

Akita University's Basic Principles

1. Promote world-class education and research.
2. Contribute and commit to regional development and the resolution of global issues.
3. Nurture students who can assume an important role both globally and locally.

Mid-term Objective and Plan

Akita University Fourth Period Mid-term Objectives (Preamble) The University's Basic Objectives

Akita University's foundational principle is to develop with the region through the growth of knowledge, on a shared path with the community, as a core university of the resource-rich northern Tohoku region. This is the mission we look to fulfill through our research and education.

We are pursuing the development of a flexible research and education organization, collaborating with regional and international institutions to cultivate outstanding talent, taking in ambitious young students, Japanese and foreign alike, and presenting their innovative achievements to the world.

Meanwhile, to address various issues from a regional to global scale during the fourth mid-term objectives period, national universities need to contribute to globalization and DX (digital transformation, transformation through the use of digital technology) and to changes in the industrial and social structure based thereon. To that end, all faculties, graduate schools, education and research centers and institutes which constitute the university will introduce elements of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) to their specialized fields based on their individual missions, and through integration with studies and organizations, will foster specialized professionals who can contribute to the sustainable development of regional society as well as highly specialized

professionals and academic researchers who will be active in the international community.

Based on these core principles, Akita University's goal is to be a student-centric university, with a dynamic campus-wide fellowship of knowledge amongst students, faculty and staff members.

Based on the aforementioned principles and guidelines, the basic objectives of the university's activities are set out below.

1. In terms of education, to raise our quality to world-class levels and to nurture talent that possess the required knowledge to promote DX and can tackle and resolve regional and world issues.
2. In terms of research, to advance ICT to take on the challenges of resolving social problems from a regional to global scale, generate innovations that advance DX, and continuously transmit these results to the region and to the world.
3. In terms of our collaboration with society, to give something back to the local community through the results of our research and education, to cooperate



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with the community in the pursuit and undertaking of measures to promote the region, to work towards upgrading medical systems that utilize ICT, so as to contribute to eliminating disparities in regional medical care.

4. In terms of globalization, while promoting academic exchanges with overseas students and researchers, mainly from resource-producing countries, encourage international study and overseas placement of students, faculty and staff members in order to implement smart mining using information engineering (resource information science “of the future” that actively incorporates information engineering).
5. In terms of university management, to aim for sound, transparent, and effective university management under the President’s guidance, instilling the culture of our organization with the mutually enhanced vitality of each one of our students, faculty and staff members, while preparing an environment where they can be successful as members creating Society 5.0.

Mid-term Objective

- I. Improve the quality of educational research
- II. Enhance and improve efficiency of business operations
- III. Improve financial performance
- IV. Voluntarily review and assess education, research, organizational structure, and the administration and provision of information thereof
- V. Other business operations

A mid-term plan has been established, outlining the measures necessary for achieving the goals regarding our mid-term objectives.

The university’s entire “Mid-term Objective and Midterm Plan” can be viewed online (in Japanese) at the following site:

https://www.akita-u.ac.jp/honbu/info/in_target.html