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Opening Ceremony

We are the first university that established a 4-year university education program in nursing in Japan. Today, we have postgraduate courses leading to master and doctor degrees in nursing, as well as the faculty of nursing. Our university is a model to follow for other 120 colleges of nursing across Japan.

What's more, graduates of our university were elected as presidents of International Council of Nurses and Japanese Nursing Association, respectively in spring this year. They are now standing at the top of the nurses domestically and internationally.

The Japanese society is rapidly aging with the lowest birth rate in the world, and the number of students preparing for university entrance examinations is decreasing. Because of the reasons such as this, the situation surrounding Japanese universities has become quite severe. Under such circumstances, we have been working on extensive "internal reforms" in management and administration since 1998. Regarding education, we initiated compulsory subjects common to all students in April this year such as English for improving English conversation ability and interdisciplinary subjects like "Kochi Regional Research" and "Women's Studies" so that all students at our university would take those subjects.

Such advanced efforts made by our university have inevitably led to the creation of this JICA project. We would be happy if we could learn together with you, and also learn from you.

I hope that all the participants will achieve the initial training objectives, and at the same time fully enjoy the campus life at our university as well as life in Kochi prefecture.

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