



2024 Keio University

Sustainability Report



Keio University supports the Sustainable Development Goals

An institution in pursuit of “physical comfort” and “mental elevation” among the people

— Aiming for a Sustainable Society —

“Civilization means to make people feel physically comfortable and to elevate their minds.” When Yukichi Fukuzawa, founder of Keio University, defined civilization in his book *An Outline of a Theory of Civilization*, he was certainly looking upon the remarkable progress of mechanical inventions and technological innovations in the West at the end of the 19th century. Fukuzawa, seeing that the four inventions of the steamboat, telegraph, postal service, and printing press all served as the driving forces of history behind sweeping reforms in the West, enthusiastically worked to introduce these tools of civilization to Japan.

However, Fukuzawa also stated that technology and institutions are merely the external form and outer visage of civilization, and that the age of civilization will arrive only when it is accompanied by progress in the “comfort” and “dignity” of people’s body and mind. He further asserted that such comfort and dignity are provided through people’s intellect and morality, and that civilization is, after all, the development of intellect and morality. It should be noted, however, that for Fukuzawa, who believed that human society had not yet reached that stage, civilization was always a goal and ideal toward which to strive.

The world is changing at a dizzying pace today, with the turmoil in global affairs caused by war and the increase in disasters caused by climate change. In order to achieve a sustainable society, there is also a constant need to expand our intellect and morality to flexibly accept changes and solve problems.

The philosophy and traditions of the school, in which Fukuzawa, who once strove for “physical comfort” and “mental elevation,” required that his pupils be “a source of honorable character and a paragon of intellect and morals,” remain the guiding principles of Keio University today.



Yukichi Fukuzawa



“The Mission of Keio University” by Yukichi Fukuzawa (1896)

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SDG Initiatives at Keio University

Goals of Keio University in working towards the SDGs

Keio University aims to further contribute to society through education, research, and healthcare by leveraging its strengths as a comprehensive university to take a cross-disciplinary approach based on the “spirit of jitsugaku,”^{*1} a key philosophy of its founder, Yukichi Fukuzawa.

^{*1} A tradition of Keio University, the “spirit of jitsugaku” is a scientific mindset that solves problems by empirically ascertaining the truth.

| SDGs at Keio University

The SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) are 17 international goals that were first adopted at the United Nations Summit held in September 2015. These are universal objectives that aim to achieve a sustainable and better world for both advanced and developing countries by 2030, with the principle of “leaving no one in the world behind.” The 17 goals consist of 169 targets formed around themes related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental issues, peace and prosperity, justice, and more. Keio University also engages in various initiatives related to the SDGs in its capacity as both an institution for education and research with a University Hospital, and as a research university that contributes to global and local communities.

Keio SDGs Logo



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make it part of the PDCA cycle to examine what initiatives are necessary and should be focused on in the future within the university. Through this report, we also hope to gain people's understanding and cooperation regarding Keio's sustainability efforts, while we seek out various collaborations to address global issues that cannot be resolved overnight.

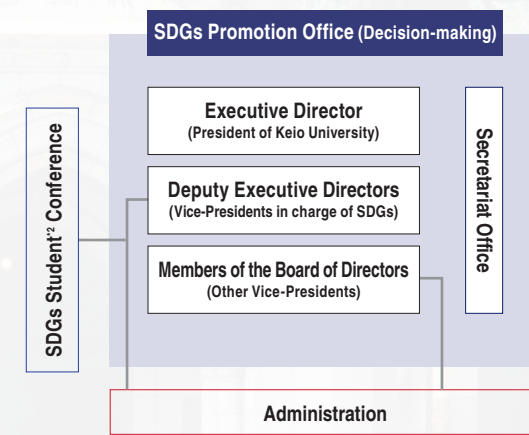


2022-2026 Mid-Term Plan

| Project Plan for a Sustainable Society

In its 2022-2026 Mid-Term Plan, Keio University has identified, from a medium-term perspective, important projects that must be implemented. The mid-term plan also includes the objective of further establishing environmental programs, implementation of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, and other practices that are consistent with the principles of the SDGs. The Keio Sustainability Report is an annual report that summarizes the projects in the annual plan, which is drafted based on the mid-term plan, and specifically focuses on activities aimed at sustainability. By sharing the results and progress indicated in this report, we hope to visualize the development of our sustainability-related projects both quantitatively and qualitatively, and

| Keio University SDGs Promotion Structure



*2 Refers to currently-enrolled students who are studying at Keio University.

Toward the Realization of a Sustainable Society

Keio University is committed to working towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are international targets aimed at making the world a better and more sustainable place. The university has taken action through projects that will be completed by 2030, as well as initiatives about the future after 2030 under the theme “Beyond SDGs.”

One of the first initiatives that best exemplifies Keio University’s unique characteristics is the SDGs Student Conference, which connects the voices of students to the university’s SDG policies. The objective of the Student Conference is to serve as a platform for people of all ages and diverse backgrounds to discuss wide-ranging issues, from those directly impacting university students to global challenges. Experts, faculty and staff members, as well as Keio students, including those from affiliated schools, come together to think about what they can do to help realize progress toward various issues. In the 2024 academic year, the third iteration of the Student Conference, we expanded the scope of our activities and launched a number of new projects while continuing existing ones from previous years. Some notable examples include the “Sa-Sushi Project,” which seeks to promote interest in sustainable seafood, and the “Contact Lens Case Recycling Project,” which aims to reduce plastic waste. We have also decided that some of the projects will continue as Keio-wide university initiatives beyond the 2025 academic year.

We are also addressing environmental issues, focusing our efforts at Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC), which we have positioned as a model campus for Keio University’s overall strategy toward achieving carbon neutrality. In late 2024, SFC was certified as a “Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Site” by the Japanese Ministry of the Environment in recognition of its efforts to conserve the natural environment and rich biodiversity, as well as its initiatives to create a sustainable local community and campus. In order to further reduce CO₂ emissions, we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with TEPCO Energy Partner, Inc. and Japan Facility Solutions, Inc. for the implementation of energy services for solar power generation facilities at SFC. In Japan, there have been few cases of large-capacity solar power generation facilities being

installed on the rooftops of school buildings dispersed across a vast area of land. What we are doing at SFC is not merely the installation of solar equipment but also studying how we can effectively utilize the environmental value of surplus electricity generated and make the switch to renewable energy to provide for all of SFC’s electricity consumption. In this respect, it can be said that Keio is taking an advanced approach to carbon neutrality for its school facilities.

In the promotion of equity, diversity, and inclusion, we have also stepped up efforts to create an environment in which everyone can play an active role. We will further develop the various projects that have been implemented to date, namely, the CARE (Consultation, Assistance, and Resources for Employees) program, which aims to help employees balance work and familial duties, the Breeze project, which supports women’s bodies, the KIDS (Keio Infant Daycare Support) program, and the @ease project, which supports Keio students with disabilities, in order to further realize a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive environment. In AY2024, we constructed a room on Hiyoshi Campus for women to rest and for mothers to do breastfeeding and milk extraction for their infants. We also made it possible for students with disabilities to submit applications for reasonable accommodations online through K-Support, a portal site with various services for current students, so that these students can complete the necessary application procedures without being constrained by time or location factors.

In addition, we regularly facilitate lectures and discussions on the topic of well-being via workshops, symposiums, public lectures, and open courses, which are held by various departments within the university. We also deepen exchanges with children and the local community through the Keio University Hiyoshi Children’s Cafeteria initiative and by organizing hands-on learning sessions where students can experience operating real medical equipment.

Going forward, we intend to advance these initiatives and work closely with all our partners at Keio to focus on a wide range of issues, from immediate problems to global challenges.



President

Kohei Itoh

Keio University's Sustainability Policy

In order to advance initiatives aimed at promoting sustainability, Keio University has established the Charter for the Promotion of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and the Keio University Environmental Mission Statement, as well as policies based on these. Furthermore, as part of our commitment to the advancement of SDGs Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), we have posted all of our employment policies on our careers page.

Keio University Charter for the Promotion of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

(enacted September 20, 2019)

- 1 We aim to realize an inclusive society of cooperation, mutual respect, dignity, and tolerance for all individuals.
- 2 We will advocate for an understanding of different values and cultivate a culture of empathy and compassion for being true to oneself.
- 3 We will strive to remove social barriers and provide an environment that allows people choice and control over their own lives.

Basic Policy for Gender Equality

<https://www.diversity.keio.ac.jp/wlb/philosophy.html>

Basic Policy on the Promotion of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

<https://www.diversity.keio.ac.jp/diversity/policy.html>

Policies for Student Disability Support Services

<https://www.diversity.keio.ac.jp/en/ease/policy.html>

Keio University Basic Policy on Harassment

<http://www.harass-pco.keio.ac.jp/en/guideline.html#kihon>

Keio University Hospital Basic Policy for Welcoming Diversity

<https://www.hosp.keio.ac.jp/about/policy/diversity.html>

Special Considerations for General Admissions

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/admissions/special-provision/>

The Faculty of Science and Technology & The Graduate School of Science and Technology Keio Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Goals (KeiDGs)

<https://dei.st.keio.ac.jp/about-keidgs/>

Keio University Environmental Mission Statement

(established on July 6, 2012)

Keio University is dedicated to preserving our Earth's environment and advancing a sustainable society that recycles through its educational, research, and medical endeavors.

