

Address by the President of Okayama University at the 2025 Autumn
Matriculation Ceremony

It is my great honor and pleasure to hold the 2025 Autumn Matriculation Ceremony in another word entrance ceremony of Okayama University together with members of the academic and executive staff. Welcome, everyone, to Okayama University! On behalf of the university, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations to you. We are very happy to see you here in good spirits today.

I am extremely grateful to the 129 talented incoming students who have chosen Okayama University to pursue their academic interests. 72 are joining doctoral programs, 30 are joining master's programs, and 27 are joining the Global Discovery Program. Today, we welcome 95 global learners from 18 countries.

We at Okayama University stand ready to support you in your ambitious pursuit of research and study. We hope that you will have a rewarding study abroad experience as a result.

Okayama is also a land blessed with abundant nature surrounded by beautiful mountains, to the north; the Seto Inland Sea with its art-loving islands, to the south; the city of Bizen, the historic site of Japanese education, to the east; and Kurashiki, with its deep culture and thriving industry, to the west.

As a student studying at a research university promoting the SDGs, we hope that you will learn many new things with your friends, colleagues and us that will enable you to produce and deliver innovative discoveries, skills, and applications to the world. With that purpose in mind, please enjoy the opportunities to experience the history and culture of the Okayama region as well as its rich natural environment.

I understand that, for many of you from abroad, living in a foreign country is a challenging issue for your life. I myself experienced the same situation 30 years ago with my family. It may take some time to be accustomed with the different lifestyle from your home countries including language. But I know that you will be familiar with them soon. In order to do so, we are ready to support you

with various ways. Please do not hesitate to ask us! I am convinced that your efforts made with us from now, and your experiences with us from now will stimulate you and enrich your life even after you graduate from Okayama University (in short OKADAI)

I hope you will become loving Okayama and OKADAI and feel proud of being a member of OKADAI. I call it OKADAI LOVE as a today's important take home message. In order to foster OKADAI LOVE among you all, I myself and the faculty and staff of OKADAI promise to do our best.

Today you are standing at a new gateway in your academic and life career. Step ahead and challenge yourself to create a new path. We are here with you to support you!

To conclude, let me once again express my heartfelt congratulations to everyone on your matriculation today.

Thank you!

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Okayama University,
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