

## University

### Undergraduate

- Faculty of Political Science and Economics
- Faculty of Physical Education
- School of Science and Engineering
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Letters
- School of Asia 21
- Faculty of Business

### Graduate

- Graduate School of Political Science
- Graduate School of Economics
- Graduate School of Business Administration
- Graduate School of Sport System
- Graduate School of Emergency Medical System
- Graduate School of Engineering
- Graduate School of Law
- Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Intellectual Property Laws
- Graduate School of Human Sciences
- Graduate School of Globalising Asia



The extant Memorial Lecture Hall, constructed in 1919 (Setagaya Campus)

## FY2013 Academic Calendar

### 2013

Apr. 1	Mon	School year for spring students begins
Apr. 1	Mon	Entrance ceremony for spring students
Apr. 2	Tue	Orientation and course registration for spring students
10	Wed	↓
Apr. 2	Tue	Regular medical examination for students
10	Wed	↓
Apr. 11	Thu	Spring semester classes begin
Jul. 24	Wed	Spring semester exam
30	Tue	↓
Jul. 30	Tue	Spring semester classes end
Jul. 31	Wed	Summer vacation
Sep. 22	Sun	↓
Sep. 15	Sun	School year for fall students ends
Sep. 20	Fri	Graduation ceremony for fall students
Sep. 16	Mon	School year for fall students begins
Sep. 17	Tue	Orientation and registration for students enrolled in September
19	Thu	↓
Sep. 20	Fri	Entrance ceremony for fall students
Sep. 23	Mon	Fall semester classes begin
Sep. 26	Thu	Regular medical examination for students
Oct. 19	Sat	Tsurukawa Festival
20	Sun	↓ (holiday on this day for Machida Campus only)
Nov. 2	Sat	Fumonsai Festival (Setagaya Campus)
3	Sun	↓ (holiday on this day for Setagaya Campus only)
Nov. 4	Mon	Foundation ceremony
Nov. 16	Sat	Tama Festival
17	Sun	↓ (holiday on this day for Tama Campus only)
Dec. 23	Mon	Winter vacation

### 2014

Jan. 5	Sun	↓
Jan. 23	Thu	Fall semester exam
29	Wed	↓
Jan. 29	Wed	Fall semester classes end
Mar. 20	Thu	Graduation ceremony for spring students
Mar. 25	Tue	Guidance for students
31	Mon	↓
Mar. 31	Mon	School year for spring students ends

## Message from the President



**Nobuyuki Miura**

President  
Kokushikan University

### Biography

Born in Miyagi Prefecture in 1942, Nobuyuki Miura completed the doctoral course in political science in the Kokushikan University Graduate School of Political Science in 1971 and acquired his PhD in political science from this university in 1972.

He joined the faculty of Kokushikan University in 1971, becoming a professor of the Department of Political Science in the Faculty of Political Science and Economics in 1984 and serving as dean of that faculty from 1987 to 1992, vice-president of Kokushikan University and Kokushikan Junior College from 1992 to 1994, and president of Kokushikan University and Kokushikan Junior College from 1994 to 2003. He was also appointed director of the Kokushikan Educational Foundation and academic advisor in 2003.

He was appointed president of Kokushikan University in December 2012. He was also appointed director and councilor of the Kokushikan Educational Foundation in that year.

Besides these posts, he has served as chair of the Setagaya City Graded Post Reward Council since 2009, president of the Japanese Association of Law and Political Science since 2011, and Miyagi Kizuna Ambassador since 2013. His specialty is political science.

Kokushikan University traces its roots back to the Kokushikan private academy established by Tokujiro Shibata in Tokyo's Azabu district in 1917 to cultivate talented individuals. Viewing the distinguished intellectual Shoin Yoshida (1830-59) as a model, Shibata and his colleagues moved the academy in 1919 to its current location in Tokyo's Setagaya area, adjacent to Shoin Shrine, where the spirit of Yoshida is enshrined. In the 96 years since then, Kokushikan has developed into a full-blown university that has turned out over 120,000 graduates active in all walks of life.

The Japanese word *kokushi* in Kokushikan means "a person with a patriotic heart who serves society and the people." By basing its education on the four precepts of sincerity, industriousness, insight, and spiritual strength, Kokushikan University aims to develop *kokushis* capable of leading society.

Four years from now, Kokushikan University will be celebrating its centennial, and we are steadily moving forward with projects to mark this auspicious occasion. The Umegaoka Complex was opened on the Setagaya Campus in 2008. More recently, Maple Century Hall opened on the Setagaya Campus in April 2013. Created on the theme of developing a healthy mind and body, this new building brings together facilities for physical education and culture, and we look forward to students spending many fulfilling hours there challenging themselves mentally and physically.

In today's increasingly turbulent times, the decrease in the college-age population in Japan has led to a shakeout among universities, requiring them to carry out reforms in order to survive. Universities that accept a wide range of students are clearly required to put measures in place at both the entrance and the exit of their undergraduate programs. At the entrance, they are required to reconstruct systems to guarantee educational quality. And at the exit, they are required to offer career guidance and other programs to foster individuals with the ability to engage in lifelong learning and to think independently.

In order to build a solid foundation for the future under effective governance that is able to respond with insight and speed to the changes in the times, Kokushikan University will engage in reform based on the following two principles: First, as the inheritors of the legacy of Shoin Yoshida, Kokushikan University will produce talented young people full of creativity and dynamism who, in this age of globalization, will contribute not only to Japan but also to Asia and the world. Second, in order to improve our undergraduate and graduate programs so that they are attractive in light of the changes in society, we will promote a multifaceted reform program to give concrete shape to our future vision for our university by vigorously promoting the reform of existing undergraduate programs and enhancing our educational and research environment.

While carrying on the university's illustrious history and tradition, as we look forward to our next century, we aim to pioneer a creative and sustainable future powered by an enterprising and resolute spirit. To do this, we intend to establish a system of accountability led by all academic and administrative staff based on the principles of teaching and scholarship.

The Great East Japan Earthquake took many lives and caused immense damage in northeastern Japan. As a university that aims to serve society and the people, it is Kokushikan's mission to apply the results of its education and research to support reconstruction of the disaster-hit areas. We will do our utmost to continue turning out able and strong-minded graduates capable of leading the next generation.