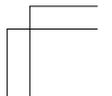
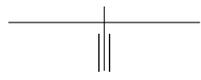


Ground Plan

Osaka University





A New Era for Osaka University

– Osaka University Ground Plan –

Osaka University traces its beginnings to the Edo Period, to the foundation of Tekijuku in Osaka in 1838. Reaching further back, scientific and educational development in Osaka was enhanced by the establishment of Kaitokudo in 1724 by five local merchants. Osaka University takes pride and inspiration from these two educational institutions, not founded by Japanese feudal lords, but by local citizens. Both Tekijuku and Kaitokudo pursued scientific truth and knowledge while cultivating virtue and socio-cultural awareness in students. Today Osaka University once again recalls its original spirit and prepares to develop it in the modern day.

Osaka University, “an institution open to society,” has a responsibility to society and will fulfill it with the following three mission statements based on the University’s motto “Live Locally, Grow Globally.”

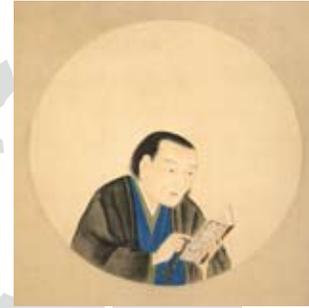
1 *Create a greater international presence by promoting advanced research, derived from both basic and emergent approaches. Strive to always secure society’s trust by closely cooperating with both government and industry in tackling contemporary social issues and problems.*

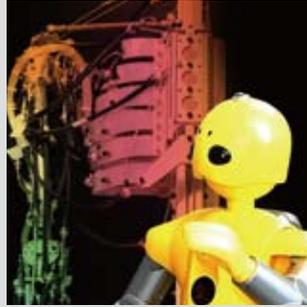
2 *Commit to specialized and disciplined education, while ensuring an education that fosters broader perspectives and comprehensive understanding from the undergraduate through to the graduate levels. Create an education system capable of nurturing scholars and professionals with the capacity to make sound social judgments.*

3 *Actively carry on the role of mediator and communicator of diverse cultures as an institution of global caliber possessing a strong foothold in the local community.*

These three missions will be kept in the hearts of those who support the University and will be carried out by staff, students, and graduates.

The following is the University’s master plan as of 2008. As the University collectively works towards fulfilling these measures, a comprehensive philosophy and a mode of action which we call “Osaka University Style” will be acknowledged. Through such efforts, Osaka University will become a model of excellence in education, research, collaboration with industry, community outreach, and management for universities across the nation. It will build a featured style of activities and operations that is unique. Thus, the pride and identity of being a member of Osaka University will be born and consolidated.





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Research

Strongly focus on research that is *basic*, *exciting*, and *responsible*. Respect fundamental studies while striving to open a new scientific era with groundbreaking research and fulfill its responsibilities by confronting the difficulties that modern day society faces.

Demonstrate the highest level of vitality in research and raise Osaka University's international presence as a world-class institution through active cooperation with domestic and overseas scientific institutions, industries, and public bodies.





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Education

Strengthen the liberal arts education for junior- and senior-year undergraduate students and promote minor programs for graduate students that integrate graduate courses and specialty fields. Train future scholars and professionals not only in highly specialized fields of study but also in comprehensive knowledge to enable them to make positive social judgments. Cultivate the ability to comprehensively deal with problems and their solutions through the development of *Comprehensive Understanding* (the ability to make sound social judgments with broad perspectives), *Synthetic Imagination* (the free play of imagination and the ability to create a network linking people from different fields and social standings), and *Transcultural Communicability* (the ability to communicate with and understand people from various backgrounds and cultures), and through the incorporation of on-site field work in curricula.





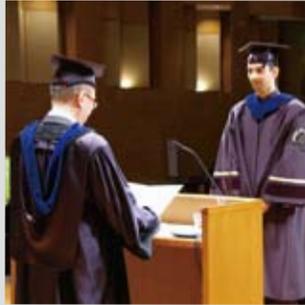
University-Industry Collaboration

Design appropriate organizations and facilities to realize “Industry on Campus,” a base for the creation of new industries through the collaboration between the University and industry.

University-Community Collaboration

Fulfill the University’s social responsibility as a community-based institution by promoting various cultural and educational activities with citizen groups and NPOs as well as programs of corporate-social responsibility through Osaka University’s “Kaitokudo for the 21st Century.”





International Exchange

Strengthen education to cultivate global knowledge and sensibility. Based on the successful merger of Osaka University and the former Osaka University of Foreign Studies, undertake bold educational reform to raise the foreign language proficiency of students and promote their participation in study-abroad programs. Promote further the internationalization of the campuses by providing international researchers and students with support appropriate to their research, study, and daily life and by training staff to deepen their international perspective.





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Campus

Develop campuses of “diversity,” “sustainability,” and possessing a pleasant atmosphere that students will remember long after graduation. Contribute further to the cultural and industrial development of Osaka by making the University's Nakanoshima Center the fourth campus of the University and a base for university-industry and university-community collaboration as well as for adult life-long education.



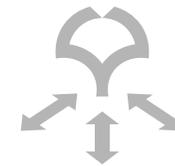


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Publicity and Finance

Implement effective public relations activities that are both targeted at the business community and civil society and that are user-friendly in order to generate stronger support that will contribute to the advancement of the research, education, and social outreach programs of the University. Systematically promote fundraising activities to establish a sound financial base for the University's teaching, research, and collaboration activities.



Establish these measures above in relation to teaching, research, and collaboration with industry and community as the “Osaka University Style,” in the hope that this Osaka University Style may become a role model for universities all across the nation. Through active participation in this establishment by the faculty, staff, and students, the pride of being “a member of Osaka University” or “an Osaka University student” will certainly be fostered.

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