To this end, every Keio faculty, staff and student shall move forward, aware of our part in the global ecosystem and responsible for championing initiatives that better the environment.

Keio University Code of Research Ethics

<https://www.research.keio.ac.jp/forms/files/f02-02.pdf>

Employment Policy

Keio University recognizes that people are its most valuable resource. Our goal is for each and every person working at Keio University to lead a fulfilling and sustainable life. To achieve this goal, we are working on initiatives that improve the work environment, ensure employees' health and safety, provide opportunities for growth and development, and implement labor practices and systems that are conducive to an active workforce.

Keio University staff careers information SDG Initiatives in Employment

<https://www.hrm.keio.ac.jp/docs/153314.html>

Initiatives to Achieve Carbon Neutrality



Carbon neutrality across Keio University as a whole

Keio University aims to convert energy consumption to natural sources by 2030.

Keio University has a total of six campuses as well as a university hospital and affiliated schools. Each differs greatly in their real-world conditions such as energy consumption rates, usage patterns, and potential for on-site solar panels. Taking these campus characteristics into consideration, Keio is conducting studies specifically aimed at moving towards carbon neutrality.

▶ 2024 Initiatives

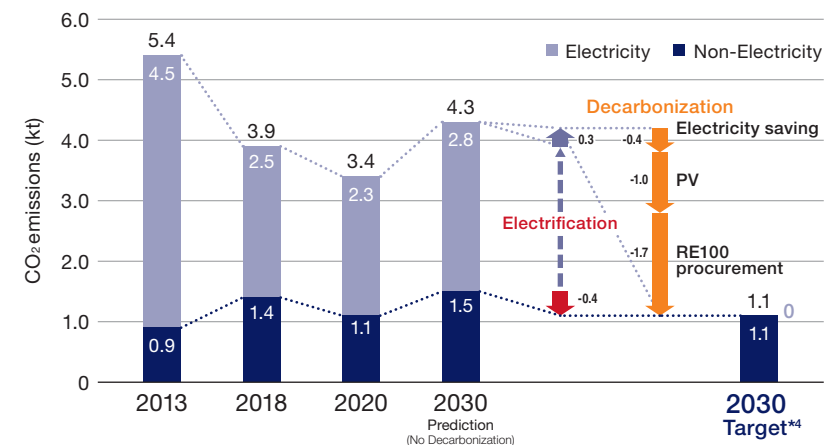
- Memorandum of Understanding on the Implementation of Energy Services for Solar Power Generation Facilities at Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC)
Effective April 11, 2024, Keio University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with TEPCO Energy Partner, Inc. and Japan Facility Solutions, Inc. (JFS) to provide energy services for solar power generation facilities at Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC). Leveraging the expertise provided by JFS, detailed design plans will be drafted in AY2024 and installation of the solar power generation facilities with an estimated capacity of 570kW at SFC is scheduled to commence in AY2025 or later. During the detailed design stage, the installation of storage batteries and electric vehicle rapid charging stations will also be considered to make more effective use of solar power generation. As a result of this initiative, approximately 650,000 kWh, or 14% of the annual electricity consumption at SFC (equivalent to the annual electricity consumption of about 200 average households), will be generated from renewable energy sources, which is expected to reduce CO₂ emissions by approximately 278 tons per year.
- Began Supporting Keio University's Carbon Neutrality through the "Environmental Value"^{*3} Generated by Each Household's Solar Power Generation
Keio University and Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc. launched the "Shachu Kyoryoku Carbon Neutral Plan" as an initiative to coalesce the "environmental value" generated by Keio community households (Keio alumni, faculty, staff members, students and their guarantors, etc.) and utilize it to support Keio University's carbon neutral goals. The call for applications for households to contribute their environmental value was launched in AY2024 and has already garnered support from many families, including the president of Keio University.

^{*3} Environmental value is not the same as actual energy production, such as electricity and heat. It refers to the "added value" of not emitting carbon dioxide, which is considered one factor of global warming. By acquiring environmental value, Keio University will lower its carbon dioxide emissions, effectively accelerating Keio's carbon neutrality. This also contributes to energy conservation and reduces energy consumption.

Carbon Neutral policies at Shonan Fujisawa Campus

Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC) functions as a model for Keio University as a whole in its carbon neutral policies and is paving the way forward with its roadmap for converting over to renewable energy. SFC will convert to 100% renewable energy sources by the target year of 2030. This action plan involves energy conservation through replacing older lighting fixtures with LEDs, enforcing energy-saving practices, and improving energy efficiency within buildings on campus. The campus will also introduce solar power as its main source of renewable energy. An assessment of the potential for on-site solar power generation on campus revealed that approximately 30% of the campus could be self-sufficient by installing solar panels on building rooftops and carport roofs. To increase this percentage, SFC is planning on conducting a survey on the potential of using local biomass as an energy resource. The campus also plans to incorporate other environmental considerations into its carbon neutral policies such as biodiversity projects and recycling.

SFC's Carbon Neutral Roadmap



^{*4} The decarbonization policies listed are those planned as of March 2023 and are subject to change based on future analyses.

Environmental and Resource Conservation Initiatives

Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC) Certified as “Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Site” by the Japanese Ministry of the Environment

Since May 2023, Keio University has been a member of the “30by30 Alliance for Biodiversity”⁵ project launched by the Ministry of the Environment. (Japanese webpage: <https://policies.env.go.jp/nature/biodiversity/30by30alliance/>)

In March 2025, the Keio University Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC) was certified as a “Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Site” for the latter half of fiscal year 2024 by the Ministry of the Environment. Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites are areas recognized by the government for their rich biodiversity and various conservation efforts made by businesses, private organizations, individuals, and local public entities. They are part of the government’s initiatives aimed at achieving the goal of becoming nature-positive. Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites will be registered in the World Database of OECMs. OECMs (Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures) refer to a geographically defined area other than a Protected Area such as national parks, which is governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in-situ conservation of biodiversity, with associated ecosystem functions and services and where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socio-economic, and other locally relevant values. The SFC Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Site is located in the Shonan Fujisawa region, a rapidly urbanizing area with a rich natural environment and high level of biodiversity. SFC has been proactively implementing advanced initiatives to preserve the natural environment and biodiversity of the area and to create a sustainable community and campus, utilizing its strengths as an educational and research institution and incorporating the latest technologies. The certification awarded on this occasion is a recognition that these efforts to preserve the natural environment and biodiversity have borne fruit and led to the successful preservation of ecosystems and rare organisms native to the region.

Prior to the SFC certification, the Shizugawa Forest in Minamisanriku Town, Miyagi Prefecture, which is one of the school forests owned by Keio University (the “Keio Forests”), was also certified as a Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Site for the first half of the 2024 fiscal year in October 2024 as part of the Minamisanriku FSC-certified forest. Keio University maintains more than 160 hectares of forests throughout Japan, including the forests it owns as well as national forests under contract for partial ownership. The Shizugawa Forest, which spans 64 hectares, represents roughly 40% of the total land area of the forests owned by Keio University, and is the largest Keio school forest. In the Minamisanriku region, we are undertaking a habitat restoration project for the golden eagle, which is classified as an endangered species. The Shizugawa Forest is one of the target sites contributing to this project.



Overview of SFC site

⁵ The “30by30 Alliance” aims to effectively conserve or protect at least 30% of land, coastal, and marine areas by 2030 as healthy ecosystems, with the goal of halting and restoring biodiversity loss (becoming nature-positive).



Initiated Production and Sales of Environmentally Friendly Paper “Art Flower Moth Orchid”

Super Woman Project Created in the Aftermath of

the Kumamoto Earthquake to Support Women's Empowerment

The Chiiki Mirai Project under the Keio University Graduate School of Media Design (KMD), together with MICOHANA (<https://micohana.jp/>), had been studying the commercialization of high-grade paper art, “SuperFlower,” since August 2022 after its members were selected to participate in a design management seminar by the Kyushu Bureau of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. In 2024, a commercial product, “Art Flower Moth Orchid,” was launched. This project utilizes Japanese *origami* techniques, where each flower is handcrafted using high-grade paper to create eco-friendly gift flowers whose quality does not deteriorate even after long periods of time. By establishing a supply system that recycles and reuses materials, we aim to solve the problem of wasteful disposal of unsold fresh flowers or those which do not meet product standards, and in doing so, realize a product cycle that is friendly to the environment and society. In addition, by making it possible to create products at home during periods of free time, this initiative helps to provide work opportunities for housewives occupied with child-rearing or other people who have difficulty venturing out from the home. With the endorsement and participation of Keystone Inc. (<https://www.keystone.jp/>) in this project, we have begun trials to improve this initiative and increase demand for our products by providing flower stands for shop grand openings and other celebrations, thereby leveraging Keystone's network of F&B establishments to raise public awareness.



