

Congratulations to all of you who received your master's and doctoral degrees from Tokyo Medical and Dental University today.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of TMDU I would like to extend our sincere congratulations to all of you who overcame great hardships due to the coronavirus infection in order to be here today.

The ultimate goal of TMDU is not only to produce excellent research results but also thereby to contribute to the well-being of society now and in the future. I am certain that your future contributions to society will make us at TMDU stand proud.

At TMDU, research is conducted under three basic principles, namely academic freedom, academic integrity, and social impact.

How do you feel about the research you accomplished in graduate school?

Some of you may not even be sure that your research will directly contribute to society, or you may even think that the validity of your research may not stand the test of time.

However, I believe that through your experience here you will be able to conduct research that is original, trustworthy and has a large social impact.

Japan has the world's most advanced aging society with a declining birthrate, so there are no precedents to follow.

The recently announced talks about the possible merger between our university and the Tokyo Institute of Technology is also without precedent.

I believe this merger, if realized, will enhance the prestige of our university and thereby positively impact your professional activities in the future.

I believe that you will be able to make the social contributions required by the times and eventually lead to your further professional development if you continue to collaborate and cherish the connections you have made through your research at our university.

We at TMDU will continue to support you in the future.

Finally, again, I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes for a happy future to all of you.

本日7割の方が留学生だったので、挨拶は英語で行いましたけれども、日本人の皆さんもお祝いする気持ちは変わりありません。

本当におめでとうございます。

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President Yujiro Tanaka Tokyo Medical and Dental University