

10. Professors and Associated Professors	Name	Research Subject, Contact (e-mail), Special message for the Future students
	Department of Biofunctional Chemistry	
	Kanzaki Hiroshi Professor	<p>Research area: Chemistry of Bioactive compound Research theme: Search and Production of Useful Bioactive Compounds Using Cells or Enzymes</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_ab/cbc.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】hkanzaki@okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
	Kimura Yoshinobu Professor	<p>Research Area: Applied Enzyme Chemistry Research theme: Functional Analysis and Application of Bioactive Glycoconjugates</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_ab/funcgly.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】yosh8mar@okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
	Inagaki Kenji Professor	<p>Research Area: Functional Glycobiology Research theme: Structural and Functional Analysis of Useful Enzymes from Extremophiles</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_ab/abb.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】kinagaki@okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
	TAMURA Takashi Professor	<p>Research Area: Functional Glycobiology Research theme: Structural and Functional Analysis of Useful Enzymes from Extremophiles</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_ab/abb.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】tktamura@okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
	Nakamura Yoshimasa Professor	<p>Research Area: Food Biochemistry Research theme: Molecular Basis for Physiological Functions of Food Chemicals</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_ab/foodbio.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】 yossan@okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
	Murata Yoshiyuki Professor	<p>Research Area: Chemistry of Bio-signalling Research theme: Elucidation of Mechanisms of Response and Tolerance to Environmental Stresses in Plants</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_ab/chembio.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】muta@okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
	Kamimura Kazuo	<p>Research Area: Microbial Function Research theme: Ecological, Physiological and Molecular Biological Research on Acidophilic Chemoautotrophic Bacteria</p>

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KIYOTA Hiromasa Professor	Research Area: Applied Natural Product Chemistry Research theme: Synthetic Studies of Biologically Active Organic Compounds and their Application to Agrochemicals and Medicines Synthetic Studies of Natural Products with Strong Biological Activity and/or Strange Structure http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_ab/anpc.html 【Contact(e-mail)】 kamimura@okayama-u.ac.jp
Department of Plant Stress Science	
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Maekawa Masahiko Professor	Research Area: Crop Genome Modification Research theme: Analysis for genetically regulatory mechanism for phenotype and its application of rice http://www.rib.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/pgm-hp-e 【Contact(e-mail)】 mmaekawa@rib.okayama-u.ac.jp
Sato Kazuhiro Professor	Research Area: Plant Diversity Analysis Research theme: Evaluation and utilization of plant genetic resources based on genetic analysis and genome diversity analysis http://www.rib.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/gd-hp-e 【Contact(e-mail)】 kazsato@rib.okayama-u.ac.jp
Ma Jian Feng Professor	Research Area: Plant Stress Responses Research theme: Molecular mechanisms of plant mineral stress tolerance and transporter identification http://www.rib.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/ps-hp-e 【Contact(e-mail)】 maj@rib.okayama-u.ac.jp
Katsuhara Maki Professor	Research Area: Plant Molecular Physiology Research theme: Plant molecular, cellular, and physiological studies of water and ion transports under environmental (especially salt and osmotic) stresses http://www.rib.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/mp-hp-e

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Sakamoto Wataru Professor	Research Area: Plant Genetics and Functional Biology Research theme: Characterization of molecular mechanisms controlling photosynthesis and other important agronomical traits	http://www.rib.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/pla-hp-e 【Contact(e-mail)】 saka@rib.okayama-u.ac.jp
Hirayama Takashi Professor	Research Area: Signaling Mechanisms Research theme: Understanding of molecular mechanisms for responses to plant hormones and environment stresses and signal intergration system in higher plants	http://www.rib.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/ers-hp-e 【Contact(e-mail)】 hira-t@rib.okayama-u.ac.jp
Suzuki Nobuhiro Professor	Research Area: Molecular Virology Research theme: Elucidation of molecular mechanisms underlying replication and symptom induction of agriviruses	http://www.rib.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/pmi-hp-e 【Contact(e-mail)】 nsuzuki@rib.okayama-u.ac.jp
Taketa shin Professor	Research Area: Plant Functional Genomics Research theme: Identification of genes controlling important morphological characters and seed nutritional components in barley	http://www.rib.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/gr-hp-e 【Contact(e-mail)】 staketa@rib.okayama-u.ac.jp
Ezaki Bunichi Associate Professor	Research Area: Genome Regulation Research theme: Molecular biological characterization of response and tolerance to metal stresses and oxidative stresses in wild plants	http://www.rib.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/pgm-hp-e 【Contact(e-mail)】 bezaki@rib.okayama-u.ac.jp
Galis Ivan Professor	Research Area: Plant-Insect Interactions Research theme: The role of plant hormones, genes and metabolites in defense of plants against herbivorous insects	http://www.rib.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/2013pii-e 【Contact(e-mail)】 igalis@okayama-u.ac.jp