“Minasan Mirai Project” Lecture Held, Creation of Keio Goods



The “Minasan Mirai Project” is a cross-disciplinary and cross-campus learning project based on the theme “Life in Nature and the Future of Society: What Can We Do?”

On May 13, 2024, we invited Takuya Suzuki, chairman of the Minamisanriku Region Golden Eagle Habitat Restoration Project Council and director of the Minamisanriku Nature Center Friends Association, and Professor Tomohiro Ichinose from the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies to a symposium focusing on the Shizugawa Keio School Forest, where the project was being conducted. During the symposium, participants discussed the analysis of photographic footage of the forests captured by drones, as well as the initiatives being carried out to make the most of the forests in Minamisanriku Town, which aims to become a town where “life revolves around the sea and forests.” It was an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the forests of Minamisanriku—what kind of forests they are and what kind of potential they have. On December 9, 2024, we invited Dr. Haruo Saito, director of the Arboricultural Research Institute, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, The University of Tokyo, to deliver a keynote lecture at Mita Campus titled “Toward the Restoration of Forests for Everyone.” Dr. Saito highlighted the risks and dangers that will affect everyone as the trend of people moving away from forests toward urban areas continues, resulting in loss of biodiversity, increased risk of natural disasters, overexploitation of resources, and reduced monitoring of forests. He also made recommendations on how to maintain our forests in a proper way.

In addition, charms made from thinned wood from FSC-certified forests in Minamisanriku, which are affiliated with Keio University, were created as prototype Keio goods. Thinned wood, or timber from forest thinning, symbolizes the cyclical nature of forests. An FSC certification label is placed on the reverse side of each charm to promote awareness of international sustainable practices.

Environment

Environmental and Resource Conservation Initiatives

Joint Collaboration Agreement Signed with Tosu City in Saga

Prefecture for the Realization of a Decarbonized Society

On May 30, 2024, the Keio University Graduate School of Media Design (KMD) and Tosu City, Saga Prefecture, signed a joint collaboration agreement to realize a decarbonized society through collaboration with a cluster of companies that form a logistics hub, as well as a local professional sports team—strengths that are unique to the Tosu region.

Building on the partnership agreement with Saga Prefecture signed in 2023, this joint collaboration agreement aims to create a sustainable and advanced community by leveraging the resources and know-how of both Tosu City and KMD.

Under the agreement, companies will initiate trials of new products and services that will lead to the realization of a decarbonized society, such as by raising awareness of and introducing the latest ZEHs (Net Zero Energy Houses) and ZEBs (Net Zero Energy Buildings)*6 that can achieve significant energy savings.



Joint collaboration agreement signed at Tosu City Hall
(From left) KMD Professor Hiroyuki Kishi, Mayor Yoshihito Mukaikado

Construction of Mita Campus

North Annex Completed

On March 19, 2025, a ceremony was held to mark the completion of the Mita Campus North Annex, which is part of the redevelopment project on the site of the former Ministry of Communications and Postal Insurance Bureau. The exterior of the North Annex is fitted with double-glazed glass panels with the highest level of solar heat resistance in Japan. Highly energy-efficient air conditioners and lighting control using motion and daylight sensors have been installed to achieve high energy-saving performance. For the interior, cedar wood from the Shizugawa Forest, an FSC-certified forest in Minamisanriku Town, Miyagi Prefecture, which is also one of Keio's school forests, is milled and treated to imbue it with semi-noncombustible properties, and then used as wall material and in other areas. The amount of CO₂ fixation achieved by the use of wood in the North Annex totaled approximately 14 tons. Through design innovations, cedar boards of various sizes and lumber remnants are used without resulting in wood waste. The North Annex reflects the principles of the SDGs throughout its architecture—one that contributes to a sustainable society by using recycled materials such as rice husks and *hinoki* cypress, with decking made of recycled wood, and signages crafted from pulverized and processed cedar wood from forest thinning.



Wall art crafted using cedar from the Shizugawa Forest



*6: ZEHs refers to ordinary residences while ZEBs refer to non-residential buildings such as offices, schools, and factories, which aim to achieve a comfortable indoor environment while reducing the annual energy expenditure of the building to zero. (Reference: Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs, Tokyo Metropolitan Government <https://www.htnavi.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/column12/>)

The 36th Science Café “Exploring Hiyoshi Forest” Held

The Research and Education Center for Natural Sciences holds a Science Café event once or twice a year to promote active communication between scientists and the general public, and mutual understanding of natural science.

On July 20, 2024, the 36th Science Café, “Exploring Hiyoshi Forest,” was held. Hiyoshi Campus is home to “Hiyoshi Forest,” a rich natural environment hosting over 1,200 diverse species of living creatures. The campus is surrounded by a thicket consisting of *konara* oak and sawtooth oak, where *tanuki* (raccoon dogs) and other animals live. Rhinoceros beetles and other insects can also be observed there. A variety of plants and mushrooms also grow in the forest. Participants took a stroll through Hiyoshi Forest while listening to explanations about the topography and history of Hiyoshi Campus, as well as the origins and characteristics of the forest. Through observation of plants, birds, insects, mushrooms, and various other creatures, students were able to experience the rich natural environment carefully preserved in the familiar Hiyoshi environs. It was a great opportunity to experience the mysterious world of living creatures.



During the “Exploring Hiyoshi Forest” activity



Nature Observation Tours Held

Keio Shiki Senior High School organizes “Nature Observation Tours” in which students take on the role of instructors and conduct guided tours on the school grounds. Participants observe the plants and animals that grow and live there while listening to explanations from the instructors. This is an initiative aimed at familiarizing members of the local community with the school campus. Student instructors attend at least three pre-workshop training sessions and receive a certificate when they complete the training. The 30th iteration on May 25, 2024, saw 124 participants while the 31st iteration on September 21 was attended by 131 participants. They enjoyed various activities while listening to the explanations of plants and animals by the instructors, and also had fun taking part in a stamp rally.



Participants listening to the instructor's explanations



Plastic Stationery Recycling Activity

The Keio Chutobu Junior High School has participated in the Pilot Pen Recycling Program (<https://pilot-penrecycle.jp/#aboutProgram>) since 2023, collecting unwanted plastic stationery during an exhibition held annually in November. In May 2024, Pilot Corporation (<https://www.pilot.co.jp/>) conducted a special class where students disassembled the collected pens, assembled the recycled parts into ballpoint pens, and learned how fountain pens work. Students also take part in a beach clean-up activity along the beaches of Enoshima where they pick up microplastics and other sources of plastic waste pollution. Through this activity, they are able to more fully understand the scale of marine plastic pollution.



Environment

| DATA | Environmental Impact Data

Keio University is promoting measures to reduce energy consumption as well as encouraging the sorting and recycling of waste in order to reduce environmental impact and create a sustainable campus.

▶ Efforts to Reduce Energy Consumption

We have implemented several measures to reduce energy consumption through the proper operation of various equipment and facilities, such as by setting air conditioning temperatures and reducing the use of lighting wherever possible. In addition, we also inculcate conscientious practice of eco-friendly habits such as encouraging people to turn off the lights and air conditioner for rooms that are not in use, and to ensure that equipment and devices are set to energy-saving modes. Furthermore, we are making the switch to LED lighting fixtures which consume electricity more efficiently.

▶ Efforts to Reduce Plastic Waste

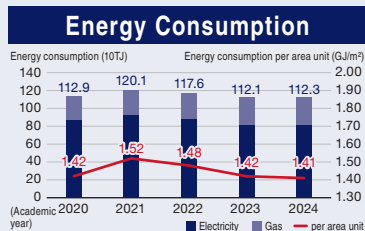
We have installed water dispensers on all Keio campuses to reduce the volume of disposable plastic waste stemming from plastic bottle usage.

▶ Efforts to Reduce and Recycle General Waste

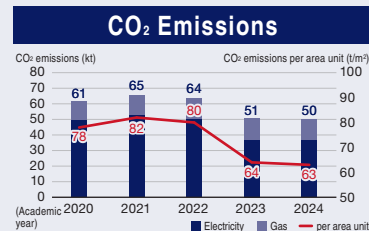
We are working to reduce combustible waste and realize environmentally friendly recycling by thoroughly sorting and separating recyclable paper waste from combustible waste. Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC) has published a "Garbage and Resource Sorting Guide" in Japanese, which provides sorting methods listed in the Japanese alphabetical order for easy reference.

▶ Efforts to Reduce Water Consumption

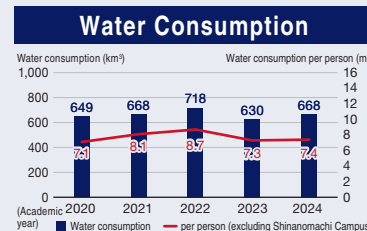
At Mita, Hiyoshi, and Shinanomachi campuses, as well as the University Hospital, we treat rainwater and use the recycled water for flushing toilets and other purposes. At SFC, well water is processed via a "groundwater membrane filtration system" in a stand-alone private water supply, and then used for drinking and other miscellaneous purposes. At Shinanomachi Campus and the University Hospital, we have installed a well system for use in times of disaster, which is also utilized on a day-to-day basis to provide well water for miscellaneous uses.



