

Message from the President

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Hokkaido University of Science (HUS) – fostering the development of **+Professional** individuals capable of contributing to local communities

The term *+Professional* describes an individual equipped with both fundamental skills and expertise.

HUS's predecessor, the Hokkaido Institute of Technology (HIT), was established in 1967 with the goal of contributing to the industrial and economic development of Hokkaido and local communities. To provide professional education in line with the needs of society, HIT expanded the scope of its educational programs to integrate humanities and sciences while maintaining its engineering base. In 2014, three new medical departments were established and HIT made a fresh new start as the Hokkaido University of Science with 3 faculties and 12 departments centered on engineering, medicine and social science.

HUS's educational philosophy of fostering scientific abilities is geared to developing *+Professional* individuals with a rich sense of humanity who are capable of playing specialist roles actively. HUS works to develop individuals with expertise based on fundamental skills required by society, namely, humanity, effective communication skills, problem-finding/solving techniques and management abilities.

At the university there is also a focus on efforts to develop professionals who are capable of contributing to local communities. It thus makes the most of Hokkaido's regional characteristics by providing students with opportunities for practical studies of all aspects of life in cold regions. Through practical studies, students discover truths based on academic pursuits and make their own decisions based on facts.

Hokkaido University of Science Junior College was established in 1953, four years after the first automobiles were produced in Japan, as Japan's first higher educational institution specializing in automotive engineering. As many as 27,000 students graduated from the college while it was still called Hokkaido Automotive Engineering College, and most of them have been active as engineers in the automobile industry, one of Japan's key industries. To provide practical education that further responds to the needs of the times through history and achievements, the school's name was changed to Hokkaido University of Science Junior College in 2014, and as such the educational system has been enhanced by coordination skills as an incorporated educational institution.

In 2015, the college moved to Maeda Campus, where Hokkaido University of Science and Hokkaido Pharmaceutical University School of Pharmacy are located, to further improve the learning environment. The college produces *+Professionals* equipped with basic skills and expertise through its two-year education program that allows students to acquire the necessary knowledge for an ideal future vision while trying to obtain licenses based on the educational philosophy of developing an indomitable spirit expressing perseverance without quitting, an enterprising spirit that always aims higher, and a global perspective with which to contribute to the well-being of mankind.

