

## President's Message FY2022 Entrance Ceremony for Graduate Students (Autumn)

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To all new graduate students, allow me to express my sincerest congratulations on your entrance to TMDU.

Under normal circumstances, I would be honored to welcome you at an actual ceremony. However, due to the continued threat of the omicron variant of COVID-19, we have decided to cancel the Opening Ceremony for graduate students as a preventive measure.

Even though we cannot gather in person, I would like to send heartfelt congratulations on behalf of the university to all of you, who worked so hard to get into the graduate school.

It is inspiring to see your dedication to higher learning at a time such as now, when the surging variants of COVID-19 poses serious challenges to us as a global society.

TMDU is dedicated to ensuring that all our students acquire the research and practical skills necessary to make significant contributions to society.

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

I believe that through your experiences here you will be able to conduct research that is original, trustworthy and results in a large social impact.

There has been news recently about the possible merger between our university and the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

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

It will also increase your possibilities of making the social contributions required by the times.

I hope you cherish the connections you will make through your research here.

The great scientist Charles Darwin once said that only those who are most responsive to change can truly thrive in this world.

As a society we must find effective ways of adapting to our changing circumstances.

Therefore, let us join together as healthcare professionals dedicated to making the idea of “total health care for all” a reality.

I hope my congratulatory message will inspire you as you take your first steps at our university.

In time, when you come to the end of your journey and attend your commencement ceremony, I am confident you will feel a sense of pride and accomplishment at having studied at TMDU.