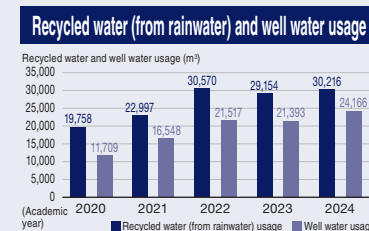
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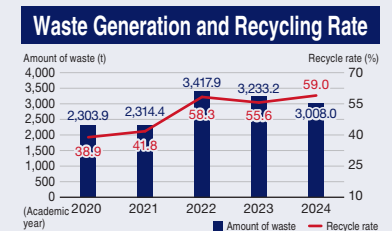
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Environmental Data for each campus (AY2024)

	Mita Campus	Hiyoshi Campus	Shinanomachi Campus	Yagami Campus	Shonan Fujisawa Campus	Shiba-Kyoritsu Campus	Affiliated Schools
CO ₂ Emissions (CO ₂ -t)	3,318	7,662	25,570	7,661	2,191	1,683	1,948
Energy Consumption (GJ)	82,721	166,808	557,934	168,516	68,181	36,945	42,299
Electricity Consumption (MWh)	6,982	13,380	43,518	17,078	5,418	3,557	3,805
Gas Consumption (km³)	498	1,138	4,043	466	475	138	210
Water Consumption (km³)	48	132	323	55	45	15	49
Waste Generation (t)	188.0	300.3	1,938.4	251.5	193.7	136.1	—
Recycling Rate (%)	55.6	51.7	69.1	37.3	19.9	31.2	—

Keio “Kyosei”

Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion



Keio University established the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion on April 1, 2018 towards building an environment conducive to staff and faculty members and students of all ages cooperating and coexisting in a spirit of mutual respect and acceptance for one another's individual personalities and diverse values, and to facilitate prompt responses to issues relating to welcoming diversity. In September 2019, Keio also drafted the Charter for the Promotion of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, which challenges us to strive for a world in which no one—regardless of their age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, culture, nationality, race, religion, or lifestyle—is isolated or excluded from society. With the charter, Keio aims for the actualization of an inclusive society where people of diverse backgrounds respect and cooperate with each other. In order to do so, the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion is engaged in Keio-wide initiatives—encompassing the affiliated schools, university, graduate schools, and university hospital—that address the areas of work life balance, eliminating barriers for those with disabilities, and DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) to develop an environment and systems that respect these ideals. These efforts are carried out based on a platform for promoting diverse values, and sharing the knowledge that Keio has cultivated over the years.

A campus based on “independence and self-respect” and “respect for others”

How we define “Kyosei” at Keio

As a society in which respect is given to different values, we accept one another, and each individual is free to live out the life that they choose, uninhibited by mental and physical barriers or societal stigma.

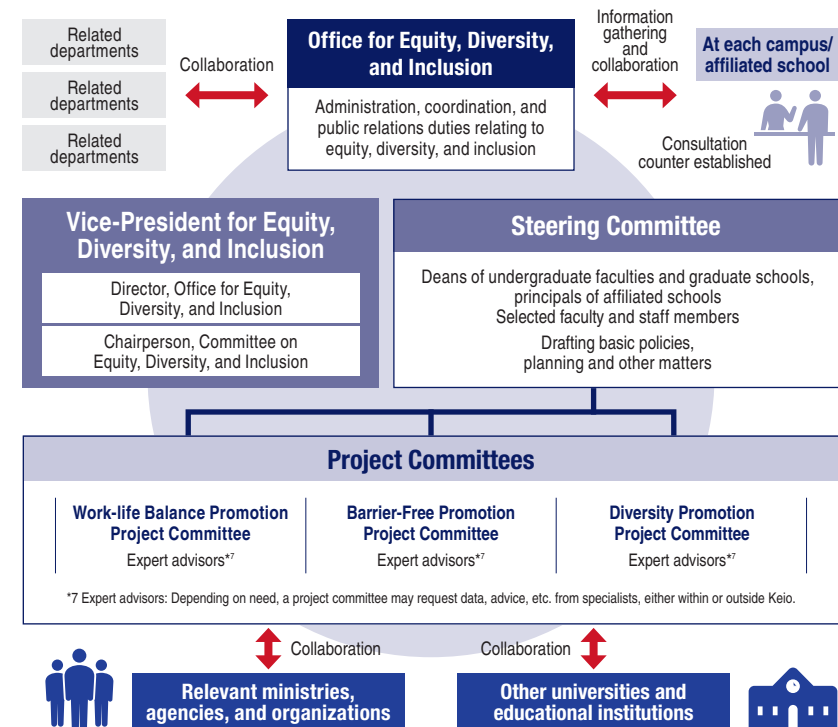
The guiding principles of a “Kyosei” community

Maintaining an open mind toward different values, respect for others, and, above all, empathy and compassion for being true to oneself

Organizations capable of accepting and promoting diversity are best situated for growth and development

Organizational Structure of the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

The Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion has established a steering committee under the supervising vice-president, under which three project committees operate.



Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

<https://www.diversity.keio.ac.jp/en/index.html>



Initiatives to realize “Kyosei” at Keio

Supporting the Career Choices of More Than 100,000 Junior High and High School

Female Students Nationwide! Participation in “Girls Meet STEM College” Program

The Keio University Faculty of Science and Technology has participated in the “Girls Meet STEM College” program since June 2024, an initiative by the Yamada Shintaro D&I Foundation. The program is geared towards junior high and high school female students and allows them to experience student life in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields.

On August 30, 2024, we held “Girls Science Club 2024,” an event targeted at junior high and high school female students, in cooperation with the “Girls Meet STEM College” program. In addition to learning about experiments and recent research initiatives, the participants were brought on a campus tour with a focus on the Media Center (Library), the experiment facilities at the Central Service Facilities for Research (CSFR), and the Quantum Computing Center. They also took part in a roundtable discussion where they could freely consult with current students and faculty regarding university student life, entrance examination preparations, how to choose a *gakumon*^{*8}, studying abroad, and more.



Tour of the Central Service Facilities for Research (CSFR)



During the roundtable discussion

Establishment of Rooms for Women to Rest, Breastfeed, and Extract Milk for Infants

Keio University is committed to creating an environment that facilitates work-life balance through various initiatives such as the CARE (Consultation, Assistance, and Resources for Employees) program, which aims to help employees balance work and familial duties, the Breeze project, which supports women's bodies, and the KIDS (Keio Infant Daycare Support) program. As part of this ongoing push, we have been setting up rooms on each Keio campus to provide a safe avenue for mothers who need to breastfeed or extract milk for their infants, or women who need to rest during pregnancy or after childbirth, during menstruation, or due to illnesses and symptoms faced by women. One such room was newly established on Hiyoshi Campus in the 2024 academic year.



Mita Campus women's room



Hiyoshi Campus women's room

^{*8}B: *Gakumon* (lit. school gate) refers to the “entrance to the garden of learning.” At the Faculty of Science and Technology, students select one of five *gakumon*, or academic divisions, when taking the entrance examinations. The five *gakumon* are A: Physics, Electrical, and Mechanical fields, B: Electrical and Information fields, C: Information, Mathematics, and Data Science fields, D: Mechanical and Systems fields, and E: Chemistry and Life Sciences fields.

Series of Women’s

Empowerment Lectures Held

In the fall of 2021, the Faculty of Economics formed a task force with the goal of boosting the ratio of female faculty members and students in specialized courses. It is also working to raise awareness from the angle of improving the *kyosei* environment at Keio through organizing lectures and talks, etc. on related topics. In AY2024, we held a lecture series on women's empowerment.

The first lecture of the series was held on June 17, 2024, titled “Finland and Equality.” First Secretary Niina Väisänen at the Embassy of Finland, Tokyo, gave a presentation where she used data to illustrate Finland's experience as a country leading in gender equality, the Finnish way of life, and Finnish cultural values. Participants also discussed the importance of role models in leading organizations and society to place emphasis and value on diversity. It was also highlighted that while Finland consistently ranks high in terms of gender equality, happiness, and achievement of the SDGs, it is nevertheless struggling with a low birth rate of about 1.3, among other issues. On December 17, 2024, the second lecture titled “Let's Get to the Decision-Making Table: A Theory on Women's Leadership” was held. The lecture was delivered by CEO Rikako Onishi of Kotori Co., Ltd. CEO Onishi spoke on the topics of decision-making, leadership, and social contribution, drawing from her experience as a career woman and an entrepreneur. This lecture was an invaluable opportunity for students and professionals to gain helpful tips on career development and on how to exercise leadership.



