

2023 Autumn Matriculation Ceremony of Eikei University of Hiroshima
Message from the President

Congratulations to all of you on your enrollment. The COVID-19 pandemic is finally subsiding, and I am very pleased to be able to welcome you in person like this. This year, we will have 9 new students joining us from the Philippines, Indonesia, India, and Nigeria. Each of you has grown up and received an education in different cultures and histories. From now on, you will be taking a new step in a culture and history that is different from what you have experienced before.

In Japan, there is a proverb that says “tama migakazareba hikari nashi”. This means that even if you have exceptional talent, you cannot make use of that talent without effort. There is also the phrase “切磋琢磨” (sessatakuma), which means to encourage and compete with each other to improve together. Through the “切磋琢磨” with friends who have different languages and backgrounds, all of you will be shining brilliantly.

A book called “Capitalism Without Capital” has been published. It suggests that intangible assets will dominate the economy going forward. Google, Amazon, and others are good examples of this. One of the representative intangible assets is knowledge. The synergy of different knowledge creates new ideas and new businesses based on them. The knowledge and perspectives of everyone coming from various countries are likely to be significantly different. The clash between them will create new things.

Hiroshima is blessed with beautiful nature, including mountains, rivers, and proximity to the sea. I hope you will meet new friends here, nurture your dreams while encouraging each other, and acquire the ability to realize them. We, the faculty and staff, will provide maximum support. It is also important to gain many new experiences by making new friends in a new place. We look forward to seeing all of you grow significantly in your student life.

September 29th, 2023
President of Eikei University of Hiroshima
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