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We have published the “ Kyushu University Faculty Handbook 2026 ” . This handbook provides newly hired faculty members and research fellows with concise and easy-to-understand information on a wide range of topics. The information includes the University's philosophy and policies, administrative organization, education and research systems, service and ethics regulations, use of facilities and equipment, and various administrative procedures. The purpose is to share the University's administrative policies and to enforce strict compliance with the laws.

Kyushu University was designated as a "Designated National University Corporation" on November 22, 2021. Based on that, we have made plans which show our direction and policy for the next ten years as “ Kyushu University Vision 2030 ” . Our vision is to be a “ university that leads social innovation with comprehensive knowledge ” . To fulfill this vision, we are working to solve social issues in the three areas of decarbonization, medicine/health, and environment/food and promote digital transformation, and are developing activities that contribute to social change in addition to education and research.

In line with this, in April 2022, we established the “ Integrated Initiative for Designing Future Society ” , the “ Promotion Office for Data-Driven Innovation ” and the “ Open Innovation Platform (OIP) ” as infrastructure to promote social innovation. With the aim of further accelerating the social implementation of research results, OIP,

which was previously an internal organization, was externalized as Kyushu University OIP Co., Ltd. in April 2024. With both headquarters and Kyushu University OIP Co., Ltd. at the core, efforts to realize the vision of being a 'university that leads social transformation through integrated knowledge' are accelerating.

In October 2025, the University established the Institute for Spacetime Quantum Collaboration as its fourth research organization. The institute integrates the cutting-edge fields of quantum science and space science to pioneer new academic domains and promote technological innovation that contributes to societal and industrial development. Under a university-wide framework, it engages in interdisciplinary research and education across diverse themes, aiming to contribute to the realization of Kyushu University 's vision of “ a university that leads social transformation through comprehensive knowledge. ”

We are also focusing on strengthening our educational and research capabilities through enhanced collaboration with universities and research institutions both domestically and internationally. In July 2025, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University in Taiwan to cultivate highly specialized semiconductor professionals. We initiated discussions to establish a “ Joint Campus ” framework for collaborative education, research, and industry-academia partnerships. Leveraging our location in Fukuoka, the gateway to Asia, we are advancing our global expansion, focusing primarily on the Asian and Pacific Rim regions.

We expect that all new faculty members and academic researchers at our university will thoroughly understand our vision and initiatives, and engage in their educational and research activities in a way that contributes to their realization.

We hope that this handbook will be a helpful resource for your future activities.