

Nihon University School of Dentistry at Matsudo

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The forerunner of Nihon University, Nihon Law School, was founded in 1889 by Count Akiyoshi Yamada, the Minister of Justice under the Meiji Government, and others. Yamada was a disciple of Shoin Yoshida, a scholar who devoted his life to modernize Japan. In this position he studied the legal system of the U.S.A. and Europe and played an instrumental role in systematizing Japan's modern laws. At that time, Yamada keenly felt a need for education and research of legal principles that were rooted in Japanese history, culture and traditions, and it was this conviction that inspired him to found Nihon Law School. The successive Nihon University presidents have endeavored to promote this founding philosophy as a future for higher education at Nihon University. At present Nihon University offers courses in all disciplines of humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. With 18 graduate schools, 11 colleges, 3 schools and a junior college, it is the largest university in Japan.

1. School of Dentistry at Matsudo

Nihon University School of Dentistry was founded in 1971 at Matsudo, Chiba, a prefecture adjacent to Tokyo metropolis. The founding principles of the school were predicated on a medical approach to dentistry, together with the notion that "the condition of the teeth and oral cavity is indicative of the entire body." For instance, early diagnosis of AIDS is often possible from early symptoms such as oral candidiasis and ulcerative gingivitis. In this way, the school firmly believes that "dentistry is an arm of medicine," whereby illnesses of the whole body are linked to illness of the teeth and mouth. "The medical approach to dentistry" is reflected in a curriculum including all subjects that are required for well educated, equipped, established and industrious dentists. Thus, the student's pass rate in the national examination is mostly in the top three of the 17 private dental schools in Japan.

2. Affiliated Dental Hospital

The Dental School at Matsudo has an affiliated dental hospital. The hospital has 18 special clinical divisions including Head and Neck Surgery. The hospital facility is the first among the 29 dental schools in Japan to modify lecture theaters for the disabled. All dental facilities in the prefecture are linked over a network specifically designed for the disabled in order to create a barrier-free environment.

3. Graduate School of Dentistry at Matsudo

The Graduate School (Ph.D. courses), established in 1977, aims to produce the next generation dental practitioners and professionals capable of specialized and broad scientific approaches to develop advanced new dental procedures. In this respect, we believe that the most important factor is the research environment, which involves extensive on-going research supported by highly trained and experienced instructors. The principle of "research underpins learning" is indeed a part of the founding philosophy of the Graduate School, which today reflects generous research funding and extensive facilities.

4. Dental Hygienist School

The Dental Hygienist School provides students with training in dental hygiene and other related fields, such as attendance and home-helper, so that they will be of service to society in their chosen fields.

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