

# Our History



Founder and first President, Rokuichiro Masujima



Kanda Nishikicho, first location of Chuo University



Surugadai Campus after completion

1885

Establishment of Igrisu Horitsu Gakko

1905

Renamed Chuo Daigaku (Chuo University)

1926

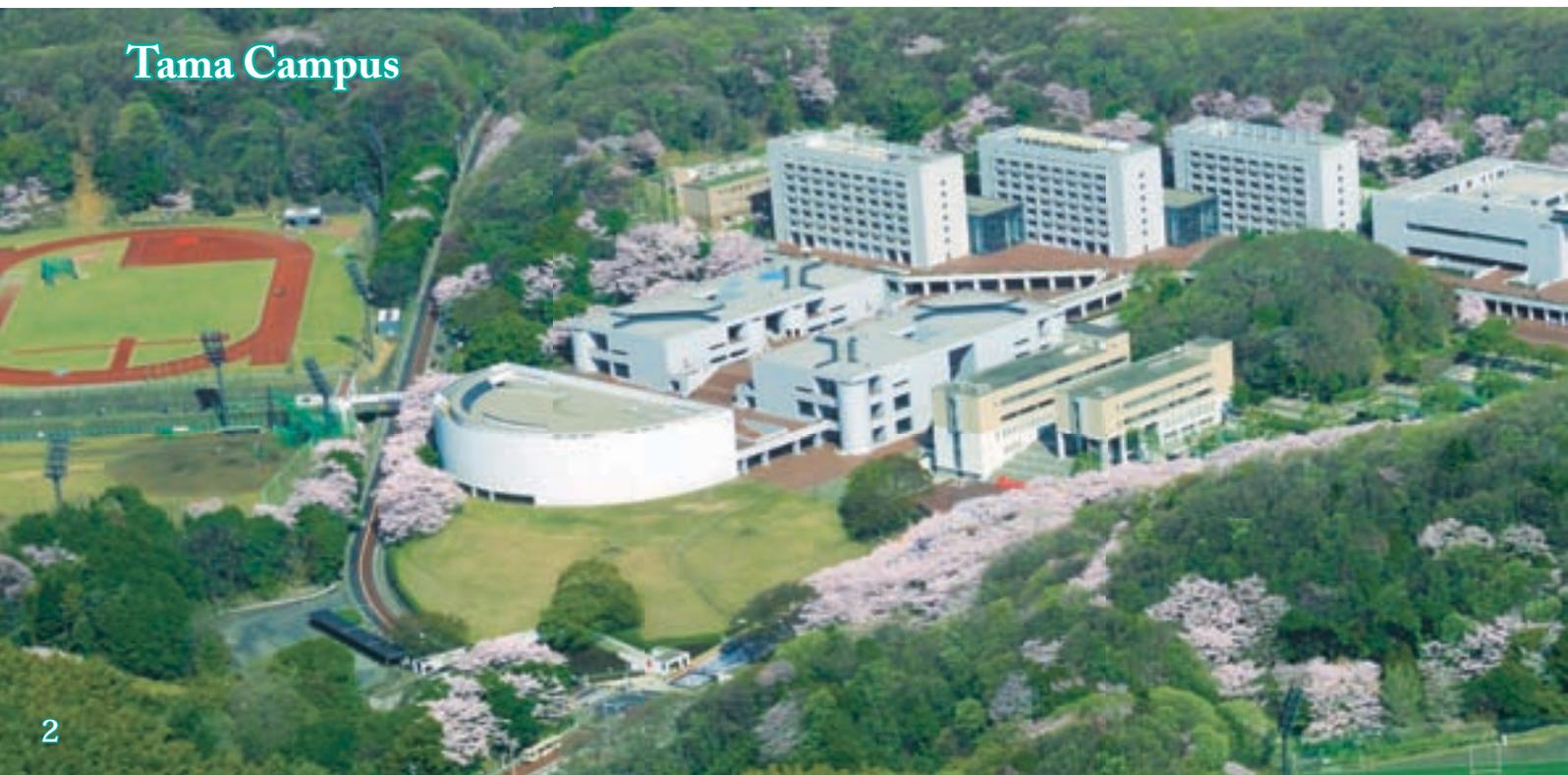
Surugadai Campus completed  
University relocates from Kanda Nishikicho

## Our Founding Spirit

Chuo University was founded as Igrisu Horitsu Gakko (the English Law School) in 1885 by a group of 18 young attorneys. In establishing the school, their aim was to foster young professionals skilled in common law, i.e., the British and American legal tradition. The school was intended to provide practical education in all areas of British law, produce definitive texts on British law, and build a library of these texts.

The founders established the school in a spirit of providing practical education based on empiricism and rationalism, rather than abstract systems, in the belief that promoting understanding and knowledge of rational and practical British law was indispensable for the development and modernization of Japan. With the philosophy of "Fostering the Ability to Apply Knowledge to Practice," the founders sought to cultivate legal professionals of outstanding character, thoroughly versed in British law, who could contribute to the improvement of Japan's legal system.

## Tama Campus





Korakuen Campus



Ichigaya Campus



Ichigaya Tamachi Campus

1963

Korakuen Campus opens

1978

Tama Campus opens

2002

Ichigaya Campus opens

2010

Ichigaya Tamachi Campus opens

## Our Vision

Chuo University, based on our mission of "Putting Learning First," is committed to a strategy of establishing, developing, and sustaining Chuo as an international university in all aspects of learning, teaching, and research activities, and to nurturing individuals who will contribute to global society.

In pursuit of this strategy, Chuo strives to ensure a wide variety of opportunities for students to broaden their academic, social and professional horizons, both inside and outside of Japan. In addition, we are committed to fostering a sense of global citizenship and a vision of sustainable planetary stewardship for the Chuo Community as a whole, including students, teachers, staff and graduates.

Furthermore, in order to serve Japan, Asia and global society, now and in the future, Chuo is committed to facilitating world-class collaborative research with international partners and to further developing its reputation for research of the highest international quality.