	Tani Akio Associate Professor	Research Area: Molecular Virology Research theme: Ecology of plant surface microorganisms and its application http://www.rib.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/pmi-hp-e 【Contact(e-mail)】 atani@rib.okayama-u.ac.jp
Department of Plant Science		
	Ichinose Yuki Professor	Research Area: Genetic Engineering Research theme: Virulence of phytopathogenic bacteria and plant non-host resistance http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aps/geneeng.html 【Contact(e-mail)】 yuki@okayama-u.ac.jp
	Tahara Makoto Professor	Research Area: Plant Genome Dynamics Analysis Research theme: Crop genome and retrotransposon analyses http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aps/pgda.html 【Contact(e-mail)】 tahara@okayama-u.ac.jp
	Toyoda Kazuhiro Professor	Research Area: Plant Pathology Research theme: Molecular biology of parasitism and immunity in plant-microbe interactions http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aps/plantpath.html 【Contact(e-mail)】 pisatin@okayama-u.ac.jp
	Kato Kenji Professor	Research Area: Plant Genetics and Breeding Research theme: Molecular genetic studies on diversity and agronomical traits of crop genetic resources http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aps/plantgb.html 【Contact(e-mail)】 kenkato@okayama-u.ac.jp
	Kubo Yasutaka Professor	Research Area: Postharvest Physiology Research theme: Molecular analysis of fruit ripening and its application for postharvest technology http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aps/postphy.html 【Contact(e-mail)】 ykubo@okayama-u.ac.jp
	FUKUDA Fumio Associate Professor	Research Area: Fruit Tree Science (Pomology) Research theme: Elucidation of the mechanism of peach fruit disorder, and non-destructive detection method of fruit disorder, Characterization of ultra-late maturing peach varieties http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aps/pomology.html 【Contact(e-mail)】 ffukuda@okayama-u.ac.jp
	Saitoh Kuniyuki	Research Area: Plant Production Science Research theme: Development and systematization of production technology for crop cultivation、 and analysis of eco-physiological

	Professor	<p>characteristics of crop varieties for high-yielding and high-quality</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aps/plantps.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】ksaitoh@okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
	Yoshida Yuichi Professor	<p>Research Area: Vegetable Crop Science Research theme: 'Rakuchin', a table top production system for strawberries, Qualified fruit production and development of blossom-end rot in tomato grown with root restriction</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aps/cflower.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】yyoshida@okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
	Goto Tanjuro Professor	<p>Research Area: Control of Flowering Research theme: Flowering control and production of floriculture</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aps/cflower.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】tangoto@ okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
	Tsuda Makoto Professor	<p>Research Area: Crop Science Research theme: Crop strategy for adaptation and yield improvement under abiotic stress conditions</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aps/crops.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】tsuda@okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
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	Funahashi Hiroaki Professor	<p>Research Area: Animal Development and Reproductive Biotechnology Research theme: Manipulation and cryopreservation of mammalian gametes and embryos</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aas/devbio.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】hirofun@ okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
	Saito Noboru Professor	<p>Research Area: Animal physiology Research theme: Study on the mechanism of sexual differentiation and physiological functions of birds</p> <p>http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_aas/aniphys.html</p> <p>【Contact(e-mail)】nsaito@okayama-u.ac.jp</p>
	Kunieda Tetsuo Professor	<p>Research Area: Applied Animal Genetics Research theme: Studies on effects of mutations on physiological functions and developmental processes of animals</p>

