

Our Mission

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 Mid-term Objective (Preamble) The University's Basic Objective

As a core university in the natural resource-rich northern Tohoku region, Akita University has set forth as its mission, to develop and grow with the region. We provide a place for educational research that takes into account the circumstances of the region. We strive to cultivate talented students and who may present their innovative achievements around the world. Therefore we make every effort to accept earnest young students from both within Japan and abroad. Towards that end, we are pursuing a flexible organization in cooperation with other institutions of higher learning.

Regarding the development of talented students, each department in the university nurtures its students to become specialized professionals capable of taking on essential roles in the local community as highly-specialized professionals who are active on the international stage and are globally-minded researchers in academia. This is achieved through our graduates specialized education, and through the

integration of various studies and organizations. For this reason, we stand by the notion that a quality liberal arts education is essential to becoming an independent and balanced member of society. Based on this basic knowledge, Akita University aims to be a student-centered university with a dynamic campus-wide fellowship of knowledge amongst its students and staff.

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

1. In terms of education, to strive to maintain a world-class standard of education both in content and quality, and nurture future leaders to undertake the issues facing their generation.
2. In terms of research, to promote distinctive research activities with a broad perspective, from regional circumstances to the various issues



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- facing humankind, and continuously presenting the results locally and globally.
3. In terms of contributions to society, to promote university classes open to the community, improve medical care and welfare, participate in the development of education and industry, and to serve as a cornerstone in the region.
 4. In terms of globalization, to foster international study, to continue to assign university students and staff abroad, to increase the number of international student admissions as well as researchers from Asian and other foreign countries, and to strive to maintain an appropriate campus environment that accepts them.
 5. In terms of university management, support the leadership of the university President, and to continue to invest in the necessary resources that may strengthen the university's core programs.

Mid-term Objective

- I. To enhance the quality of the university's current education program and research
- II. To develop and streamline the university's management
- III. To improve the university's financial standing
- IV. To provide transparency regarding the results of self-evaluations as well as the universities programs' current conditions
- V. A mid-term plan with 66 items has been established outlining the measures necessary to achieving the objectives regarding the business management of other miscellaneous topics.

The university's entire "Mid-term Objectives and Midterm Plan" can be viewed online (in Japanese) at the following site:

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