

# Striving towards the Leap to World-Class and Leading the Way towards Reconstruction and Regeneration

Ever since Tohoku University was established in 1907, our philosophy has always been to put “Research-First,” to maintain an “Open-Door” Policy, and to emphasize “Practice-Oriented Research and Education.” With these three principles, the University has historically served its charter role as the premier research-oriented educational institution of higher learning. Tohoku University’s Annual Review 2012 lists and notes the major achievements of the 2011 academic year.

Now, we are faced with difficult challenges, such as working up the experience of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the decline in industrial earning capacities, the dwindling birth rate, the intensification of international competition by globalization and also the environmental problems on global level. Faced with the present situation, during my six year tenure as President, Tohoku University will meet its responsibilities towards society and in order to fulfill its original mission on an even higher standard, we want to achieve the two goals “Leap to World-class” and “Leading the Way towards Reconstruction and Regeneration.”

First, to fulfill the mission to leap for a World-class, the process and answers to the achievement of excellence in education and research are to be differentiated. Tohoku University will provide the liberal arts education curricula that will enable the students to acquire the leadership qualities necessary to meet the challenges posed by the present society. The University will provide the necessary language and communication skills to interact on an equal footing internationally with various people of the world, and enabling the students to play a leading role in the international community. In research, the roles of the University’s graduate schools and research institutes will be enhanced by addressing the opportunities and issues associated with their current roles. We will devote all of our efforts to clarifying the issues for all mankind and addressing the challenges faced, from comprehensive and interdisciplinary perspectives.

Second, we will fulfill our leading role towards reconstruction and regeneration. Signs of reconstruction can be already observed in disaster affected areas, but a sharp vision for reconstruction has yet to be developed. Tohoku University is committed to leading the way by providing technological solutions and the development of local industries as a member of the affected communities, ushering the path to reconstruction and regeneration. We already promote various projects for reconstruction and regeneration at the “Institute for Disaster Reconstruction and Regeneration Research” which was established shortly after the great earthquake disaster, the “International Research Institute for Disaster Science” and the newly established Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization. In the future we will construct a cooperative network system not only stretching over Japan but the whole world.

In implementing the two key goals, Leap to World Class and Leading the Way towards Reconstruction and Regeneration effectively and efficiently, the University's management and operational structure will be held more accountable, and the high-level initiatives will be broken down into sets of more detailed action programs. Through your understanding of our mission and activities, and with the cooperation of many other people, I will continue my efforts to realize all this and contribute to the development of a just and peaceful human society.



Susumu Satomi  
President of Tohoku University

## Tohoku University News and Events April 2011 to July 2012

2011	
Apr. 25	University President announces Tohoku University Recommencement Declaration
Apr. 27	Tohoku University Institute for Disaster Reconstruction and Regeneration Research established
May. 6	Faculty entrance ceremony and orientation for new students
May. 7	All campus orientation and special seminar for new students
Jun. 30	2011 Revision to Inoue Plan 2007 (Tohoku University Action Plan) announced
Jul. 27 and 28	Tohoku University open campus
Sep. 27	Tohoku University commencement ceremony
Sep. 28	Opening ceremony for the Luxun Memorial Exhibit at the Tohoku University Archives
Oct. 8	Tohoku University Homecoming Day
Oct. 15	100th anniversary ceremony for the Tohoku University Library
Oct. 24	United Nations Day at Tohoku University
Nov. 3-5	Tohoku University Festival 2011
Dec. 7	Completion ceremony for the AIMR main building
Dec. 21	Powerful Positive Tohoku University Scholarship Program established
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Concert 2011 "Repose and Gratitude" held in Tohoku University Kawauchi Hagi Hall

2012	
Feb. 1	Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization established
Feb. 25 and 26	2012 Tohoku University entrance examination: first examination for general admission
Mar. 11	Tohoku University session to mark the first anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake
Mar. 12	2012 Tohoku University entrance examination: second examination for general admission
Mar. 27	Tohoku University commencement ceremony
Apr. 1	Susumu Satomi becomes the 21st President of Tohoku University
Apr. 1	Tohoku University International Research Institute of Disaster Science established
Apr. 5	2012 Tohoku University entrance ceremony
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Kawauchi-Kita Campus



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