

国立大学法人高知大学 学長 脇口 宏

国立大学法人高知大学は「教育基本法の精神に則り、地域社会および国際社会に貢献しうる人材育成と学問、研究の充実・発展を推進する。」を、建学の理念としております。大学の本務は教育と研究でありますが、時代と社会の要請に的確に応えるための変革と社会貢献が求められております。法人化によって独自の判断と裁量のもとで時代にマッチした大学に変革することを強く求められております。高知大学も例外ではなく、自己責任のもと新たな自己改革をスピード感をもって進めているところです。

高知大学は、より深く地域に根ざし、より個性的な智の創造と継承の場としての大学の本務を全うすることで、地域の知的戦略拠点として進化しつつあります。これまで以上に学生中心の、自律的学習を推進する教育と国の内外に視野を広げうる教養と価値観を確立し、学生の社会人基礎力を高め、そして産学地域連携によるより強い社会還元志向の研究を推進することが求められていると考えます。

今こそ、我が高知大学は社会が求める変革CHANGEのあり 方をよく認識し、それを大学発展の絶好の好機CHANCEとと らえ、果敢に挑戦CHALLENGEすることで、21世紀の日本が 必要とする大学を創造CREATEしなければなりません。大学 は新たな知の創造と先人から贈られた智の継承の場であります。 私たちは、高度で社会還元を前提とした国際的に評価される学 術研究の推進と学生中心の教育によって、地域社会から国際社 会で活躍できるリーダー候補生を輩出することを目指して邁進 します。

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National University Corporation Kochi University

> President Hiroshi Wakiguchi

The National University Corporation Kochi University was established on the principle that, in accordance with 'the spirit of the Fundamental Law of Education', we would promote the development of research, and foster human resources that would be able to contribute to both local and international communities. We believe that education and research are the proper functions of the university. Moreover, society today requires innovation and a contribution to meet the social needs of the times in which we live. Having become incorporated organizations, national universities are now being encouraged to initiate their own reforms, so as to meet more fully the needs of today. Kochi University is no exception. We face a new era of continuous reinvigoration through our own efforts.

Kochi University, which has a secure foundation in the local community, is developing into a strategic knowledge base by serving as a hub for unique and creative research and for the dissemination of scholarship. What is now required of us is to promote student-orientated education, and to facilitate students' autonomous learning. We must empower our students to acquire knowledge and values that broaden their horizons, both nationally and internationally, and help them prepare for their roles in society. We can achieve this by promoting research dedicated to enhancing our contribution to society through collaboration with industry.

Now is the time for us at Kochi University to take careful note of society's demand for innovation and CHANGE, to view this as a CHANCE – or a great opportunity – for further development, and furthermore to accept willingly the CHALLENGE of creating a new university suited to the 21st century. The university's duty is the development and transmission of knowledge handed down through generations. By promoting internationally recognised academic research activities which aim to make a contribution to the local community, and by enhancing student-orientated education, we will continue our endeavours to develop future leaders of both local and international communities.

I wish to appeal to you to continue to give us your wholehearted support and cooperation.







