

Welcome to Kumamoto University, Where Tradition Meets Progress

Kumamoto: City of Forests, City of Water

From one of the largest volcanic calderas in the world atop Mt. Aso to the many large and small islands that make up Amakusa, abundant nature graces Kumamoto Prefecture. Historic Kumamoto City, the central city of the prefecture, is home to Kumamoto Castle, which has gazed out over the urban district for over 400 years. Kumamoto is also known as "the City of Water" for the groundwater that supplies all of the domestic water for 730,000 residents.

Learning at the Downtown Campus

Kumamoto University has campuses in several areas, including in sections of bustling Kumamoto City and in areas bordering lush nature. In this rich environment, the University hosts about 500 international students from about 50 countries, who engage in daily studies and research together with Japanese students.

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This booklet introduces international students at Kumamoto University who have appeared in the University magazine “*Kumadai Tsushin*”. Through scenes depicting their active student life, readers will gain the opportunity to learn more about Kumamoto University. Esteeming tradition while embracing progress, Kumamoto University seeks students from around the world to ennoble one another and advance together toward the future.

An Unparalleled History and Tradition in Japan

The history of Kumamoto University can be traced back to the establishment of Japan's first medical school by the Kumamoto feudal lord in 1756. The Fifth High School, the predecessor to today's University, was established in 1887. Now, over 120 years later, Kumamoto University boasts one of the longest histories of any university in Japan, and houses within its campuses four structures that have been awarded Important Cultural Property designation.

Cutting-Edge Research and Human Resources Development

The University's history-steeped campuses are home to world-class research in a diversity of fields, from research into ancient documents on par with national treasures and development of next-generation magnesium alloys, to pulse power, AIDS research, and regenerative medicine. Through this, the University is fostering human resources who will be active on the global stage.



Kumamoto University Kurokami Campus
(Main Campus)