

Aiming to Be a World's Leading University



Ever since its foundation in 1907, Tohoku University has continued to promote "Research First," "Open-Door," and "Practical Sciences First" policies. We have conducted researches and education at the world's highest level. Tohoku University's Annual Review 2009 describes our remarkable achievements and highlights of the previous year. Human society today faces with a variety of difficult and complex challenges to globally overcome. With our accumulated knowledge and achievements in research and education over the past century, Tohoku University has determined to take a leadership to tackle challenges ahead, and to be a World's Leading University to contribute to the development of human society.

Tohoku University has formulated "Inoue Plan 2007" in March 2007, an action plan which consists of five pillars such as education, research, social contribution, campus environment, and organization/management. We have been steadily progressed for two years since the plan started. In education, we have worked on a new liberal arts curriculum including overseas internship system. In research, our university has established the International Advanced Research and Education Organization to provide researchers with creative and comprehensive knowledge to take an academic leadership in the 21st century. These efforts were approved for World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI) by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS,) and Tohoku University established Advanced Institute for Materials Research (WPI-AIMR.)

We also take various actions such as improving our global presence by participation in the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and Top Industrial Managers for Europe (T.I.M.E.,) promoting new businesses by projects including industry-academia collaboration, developing our campus to meet international standards, introducing the personnel system to improve global competitiveness, and establishment of Tohoku University Foundation.

In 2009 when the speed of changing environment for the university has been accelerated, our aim to be a World's Leading University is not easy to achieve in a short period of time. However, we will contribute to developing human society as the university trusted, respected, and loved by the local community. We hope to share with the general public our missions and actions, and to challenge together.



Akihisa INOUE
President of Tohoku University

Tohoku University News and Events (April 2008-July 2009)

2008

Apr 1	Graduate School of Biomedical Engineering Established
Apr 1	25 Distinguished Professors Appointed
Apr 2	"Inoue Plan 2007 (Tohoku University Action Plan, Revised 2008)" Announced
Apr 2	2008 Tohoku University Entrance Ceremony
Jun 14	Website for the Iwate-Miyagi Inland Earthquake (M7.2) Hazards Opened by the Researchers on the Earthquake
Jul 30, 31	Tohoku University Open Campus
Aug 1	5 Distinguished Professors Appointed
Sep 25	Tohoku University Commencement Ceremony
Oct 6	The 2nd Cafeteria "Bee ARENA Cafe" on Kawauchi Campus Opened
October 10	Concert to celebrate the opening of Tohoku University Centennial Hall (Kawauchi Hagi Hall)
Oct 10-12	Tohoku University Homecoming Day
Dec 13	The 3rd Tohoku University Sendai Seminar "A Gift from the Universe"
Dec 31	Tohoku University Silvester Concert 2008-2009

2009

Feb 25, 26	2009 Tohoku University Entrance Examination: First Examination for General Admission
Mar 12	2009 Tohoku University Entrance Examination: Second Examination for General Admission
Mar 25	Tohoku University Commencement Ceremony
Apr 3	"Inoue Plan 2007 (Tohoku University Action Plan, Revised 2009)" Announced
Apr 7	2009 Tohoku University Entrance Ceremony
Jul 30, 31	Tohoku University Open Campus

Inoue Plan 2007, Revised 2009

This is the latest edition of the Tohoku University Action Plan that the Office of the President led by President Inoue has put together in the academic year 2007. The plan consists of 5 pillars. The university reviews the plan according to the rapid changes in domestic and global situations, and updates the contents to make further progress.



<http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/president/open/plan/plan2009.pdf>

1 Education

As a "Transmitter of Knowledge," Tohoku University has been rebuilding its education system to provide students with advanced expertise that the university has accumulated through its history. We also foster international leaders as a "Creator of Knowledge."

2 Research

As a "Creator of Knowledge," Tohoku University has been restructuring its most advanced research system to produce the world's highest achievements by promoting long-term fundamental and strategic researches.

3 Social Contribution

As a university open to the world and the local community, Tohoku University has been contributing

to the development of human society by extensively returning its human and intellectual resources to society.

4 Campus Environment

As a "Creator of Knowledge," Tohoku University has been improving its global-standard campus environment to support various education and research activities.

5 Organization and Management

Tohoku University has been changing into an "Enterprise of Knowledge," and aims to establish a management base including a financial base to deal with changes in the university environment and to meet demands of the times.