

Welcome to Chuo, from the President

Fostering the Ability to Apply Knowledge to Practice
— Cultivating “Knowledge into Action” through our long established practical learning and heartfelt educational environment

Chuo University was founded as Igrisu Horitsu Gakko (the English Law School) in 1885. In the 133 years since its inception, Chuo has stayed true to its traditional philosophy of “Fostering the Ability to Apply Knowledge to Practice” by pursuing its mission to contribute to society as well as to nurture students who will go on to work for the betterment of society and pioneer its future. Chuo today has developed into a comprehensive university with six faculties and seven graduate schools, as well as two professional graduate schools, four affiliated high schools, two affiliated junior high schools, and nine research institutes. Driven forward by the wide ranging academic research and practical learning carried out throughout the university, Chuo’s original tenet of pursuing the Practical Application of Learning has been passed down to our current university motto, “Knowledge into Action.”

Practical learning, a tradition we carry forward with tremendous pride, is not limited to technical education. Rather, practical learning is about broadening one’s intelligence by acquiring both knowledge and practical ability that can be used for the good of society. Today we carry on this tradition in world-class, research-based educational activities in our faculties and graduate schools, and have developed a variety of distinctive educational programs. These include the Faculty Linkage Program (FLP), which promotes interdisciplinary approaches to identifying and solving problems through university-wide classes that transcend the boundaries of the faculties; our wide-ranging Go Global programs, which prepare students for working in diverse global environments carried out under the slogan To the World from Chuo; domestic and overseas internship opportunities that remain unsurpassed by any other university in Japan; and various challenging educational activities implemented as “Chuo University Projects on Promoting Educational Power.” Alongside these educational programs, our highly effective academic and student life support services have been helping our students to explore a great variety of future paths. Chuo’s conscientious and hardworking staff provide support to students for participating in social contribution activities, pursuing wide-ranging career and employment opportunities, as well as for getting involved in top-class athletic, cultural, and artistic activities.



In an effort to fully develop the potential of our university, in recent years Chuo has begun implementing an audacious plan for campus development, including the establishment of multiple new faculties and departments, and the relocation of parts of the arts and social science faculties to one of our downtown Tokyo campuses. Our tradition of putting knowledge into action is now more open to the world than ever before. Enriched through its collaborations with society, Chuo today is reaching new heights. By making use of our networks across Japan and abroad, we will carry forward the strong tradition of providing practical learning while developing a heartfelt educational environment, and thereby cultivate an earnest culture of “Knowledge into Action.”

福原紀彦

President

Tadahiko Fukuhara