

Ladies and gentlemen!

It is our pleasure to hold the entrance ceremony for this fall season. Today, we have enrolled 20 master course students and 29 Ph.D. course students. Among these are 25 students from 8 foreign countries. Congratulations on your admission to the graduate school of TUAT, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology. On behalf of TUAT, I heartily welcome all of you.

More than 400 international students from all over the world are studying and enjoying their university life on the campus of TUAT. The campus has a fully internationalized atmosphere. We can proudly boast that we have a little piece of the world. Globalization is now spreading rapidly and the earth is becoming more like one community. But, globalization does not mean that all nations lose their individuality and become homogeneous. Each country has its own history and culture. Such identities must be respected. Globalization must be based on the way of thinking that respects one's own freedom and individual dignity while also respecting the freedom and individual dignity of others. I hope that the campus of TUAT will be really international filled with the concept of the genuine globalization.

The basic principle of our university is "Mission-Oriented Research and Education giving Synergy in Endeavors toward a Sustainable Earth." It is abbreviated as MORE SENSE. As you know, we are now facing serious problems which are the negative legacies of the 20th century science and technology. They include environmental degradation, energy problems, global warming, and food supply problems due to explosive population growth. They threaten the very survival of humanity. There was once an effective material recycling process in place, but that cycle and balance has

eroded. TUAT's mission is to reconstruct that recycling process and to achieve sustainable society. TUAT has been devoting even more efforts to promote advanced researches so that we can contribute not only to solve serious problems mentioned above but also to improve the welfare of humankind in accordance with its basic philosophy "MORE SENSE." I hope that the researches you are going to start at TUAT are based on our basic principle.

There is a common saying that Strike while the iron is hot, or, You can't teach an old dog new tricks. I believe that you embrace a dream to become an excellent researcher or scientist. Study hard from now. We have many outstanding faculty members. We can respond to your expectations. Pursue your dream and make it come true. I hope that you can become an excellent researcher or scientist with high knowledge and skills in your own specialized area and contribute to raise global prosperity and well-being. And I also hope that each of you will play an important role of "bridge-building" between your country and Japan based on the concept of the genuine globalization.

I hope that your university life will be successful. And I trust that your stay in TUAT will prove to be both enjoyable and valuable to all of you. Study hard and enjoy your university life.

Thank you for your attention.