First lecture of the series



Second lecture of the series

Unconscious Bias Training Held

On July 22 and August 2, 2024, the second unconscious bias training workshop, aimed at eliminating unconscious bias, was held for the president, vice-presidents, and other executive management, as well as the faculty deans, graduate school deans, institute directors, principals of affiliated schools, heads of departments, and committee members of the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. For this session, we invited Hiroyasu Ozora, a lawyer at Ozora Yamamura Law Office and affiliated with the Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association, as a lecturer to conduct unconscious bias training. He provided specific case studies to illustrate how unintentional words or actions have resulted in instances of harassment or lawsuits, and highlighted the areas people need to be more mindful of in order to avoid such situations.



During the unconscious bias training workshop

Initiatives to realize “Kyosei” at Keio

AHEAD JAPAN Held Seminar and National Conference to Support Students with Disabilities

On June 29, 2024, AHEAD JAPAN, an association which supports students with disabilities in higher education nationwide, co-hosted a seminar at Mita Campus with the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion titled “Enhancing Support Systems at Private Universities: In View of the Revised Act for Eliminating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities.” The revisions to the Act for Eliminating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities, effective as of April 2024, have made it a legal obligation for private universities and other institutions to provide reasonable accommodations, whereas previously they were only obligated to make efforts towards doing so. Furthermore, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) has released the Report on Educational Support for Students with Disabilities (Third Summary). In response to these social trends, there is a need for private universities to further improve their systems to support students with disabilities. The seminar included an explanation of the contents of the Third Summary released by MEXT, as well as a panel discussion by university faculty and staff involved in supporting students with disabilities.

This was followed by the AHEAD JAPAN Conference 2024, marking its 10th iteration, held at Mita Campus from August 29 to 30, 2024. Numerous participants from across Japan gathered for networking opportunities and presentations on practices and research on the topic of supporting students with disabilities. On the day before the event, a special program was held for Keio faculty and staff members involved in supporting students with disabilities. The program included a study session conducted by relevant experts and MEXT staff on how to handle and support students with disabilities.



Poster presentation session during the AHEAD JAPAN Conference 2024

The Breeze Project: Supporting Women's Bodies : Free Distribution of Sanitary Products

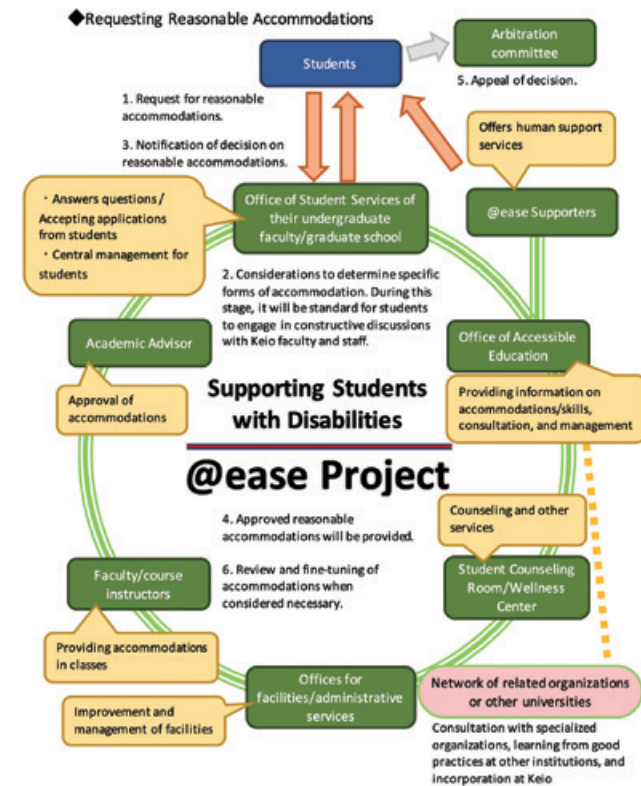
Keio University has begun distributing free period products as part of the “Breeze Project: Supporting Women's Bodies” initiative to address the needs of female students dealing with uncertain times due to their economic situation. In AY2024, students could apply to receive the items under this initiative in four separate application periods—in April, July, October, and January. In addition, we have installed free sanitary pad dispensers, OITr (One in The restroom), in the female toilets on all campuses. (Japanese website: <https://www.diversity.keio.ac.jp/breeze/breeze.html>) The goal of this initiative is to help reduce the mental and physical burden of female students caused by menstruation, and in doing so contribute to closing the gender gap and assisting them to lead a comfortable university life. Concurrently, we also organize health seminars by medical specialists and established a “Consultation Corner for Concerns about the Female/Male Body” at the Keio University Health Center.



Providing a Support System for Students with Disabilities



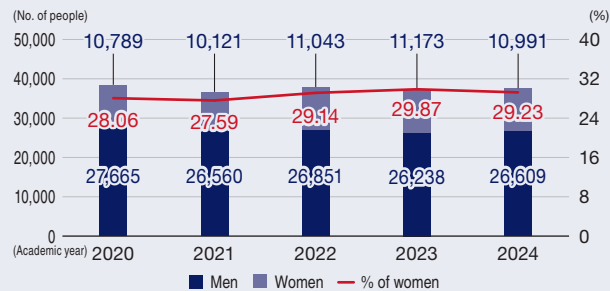
Keio University has established a framework named the “@ease Project” which facilitates cooperation between related departments to support students with disabilities. We continue to develop similar systems to respond to the needs of students with disabilities. As part of this effort, from AY2024, we introduced an online application method for reasonable accommodations through K-Support, a portal site providing various services for current students. This allows students to complete the necessary application procedures without being constrained by time or location factors.



DATA | Percentage of Women

Applicants

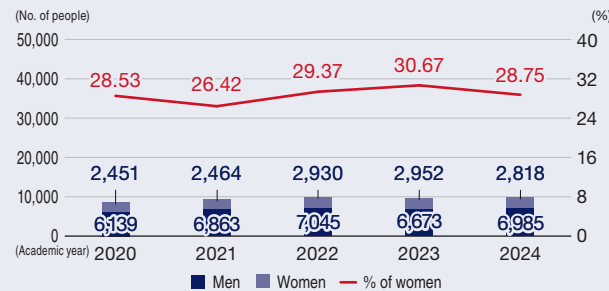
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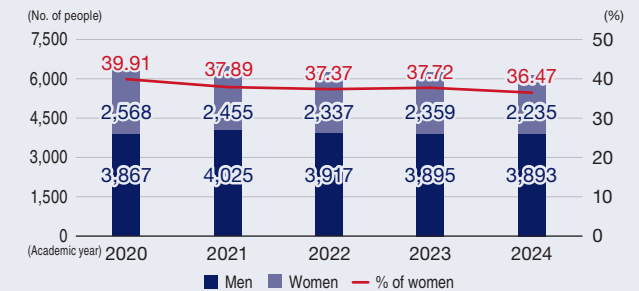
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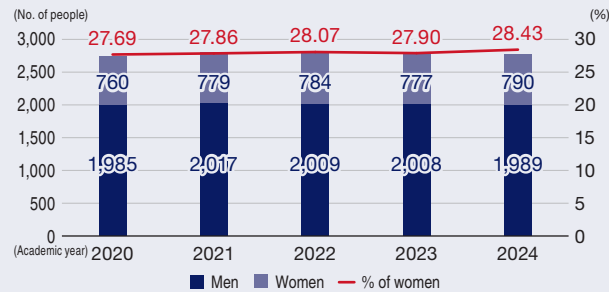
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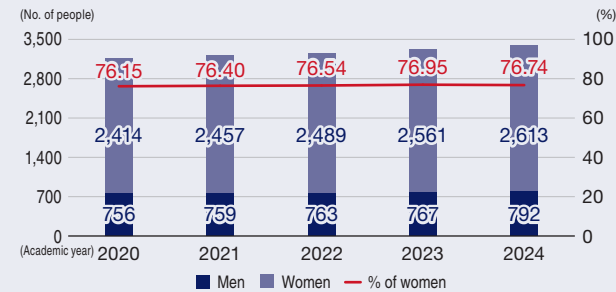
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Staff Members

(Full time / as of May 1 of each academic year)



Change in the past year | Rating 😐

Health and Well-Being Initiatives

Shinzo Koizumi Memorial Lecture*⁹ “The Medical Care, Nursing Care, and Health Care We Aim for in the Near Future” Held



On September 13, 2024, Professor Masaya Nakamura from the School of Medicine delivered the 2024 Shinzo Koizumi Memorial Lecture, titled “The Medical Care, Nursing Care, and Health Care We Aim for in the Near Future.” In his lecture, Professor Nakamura presented on the interdisciplinary research being advanced by utilizing the scientific knowledge and data infrastructure of academia and industry, as well as the various sensing technologies and AI analysis algorithms generated from this research. The audience listened attentively and took part in a lively Q&A session on the theme of seamless integration between medical care, nursing care, and health care. Participants discussed how they are seeking to realize a health commons community where individuals and families with post-treatment concerns are linked up with the right medical professionals as needed, so that they can enjoy healthy and fulfilling lives with peace of mind and purpose.