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Department of Environmental Ecology	
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Monta Mitsuji Professor	Research Area: Bioproduction Systems Engineering Research theme: Robotics for bio-production http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_ee/bse.html 【Contact(e-mail)】 monta@okayama-u.ac.jp	
Namba Kazuhiko Associate Professor	Research Area: Bioproduction Systems Engineering Research theme: Plants growth control using the speaking plant approach http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/agr/eng/course_ee/bse.html 【Contact(e-mail)】 kaz@okayama-u.ac.jp	
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Higuchi Teruhisa assoc. prof.	Research Area: Regional Cultural Landscape Research Title: Study on technological histories of civil engineering in modern Japan
Okubo Kenji prof.	Research Area: Water Cycle Assessment Research Title: Material budget and flux estimation in rivers, Lakes and Coastal Seas
Maeno Shiro prof.	Research Area: Hydraulic Engineering Research Title: Evaluation of environmental hydraulic characteristics of hydraulic structure composed of natural stones
Yoshida Keisuke assoc. prof.	Research Area: Hydraulic Engineering Research Title: Study on prevention and mitigation of fluvial disasters
Takeshita Yuji prof.	Research Area: Engineering in Environmental Geotechnics Research Title: Geotechnical site characterization by in-situ non-destructive testing
Nishiyama Satoshi prof.	Research Area: Applied Computational Mechanics Research Title: Development of modeling and analytical methods for reducing the risk of geohazard
Kimoto Kazushi assoc. prof.	Research Area: Applied Computational Mechanics Research Title: Application of vibration and wave propagation theories to the monitoring of civil infrastructures
Hiejima Shinji assoc. prof.	Research Area: Environmental vibration and energy engineering Research Title: Study on wind and tidal current power generatio
Development Department of Rural Environment Management	
Okii Yoko prof.	Research Area: Vegetation Management Research Title: Function and management of weed vegetation
Nakata Kazuyoshi assoc. prof.	Research Area: Aquatic Zoology Research Title: Ecology and conservation of freshwater animals
Maeda Morihiro assoc. prof.	Research Area: Lithosphere Management Research Title: Monitoring and modeling nitrate leaching in upland fields
Akai Takeo prof.	Research Area: Agricultural Land Engineering Research Title: Management of soils and lands for enhanced agricultural production
Mori Yasushi assoc. prof.	Research Area: Agricultural Land Engineering Research Title: Conservation and restoration of soil environment
Morita Hidenori assoc. prof.	Research Area: Terrestrial Information Management Research Title: Study on rural environment using terrestrial information processing
Miura Takeshi	Research Area: Irrigation and Drainage Research Title: Estimation of evapotranspiration and upland field

	prof.	irrigation planning
Department of Human Ecology		
	Kajiwara Tsuyoshi prof.	Research Area: Mathematical Analysis for Environmental Studies Research Title: Mathematical models for ecology and life sciences and related mathematical methods
	Sasaki Toru assoc. prof.	Research Area: Mathematical Analysis for Environmental Studies Research Title: Mathematical analysis and its applications to mathematical biology
	Watanabe Masaji prof.	Research Area: Environmental Modeling and Analysis Research Title: Mathematical theories and computer simulations for microbial processes, Mathematical theories and computer simulations for waves and flows in water environment, Techniques for use of GPS in studies of environmental problems.
	Suito Hiroshi prof.	Research Area: Applied Numerical Analysis Research Title: Computational techniques for flow simulations and visualizations in environmental and biomedical problems.
	Sakamoto Wataru prof.	Research Area: Environmental Statistics Research Title: Statistical modeling and computing for analyzing data in environmental and life science
	Fueda Kaoru assoc. prof.	Research Area: Environmental Statistics Research Title: Time series and multivariate analysis of environmental data
	Kurihara Koji prof.	Research Area: Design and Analysis of Environmental Survey and Experiments Research Title: Statistical approaches for spatio-temporal data
	Iizuka Masaya prof.	Research Area: Design and Analysis of Environmental Survey and Experiments Research Title: Development of variable selection in multivariate method and its software for environmental data
	Ishioka Fumio assoc. prof.	Research Area: Design and Analysis of Environmental Survey and Experiments Research Title: Detection of spatial, temporal and space-time clustering for environmental and life science data.
	Tsuda Toshihide prof.	Research Area: Environmental Epidemiology Research Title: Health effects induced by environmental pollution (various pollutants); Epidemiologic investigation on a food borne disease outbreak; Causal inference in medical and environmental sciences
	Yorifuji Takashi assoc. prof.	Research Area: International Health Research Title: Environmental epidemiological studies (air pollution, methylmercury, arsenic, and etc.) as well as child and perinatal epidemiological studies
Department of Sound Material-Cycle Science		
	Fujiwara Takeshi prof.	Research Area: Solid Waste Management Engineering Research Title: Research on promotion of recycling and solid waste management
	Matsui	Research Area: Solid Waste Management Engineering

