

Our History



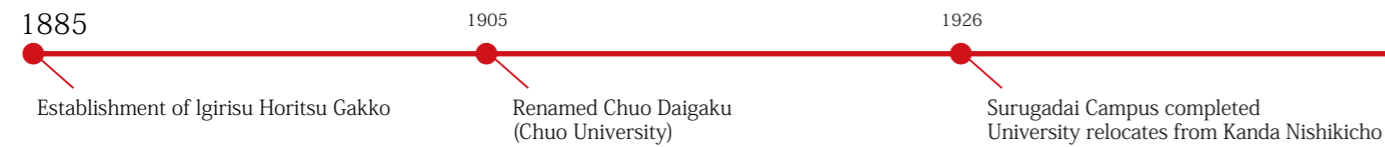
Founder and first President, Rokuichiro Masujima



Kanda Nishikicho, first location of Chuo University



Surugadai Campus after completion



Our Founding Spirit

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

The founders established the school in a spirit of providing practical education based on concrete empiricism rather than abstract systems, in the belief that promoting understanding and knowledge of rational and practical common 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 common law, who could contribute to the improvement of Japan's legal system.



Tama Campus

Our Strengths



Korakuen Campus



Ichigaya Campus



Ichigaya Tamachi Campus







Distinctive University Education

Located in the western suburbs of Tokyo and surrounded by the lush greenery of the Tama Hills, Chuo's Tama Campus offers stunning views of Mt. Fuji and boasts dozens of cherry trees that come into full bloom each spring. Three other campuses are located in central Tokyo with four campuses in all, attracting approximately 26,000 students coming from across Japan and around the world to study.

Chuo is also proud of its strong **alumni network** topping 580,000 graduates. Known for accomplishments in law, politics, and science and engineering, Chuo is one of the largest and most prestigious private universities in Japan. In addition, many of Chuo's Business and Economics graduates have become top-level executives at major corporations globally.

Notable Rankings

Rankings prove that Chuo University stands out among leading universities in Japan with unique strengths in many professional areas.

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Number of Graduates who have passed the National Bar Exam
(The Japan Ministry of Justice, 2019)
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Number of Students who have passed the National CPA Exam
(Chuo University Institute of Accounting Research and the Chartered Accountant Hakumonkai, an Affiliate of the Chuo University Alumni Association, 2019)
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Number of private university students who have passed the National Public Service Exam (Comprehensive Service)
(2020 University Ranking by Asahi Shimbun Publications)
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Number of Graduates hired as National Tax Officers at the National Tax Agency
(2020 University Ranking by Asahi Shimbun Publications)
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Number of Graduates who have become Diet members (House of Representatives and House of Councilors)
(2020 University Ranking by Asahi Shimbun Publications)
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Number of Graduates who are presidents of listed companies in Japan
(2020 University Ranking by Asahi Shimbun Publications)