

National University Corporation Kochi University was established on the principle that, 'in accordance with the spirit of the Fundamental Law of Education', we shall contribute to both the local and international communities by promoting the development of opportunities for learning and research and the fostering of human resources.

We believe that the proper functions of the university are education, research, and both regional and international collaboration. We are obliged by our own efforts to constantly pursue the goals of self-reinvigoration and the promotion and expansion of learning on the basis of free creative thinking and on the knowledge that we have inherited from our predecessors. The products of these efforts must always meet the varying needs of society and the times.

Since the National University Corporation system was introduced more than a decade ago, Kochi University has continued to develop its special character. We now aim to become a Super Regional University, with our main focus set on regional collaboration.

Our guiding principle in education, therefore, is regional collaboration, working with regional communities to help our students learn and grow. Our guiding principle in research is to make use of the great benefits of the Black Current which runs along Kochi's coastline, aiming to tackle natural disasters through interdisciplinary research in all areas of liberal arts and science. Kochi University will produce an even higher standard of practical and academic research and education, while training individuals who can make meaningful contributions to society from local to international levels.

Finally, I would like to appeal to you for your heartfelt support and sympathy in the making of our university ever and ever a better one. Thank you.

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