

Welcome to the Graduate School of Urban Innovation, Yokohama National University. In this October, 20 Master program students and 14 Doctoral program students, 34 students in total have joined our graduate school. At this fresh start, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all of you on behalf of all members of the Graduate School of Urban Innovation.

The Graduate School of Urban Innovation was established in 2011 as a graduate school that combines the humanities and sciences to study on cities. Our graduate school aims to synthesize and integrate studies related to cities in the fields of architecture, arts and culture, civil engineering and local communities from the perspective of sustainability and creativity. Besides, it aims to train highly skilled experts who bring about a variety of innovation in a city and pursue autonomous and sustainable development of the city in the master program, and to train human resources who become the leader with global and various viewpoints about innovation in a city in the doctoral program.

The Graduate School and the Faculty of Urban Innovation are conducting education and research activities focusing on “Open innovation”, “Global”, “Urban design” and “Disaster prevention” by utilizing the advantage of coexisting various fields such as social science, liberal arts and engineering. I hope that freshmen and freshwomen would not only deepen the learning in your specialty field but also turn your interest to social problems, and finally get excellent results.

Please feel free to ask your questions, if any, to the faculty and staff. In particular, I think international students leaving your mother country feel uneasy greatly. We will do every possible support at the university. Finally, I sincerely hope that your student life will get off to a good start and lead a fulfilling life.

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Dean, Graduate School of Urban Innovation

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