Yasuhiro assoc. prof.	Research Title: Research on systems analysis applications for waste management planning
Nagare Hideaki assoc. prof.	Research Area: Risk Management in Sustainable Society Research Title: Water treatment, phosphorous resource recovery, water environmental preservation
Kawamoto Katsuya prof.	Research Area: Environmental Measurement and Control Research Title: Effective and safe disposal of solid/liquid wastes, and development of material and/or energy recovery
Takeuchi Fumiaki assoc. prof.	Research Area: Environmental Measurement and Control Research Title: Biochemistry of Iron-oxidizing bacteria and its application to environmental preservation
Ayano Toshiki prof.	Research Area: Environmental Conscious Materials Research Title: Durability of concrete structures
Fujii Takashi assoc. prof.	Research Area: Environmental Conscious Materials Research Title: Development for environment conscious materials for construction works
Komatsu Mitsuru assoc. prof.	Research Area: Assessment of Geo-environment Research Title: Research on investigation of groundwater flow and preservation of geo-environment
Kawamura Katsuyuki prof.	Research Area: Atmospheric Environment Assessment Research Title: Atmosphere-hydrosphere-lithosphere interactions based on atomic and molecular processes
Iwata Toru assoc. prof.	Research Area: Atmospheric Environment Assessment Research Title: Study on CO ₂ exchange across air-ocean and air-agroecosystem interface
Abe Hirofumi prof.	Research Area: Planning of Sound-Material Cycle Society Research Title: Development and application of economic analysis for the planning of sound material-cycle society
Department of Material and Energy Science	
Nanba Tokuro prof.	Research Area: Ceramic Materials Research Title: Development of ceramic materials for reducing environmental burden
Benino Yasuhiko assoc. prof.	Research Area: Ceramic Materials Research Title: Morphology control of functional glass and glass-ceramic materials
Kameshima Yoshikazu prof.	Research Area: Development of Environmental Inorganic Material Research Title: Development of eco-friendly inorganic materials
Takaguchi Yutaka assoc. prof.	Research Area: Advanced Organic Materials Research Title: Advanced Materials Based on Dendrimers and/or Fullerenes
Kimura Kunio prof.	Research Area: Environmental Process Engineering Research Title: Creation of environmentally benign polymerization system and polymer materials
Yamazaki Shinichi assoc. prof.	Research Area: Environmental Process Engineering Research Title: Design of high-performance environmental polymeric materials based on high-order structural control

