

MISSION STATEMENT

Since its foundation, Tohoku University has been committed to a “Research First” and “Open-Door” policy, and conducted researches and education at the world’s highest level.

The university contributes to realizing a peaceful and fair society by using research results to solve social problems and by developing leadership qualities in students.

HISTORY

Tohoku University was founded in 1907 as the third Imperial University of Japan, following Tokyo Imperial University and Kyoto Imperial University. From the start, Tohoku University has displayed to the world an unswerving commitment to an “Open-Door” admission policy. In contrast to the other Imperial Universities, it accepted graduates from technical schools and higher normal schools. The University became Japan’s first National University to admit three female students in 1913 despite opposition from the government at that time.

Tohoku University was able to attract a group of talented young researchers who had trained in international academic circles to serve on its faculties. Partly because of this fact, a “Research First” principle came to develop, which calls upon the scholars to pursue highly productive researches, and to use their findings in classes.

In addition, Tohoku University has nurtured a traditional policy of “Practical Sciences First.” We have used the most advanced research results to make a society and our daily lives productive. The university has established venture businesses to develop local industries before the World War II, and played a central role in researches on Family Law that is closely associated with daily lives.

Since World War II and the rapid economic growth of the postwar period, the above spirit has been continued to be alive in the modern era of advanced globalization.

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