Professor Nakamura giving his lecture

Public Lecture “Sumitomo Life Insurance’s Approach to Well-Being” Held



On May 24, 2024, the Graduate School of System Design and Management (SDM) held a public lecture titled “Sumitomo Life Insurance’s Approach to Well-Being.” The lecture included a dialogue between Yukinori Takada, president and CEO of Sumitomo Life Insurance Company, who won the Grand Prix in the goods and services category at the first Wellbeing Awards (https://www.asahi.com/ads/wellbeing_awards/), and Professor Takashi Maeno from SDM, who served as chairperson of the judging committee at the same awards and is also the president of the Society of Well-Being. Through discussions with SDM attendees, the program sought to promote understanding of “well-being” which is the core of Sumitomo Life Insurance’s management, with its “Sumitomo Life Vitality,” a health-promoting insurance, being the cornerstone of their corporate philosophy.

⁹ The Shinzo Koizumi Memorial Lecture has been held several times per year since 1968 as a cross-campus Introductory Course under the Keio Gijuku Koizumi Memorial Fund for the Advancement of Education and Research, which was established in honor of former Keio professor Dr. Shinzo Koizumi and his teachings. The course is free to attend and is also open for participation to a broad spectrum of persons from outside the university without prior reservation, in principle.

Citizens’ Open Lecture “From the Basics of Cancer to Current Cancer Treatment: Introducing the Latest Cancer Treatment Methods” Held



From January 19 to 26, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy hosted the third Cancer Professional Training Institute Citizens’ Open Lecture titled “From the Basics of Cancer to Current Cancer Treatment: Introducing the Latest Cancer Treatment Methods” via an on-demand streaming format. Cancer is a disease that affects one out of every two Japanese people nationwide. Since the 2000s, research at the molecular level has progressed and various new drugs have been developed. In particular, cancer immunotherapy, characterized by immune checkpoint inhibitors, is garnering significant expectations as the fourth cancer treatment method following surgery, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy. During the lecture, experts gave explanations on the current status and future prospects of next-generation cancer therapies centered on immune checkpoint inhibitors, supplemented by the latest research reports.

Healthy Menu Designed by Faculty of Pharmacy Students Served at Minato Ward Office Cafeteria



A healthy menu designed in the “Early Experiential Learning and Entrepreneurship Introduction Course,” a class for first-year students in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Pharmacy, was served at Restaurant Port, the cafeteria at the Minato Ward Office which is open to the general public, from September 17 to 20 and September 24 to 27, 2024. (<https://www.city.minato.tokyo.jp/gomigenryou/tabekiri/0062minatokuyakushoshokuinnshokudourestaurantpo-to.html>) The students analyzed the data derived from health checkups of Minato Ward Office employees, created healthcare personas, conducted research with reference materials and books, and interviewed experts to develop the menu. A dietitian from the Minato Ward Health Promotion Division also supervised the creation of the menu content and provided advice. Two menu items were offered: “Glycemic Gapao,” an anti-diabetic dish that contains plenty of vegetables, mushrooms, and seaweed to provide a healthy and satisfying meal, and “Fiber-Packed Hearty Set Meal,” designed to help deal with metabolic syndrome.



“Glycemic Gapao,” an anti-diabetic dish



“Fiber-Packed Hearty Set Meal,” designed to help deal with metabolic syndrome

Health and Well-Being Initiatives

RENKEI*10 Health Workshop Hosted by Keio University

From December 1 to December 3, 2024, over forty participants from RENKEI member universities in Japan and the United Kingdom attended a health workshop organized by Keio University at the Tsuruoka Town Campus. During the three-day workshop, attendees took active roles in discussions on increasing life expectancy, how to solve issues that can lead to a healthier society, dietary and lifestyle habits, technology, and community health care. Nine researchers represented Keio University at the workshop, including Vice-President Motohiro Tsuchiya, Professor Kazuharu Arakawa from the Graduate School of Media and Governance (Director of the Institute for Advanced Biosciences), and Professor Yasumichi Arai from the Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care (Director of the Center for Supercentenarian Medical Research). Each introduced various research initiatives taking place at Keio, especially focusing on university-launched venture companies that have emerged from research findings at the Institute for Advanced Biosciences and medical studies about the secrets to longevity for people living over 100 years.



RENKEI Health Workshop participants



Keio University Hiyoshi Children's Cafeteria Event Held

The Keio University Hiyoshi Children's Cafeteria event was held on June 22, October 5, and December 21, 2024. This project is one of the many initiatives at Hiyoshi Campus contributing to society, and has been carried out since December 2022 as part of an effort to facilitate deeper ties and exchanges with the local community. Primarily planned and run by the student group Keio Slow Food Club in collaboration with faculty and staff members at Hiyoshi Campus, the program is part of Keio's efforts to advance the SDGs and strengthen the ties between the school and its surrounding community. It was held in cooperation with Green's Marche, a student cafeteria at Hiyoshi Campus.

On December 21, 2024, the seventh iteration of the event saw approximately 30 elementary school students from four elementary schools in the vicinity of Hiyoshi Campus participating. Under the theme "Let's Have Fun with Keio Students!" participating students and Keio students had fun taking part in quizzes, making handicrafts, and having meals together, thereby deepening exchanges.



The 7th Hiyoshi Children's Cafeteria event



Workshop "Hands-on Experience with State-of-the-Art Medical Equipment" Held

On August 17, 2024, the Center for Preventive Medicine in Azabudai Hills held its first workshop, "Hands-on Experience with State-of-the-Art Medical Equipment," for junior high school students. The event was part of the 2024 iteration of the Hills Workshop for Kids, a summer learning program for children put on by businesses and organizations that operate out of Azabudai Hills. Through the workshop, Keio University gives participants the opportunity to interact with real medical equipment. The event was led by a group of doctors, nurses, and medical technicians from the Center for Preventive Medicine, as well as members of the Keio ACLS Popularizing and Promoting Association (KAPPA), a club comprised of students from the School of Medicine, the Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care, and the Faculty of Pharmacy that seeks to educate the public about how to use lifesaving medical devices. The junior high school students were divided into three groups and rotated between three activities: using an endoscope to examine the inside of a stomach, using abdominal ultrasound to look at internal organs, and administering first aid using an AED on a training dummy.

The Center for Preventive Medicine will continue this initiative, further improving the program and providing children with more opportunities to experience the latest in medical care.



Practicing how to administer first aid using an AED



"Physical Activity Promotion through Multidisciplinary Collaboration Symposium 2025" Held

On March 4, 2025, the KGRI Keio Sports SDGs Center, together with the Department of Health and Social Behavior at the Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Tokyo, and the Japanese Association of Exercise Epidemiology, jointly hosted the "Physical Activity Promotion through Multidisciplinary Collaboration Symposium 2025: Municipal Strategies to Promote and Achieve Sports and Health Promotion Plans Simultaneously" at the University of Tokyo's Hongo Campus. The symposium aims to share practical knowledge and issues, such as good practices in municipalities and challenges faced by them, that are necessary for the effective promotion of sports and health through plans and programs, and through collaboration among various fields and departments that promote physical activity and increase the rate of sports participation among residents.



Poster for the symposium



*10: RENKEI is a Japan-UK university partnership program to facilitate the mutual sharing of knowledge and the creation of international joint research. The member universities include Keio University, Kyushu University, Sophia University, Tohoku University, Ritsumeikan University, the University of Southampton, Durham University, Newcastle University, the University of Leeds, and the University of Liverpool. (as of April 2025)
(<https://www.britishecouncil.jp/en/programmes/higher-education/university-industry-partnership/renkei/about>)

SDGs Student Conference



SDGs Student Conference

Inspired by the citizens' assemblies held in France and the U.K. where the general public can weigh in on issues such as climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, the SDGs Student Conference was established as part of Keio University's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) initiatives in order to reflect students' views regarding Keio's efforts towards achieving the SDGs.

Students were selected by open recruitment and random selection from across all of Keio's undergraduate faculties. These students began their activities in June 2022 to provide input to Keio University's overall vision, specific objectives, and attainable targets for the SDGs. To do so, they received advice from experts while engaging in various discussions with each other.

