

# Message from the President

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



Hokkaido University of Science (HUS) is a comprehensive university with 14 departments in five schools, including engineering and medical faculties and a junior college. Its predecessor, Hokkaido Institute of Technology, changed its name to HUS when it established the Faculty of Health Sciences in 2014. In April 2018, Hokkaido Pharmaceutical University was integrated into HUS to form Hokkaido University of Science.

The Faculty of Engineering comprises the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Information and Computer Science, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Department of Architecture and Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, as well as the Graduate School of Engineering. The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences consists of the Department of Pharmacy, which offers a six-year program, and the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences. The Faculty of Health Sciences is comprised of the Department of Nursing, Department of Physical Therapy, Department of Prosthetics and Orthotics, Department of Clinical Engineering and Department of Radiological Technology, as well as the Graduate School of Health Sciences. The Faculty of Future Design is composed of the Department of Media Arts and Design and Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. Hokkaido University of Science Junior College has the Department of Automotive Engineering. In this way, HUS has one of the largest student bodies in Hokkaido with some 5,000 students studying on its Maeda Campus.

With an eye toward a time of tumultuous changes in society, HUS aims to develop +Professional individuals with expertise in their fields of study along with the fundamental capabilities and skills required by members of society, including a rich sense of humanity, communication skills, problem-solving techniques and management abilities.

HUS also aims to nurture excellence in community-based education and research. In fact, the HUS Labo research initiative for northern life innovation is intended to create a vibrant living environment in Hokkaido by tackling the region's declining population and graying society and addressing local issues to revitalize local communities. This initiative was selected for funding under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's Private University Research Branding Project in fiscal 2017, making HUS the only institution in Hokkaido to receive such funding. HUS is committed to developing together with local communities through leveraging local characteristics.

We welcome students who aspire to learn at HUS and play active roles in communities to give back to society.