

2022 Fall Miyazaki International College Entrance Ceremony Address from the Chief Trustee

Today, on this pleasant day, it is my pleasure to hold the fall entrance ceremony of Miyazaki International College.

On behalf of Miyazaki Educational Institution, I would like to extend my congratulations to our new students on your admission to Miyazaki International College. Welcome to Japan.

We would also like to congratulate your family members in your home country. Together with all of us at Miyazaki Educational institution, we again extend our heartfelt congratulations on welcoming you to Miyazaki International College.

Miyazaki Educational Institution (MEI) was founded in 1939 by its first chief of trustee, Sukehide Otsubo. The institution has carved out a history of 83 years through various changes and developments over the three eras of Showa, Heisei, and Reiwa.

Miyazaki International College (MIC) was founded in 1994 by Hisayasu Otsubo, the second chief of trustee of MEI, and has since been committed to a liberal arts education in English, a very progressive approach, with the aim of fostering human resources who can play an active role in global society.

The founding spirit of our school is "Respect and Diligence." The great desire of the founding spirit of "Respect and Diligence" is to build a society where the earth is at peace and all people respect each other. What we wish for you, our students, is your growth as human beings.

In the spirit of "respect," we aim to honor politeness, and to respect the humanity of oneself and others, discipline ourselves, and think from the perspective of others. Specifically, we aim to develop the ability to imagine what needs to be done and what is required by the others, and act on one's own initiative.

Furthermore, in the spirit of "diligence," we aim to make active efforts in everything we do by exerting ourselves physically and mentally.

These are the things that require us to live with sincerity in our daily lives. Throughout the four years of the program, we wish for students to continue to enhance their own careers throughout their lives and to be able to contribute to society through their careers.

You will study while striving for this kind of personal growth. The era in which you will be active after graduation is said to be an era of rapid change and unpredictability. We have seen the harsh daily life in the past year, with the pandemic, earthquake disasters, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and so on. It is precisely in times like these that those of you who have had the opportunity to leave your home country and study at our college must now expand your knowledge and experience in order to contribute to the development of your home country. During these four years, I hope that you will learn to question the true nature of things. Please think carefully and face issues head-on.

At MIC, you will "encounter a landscape you have never seen before and a "you" that have never before imagined." Your studies in Japan have finally begun.

We at MEI will do our utmost to support your new learning.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere wishes for a fruitful and productive college life.

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Keiko Yamashita

Chief of Trustee of Miyazaki Educational Institution