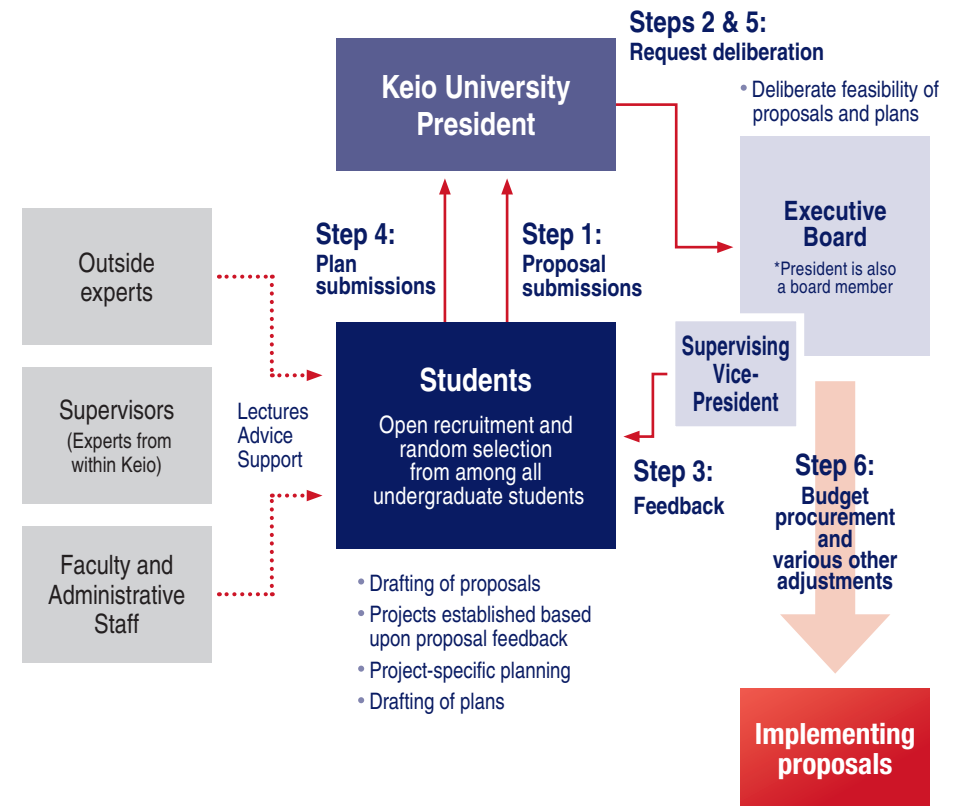
In the summer, the Keio SDGs Conference Summer Camp was held, with roughly 100 students attending from Keio's affiliated schools in addition to the members of the SDGs Student Conference, leading to discussions on the SDGs that spanned multiple age groups.

The recommendations for the 17 goals compiled by the SDGs Student Conference over the course of their activities through the academic year are submitted directly to the president at the presentation of final proposals, where the president and participating students engage in a more in-depth discussion and share their views about the proposals. The president then spearheads a review of the recommendations with the proposals providing direction for Keio's future initiatives and for the activities of the next SDGs Student Conference.



Group working session

SDGs Student Conference Structure



Activities of the SDGs Student Conference Project

The SDGs Student Conference submits a final proposal with recommendations that will be deliberated on by a Selection Committee. Recommendations that are adopted will be initiated by the university as projects. The activities of each project for the 2024 academic year are detailed as follows.

Sa-Sushi Project

This project aims to raise awareness of the 10 targets and specific initiatives in SDG 14 "Life Below Water," and to spark interest in sustainable seafood.

From April 23 to 25, and December 17 to 19, 2024, Green's Marche, a student cafeteria on Hiyoshi Campus, collaborated with Green House Co., Ltd. (<https://www.greenhouse.co.jp/>) to host "Sustainable Seafood Week," offering a menu featuring ASC/MSC-certified seafood (sustainable seafood).

From AY2025 onward, the program will continue to provide sustainable seafood on a regular basis as a project under the supervision of the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.



"Mabo-don" with minced MSC-certified fish

Parenting Together Project

This project aims to alleviate students' concerns regarding child rearing and encourage them to form career plans with child rearing in mind, in hopes of reducing the high rate of job turnover due to child rearing duties, which is still a prevalent issue in Japan.

On February 26, 2025, a panel discussion was held at Hiyoshi Campus, titled "Asking Our Seniors for Life Advice: Parenting and Career Matters." Five panelists took to the stage to give advice to students on their future, addressing their concerns about balancing childcare and work, and sharing good practices and tips they can adopt at the workplace and at home. In addition, in March 2025, as an initiative to provide students with hands-on experience in childcare, we organized three sessions at Benesse Hiyoshi Nursery School where 11 students participated, learned more about child rearing and had a taste of parenting.



During the panel discussion

Water Dispenser Project



In order to increase awareness and usage of the 46 water dispensers installed across all campuses, bottles of barley straw-infused water were distributed for free and a stamp rally with prizes was held from May to June, 2024.

Going forward, in cooperation with the Office of Facilities and Property Management which is in charge of installing and managing the water dispensers, and the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, we will study the feasibility of reallocation or additional installation of water dispensers at convenient locations to reach more people. To further boost usage, we will intensify outreach efforts through our official social media platforms and university PR activities, and analyze usage rates at each installation location.



Free distribution of bottles of barley straw-infused water

Exchange Project between Keio Students and Hiyoshi Community



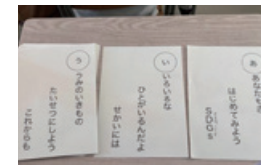
This project aims to transform the perception of Keio University from "physically close by but distant and aloof" to "Keio University, the pride of Hiyoshi." In order to realize SDG 11 "Sustainable Cities and Communities," we will reflect on the role Keio University should play in the local community through interaction between Keio students and local residents. Focusing on elementary school students living in Hiyoshi, Keio students visited elementary schools and after-school kids' clubs in the vicinity of Hiyoshi Campus to conduct book-themed workshops, including "University Students Book Caravan: Let's Enjoy Books and Games!" and the Keio University Student Conference's collaboration project with Morooka Elementary School titled "Exploration Activity: Let's Implement Morooka Elementary School's Version of the SDGs!" These initiatives aim to make both Keio University and books more familiar to students.

We conducted the "University Students Book Caravan" workshop in August 2024 at Hiyoshidai Elementary School after school kids' club for 1st to 4th graders, and in January 2025 at Kizuki Elementary School in Kawasaki City for 3rd graders. In these workshops, students learned about the SDGs through books read aloud to them, discussed how they can realize the SDGs in their daily lives, and made a SDGs declaration. In addition, from May to December 2024, under the theme "Let's Implement Morooka Elementary School's Version of the SDGs," we introduced Keio's SDGs initiatives to the students while making them think about what they can do to help. The students were divided into three groups—illumination, *karuta*, and posters—to create and exhibit their respective works.

We plan to further expand our activities to elementary schools around Hiyoshi Campus.



Making a SDGs declaration



SDGs karuta

Activities of the SDGs Student Conference Project

Rural Students Support Project

This project focuses on “rural areas” to realize SDG 10 “Reduced Inequalities.” We aim to increase the percentage of students from rural areas and promote diversity within the student body so as to stimulate exchanges within campuses to generate ideas toward solving social issues. With this aim, we have set a goal to “restore the percentage of students from rural areas to 40% by 2030.” In cooperation with the Admissions Center, we are enhancing support for these students in terms of alleviating their anxieties during admission and in their university lives.

From April 2 to 5, and May 7 to 10, 2024, the student cafeteria at Hiyoshi Campus, Green's Marche, in collaboration with Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC) cafeteria, Tablier, jointly hosted an event called “Yoru Shokudo,” where students from rural areas, new students living alone, and international students, were invited to learn more about the local food culture of various regions while deepening exchanges. They also learned about the importance of cooking and eating healthy while living alone, and picked up helpful tips for healthy cooking. The event was a great success, with many students enjoying the free dinner in addition to benefitting from the lectures on nutrition and other social programming. In May 2024, we also published a digital pamphlet, “Unlimited Vol.2,” to assist students from rural areas and students living alone to have a more fulfilling university experience. While focusing on providing support on softer aspects, such as health care, emotional support, and building friendships, the pamphlet also compiles information on scholarships, housing assistance, health advice, and tips on how to register for courses.



During the Yoru Shokudo event



Unlimited Vol.2



Campus Energy-Saving Project

In order to raise awareness of the Student Conference, we started the “Illumination with Zero Electricity Bills” initiative, which uses solar panels and 100% renewable energy, and installed it on Hiyoshi and SFC campuses on December 16, 2024. A survey conducted in May 2024 revealed a low level of awareness of the various projects the Student Conference is implementing to achieve the SDGs. To address this, this visually prominent project was initiated to boost topical engagement.

On Hiyoshi Campus, illumination created by students of Morooka Elementary School under the “Exchange Project between Keio Students and Hiyoshi” was also put on display. This event was featured on the official SFC X account and Instagram page, receiving a lot of attention.



Illumination on the Hiyoshi Pavilion**11

**11: A wooden pavilion constructed with student participation on Hiyoshi Campus grounds to promote interaction among students and informal education.

Garbage Can Reform Project

The goal of this project is to achieve a 100% recycling rate at Keio University by 2050, i.e., to reduce the percentage of foreign contamination in the trash to 0%, and to achieve recycling of resources within the university by utilizing 100% of trash as resources, thereby realizing a sustainable Keio University.

