

## 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 Objectives and Plan

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

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.

In order to promote members of society who have a broad-minded view of the world, who are well-versed in today's key issues, with their feet firmly on the ground, and who are instilled with a sense of decorum, it is essential to have an education which combines the quality liberal arts with core subjects and specialist fields. Therefore, based on our resolute mission of integrating a range of studies and organizations with key areas of expertise, our four

faculties of International Resource Sciences, Education and Human Studies, Medicine, and Engineering Science, nurture specialist workers to carry on a continuous role in developing the local community, as well as highly-specialized professionals who are active on the international stage, and academic researchers.

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 and staff.

Based on the aforementioned principles and guidelines, the fundamental 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 which can tackle and resolve regional and world issues.
2. In terms of research, to pursue innovation and to present the results locally and globally, undertaking research which leverages our regional



- traits, and which deals with global issues.
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 with the community in the pursuit and undertaking of measures to promote the region, and to fulfill a central role in medical treatment for the area.
  4. In terms of globalization, to encourage international study and overseas placement for students and teaching staff, focusing on resource producing countries to promote academic exchanges with overseas students and researchers.
  5. In terms of university management, to aim for vigorous, 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 and teaching staff.

## 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 72 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](http://www.akita-u.ac.jp/honbu/info/in_target.html)