



“Achieving World-Class Status and Leaping Ahead” and “Leading the Restoration of Tohoku and Japan”

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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 principles, the University has historically served its charter role as a premier research-oriented educational institution of higher learning. Tohoku University’s Annual Review lists and describes the major achievements of the 2012 academic year.

Two years have passed already since the catastrophe of the March 11, 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. Tohoku University, which was in the epicenter of the disaster stricken area, must be a force not only for the reconstruction of the Tohoku Region but for the whole nation, which had been in stagnant state for years even prior to the disaster.

We would like to steadily continue toward our two goals of “Leading the Restoration of Tohoku and Japan” and “Achieving World-Class Status and Leaping Ahead” that were set upon my inauguration as President of the university last April.

First, we will set a clear agenda in education and research towards our goal of “Achieving World-Class Status and Leaping Ahead.” In education, we will reconsider which liberal arts are necessary to future leaders in a turbulent society, and create an environment in which they can be reliably acquired. We will continue to produce human resources that will be able to communicate and interact with people around the world, along with future leaders that can play an active role in the international community. In research, we will analyze the current situation and challenges faced by each institute and graduate school to clearly define the direction of change that will lead to improvement in their functions. In April of this year, the Frontier Research Institute for Interdisciplinary Sciences was created, enabling the University as a whole to identify issues facing humanity and resolutely solve these issues from a comprehensive and

interdisciplinary standpoint.

Second, we will continue to play an important role in “Leading the Restoration of Tohoku and Japan.” Even though the reconstruction efforts in the disaster affected areas have finally begun, a comprehensive vision for these efforts has yet to be outlined. Tohoku University, as a university at the epicenter of the disaster, has a duty to lead the reconstruction efforts through the development of new technologies and industries. Tohoku University has promoted a variety of projects aimed at reconstruction and rebirth through the “Institute for Disaster Reconstruction and Regeneration Research,” created immediately after the disaster, and its various programs such as the “International Research Institute of Disaster Science” and the “Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization.” In addition, we have established organizations for the reeducation of medical personnel and development of human resources for local health care organizations. We also launched the “Resilient ICT Research Center.” Looking toward the future, we are determined to overcome this crisis by building a worldwide cooperative framework to serve, not only Japan, but the entire world using the knowledge obtained from this disaster.

To fulfill its mission and to continue its contribution to the sustainable development of human society, Tohoku University will establish and act upon its vision to achieve the two above goals. Through analyzing both domestic and foreign trends and assessing the weaknesses, strengths, and the potential of this University, this vision will define our policies and timetable, serving as a foundation for achieving an ideal form for the University in five years time. As we celebrate the centennial anniversary of the admission of the first female students in Japan by Tohoku University, we sincerely ask for your understanding of our goals and duties, as well as our, and many others’, wish to contribute to the development of a peaceful and just human society.

Tohoku University News and Events (April 2012 - July 2013)

2012	
Apr.1	Susumu Satomi became the 21st President of Tohoku University
Apr.1	International Research Institute of Disaster Science established
Apr.5	2012 Tohoku University entrance ceremony
Jul.30-31	Tohoku University open campus
Sep.25	Tohoku University graduation ceremony
Oct.6	Tohoku University Homecoming Day
Oct.20	10th anniversary of the Graduate School of Educational Informatics Research Division/Education Division
Oct.2-4	Tohoku University Festival 2012
Nov.22	10th anniversary of the Graduate School of Environmental Studies
Nov.30	20th anniversary of the Graduate School of Information Sciences
Dec.10	Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization Community Support Centers opened
2013	
Feb.25-26	2013 Tohoku University entrance examination: first examination for general admission
Mar.12	2013 Tohoku University entrance examination: second examination for general admission
Mar.27	Tohoku University graduation ceremony
Apr.1	Frontier Research Institute for Interdisciplinary Sciences inaugurated
Apr.1	Ceremony for Student Certification for Leading Graduate School Programs
Apr.4	2013 Tohoku University entrance ceremony
Jul.30-31	Tohoku University open campus

