

# Introduction to Constituent Universities of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences Iwate University

## Iwate University

Iwate Prefecture is about 500 kilometers north of Tokyo in the Tohoku region at 39°41'N and 141°9'E. As the second largest prefecture in Japan, it is seven times larger than Tokyo Metropolis.



Iwate Prefecture is well known both for its spectacular natural beauty, such as the Rikuchu (Rias) Coast and Mt. Iwate (called "NANBU-FUJI"), and for its cultural assets, including the world heritage site of Hiraizumi. In addition, many typical Japanese recreational attractions such as hot springs and ski resorts abound.



Iwate University is located in Iwate Prefecture's capital, Morioka City, which is one of the principal cities in the Tohoku region. The population of Morioka is approximately 300,000. Three rivers, the Kitakami River, the Nakatsu River, and the Shizukuishi River merge in the center of the city. Morioka is a city surrounded by historic sights and unspoiled nature.

Iwate University is established in 1949 as a national university. The university's faculties and graduate schools include Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Engineering and Agriculture and there are currently over 6000 students enrolled and 800 administration and teaching staff. Iwate University hosts over 200 international students from over 20 countries.



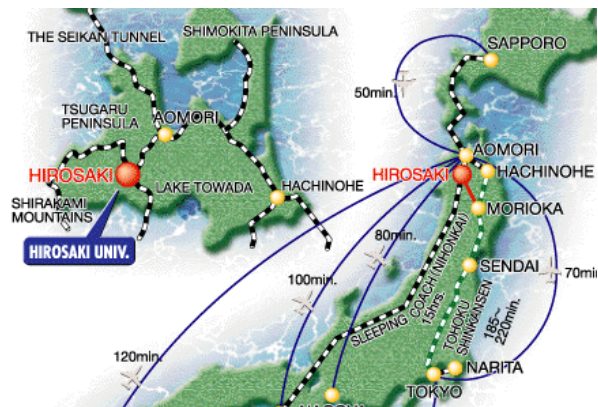


All university faculties are located within 20 minutes on foot from JR Morioka Train Station and beautiful downtown Morioka. Thus, the university is convenient for students wanting to find part-time jobs, do shopping, and enjoy city life. On campus, students will find many facilities for extracurricular activities, such as the university library, gymnasium, and swimming pool. The University Union offers a bookstore, ticketing service, travel service, housing service and food kiosks.

## Hirosaki University

Hirosaki City is rich in history and culture and blessed with beautiful nature. Students receive a lot of support from local residents and are happy having opportunities to study and work in this ideal environment.

It has been 65 years since Hirosaki University was established in 1949. Hirosaki University consists of five faculties, including humanities, education, medicine, science and technology, agriculture and life science, and hosts about 7000 students.



In the department of Agriculture, and Life science, Hirosaki University, students can learn sustainable agriculture and biotechnology so as to progress the development of bioresources.

The aim of programs in this faculty is to learn the basic outline of the life sciences, and solve problems in the life sciences. In addition, students are expected to support the local community and endeavor to become an independent international researcher who pursues objectives to their conclusion.

## Yamagata University

Welcome to Yamagata University, Japan!

As a major comprehensive national teaching and research university in northeastern Japan, Yamagata University (YU) enrolls about 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students at its thirteen academic divisions spread among four college campuses throughout the Yamagata region. YU offers programs in the fields of agriculture, arts and humanities, education, engineering, medicine, natural science, nursing, and social sciences.

### Campuses and Surrounding Areas

Each of YU's four college campuses are based in mid-sized cities surrounded by mountains, rivers, and other distinct regional features, making teaching, learning, and research at YU unique. The Kojirakawa campus (Education, Art and Science, Literature & Social Sciences, Science) and the Iida Campus (Medicine) are both located in the city of Yamagata, the prefectural capital, while the other two campuses are located in Tsuruoka and Yonezawa.

Yamagata city is a 250,000 and is completely surrounded by mountains including Mt. Zao, a world-class ski area. Down south, the Yonezawa campus (Engineering) is in the city of Yonezawa, a castle town sitting at the foot of the Azuma Mountains where the Mogami River, one of the major rivers in Japan, originates. The city is well known for the former feudal clans, Uesugi and Date. The Tsuruoka campus (Agriculture) sits in the city of Tsuruoka on



the Shonai plain. The city faces the Sea of Japan and overlooks Mt. Choukai and Gassan, two of the 100 greatest mountains in the nation. The Academy award-winning film "Departures" (Okuribito) was shot in the Shonai area, one of the four administrative divisions of Yamagata prefecture.

## Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine

Nurturing the university characteristics through creation and practical use of knowledge, and contributing to the regional and international communities through development of human resources who can “support and protect food safety and people’s livelihood”

President Hideyuki Nagasawa, D.V.M, Ph.D  
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Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (OUAVM) was established in 1941 and celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2011. As the only national university in Japan specializing solely in agriculture and veterinary medicine, OUAVM has education and research focused on knowledge and technologies that can help solving global problems in the fields of agriculture and veterinary science. The university has always aimed at developing individuals who can play significant roles in the increasingly globalized international community.

Japan has limited natural resources and thus development of human resources must be at the top of its list of priorities.

Agriculture and livestock industries produce food which is vital for supporting not only human lives but also healthy and gratifying living. In this regard, agriculture and livestock industries are inseparably connected with such global issues as famine, poverty, environmental destruction, energy, etc.

Under the present circumstances, the regional/international community requires people who are competent enough to resolve various pressing problems related to food safety and security from a comprehensive perspective of agriculture, animal science and veterinary science.

Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine has strengthened various efforts for achieving the following visions:

1. Creating a “community for learning from each other” on campus where the advantage of rich natural environment is utilized for encouraging students to enjoy learning actively and to foster a rich humanity;
2. Developing graduates who are internationally minded, have practical knowledge and skills, and can take a broad view of things on the basis of expertise in both agriculture and animal science;
3. Establishing the university as a leading center of academic research which is pursued for the purpose of solving global problems related to human life, food and environment; and
4. Contributing to sustainable development of the regional/international community through practical application of the results of creative, interdisciplinary and practical studies.



## Websites

### **UGAS, Iwate University**

<http://ugas.agr.iwate-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>

### **Hirosaki University**

[http://www.hirosaki-u.ac.jp/index\\_e.html](http://www.hirosaki-u.ac.jp/index_e.html)

### **Yamagata University**

<http://www.yamagata-u.ac.jp/index.html>

### **Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine**

<http://www.obihiro.ac.jp/english/index.html>