

## **University of the Ryukyus Strategic Policy for International Collaboration**

At the establishment of the University of the Ryukyus, its mission statement declares that the University of the Ryukyus was founded upon the principles of Freedom, Equality, Tolerance and Peace. These principles form the foundation of the University's educational mission as it strives become a center of research and knowledge for Okinawa, Japan, and the world. Our graduates form a bridge of learning across these communities as we move forward to achieve a society of multicultural and mutual prosperity. With these ideals in mind, we hereby establish the following aims in conducting international cooperation and exchange.

### **Human resources who contribute to Okinawa, Japan and the world**

- The University strives to develop human resources capable of making significant contributions to local and international society. This is done by creating and nurturing an international educational environment, taking into consideration Okinawa's diverse natural environment and culture, and the geographical and historical relationships with other regions and countries.

### **Promotion of International Joint Research**

- The University commits to promote collaborative research with international partners that is both unique to Okinawa and rooted in its regional characteristics. This is done through collaboration with overseas academic institutions, medical institutions and corporate enterprises.
- The University focuses on solving issues common among island regions through a worldwide network of island universities.

### **Strengthening of ties among Okinawan-People Worldwide**

- The University aims to strengthen ties with those related to Okinawa worldwide through academic and cultural exchange.
- The University strengthens bond with the Uchinaanchu communities and people of Okinawan descent worldwide, through the support of those involved in the preservation and sustainable inheritance of Okinawan culture and identity.

### **International collaboration, particularly within the Asia-Pacific region**

- The University promote collaboration in education and scientific research with our international partner institutions, and effectively use the University's overseas satellite offices.

### **Enhancement of University Administration for international collaboration**

- The University seeks/values administrative staff with an international perspective and expertise in order for smoother implementation of the international strategy by appropriately sharing and utilizing diverse resources related to internationalization.
- The University supports the administrative staff in efforts to plan, negotiate and manage and develop increased cross-cultural understanding and proficiency in foreign languages.
- The University creates a vibrant campus where students, faculty and administrative staff from diverse cultural backgrounds coexist in harmony. The University commits to improving administrative efficiency, enhancing university facilities and equipment.