

## Welcome Address to Incoming Students

On behalf of the members of the university, I am pleased to deliver a congratulatory address to you for your entrance to Shimane University.

Now, you have enrolled in the Master Degree Program of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology and the Doctoral Course of the Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering. I am pleased to welcome you.

Your main purpose to enter the Graduate School of Shimane University is to gain knowledge and skills in the scientific field of your choice. By studying at Shimane University, you will contribute to the development of scientific technology and public welfare in the future. I hope you will achieve your purpose and wish you success in your study.

To support your study and life at the university, the faculty members give you an academic and general advice in English. The university will help you to become oriented to university life. The Special Program offers you classes in English. There are also Japanese students in the program, and they will help and assist you. Shimane University also offers Japanese language classes for beginners and I recommend you take the classes. I hope you learn Japanese language, because this will help you understand Japanese culture and custom, and to get a job at any company in Japan after the graduation. At this point, the university can help by the internship programs at several companies in Shimane with a scholarship. I also hope you actively exchange with Japanese students and other exchange students, and you will be able to make good friends.

Today, about 216 students from 26 countries of the world are studying at Shimane University. The globalization in various fields of the world is rapidly advancing. It is especially important for younger generation like you. The university is positively forward with the improving an educational environment from a global point of view.

As you may know, there are several historical spots in Shimane Prefecture, for example, Matsue Castle and Samurai Houses in Matsue, IzumoTaisya Grand Shrine and Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine in Izumo region. There are also rich natures in Shimane Prefecture, for example the Oki Islands, Sanin-in Coast and Mt. Sanbe etc. If you visit there, you will enjoy traditional culture and nature.

In your new life in Matsue, you may have any difficulties about the foods, language and custom differ from your home country. As I said before, the faculty members support you so that you will get accustomed to life here.

Best wishes for your success!

Enjoy your university life!

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