In January 2025, we set up a collection box for used disposable chopsticks in the student cafeteria, Green's Marche, on Hiyoshi Campus, to collect used and disposed chopsticks for recycling as resources and at the same time reduce the volume of combustible waste. The collected disposable chopsticks are packed into cardboard boxes and shipped to the Future of Japan Forest Association (<https://japan-forest.com/>) where they are repurposed as paper through the disposable chopsticks recycling project. Approximately 7,400 sticks (3,700 pairs) of disposable chopsticks were collected from January 14 to February 20, 2025. In addition, a collaborative event between the Student Conference and Morooka Elementary School titled “Exploration Activity: Let's Implement Morooka Elementary School's Version of the SDGs!” was held. The event was modeled after a poster-making activity in Keio University, and aimed to expand the promotion of the SDGs to the wider community rather than having it remain limited to Keio. 6th graders were tasked to make SDGs posters with the same purpose and perspective in mind.



Poster advertising the collection of disposable chopsticks



Disposable chopsticks collected

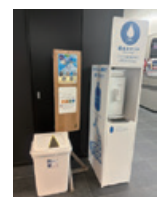
Contact Lens Case Recycling Project



This project aims to reduce plastic waste by 20% by 2030, thereby contributing towards realizing SDG 12 “Responsible Consumption and Production” and SDG 14 “Life Below Water.”

A survey we conducted revealed that contact lenses are used by an estimated 60% of students. Focusing on this, we set up collection boxes at five locations on Hiyoshi Campus on December 18, 2024, to enable round-the-clock collection of empty contact lens cases. In addition, from January 8 to 9, 2025, we held an empty contact lens case collection drive with prizes and coupons sponsored by our corporate partner, SEED Co., Ltd. (<https://www.seed.co.jp/>), in front of the Student Union Building on Hiyoshi Campus. A total of 2,841 contact lens cases were collected.

We plan to establish permanent collection boxes on multiple campuses in AY2025 with the support of the Office of Facilities and Property Management and the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.



Empty contact lens case collection box (left)

Keio SDGs News

"Enjoy Sports Day" Event Held to Commemorate Improvement Works Done to the Hiyoshi Athletics Field



2024 SDGs Student Conference Guidance Held

23rd "Gathering of Forest Lovers" Lecture Held



"Summer Vacation Science Experiment Class" Held at Shin-Kawasaki Town Campus (K2)



Keio SDGs Conference 2024 Summer Camp Held

Shiki Forest Summer Tour Held by Keio Shiki Senior High School



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President Itoh Attends the U7+ Alliance Presidential Summit, Participates in Issuing of Joint Statement to the Upcoming G7 Summit



President Itoh giving his speech

The U7+ Alliance (hereafter U7+) Presidential Summit was held at Università Bocconi in Milan, Italy. During the session held on April 11, titled "Global Access to Higher Education," President Itoh gave a speech on the importance of continuous learning while being exposed to diverse values and engaging in friendly competition with peers. U7+ universities compiled a joint statement to call on G7 leaders to work together to eliminate barriers and increase access to education globally. The statement was delivered to Anna Maria Bernini, Italian Minister of University and Research, a representative of the Italian government which hosted the G7 summit in 2024.

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Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with International Criminal Court (ICC)



Signing of the MoU with the ICC

Keio University and the International Criminal Court (ICC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU is expected to create opportunities for practical guidance through the dispatch of Keio students as interns, as well as enable exchanges among faculty members for research and learning. In doing so, the agreement is also expected to expand opportunities for Keio students to work in international criminal justice and international organizations, and promote exchanges in research on international criminal law, criminal law, international law, international politics, international relations, and other related fields. To commemorate the signing of the MoU, ICC President Tomoko Akane delivered a lecture titled "Can the ICC Contribute to the Development of International Criminal Justice? How Should Japan and Japanese People Engage Themselves?"

| June 23-26 |

President Itoh and Other Executive Staff Participate in APRU Presidents' Meeting and Asia-Pacific Women in Leadership (APWiL) Summit



Vice-President Okuda speaking on stage (Photo courtesy of APRU)

President Itoh and other executive staff participated in the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) 28th Presidents' Meeting held in Auckland, New Zealand, under the theme "Oceans: The World's Challenges Divide Us, the Ocean Currents Connect Us," where participants discussed climate change, the marine environment, biodiversity conservation, and other issues. President Itoh participated in the panel discussion on "The Role of University Leadership in Advancing Gender Equity" during the Asia Pacific Women in Leadership (APWiL) In-Person Summit held prior to the APRU Presidents' Meeting, where he showcased Keio's initiatives in promoting gender equality and discussed the role that leaders of organizations should play in advancing gender equity. Vice-President Okuda took to the stage in the event's keynote discussion titled "A Conversation on Driving Change Towards Gender Equality," which explored various topics and shared valuable knowledge and insight about driving progress and meaningful change towards diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

| June 25 |

"Japan-US-Korea Cooperation Toward a Free and Peaceful Korean Peninsula" International Open Symposium Held by the Keio Institute of East Asian Studies (KIEAS)



During the symposium

The Institute of East Asian Studies hosted an international open symposium titled "Japan-US-Korea Cooperation Toward a Free and Peaceful Korean Peninsula" on Mita Campus attended by experts from Japan, South Korea, the United States, and Australia. The symposium was organized into four sessions, namely, "Japan-US-Korea Cooperation Toward Detering North Korean Nuclear Ambitions," "New Discourse on Unification and International Cooperation," "Actual Situation of Society and Human Rights in North Korea and Possibility of Change," and "Japan-US-Korea Response to Enhanced Cooperation between China, Russia, and North Korea." Participants actively discussed the need for cooperation at the governmental and civilian level to resolve the Korean Peninsula issue.

Keio SDGs News

Free Health Event (Glucose and Lipid Measurement, Oral Cavity Examination, ECG Measurement) Hosted by University Community Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmacy

Career Guidance Held for Students with Disabilities



Keio University Ranked Third (According to June 2025 Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Publication) in Number of University-Developed Venture Businesses (as of October 2024) with Total of 377 Companies



Keio University Ranked First Both in Number of Successful Candidates and in Pass Rate for Japanese National Bar Examination



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Promotion Week 2024



Students Submit Final Proposals to the University President for the 2024 SDGs Student Conference

Keio Sports SDGs Symposium 2025
"Toward a Sustainable Society Created by Sports" Held



Shiki Forest Spring Tour Held by Keio Shiki Senior High School



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| December 6 |

Earthquake Disaster Preparedness Exercise Conducted at Narita Airport



Narita International Airport Corporation, Japan Airlines Co., Ltd., and Keio University jointly conducted an earthquake disaster drill at Narita Airport. It was the first time that the three parties worked together to conduct an earthquake disaster preparedness exercise. The exercise was conducted as a "blind drill" in which detailed scenarios were not disclosed in advance. The drill simulated a scenario where an earthquake measuring 6 Upper on the Japanese seismic intensity scale had been detected at Narita Airport. Airport staff practiced their initial response to an earthquake, such as providing evacuation guidance for travelers, assessing damage and casualties, and prompt sharing of information. The purpose of this exercise was to raise awareness of disaster preparedness and to share a common understanding of what to do in the event of an earthquake, as well as to practice the initial response of safely guiding travelers to evacuate the airport. The drill was recorded and will be analyzed and used to draft more effective disaster preparedness plans.

| February 11 |

Comprehensive Partnership Agreement Signed with Kaiyo Town in Tokushima Prefecture for Regional Revitalization



During the signing ceremony



The Graduate School of Media Design (KMD) signed a comprehensive partnership agreement with Kaiyo Town, Tokushima Prefecture, to cooperate in the fields of media, education, and communication design, with the aim of creating a sustainable future for underpopulated areas. This agreement aims to revitalize Kaiyo Town and solve local issues by utilizing the resources and technologies of both Kaiyo and KMD to address challenges faced by depopulated areas, such as the declining birthrate, aging population, and shrinking communities with sparse populations. Under this agreement, Kaiyo and KMD will work to implement a new type of education that leverages the advantages of schools with fewer students, as well as promote interactions between residents in depopulated areas, by cooperating in the fields of media, education, and communication design. Further collaboration within and outside the region through this agreement is expected to lead to the creation of new innovations.

| March 21 |

Volunteer Agreement Signed with the Japanese Red Cross Society



Keio University and the Japanese Red Cross Society have entered into a partnership agreement for the purpose of training student volunteers to work on humanitarian issues. In AY2025, we plan to collaborate with the Japanese Red Cross Society and develop an environment and system to support students who wish to engage in volunteer work.

Examples of support for volunteer work:

- Offering consultation on volunteer work
- Publicizing volunteer activities involving Keio University
- Providing information on volunteer activities conducted by the Japanese Red Cross Society and other external organizations
- Conducting workshops and seminars

Etc.

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| June |

Keio University Ranked 60th in the World for SDG 16 in the 2024 THE Impact Rankings

Keio was ranked 60th globally for SDG 16 "Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions" according to the THE Impact Rankings 2024, which evaluates the impact universities have on society by measuring their degree of achievement in the SDGs proposed by the United Nations. This makes Keio University the top-ranked Japanese university for the second consecutive year. 2,152 institutions from 125 countries and regions participated in the 2024 rankings, marking the sixth edition of this publication.



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