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■ Mission Statement

Tohoku University is committed to the “Research First” principle and “Open-Door” policy since its foundation, and is internationally recognized for its outstanding standards in education and research. The university contributes to world peace and equity by devoting itself to research useful in the solutions of societal problems and for the education of human resources in the capacities of leadership.

■ Towards Tohoku University 2016

In order to fulfill this mission, Tohoku University will carry out the following objectives within the following 10 years.

Establish an internationally recognized university and research center

- Consistently produce top research in a broad spectrum of fields, including the natural sciences, humanities and social sciences.
- Create cutting edge research institutions and other forums capable of responding to the rapid dissemination of knowledge and a knowledge-based society.
- Establish the presence and reputation as an international locus in general research by maintaining intimate relationships with major national and international research networks.

Nurture human resources capable of leadership contributing to the knowledge and advancement of society

- The faculty’s cutting edge research will be reflected in their teaching.
- Content and pedagogy of all courses will be that of a top level educational institution.
- Establish an educational foundation which enables students to explore new avenues of human knowledge and to become aware of responsibilities in leadership.
- Develop educational programs and institutions that foster outstanding, internationally-minded specialists with theoretical and practical knowledge.

Contributions to the community and to the world

- Contribute to the development of community and humanity by making available to the world the benefits of research and of human resources with exceptional leadership abilities.
- Giving out equal opportunity to all capable, highly motivated students and faculty, regardless of nationality, race or religion, age or gender, or any other social standing.
- In keeping with our tradition of practice-oriented research and education, create a science park by further promoting university-industry collaboration.
- Dramatically increase the quality and availability of public education, and the consultative services requiring specialized knowledge.
- Open the campus to the general public and consider ways in which the university’s intellectual and material resources such as the libraries, academic materials and facilities can be beneficially utilized.

Establish a culture, environment and management system appropriate for an internationally renowned research and education institution

- Maintain and further develop a university culture that will stimulate the creation of world-class research and education.
- Create an atmosphere conducive to intellectual activities by bringing aesthetic unity to campus and to its natural surroundings.
- Establish a human, material and financial base in a management system which allows a world-class research and educational institution to develop quickly and flexibly.