

## **I. Hiroshima Institute of Technology (HIT) Intensive Program in Japanese and Japanese Culture**

WELCOME to Hiroshima Institute of Technology! Past two years, we enjoyed organizing this Intensive Program in Japanese and Japanese Culture for the students from University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UIUC). We look forward to meeting you who will be participating in our program during the period of June and July, 2004. Meanwhile, we understand that you have many questions about our program as well as the life in Hiroshima. In order to answer some of the questions you may have, we have made this guidebook. We hope that you find the information on this guidebook helpful and useful for you to prepare for the program.

### **.About us**

#### **Tsuru Gakuen**

Tsuru Gakuen is an educational conglomerate which consists of an elementary school, a junior high school, three senior high schools, a polytechnic school and a technical university.

#### History

“Education is love.” This is our educational philosophy, adopted from the work of Torataro Tsuru, the spiritual founder of Tsuru Gakuen, who worked tirelessly for the development of private school education in Hiroshima for over 60 years. Noburu Tsuru, Torataro’s fourth son, founded Hiroshima Radio-wave Vocational school in 1956 at Nishikaniya-cho in Hiroshima. This was the beginning of Tsuru Gakuen. Throughout the years since, for almost half century, we have conducted educational programs according

to the philosophy of our founder. At present, Tsuru Gakuen operates a total of seven schools, ranging from an elementary school to a four-year university. Each one of our schools strives to cultivate young people with a healthy spirit and the wisdom to lead our society into the next generation.

#### School Motto and School Philosophy

The fundamental aim of Tsuru Gakuen schools is to cultivate students who enjoy physical and mental health, exercise self-restraint, and ‘always walk together with God and serve humanity.’ To this end, students devote themselves to their studies for the purpose of developing self-control and mature, well-rounded personalities. With many difficult problems surrounding schools these days, the true value of education is being seriously examined. Yet, in the face of all this turmoil, we remain steadfastly committed to our school philosophy and continue to approach education with the desire to contribute to society. “Education is Love.” This is the motto and educational philosophy we have committed ourselves to and handed down through the decades. These simple words express the educational spirit of Torataro Tsuru, the spiritual founder of Tsuru Gakuen, who loved his students dearly and taught them on the basis of love. Torataro Tsuru considered love to be the essence of education, and we have embraced this philosophy as our constant guiding principle. We pursue all our educational challenges trying to remain true to this philosophy.

#### **Hiroshima Institute of Technology (HIT)**

Hiroshima Institute of Technology was established in 1963 out of Hiroshima Technical Junior College, which had been established two years earlier, in 1961. Throughout the following years we have made steady progress, including the

establishment of the Graduate School of Engineering, the Faculty of Environmental Studies and the Graduate School of Environmental Studies. All together we have sent out more than 31,000 graduates. In April 2000, we reorganized the departments within the Faculty of Engineering to better adapt to remarkable advances in science and technology and to the rapid evolution of our information-oriented society. Earlier, in April 1999, we set up a Department of Environmental Information to expand the range of specialization of our Faculty of Environmental Studies and to tackle environmental issues with the goal of conserving and improving the natural environment.

### Undergraduate

- 1 . Faculty of Engineering
  - Department of Electronics and Photonic Systems Engineering
  - Department of Electrical and Digital Systems Engineering
  - Department of Mechanical Systems Engineering
  - Department of Intelligent Machine Engineering
  - Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering
  - Department of Information and Intellectual Systems Engineering
- 2 . Faculty of Environmental
  - Department of Environmental Design
  - Department of Environmental Information

### Graduate School

- 1 . Graduate School of Engineering
  - Doctoral Program
    - Intelligent Structure and Functional Science
  - Pre-doctoral(Masters) Program
    - Electronic Engineering
    - Mechanical Engineering
    - Civil Engineering
- 2 . Graduate School of Environmental Studies
  - Masters Program
    - Regional Environmental Studies