# **Eight characteristics of MDU**

#### 1. Rich natural environment



Our vast campus spans across an area of 240,000 m2, and is home to a diverse ecosystem of trees and flowers that enable us to fully enjoy each of the four seasons. A spacious and serene environment nurtures the soul and provides a comfortable space in which students will spend 6 years.

## 2. Advanced equipment and facilities



MDU is very proud of the tools we offer to our students to enhance the learning experience. Student lounges and private study rooms are available at any time of the day; several courses can be reviewed through e-learning materials; students can now use the most advanced digital microscopes; and technical guidance given by professors in practical lectures are now provided through individual display monitors provided to each student.

#### 3. Strong support for both academic and private life in Japan



All rooms at the student dorms are single rooms fully furnished to support and satisfy their every need. Housekeeping services are also provided so students can place their undivided attention to their studies. There is a cafeteria as well as a French restaurant and a Chinese restaurant on campus. providing our students and visitors with various healthy diet options.

## 4. Rigorous educational system that prioritizes the student

Students of every cohort complete weekly tests so that their instructors can assess their level of understanding. Lessons and lectures are then designed and adapted to match each students' level of progress. There are only 4 students per every instructor at MDU to allow our students to enjoy personalized educational support and guidance. Students, guardians, and teachers also regularly meet every year to check up on progress and address any issues.

#### 5. State-of-the-art Hospital





A new hospital was built on campus and opened in 2008 to respond to the diverse medical needs of the dental community. Specialized outpatient clinics (e.g., the implant center, sports dentistry, cosmetic dentistry), medical departments (e.g., internal medicine, ophthalmology, pediatrics), research labs, and clinical training rooms provide the necessary specialized environment for a comprehensive practical education.

#### 6. Top-level scientific and clinical research



MDU boasts one of the highest adoption rates of research projects funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) among dental universities. MDU is particularly proud of its achievements in hard tissue research led by the Institute for Oral Science, including a collaborative research partnership established with the Harvard Stem Cell Institute in 2008.

## 7. Postgraduate training

Research seminars and training workshops are available to ensure our graduates stay up to date with the rapidly evolving frontier of dental

#### 8. Graduate School

Our graduate school conducts a wide range of research within 3 disciplines (Hard Tissue Research, Oral & Maxillofacial Biology, and Oral Health Promotion) and offers a 4-year PhD program. Lectures are provided in English for international students. Refer to the graduate school application

# **Other Support Services**

### \*International Students at MDU

Founded in 1972, MDU has seen 4300 dentists graduate from its halls. The international program began in the 1979s, and we now have a network of 20 international alumni actively working in the dental community all over the world. In total 117 international students have studied with us.

Total number of international students: 140 (School of Dentistry = 138; Graduate School = 2) Home countries of international students at the School of Dentistry: Taiwan (97), Korea (35), USA (2), China (3), Canada (1).

# \*Japanese Language Education

International students are required to take Japanese Language courses offered by the University to support the development of their Language ability,

#### \*Student Support Services

Comprehensive support is provided for the various procedures (visas, immigration, accommodations etc.) that international students will need to complete to live and study in Japan. We aim to provide peace of mind to our students as they begin a new life overseas and away from their home countries. Counselling

For inquiries, contact Matsumoto Dental University, International Admission Office TEL: +81 263 51 2161 FAX: +81 263 53 8516 E-mail:info\_ryugaku@po.mdu.ac.jp www.mdu.ac.jp



# 2017 APPLICATION **GUIDELINES**



# **Admissions Information**

# 1. Applicants have multiple opportunities to take entrance examinations every year. Prospective applicants can also now apply with their scores on the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU).

In our efforts to provide international students with as many opportunities as possible to apply for admission, applicants now have 5 options to choose from to take entrance examinations. We are also now accepting EJU scores, greatly reducing the financial burden required for obtaining examination scores.

- ① Admission Office (AO) Examination (1st year admission)  $\rightarrow$  Administered in Japan.
- ② International Students' Examination (1st year admission) → Administered in Taiwan and Korea.
- ③ Transfer Student Examination ( $2^{nd}$  year admission)  $\rightarrow$  Administered at all testing locations.
- 4 Combination of the AO, International Students', and Transfer Student Examinations.
- (5) Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)

# 2. Qualifications and Japanese Language Ability

- ① For applicants who take the AO and International Students' Examination: applicants must have successfully graduated from an accredited secondary school in their home country upon completing at least 12 years of education.
- ② For applicants who take the Transfer Student Examination: applicants must be university graduates or university students who have completed at least 2 years of undergraduate level education (an equivalent of 62 credits) to be eligible to take this exam. Students of the natural sciences (mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology) are preferred.

Japanese Language Ability: Applicants must have acquired a JLPT level of N2 or higher.

#### 3. Tuition Fees

Tuition fees have gone down significantly since 2012 to reduce the financial burden for our students. Students at MDU pay the lowest tuition rates amongst private dental university students in Japan.

•The total tuition fees over 6 years of study is 18,680,000 JPY (entrance fees and educational enhancement fees have been abolished)

\*There are 300,000 JPY in additional fees per year.

(Fee breakdown: Student Co-op fees 230,000 JPY, Parents and Alumni Association membership fees 70,000 IPY)

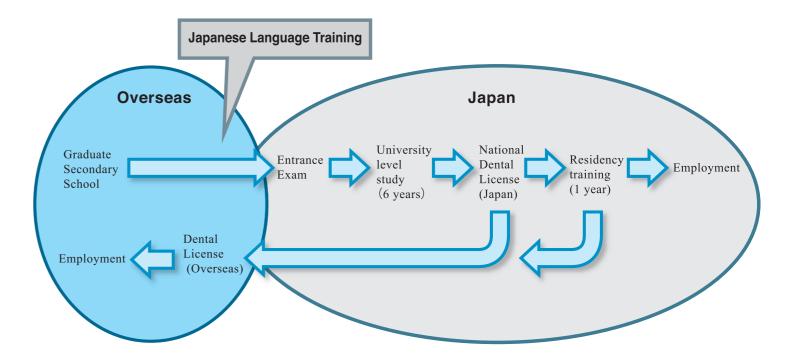
•Total tuition fees for transfer students are 16,000,000 JPY.

# 4. Experience a day on campus through our tours

(International Students can set up a tour any time of the year)

Contact the University to arrange a tour of our campus and facilities. The University will provide accommodation and meals at no cost for prospective applicants as well as accompanying guardians that wish to experience a day on our campus through our trial enrollment tours.

# What do I need to do to become a Dentist?



## 1. Work in Japan after obtaining your Dental License

Seventeen of our international alumni students have gone on to work in Japan, or returned to practice in their home countries after graduation.

#### 2. Scholarships and Financial Aid

- ① Scholarships: Applicants with strong academic standing may be eligible for nomination to apply for scholarships provided by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). Your academic performance in the first year of study in Japan is used for evaluation, therefore, students can only apply for this scholarship in their 2<sup>nd</sup> (or later) year of study. A few of our students are currently recipients of this scholarship. Other private options (loans and scholarships) are available and information will be provided upon request.
- ② Honors Scholarship: Honor students with excellent academic performance can be awarded a tuition exemption. Students who wish to apply for the honors scholarship must take the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) as well as the selection examination administered by MDU. Please contact us for more details about the Honors Scholarship.