

2. Mapping out our International Strategy

In October 2018, Tohoku University published *Tohoku University Vision 2030: Collaborate. Innovate. Activate* (hereinafter the *Vision*) as a roadmap for the future. In the *Vision*, Tohoku University outlines its mission to nurture leadership qualities in talented individuals, to create outstanding world-class research results, and to contribute to the development of a peaceful and just human society. All four visions, “Fostering creative talent and future leaders - The global perspective in times of rapid change” (Vision 1: Education), “Creating innovations and pioneering in new academic fields – Academic excellence as a top-thirty leading university” (Vision 2: Research) , “As a member of the community, it is the duty of a university to establish partnerships with diverse sectors, create new societal value and lead innovations toward the future.” (Vision 3: Community Co-Creation), and “Governance Reforms for a virtuous cycle found on excellence in education and research” (Vision 4: Governance Reforms) are based on our taking an international and global perspective. This means that Tohoku University will promote internationalization in a unified manner, and that all individuals at Tohoku University will act with an international perspective in mind.

Our *International Strategy* was created based on this *Vision*, and the basic framework has been incorporated into the *Vision* as “Priority Strategy 17: International Collaboration ~ Strategic Partnerships for further Excellence”. This Priority Strategy consists of the following two goals:

56. Strategic advancement of international collaborations

We will advance and promote strategic partnerships with global universities, academic institutions and the industry as well as communities at home and abroad to increase our global presence as leading university. Based on the various international activities of our members, we will establish an international strategy and further enhance international collaborations.

57. University-wide, cross-sectoral globalization on campus

The international projects conducted individually in education, research and industry or community collaboration will be consolidated and united to promote Comprehensive Internationalization Projects. We will raise awareness and improve the skills of our members in order to establish an environment, in which everybody can participate in international activities, thus creating a culture suitable for a top-thirty global university.