

5. FY2017 Progress

■ Common indicators and targets

Internationalization

1. Increase in the number of students Top World Universities

The summer session program for study abroad at four universities in the University of California (UC) system was expanded to all Meiji departments from the 2017 academic year. Under the program, in the spring semester students study abroad for about 12 weeks as a general rule and complete regular courses together with UC students. Awareness of these universities as excellent study abroad destinations has risen among the students, and Meiji University will be sending 44 students to these universities in the 2018 academic year (up 30 percent from last year).

In addition, beginning in the 2018 academic year, Meiji University is also planning to send a number of students to summer sessions at Stanford University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Harvard University (as of May 1, 2018), all of which have particularly high academic and linguistic requirements.



〈 A class at the University of California, Berkeley 〉

2. Graduate School of Global Business becomes EPAS Accredited

The Meiji University Graduate School of Global Business (Meiji Business School = MBS) received EPAS accreditation by EFMD, a global accreditation body for business schools, on February 20, 2018. MBS is the first part-time MBA course in Japan to receive EPAS accreditation, with the support and initiative of the Meiji University Grand Design policy implemented by the president of Meiji University.

With its goal of educating professionals in Family Business Management and Start-up Business Management in addition to fostering globally competent general managers, MBS strives to deliver content that matches the widely diverse levels and interests of students.



3. New “Meiji University Student Subsidy to Encourage Study Abroad at Top World Universities” system established

Meiji University established a new system titled “Meiji University Student Subsidy to Encourage Study Abroad at Top World Universities” in order to help talented students study abroad at top world universities. The subsidies are grants that do not require repayment. Following a selection process, grants will be awarded to students for the purpose of study abroad at top world universities designated by Meiji University, using the agreement or certified study abroad system. There are two types of subsidies. The “Subsidy to Encourage Study Abroad at Top World Universities – S” is awarded to about five students with a maximum of 3 million yen per semester. The “Subsidy to Encourage Study Abroad at Top World Universities – A” is awarded to about 35 students with a maximum amount of 1 million yen per semester.

4. Institution of the Izumi International Mixed-Residence Dormitory in the spring of 2019

Meiji University is promoting internationalization and co-creative learning and education. As a part of this promotion, it is preparing to open the Izumi International Mixed-Residence Dormitory on a lot adjacent to the Izumi Campus, which is attended mainly by first- and second-year undergraduate students in the humanities. The dormitory will open in March 2019.



〈 Conceptual image of the dormitory 〉



〈 Conceptual image of a shared living room 〉



〈 Conceptual image of a dorm room 〉

Education reform

Use of TOEFL and other external exams in school entrance exams

For the entrance exams for the 2018 academic year, the School of Commerce is following the School of Business Administration in establishing an application quota and introducing a scheme for use of the results of exams of four English skills in its general selection entrance exams. The School of Global Japanese Studies has implemented an entrance exam system for awarding the highest score (200) to applicants who have reached a certain benchmark in exams of the four English skills and exempting them from the English exam on the day of entrance exams. In addition, the School of Agriculture, School of Business Administration, School of Global Japanese Studies, and School of Interdisciplinary Mathematical Sciences have decided to introduce the aforementioned scheme for use of the results of exams of four English skills in the all-school integrated entrance exam. The integrated entrance exam is one in which ten schools simultaneously hold exams with the same questions so that applicants can apply for more than one school by taking just one exam; this will take effect for the entrance exams for the 2019 academic year. Meiji University is steadily opening its door wider in the aspects of both the entrance exam system and number of applicants.

■ University's own indicators and targets

Enhancement of language proficiency required for study abroad - Start of the “English Program for Prospective Study Abroad Students”

Starting with the 2018 academic year, the “Program to Enhance Practical English Ability”, which was held through the 2017 academic year, will be replaced with the “English Program for Prospective Study Abroad Students.” The new program is directed at students who wish to study abroad in the future, and its objective is to enhance language proficiency required for studying abroad so that they will be able to achieve this goal while they are enrolled at Meiji University. Because the curriculum for this program is designed according to language level and skill, students are able to select courses in the program that match their particular needs. In addition to this program, students can view short movies on learning English (English Learning Tips Movies), take part in the “English Learning Advising Office Hour” for individual consultation on learning English, and make use of other types of learning support.

■ Featured initiatives based on the characteristics of the university

The First in Japan: Technology for Producing Fermentation-Aged Meat “Aging Sheet” Developed by Meiji University

Meiji University is a comprehensive urban university whose campuses are located in the central part of Tokyo, one of the world's major cities. The adjective “urban” does not just refer to its site in the national capital region; Meiji University is also characterized by its ongoing accumulation of knowledge and continuation of extensive advanced research.

Meiji University has launched a collaborative research project into dry-aged meat production with Foodism Co. Ltd. as an industrial-academic cooperation project; this project recently succeeded in the development of “Aging Sheet” (patent pending). It is Japan's first technology for producing fermentation-aged meat in a short time with stable quality. Together with Foodism, Meiji University established Meat Epoch Co. Ltd., a venture firm within the Center for Collaborative Innovation and Incubation, located on the our Campus. Born of Meiji University, Meat Epoch intends to make steady-state production of Aging Sheet for sale and promotion.

■ Free description

“Incredible Senseis at Meiji University,” a new video series showcasing Meiji's world-class research released.

Meiji University has created a series of promotional videos, “Incredible Senseis at Meiji University,” and launched a dedicated page to tell the world about its cutting-edge research. Using English-language narration and subtitles in English and Japanese, the videos introduce the work of researchers. The videos make the results of our university's cutting-edge research, which aims to contribute to society by being easily accessible to and engaging for a broad general audience rather than simply targeting other researchers. They combine animation and explanations by the researchers themselves, paired with catchy music and narration to create highly ingenious and attractive movies.

