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2022 Fall Entrance Ceremony of Graduate School
Message from the President

Congratulations and welcome to Kyushu institute of Technology.

On behalf of all our faculty members and staff, I would like to express my sincere respect for your effort to enter our graduate schools.

For two years during the pandemic, we had no choice than cancelling the entrance ceremony for safety and health of our students and staff, and because most of our international students could not come to Japan due to the strict border control under covid-19 pandemic.

I would like to thank to the fact that the movement control and the border control have been greatly moderated and our new international students have arrived in Japan so that we can hold our entrance ceremony today.

We are welcoming 51 new students including as many as 49 new international students consisting of nearly 96% of our new students in this Fall semester. I would like to express my gratitude to our new international students who have chosen to come and study at Kyutech despite of such difficulty of studying abroad.

We are still yet far from getting things back to normal in Japan whereas some countries are already trying to start post-pandemic lifestyles, and we have also been accumulating the study results and knowledge how to prevent infection so that we can create new lifestyle for post-pandemic society.

As we can see today, the world has been facing problems of many social divisions which deny importance of exchanges among different values, various intelligence, and diverse personalities in a free and open environment.

I strongly believe that the progress and development of modern science and

technology, which we benefit from, is because of the innovation that has been created through the meetings and exchanges of people with various intelligence and personalities in a free and open environment.

Our university is the place where different values and various intelligence are exchanged, I am more than happy and honored to welcome new students from many different countries and regions today.

I am certain that you will meet your new supervisors, make many new friends, and work together with various researchers all of who will help you to create and expand your own academic network and then to advance your academic knowledge and research capability here at Kyutech.

Now, our life has greatly been restricted by covid-19 which continues to mutate and spread in the world, and various socio-economic activities have also been greatly affected by the current disturbing global situation. Disrupted supply chains and shortages of semiconductors, energy resources, and groceries directly affect our daily lives, and we realize that our daily lives deeply rely on the complex interconnections and the interdependency in the world.

Seeing many events which we could not foresee or imagine six months ago or so, the importance of how we can survive in this unpredictable world has become even more highlighted. Today you are taking new steps into such unstable and uncertain future and I would like to take this opportunity to revisit the meaning and value of learning with you.

One of the greatest outcomes after you completed studies of graduate schools is acquiring the ability to play active roles in the society. You need to have intellectual curiosity, investigative spirit, and persistency to learn everything in positive ways, to gain new knowledge and skills, and to continue to grow up with your persistency.

You will go through many experiences to learn how to adapt and manage various changes so that you can make full use of the knowledge and the skills you gain to even advance your experience-based growth.

There always be more things to learn for you in today's world of rapid progress of science and technology, and I hope you will maintain your intellectual curiosity and investigative spirit during your life of learning at Kyutech.

Last but not least, although our life goes on with the pandemic for the time being and we still have to deal with inconveniences and restrictions with patience, I would like to express my sincere hope and encouragement to you for taking good care of your health, maintaining your intellectual curiosity, fully utilizing opportunity and environment of learning, and for spending valuable time with us at Kyutech, a university which can bring you the best results.

Congratulations and welcome to Kyutech.

Yasunori Mitani

President

Kyushu Institute of Technology