	Kimura Yukitaka prof.	Research Area: Environmental Process Engineering Research Title: Design for environmental process using subcritical water
	Shimanouchi Toshinori assoc. prof.	Research Area: Environmental Process Engineering Research Title: Design and Development of Novel Separation Process, Associating with Formation of Heterogeneous Phase at Interface with Dynamic Ordered-Structure
	Kato Yoshiei prof.	Research Area: Environmental Reaction Engineering Research Title: Material processing by environmentally benign reaction
	Uddin Md.Azhar assoc.prof.	Research Area: Environmental Reaction Engineering Research Title: Development of Catalysts for the recycling of energy and resources
<p>11. Features of University</p>	<p>Okayama University has its origin in the Medical Training Place of Okayama-Han (domain) and was founded in 1870 with over 140 years of history. Currently, the university comprises 11 faculties, seven graduate schools, a university affiliated institute, a national joint-use facility, a university hospital, and an affiliate school. It is one of the best comprehensive universities in Japan with 20,000 domestic and international students, faculties and staff working on intellectual creation.</p> <p>“Creation of advanced intelligence and succession of exact intelligence” is the principle of the university. Creation of intelligence and succession of intelligence, in other words, the mission of Okayama University is to contribute to society through research and educational activities. When I assumed the position of the university president in 2011, I declared the “Morita Vision” to make Okayama University a “beautiful academic capital’ as an international research and educational center.”</p> <p>Okayama University is located in “fine weather country Okayama” blessed with warm climate with few natural disasters. It has vast campus areas surrounded by rich flora near the central part of Okayama City which is an important transport hub and has the ideal environment to concentrate on academic work and mind training. Okayama University aims to develop as an “internationally ‘beautiful academic capital’” blessed with such wonderful environment in Okayama.</p> <p>Okayama University was selected for the “Program for Promoting the Enhancement of Research Universities” by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and the “Core Clinical Research Centers” by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in 2013 and showed steady progress to have the potential to be highly competitive university in Japan.</p> <p>Moreover, national Universities are demanded to reform in the middle of rapid globalization. I consider the current and future duties of Okayama University to have a global vision and train people who will be useful in global communities. It is my vision to make Okayama University to be an infinitely beautiful university, a global university brightly shining full of charm in Okayama, working with all students, graduate students and staff, including myself.</p> <p>Please visit our WEB site, http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/tp/profile/index.html,</p>	
<p>12. Features of Graduate School</p>	<p>Message from the Dean: Since environmental and food issues are also matters of great concern in Asian and African nations, the Graduate School will work even more closely with these nations in research activities to seek solutions to these problems. We also</p>	

	<p>actively accept foreign students from these regions and organize overseas field research projects by Japanese students.</p> <p>More information is available in http://www.gels.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/profile/index.html</p>
13. Features and Curriculum of Program	<p>- Compulsory Subjects - Special research: 10 Units Seminar in Specified Field: 4 Units Introduction to biological and Human Environment, Bio-resources, Bio-production; 2 Units</p> <p>-Specialized Subjects Advances in Environmental Ecology: 2 Units Chemical Biology in Food Function: 2 Units Plant Genetics and Stress Science: 2 Units Advances in Plant Stress Science: 2 Units Advances in Plant Science: 2 Units Advances in Animal Science: 2 Units</p> <p>Advances in Civil and Environmental Engineering (Tentative): 2 Units Advances in Rural Environment and Management (Tentative): 2 Units Advances in Environmental Mathematics (Tentative): 2Units Advances in Environmental Material and Energy (Tentative): 2 Units Advances in Solid Waste Management (Tentative): 2 Units Technical Presentation in English: 2 Units</p>
14. Academic Schedule	<p>【Campus life】 Entrance ceremony: April 8 First semester: April 1 to July 31. Summer holiday: August 1 to September 30 Second semester: October 1 to March 31. University Anniversary: October 22. School festival: Early November. Winter holiday: December 25 to January 7. Graduation ceremony: March 25.</p> <p>More information is available in http://ouic.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/interstudents/studentlife_en.html. Students can starts their academic year of master's course from April 1 or October 1. During the holidays、 students have no lecture but intensive research and project activities. At the beginning of study、 overseas students are accepted as research student to make ready for master's course entrance examination held at late August and late January</p>
15. Supporting service to International Students	
International Students Support Center for Consulting or counseling about daily life, campus life,	<p>See the website below http://ouic.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/objectives3.html</p>

