

Entrance Ceremony Address Autumn 2021

In the midst of the pandemic, although COVID-19 infection has spread around the world and the effect of new coronavirus variants is still unpredictable, you decided to enter our graduate school from overseas. Allow me to show my respect for your motivation and determination. Welcome to the University of Yamanashi.

Under the banner of “global professionals at the heart of the community,” the University of Yamanashi aims to develop human resources capable of serving as members of their regional society, meeting community needs, thriving on the global stage and contributing to society by encouraging cutting-edge, international research that fuses medicine, engineering, and agriculture, and lays the foundation for advanced education. As a result of these efforts, the University has cultivated human resources who flourish as key members in many different fields.

In 2015, Dr. Satoshi Ōmura, a graduate of our university, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. We are very pleased and proud of his great success.

I hope you will develop sophisticated, specialized knowledge and skills in our graduate school as you grow into leaders capable of thriving in academia, industry, and government on a global scale.

Due to the influence of the COVID-19 infection, there are restrictions in class and campus life, but I hope that all of us will cooperate on a global scale and each of you will do your part to prevent infection from spreading.

From now on, your experience here in Yamanashi, where the natural beauty of Mount Fuji— now a World Cultural Heritage Site— is always on display, will give you many opportunities to deepen your interaction with others and make friends of all kinds. I sincerely hope that you enjoy a rich, fulfilling university life and apply yourselves to your studies. Congratulations to all of you today.