



For the deepened partnership with the society

Ochanomizu University is a leading national women's university, and has three Faculties (Faculty of Letters and Education, Faculty of Human Life and Environmental Sciences and Faculty of Science) and one Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences that integrates the humanities and science. The total number of students is approximately 3,000 (including about 1,000 graduate students). Based on our 136-year old tradition and a number of women leaders we have produced, our faculty members continue to commit themselves to maintain high quality of teaching and research every day.

With the corporatization of national universities in 2004, "Contribution to the Society" was set as the third mission of national universities, in addition to education and research. Ochanomizu university's social contribution policy (adopted in May 2007) states that contributing to the society is the third mission of the university. We attempt to reach this goal by disseminating and sharing our research findings to and with the society through frequent institutional networking.

To accomplish this mission, especially through our Intellectual Property Office, we have been making efforts to find the "seeds" (research findings) inside the university aiming to return the research results to the society. As a result, although we do not have faculty in engineering, medicine and agriculture fields, and we are anchored by basic research, we began to realize that we have research results (seeds) unique to our university, and it is possible to utilize them. For example, in the Faculty of Science, there are some "seeds" aiming to create a venture in pharmaceutical field, to collaborate with domestic or foreign research institutions, and to develop system software technologies to be used as medical tools. In Faculty of Human Life and Environmental Sciences, our faculty is engaged in research to develop supplements for skin whitening and blended tea. In Faculty of Letters and Education, we were also able to identify "seeds" in such research projects as the developments of educational software for children by applying psychological theory and of educational support software for young children based on the findings of developmental psychology.

This booklet, Research Collection, is a collection of such researches unique to our university with the information of researchers. We have published the Research Collection twice so far (2007 and 2009). In this most recent edition, we include the information about researchers. In addition, it is now available in English in response to the globalization.

We hope this booklet will be useful in deepening our partnership with the society.

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