cross-cultural adjustment etc.	
Provision of Student Dormitory	<p>Dormitory for International Students</p> <p>Okayama University, Tsushima Campus, has three dormitories for international students. International students can live there for one year from their entrance to the university.</p> <p>For further information, please visit: http://ouic.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/interstudents/3-05dormitory_en.html</p>
Japanese Language Education Program for International Students	<p>See the website below http://ouic.okayama-u.ac.jp/english/courses/index.html</p>
Cultural Activities	<p>Formal nomenclature</p> <p>International Student Support Volunteer Group, WAWA (attached to the International Student Advisor's office, International Center), Okayama University.</p> <p>Cultural Exchange Events</p> <p>Every year, WAWA plans and executes events such as a welcoming party for new students, flower viewing, celebrating Tanabata, watching fireworks, hosting a farewell party, hiking, year-end and New Year's parties, the Dolls' Festival, and many other parties and events. At the International Center, the International House and various other places, details will be posted on the notice boards. We are looking forward to participating in these events will all of the international students!</p> <p>Please refer to the <u>Website</u> for details.</p>
Any special attention to Religious Practice	<p>Pray room for Muslim is available in university. There are several churches for Christian nearby university.</p>
facilities (Library etc)	<p>The University Libraries consist of the Central Library, the Shikata Branch Library, and the Institute of Plant Science and Resources Branch Library. They provide more than 2,090,000 books and boasts of the largest collection of books in Okayama Prefecture.</p> <p>For further information, please visit : http://www.lib.okayama-u.ac.jp/aboutus_e/index.html</p>
Please state other particular supporting service you are endeavoring, if any.	<p>Comfort dormitory at low price is available for international students. Students have many chances to enjoy entertainment events such as community socials, field tour and university festivals.</p>
16. Message to Prospective International Students	
Message from University	<p>The Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science was established in April 2012 by combining the Graduate School of Environmental Science with agriculture-related departments of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology.</p> <p>Okayama University has seven graduate schools that are based on 11 faculties. To promote interdisciplinary and integrated research and education taking advantage of its features as a comprehensive university, the University has reorganized its graduate schools. In April 1987, the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology was created to offer integrated graduate programs in the natural sciences. In April 2005, as an integrated graduate school covering the fields of humanities, sciences and medicine, the Graduate School of</p>

Environmental Science was spun off from the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology. Upholding its mission of creating and fostering higher knowledge and wisdom, and its purpose of building up a new paradigm for a sustainable world, we at Okayama University had been seeking innovative ideas using existing knowledge to provide solutions to global challenges related to the harmonious co-existence of humankind and nature in various fields, such as the environment, energy, food, economy, health, security and education. With the recent explosive growth in the world's population, however, environmental and food issues have begun to attract significant attention as pressing problems that global society is facing. To cope with society's increasing demand for research that provides comprehensive solutions to these problems, Okayama University created the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science as a new academic framework for efficiently conducting research focused on environmental and food issues and providing interdisciplinary and comprehensive education in these fields.

Like the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology, the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science is an integrated graduate school founded on its relevant faculties – the Faculty of Environmental Science and Technology and the Faculty of Agriculture. In addition to members of these faculties, specialists in medical sciences have also joined the Graduate School's faculty staff.

For sustainable development anywhere in the world, it is imperative that we take action to ensure stability, safety and security of the food supply while pursuing harmony of our living environment and natural environment. At the Graduate School of Environmental and Life Science, doctoral programs are offered by the Division of Environmental Science, which took over the environmental studies that had been carried out at the Graduate School of Environmental Science, and the Division of Agricultural and Life Science, which focuses on studies designed to seek ways to ensure sustainable food production. The Graduate School aims to nurture professionals who have international and interdisciplinary perspectives that transcend the above academic boundaries, as well as highly specialized knowledge and skills. By achieving these goals, we hope to contribute to sustainable development in the world.

Since environmental and food issues are also matters of great concern in Asian and African nations, the Graduate School will work even more closely with these nations in research activities to seek solutions to these problems. We also actively accept foreign students from these regions and organize overseas field research projects by Japanese students.

To effectively address issues of environmental conservation and food production, which are greatly influenced by social and economic changes, the Graduate School's structure needs to be capable of promptly coping with changes of the times. While building such a structure, we strive to live up to the public's expectation to achieve valuable research results and foster competent human resources.

Voice of International Students	
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