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Hello.

This is Kohno Shigeru from Nagasaki University.

Thank you for your help during the National Center Test for University Admissions.  
Let's continue with Issue 10.

I'm surprised with the incredible response to the creative communication campaign of the "Planetary Health" theme.

I hope this is not only because I am talking to you directly, but also because the concept of Planetary Health itself has stimulated your zest for knowledge.

I received about 50 emails over the past two weeks. Most of the emails were from professors and staff who are teaching and working onsite.

I'm strongly confident that with these various opinions and ideas we can now move the "Nagasaki Daigaku Maru" ship forward. I would also like to mention that I am very happy that I received mail from young people.

The opinions of our young colleagues, who will be aboard the "Nagasaki Daigaku Maru" for a long time, are relatively smaller in number but they will have a greater impact during their time on the ship.

I am also leaving the university someday.

For this reason, we must proudly raise the flag of "Planetary Health" for the younger generation who will lead the university.

I hope the flag inspires a bright future for the "Nagasaki Daigaku Maru," where mutual cooperation among crew members is enhanced and incoming students every year will join our ship with enthusiastic expressions on their faces.

Now regional universities are in danger of survival. New student applications and operating budgets are declining. Research funding and support for education is becoming more competitive internationally. If we do not overcome these challenges, it's possible that even national universities will have to merge. This consolidation is not only a problem for universities. It hinders the sustainable growth of people who work at universities and the region.

“Historic Nagasaki University” is not enough as the *raison d’être*. If the university cannot last, it will be remembered only by the name “Past Nagasaki University.”

In the rough waves of the present, remember “For Planetary Health, Nagasaki University.” Do your best. I am confident we will succeed.

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read my emails so far.