

Aichi University Prospectus

Japan was materially and emotionally devastated as a result of the prolonged WWII. Because the war ended in such a devastating defeat for Japan, it is no exaggeration to say that the country was in danger of annihilation.

If Japan is to avoid such destruction, it must do away with the failed leadership and accumulated harmful effects of the old Japan and choose a new path of rehabilitation.

The new Japan must throw away traditional militarism and doctrines of aggression. Japan must implement a democracy that is focused on communal existence in every aspect and must rehabilitate itself as a new nation of culture, morality, and peace. In this way, Japan can participate in the global community and contribute to world peace and culture.

There are many problems that presently require solutions to establish this new Japan. The most fundamental of these problems is the urgent need to develop scholarship, philosophies, and culture, as well as to nurture refined and talented individuals. When we discussed the reasons for establishing Aichi University at this location, we recognized that this area provides the means to achieve our objectives. Put briefly, this area will allow for the rise of a Japanese civilization that can contribute to world peace as well as the development of talented individuals. Furthermore, there is also a unique significance and mission behind the establishment of this university in the designated area.

First, most importantly, the location of this university is a suburban city located in the Chubu region (Toyohashi City, Aichi prefecture). The reasoning behind our selection of this location is that universities must not be concentrated in large cities if we are to nurture a culture of scholarship in our country. For our plan to be successful, universities must be dispersed among rural and suburban areas. It is well known that the Chubu region, which is centered in Nagoya city, does not yet have a university with a school of law and literature, and that there is an earnest desire for such a cultural institution to be established there. In response to this desire, Aichi University will support a variety of scholarly research efforts, while aiming to influence the culture in the surrounding areas.

Second, we believe that the individuals who will build a new Japan that can contribute to world peace and culture must have an intercultural perspective. Therefore, this university will offer courses that focus on the governments, economic systems, and cultures of various countries based on the foundation courses, with the aim of training individuals with global knowledge and perspective. Japan does not currently have such an institution. We will be the first to establish this new style of university.

Third, in the year in which this university is established, we will hold preparatory courses for all classes, and in the second year, we will simultaneously open the university departments. We will respond to requests for admission from any students (male and female) who live in the Chubu region, are studying outside of the area, and wish to transfer because their current commute is inconvenient. We will also focus on alleviating the difficulty that transfer students face, who are currently attending universities or vocational schools in outlying areas. We are not just doing our best to help students who are planning to leave other areas to transfer to our university; we feel that it is also our duty to reeducate these students in philosophical and academic fields according to the international characteristics of our institution.

As shown in the various viewpoints expressed above, we are not looking back at the problems of the past, but are looking forward with the establishment of Aichi University at this location. Our greatest desire is that our intentions be fully understood and that we receive support and encouragement for this plan.