

明けましておめでとうございます。謹んで新年のご挨拶を申し上げます。

創立 100 周年を迎える 2028 年まで、残すところ 2 年となりました。

本学はこれまで、みなとみらいキャンパスの開設や理工系学部の再編など、未来を見据えた環境整備を着実に進めてまいりました。こうした「改革の第一段階」を経て、昨年度からは教育の内容そのものを問い直す「改革の第二段階」に取り組んでおります。

この改革の核心は、学生一人ひとりの学びの質をさらに高めることにあります。学修成果の可視化に向け、「学修と振り返りの記録」を一層わかりやすく整備し、学生が自身の「身につく力」を具体的に把握できる仕組みづくりを進めます。

また、教職員もこの情報を共有し、学生の成長とともに確認・支援する“親身の教育”を本学の特長として定着させてまいります。

さらに、データサイエンス教育や大学発ベンチャーの支援、地域・産業界との連携強化など、社会の変化に応じた教育・研究の質の向上にも力を注いでまいります。大学が社会から信頼されるためには、数字だけではなく、その背景や意義を誠実に説明する“Accountability(説明責任)”が不可欠です。本学はこの姿勢を重視してまいります。

2026 年は、本学にとって変化と成長を象徴する年です。

次の 100 年へ向けて本学が「堅実に、そして積極的に変わる大学」となることこそ、今、進むべき道であり、「建学の精神」である「質実剛健・積極進取・中世堅実」を次代へと引き継ぐ責任を果たすことにもなります。その意味で、堅実さは本学の伝統であると共に、未来を切り拓く力でもあるのです。

本年一年が、教育・研究・学生支援の各分野でさらなる前進を遂げる一年となるように力を注いでまいります。

本年は午年にあたります。午年は古来より、勢い・躍動・前進を象徴する年とされ、「飛躍の年」「挑戦が実を結ぶ年」と言われております。まさに、新たな一步を力強く踏み出すのにふさわしい一年です。

本年が皆様にとって希望に満ち、多くの実りをもたらす年となりますことを祈念申し上げ、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2026 年 1 月 1 日

神奈川大学長

戸田 龍介

On the occasion of the New Year, we wish to extend our sincere greetings to you.

There are now two years remaining until the university marks the centennial of its founding in 2028. Thus far, we have focused our efforts on enhancing and developing the educational environment, including the opening of the Minato Mirai Campus and the reorganization of our science and engineering faculties. Having completed this “first phase of reform,” we have, since FY2024, been moving into a “second phase,” which involves reexamining the contents of education itself.

The core of this reform lies in further enhancing the quality of learning for each and every student. To visualize learning outcomes, we will strive to continue to improve the clarity of the “records of learning and reflection,” enabling students to better understand their own growth and the skills they are acquiring through their studies.

Faculty and staff will also share this information and work together with students to review their progress and provide support. Through this process, we will aim to further deepen “supportive education,” which we hope to establish as a defining feature of Kanagawa University.

At the same time, by enhancing our data science education, supporting university-launched ventures, and strengthening collaboration with local communities and industry, we will strive to further improve the quality of education and research in response to societal change. We believe that “Accountability” is essential—not merely through numerical indicators, but through clearly and sincerely explaining their context and significance, thereby earning the trust of society. Kanagawa University places great importance on this approach.

For our university, 2026 is a year that symbolizes change and growth. As we look toward the next hundred years, we will strive to continue to change with solidity and initiative. It is also our responsibility to pass on our founding principles of “simplicity and fortitude, proactive engagement, and steady perseverance” to the next generation. In this sense, solidity is both our tradition and the driving force that opens the way to the future. Throughout the coming year, we will devote our efforts to achieving further progress across education, research, and student support.

2026 is the Year of the Horse in the Chinese zodiac, which has long been regarded as a symbol of momentum, vitality, and forward movement, and is often described as a year of breakthroughs and challenges bearing fruit. It is truly a fitting year in which for us to try to take a powerful new step forward.

I sincerely hope that the New Year will be one of hope and abundant achievement for all, and I would like to extend my best wishes for a successful and fruitful year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ryusuke Toda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ryusuke Toda
President
Kanagawa University
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