

Issue 6

What is the President's theme?

To all Deans and Directors

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Hello. This is Kohno Shigeru from Nagasaki University.

The National Center Test for University Admissions is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of this week. To the people involved, I thank you in advance for your hard work. Your support is crucial to making the test run smoothly.

Last week I announced the President's theme for 2020 as "For Planetary Health, Nagasaki University."

I talked about the meaning of "Planetary Health" in Issues 1-5 of my emails. Now I want to explain the meaning of "the President's message."

Past Presidents have announced various themes for the university. Recently deceased former President Saito Hiroshi's themes were "Student-focused Philosophy" and "A Hub for the Dissemination of Academic Information." These themes led the university with a firm sense of orientation in a time of transition after the establishment of the National University Corporation Nagasaki University.

The most recent President Katamine Shigeru's themes were "A General University Rooted in the Region with Outstanding Characteristics" and "A Cutting-Edge University in the World." These themes helped the university to develop in the "glocal" (global and local) perspective.

My theme "For Planetary Health, Nagasaki University," can be said to inherit and comprise the ideas of both former Presidents Saito and Katamine.

The President's theme provides navigation and direction to the "Nagasaki Daigaku Maru," the large ship that symbolizes the university, that puts all the people related to Nagasaki University on board. While the Third Mid-Term Goals document does not specifically mention "Planetary Health," it is the phrase which is related to and includes all five targets.

The President's theme gives the "Nagasaki Daigaku Maru" a direction to move towards and

basic principles that I want “the crew” to be conscious of: the faculty and staff when they work, or students when they study.

Therefore, the President’s theme is not a detailed realization of the Key Performance Indicators (KPI). It only provides the sense of orientation.

The “Nagasaki Daigaku Maru” is sailing forward in a vast expanse of ocean to achieve greater health for the planet. The Deans and Directors of each faculty and school should ask themselves and their colleagues to think about what they can do for “Planetary Health.”

I think some of you are already working on it.

Then I would like you to compile your work using the keyword “Planetary Health.”

That means that everyone in their faculty and school should understand and contribute. To realize this goal, I propose the following two steps:

- ① Slogans from each faculty and school for realizing “Planetary Health”
- ② Submit goals for the year 2020 to achieve the above-mentioned slogans

Please send the slogans and goals to me and the Center for Public Relations Strategy.

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PS: I am very happy to share a story.

Please see the attached file.

Professor Kawai from Nagasaki University’s Office for Research Initiative and Development generously created this fascinating slide.

He will present this to appeal to government officials and others.

I appreciate his effort!

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