

発刊にあたって Greeting from the President

大学での研究とは、取り組まれる内容、活動が、その大学の“生き様”を示していると言っても過言ではありません。研究の成果は、学術の進展、社会の発展に寄与するばかりでなく、その先端の知見が教育に還元されて人の育成に貢献します。上智大学ではこの循環を重視しながら、多彩な研究課題に取り組んでいます。

上智大学は、1913年にカトリックの修道会であるイエズス会を母体に創設されました。建学の理念を、隣人性、国際性として謳い、100余年にわたり、そのミッションを教育、研究、社会貢献において果たすべく歩みを続けてまいりました。研究内容は、多様性にあふれ多角的に展開されていますが、それらは私たちが掲げる建学の理念を基盤としており、正しい、質の高い社会の醸成を担うものであります。人文学、社会科学、自然科学、また学際的、融合的、複合的取り組みに至る諸分野において、分野は違えども息づく精神を共有し、ときに大胆に横断的な取り組みが生まれる土壌は本学ならではのものと考えます。その研究活動は、研究室、研究所にとどまらず、国内外のフィールドに及び、世界各地にもその足跡が残されています。また、国際的研究ネットワークに参画し、各国を代表する大学との協働体制も整えられていることも本学ならではの強みでしょう。

一方、時機を捕らえながら、重点的な新たな取り組みを開始し、時限的にこれを育て大きく成長を促し、本学の研究の核を増やす試みもなされています。このような上智ならではのテーマ設定による挑戦的取り組みにもご期待をいただければと思います。また、研究力向上の一環として、若手研究者の育成、女性研究者や外国人研究者の研究環境整備などにも注力しており、学内外、国内外からの多様性ある布陣によりその活動が展開されています。

最後になりましたが、日頃より本学の研究活動にご理解、ご支援を頂いている関係の皆様様に心より御礼申し上げます。更なる飛躍を目指す所存でございますので、なお一層のご支援を賜りますれば幸いに存じます。

It is no exaggeration to state that contents and activities of research conducted by a university mirror the "Way of Life" of the university. The results of research contribute as cutting-edge knowledge not only to academic advancement and social development, but also to human development through education where they are utilized. Sophia University emphasizes the significance of this knowledge utilization process and promotes research in diverse research fields.

Sophia University was established in 1913 by the Society of Jesus, which is one of Roman Catholic religious orders. For more than 100 years, we have embraced "neighborliness" and "internationalism" as our philosophy of establishment, and we have engaged in diverse activities to pursue our mission reflecting the philosophy in education, research, and societal outreach. We conduct research in various research fields, and our diversified research contents are based on our philosophy of establishment and aimed for fostering desirable and high-quality society development. We share Sophia's institutional mission and educational ideals across different academic disciplines on our campus and conduct interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary research in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. We understand that this is our unique resource to often realize ambitious, cross-sectional research projects despite disciplinary differences. We have also conducted our research not just within our on-campus laboratories and internal research institutes but outside the university both domestically and overseas, leaving our mark in various corners of the world. We have participated in international research networks and advanced collaborations with top-notch universities around the world, which is our unique strength, too.

We also explore for opportunities to increase seeds of our research, and in doing so, we start new research projects and activities timely and selectively and promote them to mature according to a reasonable schedule. There is more to come regarding Sophia's ambitious research activities based on our original research theme setting. In addition, as a part of advancing the university's research capacity, we have invested into training young researchers and improving research environment for female researchers and foreign researchers. We believe that our human resource with gender, ethnic, and institutional diversities has greatly contributed to promoting Sophia's research activities.

Lastly, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those involved for their understanding and continued support for our research activities. We will aim for further advancement in developing Sophia's research community, and we would appreciate your extended and further support.



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