

## 令和 7 年度秋季入学式 式辞

本日、山梨大学にご入学され修士課程 59 名、博士課程 19 名の皆さん、ご入学、誠にありがとうございます。

山梨大学の教員・職員・学生を代表してお祝い申し上げるとともに、心より歓迎いたします。皆さんのこれまでの努力に敬意を表するとともに、その歩みを温かく支えてくれたご家族、ご友人の皆様にも、謹んでお祝い申し上げます。

本日は、多くの留学生がご出席されていますので、ここからは英語で式辞を述べさせていただきます。

On behalf of the University of Yamanashi, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the 59 new students entering the Master's Course and the 19 new students entering the Doctoral Course today.

I warmly welcome you to our university. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to your families, who have supported you with care and encouragement on your journey here.

For many of you, this may be the first time you have set foot in Yamanashi. Some of you have left your home countries behind in order to take on the challenge of learning in a new academic environment.

You may feel some uncertainty or anxiety about living in an unfamiliar place, with different cultures and languages.

Yet, I deeply admire the courage you have shown in facing these uncertainties and in stepping forward into this new chapter of your lives.

Please know that we are fully committed to supporting your challenges. At the University of Yamanashi, we place great value on the connections between students, faculty, and staff.

So please do not feel alone. If you ever encounter difficulties, do not hesitate to reach out to us. We will do our utmost to ensure that you can learn in a safe and supportive environment and enjoy a fulfilling student life.

Today, there is one message that I wish to convey to you:

“At the University of Yamanashi, let your infinite potential blossom.”

What do we mean by “infinite potential”?

First, “infinite potential” is the potential of research and academic pursuit. Here, you have the opportunity to pursue new knowledge and explore questions that no one has yet answered.

The path of research is often demanding, but the discoveries that lie ahead have the power to transform the future of humanity.

Second, “infinite potential” is the potential to connect with society. Our university’s mission is expressed in the phrase **“Creating the Backbone of the Community and Developing Citizens of the World.”**

Through our educational programs, including Project-Based Learning (PBL), you will study real-world issues and collaborate with peers to work toward solutions.

These experiences will not only contribute to the revitalization of our local communities but also empower you to make meaningful contributions on the global stage.

Third, “infinite potential” is the potential for your own personal growth.

By stepping into a new environment and challenging yourself across cultural and linguistic boundaries, you will transform as individuals.

For our international students in particular, the courage you have shown in taking this first step despite many uncertainties is truly remarkable.

This very challenge will become the driving force that shapes your future.

Our university is home to distinctive research fields, including clean energy, fuel cell nanomaterials, grape and wine science, advanced biotechnology, and advanced brain science.

We also promote interdisciplinary research that transcends boundaries, to address pressing global issues of our time.

The knowledge created here will contribute to international academia and is returned to human society.

I hope that you, too, will take part in this endeavor and present new value to the world.

One of our distinguished alumni, Dr. Satoshi Omura, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, for his groundbreaking contributions to human health and welfare.

His achievement stands as proof that by confronting challenges, we can indeed open the path to the future.

I strongly encourage all of you to follow his example and take on the challenges of the world.

So now, here at the University of Yamanashi, let your infinite potential truly blossom. Advance your academic pursuits, connect with society, and grow as individuals.

Ahead of you lies a future that you yourselves will shape with your own hands.

Finally, Yamanashi is a land blessed with rich nature and culture. You will look upon the majestic Mt. Fuji, experience the traditions of fruit orchards and winemaking, and encounter the warmth of the local people.

These experiences will bring you invaluable learning and inspiration. I encourage you to fully embrace life in this region and broaden your horizons.

On this auspicious day, as you embark on a new journey of learning, I sincerely wish that your future will be filled with hopes and achievements.

Congratulations on your admission to the University of Yamanashi.

今日という佳き日に、新たな学びの旅路を歩み始めた皆さんの未来が、希望と成果に満ちあふれることを心から祈念し、私の式辞といたします。

ご入学、誠におめでとうございます。

令和7年10月1日  
山梨大学長 中村 和彦