

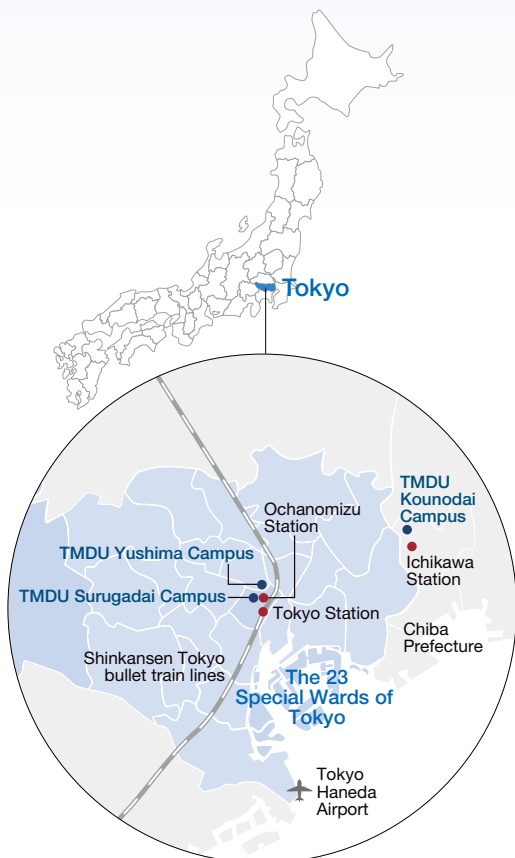
Our History and Background



Standing at the sacred birthplace of scholarship in Japan

Tokyo Medical and Dental University was established as a national medical and dental educational institution on October 12, 1928. Currently, TMDU is located in the Yushima / Shoheizaka area of Tokyo, which is considered sacred ground for scholarship and learning in Japan. As Japan's only comprehensive medical university and graduate school, TMDU has provided advanced medical treatment through a fusion of the medical and dental fields. It has worked to cultivate professionals with knowledge and humanity, thereby contributing to human health and the well-being of society. The "knowledge" referred to here includes learning, technology, and self-identity, while "humanity" means culture, sensitivity, and the ability to communicate openly and accept diversity.

We believe that the fusion of these elements paves the way to becoming a true "professional."



TOKYO — The Past and present

1800s



View of the Eastern Capital, Edo-Ochanomizu (woodblock by Shotei Hokuju)

This landscape shows a view of Ochanomizu, where TMDU is located today. The buildings on the right-hand side, Yushima Seido and Shoheizaka School, were the center of scholarship since the 17th century during the Edo Period in Japan. Mt. Fuji can be seen in the far distance.

1930s



This photo depicts the Tokyo National School of Dentistry No.1 Hospital, in Yushima, circa 1930.

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Today, TMDU is still located in Ochanomizu/Yushima area where its predecessor, the Tokyo National School of Dentistry, had moved in 1930, two years after its founding. TMDU has become known as one of the most excellent research universities in Japan.



This monument at TMDU's Ochanomizu Gate commemorates the Birthplace of Modern Education. It honors Japan's modern education system, which was developed in this neighborhood after the Meiji Restoration, and marks TMDU's emergence at this site in 1930 as the world's first comprehensive medicaldental graduate school.