Introduction

Yamaguchi University traces its origins back to Yamaguchi Kodo, a private school, founded by Ueda Hoyo, a feudal clansman of Choshu Province in 1815 in the late Edo Period. It was founded for the purpose of developing academics in Yamaguchi. Since its establishment and through various educational reforms, this academic institution has held its place as the core for higher education in Yamaguchi, contributed to the cultivation of human resources in the region, and produced many graduates who are active internationally.

Four Reasons to Choose Yamaguchi University

1 An Attractive Destination, the Ultimate Environment for Study
Yamaguchi Prefecture is located on the western edge of Honshu Island and surrounded on three sides by the ocean. It is blessed with beautiful nature, cities and towns with a long history, a rich culture and a variety of sightseeing spots. Thanks to such a favorable environment, Yamaguchi Prefecture abounds in historical and cultural heritage and is known as the country’s ‘Western Capital,’ playing a major role in the culture, industry and history of Japan. Yamaguchi University may not provide bustling city life like in Tokyo, but we do provide high quality education and the opportunity to engage in cutting-edge research, all in a peaceful and safe environment.

2 An Innovative Institution and International Leader
We have adapted to the requirements of the times and continue challenging ourselves to provide new value to the local community and to international society. For instance, we established the Faculty of Global and Science Studies in April 2015 to foster the next generation of global leaders. Furthermore, the Graduate School of Technology and Sciences for Innovation was established in April 2016 as we work to further develop science education. As a core educational goal, we have focused on providing students with appropriate knowledge about intellectual property rights. This endeavor stems from the need for human resources who understand the importance of protecting intellectual property rights in this time of information overload.

3 Generous Support Provided for International Students and Foreign Researchers
Currently, Yamaguchi University is working to create a more diverse campus to provide an excellent environment without inconveniences for international students and foreign researchers. We cooperate with many organizations, including the International Student Advisors, professors from the International Student Center, staff from the International Student Support Office and tutors. Adding to our variety of scholarships for international students, we recently started the Yamaguchi University Fund as part of a commemoration of 200 years of history. In addition, we opened a new dormitory for exchange students called ‘YUInternational Share House’ in July 2016 and increased our overall capacity for international students. Most recently, we set up a 24-hour call center available in Japanese, English and Chinese that operates around the clock to ensure students’ safety and well-being. We are always searching for more ways to improve campus diversity.

4 Well-Developed Career and Vocational Education
Yamaguchi University puts an emphasis on career and vocational education. In our liberal core subjects, there are two career and vocational education courses: ‘A Place of Wisdom’ for freshman and ‘Career Education’ for third year students. In the ‘A Place of Wisdom’ class, students listen to lectures by eminent people from many fields and think about how to launch their career. When they take ‘Career Education’ two years later, they prepare for their job search, learning from alumni who have gone through the job hunt experience and people who are active in society. We also have unique lectures on the business culture of Japanese companies, specifically designed for international students. These lectures provide international students interested in working in Japan with an understanding of Japanese companies’ culture and recruitment system. Many of our alumni have gotten offers from Japanese companies and continued on successfully to work in Japan.