# A wide variety of education/research support programs to vitalize the university

## **Contribution Award in Education**

To enrich the university's Common Subjects program, this award celebrates university staff members who have made great achievements in educational methods, study support and creative approaches for students toward the betterment of education.

Graduate School of International Cultural Studies and Center for the Advancement of Higher Education

# Spanish Language Education Group, International Language Committee, Educational Review Board

Headed by: Mitsuhiro Shigaki, Professor, Graduate School of International Cultural Studies Members: Shigeto Yoshida, Associate Professor, Graduate School of International Cultural Studies Cecilia Noemi Silva, Lecturer, Center for the Advancement of Higher Education

The group introduced CALL digital technologies in various ways to provide a practical communicative approach, resulting in great learning effects.

Their attractive approach has increased the popularity of Spanish language classes year after year. Students learning Spanish are the third largest group among language classes for first learners, following German and Chinese. The Spanish classes were highly rated in an evaluation questionnaire survey by students.





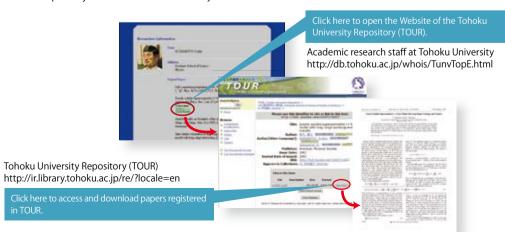
# Mutual Linkage of the Database for Academic Research Staff at Tohoku University and Tohoku University Repository (TOUR)

It is possible to directly refer to a paper registered in the Tohoku University Repository (TOUR) among the papers, reviews and explanatory articles stored in the Tohoku University Database, by the data link from the relevant paper in the researchers' database.

This is a part of joint efforts for links made by

Evaluation-Analysis Office of University Activities and the Library according to the Inoue Plan (Tohoku University Action Plan) to spread Tohoku University's education and research results.

Now, about 2,500 academic papers are linked, and the number will increase.



#### **Presidential Prize for Educational Excellence**

This award is presented to university staff members that have made great efforts and achieved outstanding educational excellence in such areas as classes, extracurricular activities, and international exchange programs.

# Spanish Language Education Group

Improved and developed Spanish language education drawing on a novel view of language education, e.g., by introducing digital technologies from various perspectives, resulting in high ratings of classes by students.



# Graduate School of Environmental Studies

■ Hideki Ishida Professor ■ Ryuzo Furukawa Associate Professor

Have implemented environmental leader education as an innovative approach to structuring environmental studies, which is a totally new system of academic study, and thereby contributed to the development of practical human resources in the area of the environment.



Associate Prof. Furukawa on the left and Prof. Ishida on the right

## Professor Maki Suemitsu

Made a great contribution to ensuring students' active extracurricular activities as the head of the Cultural Association of the Student Union by coordinating students' groups of cultural activities.



ensuring/developing active extracurricular sports activities for a long time as head of the Sports Association of the Student Union.





2009 Projects of Tohoku University adopted in "Support Program for Distinctive University Education" by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/japanese/profile/about/08/about/0803/

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# Project for improving perinatal care environment (improvement of human resources development)

 Project to support young/woman doctors to engage in perinatal medical care (Tohoku University Hospital) http://www.ob-gy.med.tohoku.ac.jp/ydw/

Designed to maintain and improve the educational environment for young doctors who will play a large part as medical service providers of the next generation, and support the continuation of, and return to work of women doctors, to reinforce the function of Tohoku University Hospital to nurture human resources, reduce the heavy work load of doctors, and construct a local medical system for perinatal care.

#### Nurse career system construction plan

 Development of a nurse career promotion support system (Tohoku University Hospital)

http://www.kango.hosp.tohoku.ac.jp/carrier/

This plan calls for the University Hospital and the School of Medicine to cooperate with each other in reviewing academic clinical training methods and systems to improve the educational levels in clinical and basic learning courses for nurses. It's goal is to ensure that they can improve their expertise efficiently and continuously, and to construct a safe and secure nursing service system.

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