Tanioka Gakuen Educational Foundation

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Founding Philosophy

The world is changing at a pace never before witnessed in human history. Technological advances in communication and travel have dramatically increased international interdependence amongst all nations. These changes are having an enormous impact worldwide as well as in Japan. To prosper in our increasingly global society, individuals must have a thorough understanding of diverse cultures, as well as their own; they must be able to perceive their own role in this increasingly complicated world society, to form concrete goals, and to work toward the achievement of their goals undeterred by fear of the future. As educators our mission is to assist in the creation of such individuals. We feel our success is defined by the balance between technique and ability, intelligence and grace, and the focus on the needs of humanity displayed by our graduates.

Message from Chairman of the board

Tanioka Gakuen Educational Foundation holds firmly to the principle of “fostering individuals, who contribute to society,” and to its goal of “practical education.”

The individuals who venture the new idea and act with a firm spirit often promote economic development. Without a willingness to create new products and services or to launch an enterprise that has never existed before, a capitalist society will decline. Sad to say, there be few such adventurous people in Japan at present. If we let things go on this way, Japan will lose its power in the 21 century, when drastic economic changes are expected.

Tanioka Gakuen Educational Foundation therefore seeks to foster individuals who are willing to contribute to society by creating new products and services, and by activating small and medium enterprises. Our “practical education” helps its students acquire the wide knowledge needed to enrich their lives.

Dr. ICHIRO TANIOKA
Chairman
2005—present
President
Osaka University of Commerce
1997—present
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History of Tanioka Gakuen

1928: Osaka Joto School of Commerce was established (which later became Osaka University of Commerce High School).

1949: Osaka University of Commerce (OUC) was established formerly as Osaka Joto University.

1952: The educational foundation was named as Tanioka Gakuen.

1954: OUC Kindergarten was established.

1955: Osaka Women’s Junior College High School was established as OUC Women’s High School.

1968: Osaka Women’s Junior College commenced its operation.

1983: Tanioka Memorial Hall was opened in memory of the founder, Noboru Tanioka.

1988: Kobe Design University was established.

1993: Graduate school was established at Kobe Design University.

1996: Graduate school was established at Osaka University of Commerce.


Tanioka Gakuen Educational Institutions

Osaka University of Commerce
- POSTGRADUATE
  - Graduate School of Regional Policy Studies
    - Regional Economic Policy Major
  - Postgraduate School of Commerce (Doctoral Degree Course/Master’s Degree Course)
- UNDERGRADUATE
  - Faculty of Economics
  - Department of Economics
  - Faculty of Business Administration
  - Department of Management
  - Department of Commerce
  - Department of Public Management

Kobe Design University
- POSTGRADUATE
  - Graduate School of Arts and Design
  - Arts and Design Division (Doctoral Degree Course)
  - Integrated Design Division (Master’s Degree Course)
- UNDERGRADUATE
  - School of Progressive Arts
  - Department of Manga Media
  - Department of Image Arts
  - Department of Craft & Arts
  - School of Design
  - Department of Visual Design
  - Department of Fashion and Textile Design
  - Department of Product Design
  - Department of Environmental Design

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- Human Health Science
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OUC Sakai High school was established as Sakai Accounting High School (Seiryo Gakuen sister foundation).

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1993
Graduate school was established at Kobe Design University.

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Graduate school was established at Osaka University of Commerce.

2009
Merger with Seiryo Gakuen. OUC Sakai High School joined Tanioka Gakuen.

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- Osaka University of Commerce
  - Postgraduate: Graduate School of Regional Policy Studies (Regional Economic Policy Major) (Doctoral Degree Course/Master’s Degree Course)
  - Business Innovation Major (Master’s Degree Course)

- Undergraduate
  - Faculty of Economics
  - Department of Economics
  - Faculty of Business Administration
  - Department of Management
  - Department of Commerce
  - Department of Public Management

- Kobe Design University
  - Postgraduate: Graduate School of Arts and Design
    - Arts and Design Division (Doctoral Degree Course)
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