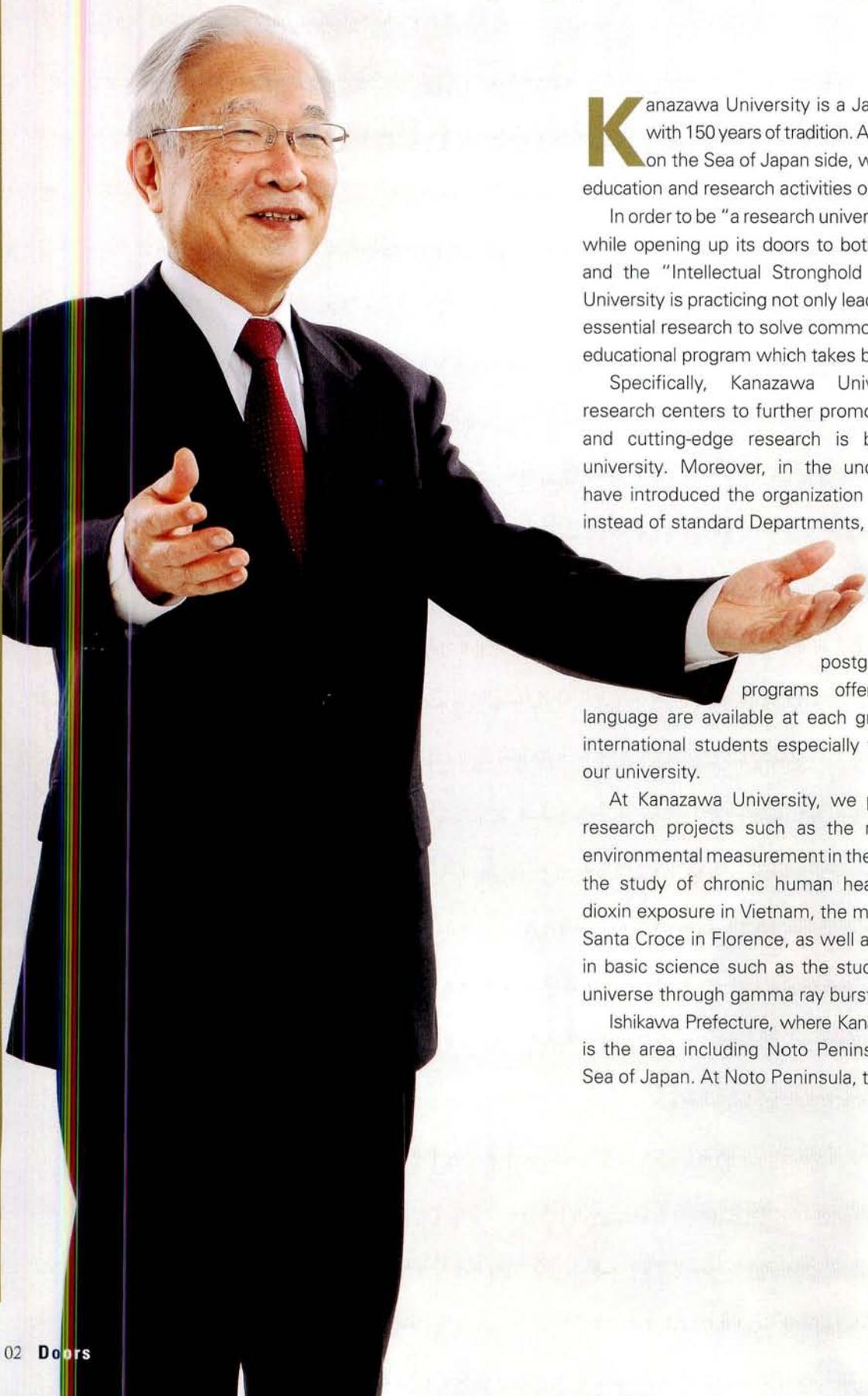


Message from the **President**

Join Us and Study at the Intellectual Stronghold of East Asia,

A research university dedicated to education,
while opening up its doors to both local and global society



Kanazawa University is a Japanese national university with 150 years of tradition. As the fundamental university on the Sea of Japan side, we are positively developing education and research activities on the global stage.

