

Message to newly-enrolled students

Welcome to the Graduate School of Urban Innovation, Yokohama National University. In this October, 10 Master program students and 9 Doctoral program students 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, featuring the theme of urban society, has been implementing education and research on various problems in urban society, and aiming at the contribution to value creation. The Graduate School of Urban Innovation consists of wide range of fields such as urban culture, humanities and social sciences, architecture and civil engineering where you can acquire deep knowledges in your specialized filed. At the same time, it is a unique institution where liberal arts and engineering people cooperate from different points of view, and create new values. In particular, our graduate school is implementing education and research activities focusing on “Open innovation”, “Urban design” and “Disaster prevention and mitigation”. I strongly hope that you would not only deepen the learning in your specialized field but also acquire rich culture by expanding your horizons, and finally accomplish your goal with your degree successfully.

Please feel free to ask your questions, if any, to any nearby faculty and staff. In particular, I suppose 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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