

## **Distinguished Professor System**

The Distinguished Professor System is designed to support professors who are leading in the fields of education, research, social contribution. Tohoku University intends to show its appreciation of these distinguished professors to the world, and to increase the university's international profile, and to ensure world-class human resources.

Appointed as Distinguished Professors for the first time in this system are 30 professors (25 on April 1, 2008 and 5 on August 1, 2008) who have made great achievements based on the highest expertise. All of them have a research

mentality of "Challenge," "Creation," and "Innovation," which are three keywords developed in Tohoku University.

The activities of the Distinguished Professors are expected to stimulate other teaching staff and be a model for students, and to encourage them to make a contribution to human society. During a term of three years beginning the academic year of 2008, when Tohoku University starts another 100 years of its history, they will spread various activities of the university throughout society.