoku but also in the wider world.

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Tohoku University is a national university with 19 faculties, 7 graduate schools, 3 professional graduate schools and 6 research institutes. It is one of Japan's leading universities with approximately 6,000 faculty and staff, and 25,000 students, the largest in Japan.

The university's greatest characteristics and ideals are clear by reviewing the institution's history since its establishment in 1877 as a Trinity College (which is the legislation most closely related to our daily lives) in Japan, and otherwise fostered the development of modern Japan. It was one of the first universities in Japan to accept women with the admission of three female students. This showed the world that Tohoku University had already embraced the principle of open-door policy.

Tohoku University was selected as a core university for two MEXT projects to enhance globalization of education in Japan. Both projects are designed to promote the training of highly qualified students and promote their international mobility. The former project's goal is to encourage domestic students to obtain first-hand experience from various cultures in order to advance Japan's ability to cope with global challenges. The latter project focuses on students from Japan and neighboring countries who are pursuing degrees in arts and humanities.

Since its establishment, Tohoku University has actively participated in their programs and projects. Tohoku University is a Member of International Universities Network (IUsN), Asia Pacific University Network (APUN), Asia Pacific University Network for Globalization (APRNU), Association of East Asian Research Universities (AERU), and the University of Tokyo Network for Global Education (ToGo).

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In 1901, Tohoku Imperial University was founded as a consequence of an imperial order, making it the first national university in Japan. It aimed to serve as a center for education and research on world-class level shouldering the future of human society. We already promote various projects to revitalize the region by increasing employment. In addition, Tohoku University will function as an engine of the region's regeneration. Based on industry-academia-government cooperation, we will start new businesses and create new fundamental paradigms and also promote the application of research projects with the new knowledge.

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Globalization and also the environmental problems on global level. In a situation like this, Tohoku University will not only be a practical educational institution with over a century of history to look at, has been investigated with highest priority.

In the area of research, as a center of excellence for world leading research, we will promote advanced and interdisciplinary research projects with a focus on exploring human resource training. Besides this, we will prepare an environment for both education and interdisciplinary study. Moreover, we will also care for the impacts of technological insights on people with understanding language and communication skills, capability of expressing in global society. Their are an essential therapy only expanding the world to the Constellation of world society. We will develop a capability of including the ideal nature of our goals and realizing their educational mission. While keeping the changing society, it is necessary to train a new type of professional talents. That is why the content of creative society means, how to combine them with professional education, and how to enhance opportunities, for personal, social, and cultural and other future, other skills and abilities.

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President's Message

Since its foundation in 1907, Tohoku University, as a comprehensive, internationally recognized institution, has been producing excellent human resources in many disciplines. From the beginning, Tohoku University has strived to provide an academic environment for the cultivation of talents and intellectuals who will contribute to the advancement of science and technology, and for the benefit of society.

On April 1st, 2012, I was appointed President of Tohoku University. In the following, I would like to outline my thoughts on the tasks that should be tackled through the coming six years term of my office.

Facing the challenges of the world today, we need to reconsider and further improve our education and research strategies. The present situation and tasks of every graduate school and research institute will be thoroughly analyzed, and after the direction of innovation has been made clear, we plan for steady functional enhancement. Excellent fields of research will be discovered; such undertakings will be strongly promoted.

Some major initiatives we will undertake are as follows:

1. To produce talented people with outstanding language and communication skills, capable of responding to global challenges, we will prepare an environment introducing various and interdisciplinary opportunities for personal learning including extracurricular and other activities; either of these questions will be reflected on how to train leaders to be global players, what liberal arts in the field of education, accumulating knowledge alone is not sufficient, we also need to polish, work on and with it, making use of that intellect for the benefit of society; therefore, we will review the role of liberal arts in the light of 21st-century exigencies.

2. We will establish and promote activities that help students to gain practical experience in the real world, such as summer internship programs and study abroad programs that will help students to develop social skills, industrial earning capacities, and leadership abilities.

3. We will work to strengthen the existing innovative research initiatives, such as the global initiative for substance research and the advanced innovation research initiative.

4. In this area of world research, etc., as a center of excellence for world-leading research, we will prepare an intellectual environment that is inspired by intellectual diversity, and give our students and researchers a chance to study and work in a multicultural environment.

5. We will endeavor to make the role of liberal arts in the university a topic of discussion among students and the public, and to foster an environment open to diversity of thought and ideas.

6. We will continue to promote international cooperation and exchange with other universities, and we will work to improve the University's ability to attract and retain top students and researchers from around the world.

7. We will work to strengthen the University's role as a center for the exchange of ideas and knowledge, and as a place where students and researchers can meet and exchange ideas.

8. We will continue to promote the University's role as a leader in the advancement of science and technology, and we will work to strengthen the University's ability to attract and retain top students and researchers from around the world.

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