



The Chiba Institute of Technology (CIT) drew 43,964 applicants to entrance exams this year, the highest number ever. CIT was chosen as the university with the most drawing power in this year's university rankings as it has enjoyed its highest increase in the number of applicants in Japan over the past one year. I believe this is an indication of the rising interest that high school students around Japan and their parents have in CIT.

During two years since I became the president of CIT, I have emphasized decision-making and university management based on trust between the chairman of the board and president, various policies implemented with mutual cooperation from faculty members, revitalization of the educational and research environment, and internationalization of the university so that we can train people able to survive in global society who also display the intellectual capacity and problem-solving abilities to grapple with problems that have no apparent answers.

In regard to the educational aspects - which directly affect your sons and daughters - we are pursuing various methods of instruction that increase student abilities and character by walking in their shoes. Examples include the revision of our curriculum and certificate systems, the expansion of educational support systems and career training, expanded graduate school education, increasing opportunities to gain experience in foreign countries such as through studying abroad, and faculty development to boost the teaching skills of professors.

On June 24, the Cabinet passed a resolution regarding the government's management of the economy, finances and reforms - the so-called broad policy outline - the 2014 revision of the national recovery strategy and new growth strategies. There were fewer mentions of education in the latest revision. From the standpoint that reviving education is important to regenerating Japan's economy, however, it did specify that efforts to achieve world-class scholastic abilities and social morality should be coupled with training implemented not just for knowledge, but for the qualities needed to survive in society. Those qualities include intellect, discernment and expressiveness, an understanding of Japan's traditions and culture, and the public spirit required of responsible members of society.

There was also a particular emphasis on strengthening human resource capabilities in response to university reforms and globalization. CIT has also worked hard to give the university a more global outlook during the past two years. In the past year alone, we concluded education and research partnership agreements with six top-level universities overseas. Additionally, we have revised the curriculum and overseas English-language training programs to strengthen the English-language skills of CIT students. We are also promoting interaction among CIT students and visiting students from other countries using the new student dormitory that opened this spring, and the establishment of new internship programs at foreign companies. I will continue to systematically strengthen reforms such as high-quality study abroad and career development programs, to train people that will sustain the future and display a strong global outlook and character.

Many people, companies and government offices have carried out wide-ranging activities in support of our academic and research activities through close communication and cooperation with our faculty members over the past seventy years. That support, lacking in other universities, provides great power to increase CIT's competitiveness. I would like to conclude my remarks with sincere thanks for their assistances and a request for their continued support and cooperation.

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