

2022 Fall Miyazaki International College Entrance Ceremony Address from President

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on behalf of the entire faculty and staff of Miyazaki International College. From the bottom of our hearts, we welcome you, our new students, to our learning community.

You may find it somewhat difficult to adjust at first, or you may have already struggled to leave your home country to live in Japan, where the culture and society are very different. However, at our campus, faculty and students from 16 different countries with different cultures and societies coexist, creating a foundation of mutual discussion, mutual understanding, and mutual respect. Therefore, we believe that you will be able to fit in in no time.

Now, the world modernization has expanded rapidly with the advancement of science, the whole world is connected through the Internet, and the spread of cell phones has made it possible to talk to anyone in the world in real time. However, despite the world's progress, it is said that even today there are more than several hundred million people in the world who live in extreme poverty, unable to afford daily food. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) list "ending poverty in all its forms, worldwide" as the first of 17 goals. We hope that you will understand how this global and information society works, acquire a solid liberal arts education at Miyazaki International College, and grow into people who can make a significant contribution to the achievement of the SDGs in the future.

You may find the leaning style here is different from the one you have had experienced in your home country. The basis of education in the School of International Liberal Arts is not for instructors to teach everything in detail, but for students to develop the ability to study independently, find issues on their own, and come up with solutions on their own. Faculty members are expected to support you and give you accurate advice. Why do we provide that style of education? It is because we believe that the skills you will need in society may include general education knowledge, but more than that, an objective point of view, logical and critical thinking skills, and a continuing attitude and desire to improve yourself. Please understand that this is what our education is for. We hope that through your time in the college, you will establish yourself as a person who can be successful in any society.

Last but not least, please keep in mind that you still have much to learn in the college. Making mistakes and being embarrassed is completely normal and acceptable. Asking questions may be a temporary embarrassment, but remaining ignorant may be a lifelong embarrassment, and you will lose the meaning of studying at this college. Please have the strength to overcome loneliness, the strength not to be afraid of failure, the strength not to hesitate of asking questions, and the strength to study hard and build a foundation for your future here at MIC.

Again, congratulations on your enrollment today!

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President of Miyazaki International College