In order to be “a research university dedicated to education, while opening up its doors to both local and global society” and the “Intellectual Stronghold of East Asia,” Kanazawa University is practicing not only leading-edge research but also essential research to solve common problems in Asia and the educational program which takes both into account.

Specifically, Kanazawa University has established research centers to further promote unique research areas, and cutting-edge research is being undertaken at the university. Moreover, in the undergraduate program, we have introduced the organization by Colleges and Faculties instead of standard Departments, which allows our students to choose their majors while undertaking liberal arts soon after entering the university. In the postgraduate program, multiple programs offering degrees in English language are available at each graduate school, and many international students especially from Asia are studying at our university.

At Kanazawa University, we place emphasis on global research projects such as the restoration project of the environmental measurement in the Angkor ruins in Cambodia, the study of chronic human health conditions caused by dioxin exposure in Vietnam, the mural paintings of Basilica di Santa Croce in Florence, as well as leading-edge researches in basic science such as the study of the beginning of the universe through gamma ray burst.

Ishikawa Prefecture, where Kanazawa University is located, is the area including Noto Peninsula which juts out to the Sea of Japan. At Noto Peninsula, there is an on-going project

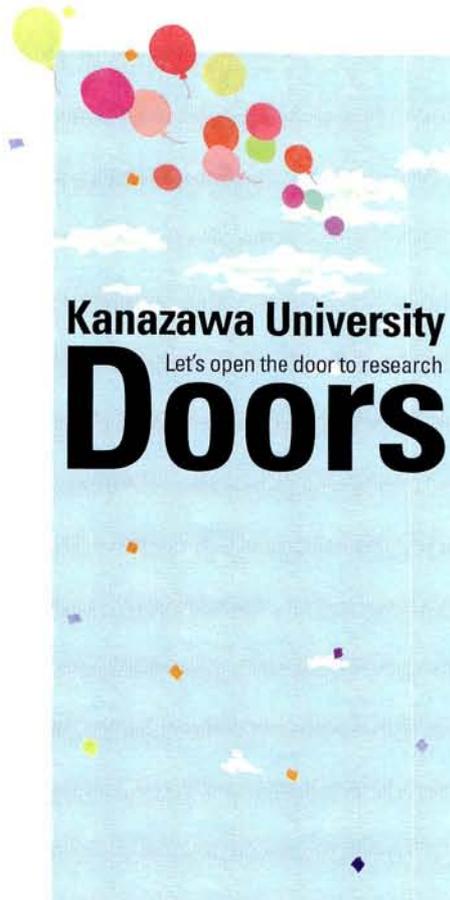
"Satoyama Satoumi Project" with the theme of sustainable social organization and regional regeneration. In this project, education and research programs are being conducted with a focus on the creation of regional coexistence with nature in cooperation with local organizations and businesses.

Approximately 60% of the world's population reside in Asia, and a great variety of ethnicities and nations exist here, along with resulting diverse cultures. Also, in this age of accelerating globalization, universities no longer exist only for their native countries. Kanazawa University is enforcing the human resource development and education and research function with focus on Asia which will become the world's center in near future, with the understanding that excellent human resources in East Asia are also excellent by global standards. As the "Intellectual Stronghold of East Asia," we gather people from not only within Japan but all over the world, and provide the atmosphere for healthy competition to nourish global human resource with the ability to solve various complicated problems.

Kanazawa is a "Historical City" nurtured by traditional culture. The city aims to become a "Global City" with distinctive brilliance in the world. Kanazawa is a city open to the world, and it is unique as well as intellectually stimulating. Kanazawa University is promoting global human resource development in this city. Come and research with us. We look forward to your decision.

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Shin-ichi Nakamura
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