

Welcome to Chuo, from the President

Fostering the Ability to Apply Knowledge to Practice

— History and tradition of Hakumon,
pioneering a new era

Since its foundation as the Igirisu Horitsu Gakko (English Law School) in 1885, Chuo University has built a 136-year history of tradition and achievement, symbolized by Hakumon, the University's original stone White Gate, and has worked with a mission to contribute to society by nurturing individuals who go on to support society and lead the way for the future. Academia and research are inevitably related to the real world and human society, and they should be developed through interaction with the activities of society, such as researchers discovering issues in everyday life and developing relevant theories. "Be always with the times and evolve to adapt to changes in society." This is our approach to academic research rooted in the educational philosophy of Chuo's founding spirit, noted above, "Fostering the Ability to Apply Knowledge to Practice."

Accordingly, "ability" refers to foundational skills that can be applied to understanding society, and "fostering the ability" refers to cultivating not only knowledge, but also the capabilities needed to communicate, discuss, and make informed decisions through experiences and interactions with others, while embracing life-long learning. Today, Chuo University has grown into a comprehensive institution comprising eight faculties, seven graduate schools, two professional graduate schools, four affiliated high schools, two affiliated junior high schools, and nine research institutes. This "true spirit of practical learning" has been handed down from generation to generation and been passed on in the



University's motto of nurturing "Knowledge into Action" through diverse academic research and comprehensive practical education.

Currently, while progress in digital transformation (DX) is reshaping society and people's lives, we are also experiencing unprecedented changes due to COVID-19 that are completely transforming our lifestyles. We view these changes as an opportunity to move forward and further enhance our educational environment.

We will promote exchanges across faculties and campuses by taking advantage of online systems. In addition, we are taking into consideration the development of new partnerships with overseas universities that will enable students to acquire double degrees. We will also explore and utilize Chuo's abundant institutional capital for the benefit of local people and our extended community, actively promoting interaction with society. In these ways, we strongly hope that our students will learn and develop, and acquire abilities that can benefit society as we grow together. In short, we will continue working hard to realize an even more "open Chuo University" and ensure learning that leads to a solid future.

Calligraphy of the name 'Chuo University' in Japanese characters (河合 久).

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