

Entrance Ceremony Address, 4th April 2016

Masahiko FUYUKI, the 2nd President

On this beautiful April day, as the cherry blossoms are in full bloom, I'd like to convey my sincere congratulations to all the new students for your entrance into Kio University's Faculty of Health Science and Faculty of Education.

Kio University offers a wonderful academic environment where each and every student can develop their own potential and realize their dreams. The faculty, students and administration that make up Kio University, as well as Kio graduates who are already established in the workforce, have all worked as one to make Kio University what it is today.

As Kio University students you are expected to work towards your goals and continue your personal growth to the benefit of yourself and Kio University.

At Kio University we follow an educational philosophy which our founder, honorary president and director FUYUKI Tomoko, formulated into three foundational principles 52 years ago.

The first is "fostering virtue." This means nurturing kindness and understanding towards other people and their feelings. I hope each of you foster this virtue in yourselves and encourage its proliferation to spread happiness among the people of the world.

The second is "cultivating knowledge and wisdom." Human progress is contingent on individual's ability to push the limits of their intellectual capacity. Along with the personal pursuit of knowledge and a positive attitude towards learning, the development of an inquisitive mind needs to be nurtured and encouraged by others. I sincerely hope that all of you take advantage of the supportive environment that Kio University offers and, as you acquire specialized knowledge in your field of study, you also expand your learning experience in a wide variety of academic fields.

The third and last principle is "aspiring to beauty." I think that esthetic beauty is the ultimate goal of any creation and one of our highest aspirations as human beings. I believe that all things, from concrete to abstract, artistic creations, industrial products, a kind soul, a good attitude, sounds, a painting, language, mathematical theorems, and even the laws of natural science can be related to some esthetic value. Beauty moves people and its creation inspires feelings of happiness. I truly hope that you all aspire to this concept of beauty and strive for its realization.

I ask that you hold these three tenets, "fostering virtue," "cultivating knowledge and wisdom," and "aspiring to beauty" close to your heart as you develop and grow in your respective areas of specialization, being the Faculty of Health Science or the Faculty of Education.

Thus far I have talked about our school philosophy, but now I would like to explain about learning at the University level.

At university taking an active role in your learning process is fundamental. Kio University students work together, stimulating each other intellectually through friendly competition, to foment mutual development. In your quest to discover how you want to be and how you want to live in the future, it is essential to continue learning as you work toward the realization of your ideal self. I think that an important motivational force to the desire to continue learning is the pleasure experienced when you comprehend what you study. The pleasure of intellectual curiosity is the fruit of continuing to inquire until you have answered the question “why.”

Also, I strongly encourage you to participate in study groups, community service organizations, international exchange groups and hands-on practical activities as they provide valuable experience for your future careers. In addition to establishing lasting bonds with other students, professors and the administrative staff, building new relationships with people outside the university can also provide important experience.

Your positive experience at university will help you to be more productive in your future workplace and role in society after graduation.

Your development comes from your own continuous efforts and hard work. However, the collective cooperation at Kio University between students, professors and administrators has largely contributed to the development of education and research and will be an indispensable support network for your success.

Along with your help and that of other students, professors and administrators, I have made it a goal that Kio University be one of the most highly regarded universities in the country for its quality education and research contributions.

For all the parents who are watching this ceremony through monitors, I share your pleasure in watching your children in this proud moment. I ask that you support your sons and daughters during their life at university and watch over them with a kind eye. I also request your kind cooperation with Kio University. Thank you very much.

Last but certainly not least I deeply appreciate the attendance of our honored guests who have taken time out of their busy schedules to attend our ceremony, such as the distinguished Mayor of Koryo. I thank you in advance for all your kind help and cooperation in the future.

Thank you for your kind attention.