

IB入試推進室

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In April 2012, Okayama University set out on a new journey, becoming the first Super Global National University in Japan to accept International Baccalaureate (IB) graduates from IB schools worldwide. In 10 years, over 100 IB students have enrolled in 10 Faculties and 1 Special Program, and in 2022, we are proud to celebrate the 10th. Anniversary of IB Admissions at Okayama University.

IB students have undergone a world-class, unique, challenging, and diverse education and can embrace rigorous academic challenges in University life and perform well. Their inquiry-based learning skills, research skills, and international mindedness make them perfectly suitable for Okayama University, encouraging students to promote a stable, sustainable human society and build new knowledge bases.

Okayama University is highly active in realizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs, United Nations) and was honored as the first ASIAN UNESCO Chair to recognize the efforts in the fields of Education for Sustainable Development.

Okayama University is creating SDGs awareness among students and influencing students to become part of this global movement from a local level. One enrolled IB student has created an all-English student circle with students from various backgrounds, focusing on goal 16 of SDGs, "Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions," to "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development." Since 2015, Okayama University has been among the few National Universities in the world to send and fully financially support students to participate in the



Message from President HIROFUMI MAKINO

Annual "Next Generation Leader Global Summit- One Young World," which brings together the brightest young talents from all over the world in creating a social impact. In 2019, an IB student proudly represented Okayama University at the London summit as part of the Japanese delegation. I want to congratulate all IB students past, present, and future for choosing Okayama University on this significant milestone. I hope they will strengthen Okayama University's mission to nurture global leaders. I extend my gratitude to everyone whose contribution made this decade possible and look forward to more remarkable achievements by IB students at Okayama University.

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Message from Executive Director for Academic Affairs / Provost Prof. HIROAKI FUNAHASHI

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is an international educational program offered by the International Baccalaureate Organization based in Geneva to prepare students to understand and deal with the world's complexities and act responsibly for the future. It was established to help students acquire attitudes and skills and provide them with an internationally accepted university entrance qualification (IBDP) and a route to university entrance.

It has already been ten years since Okayama University actively welcomed IB students who learned knowledge and thinking skills for independent learning, motivation to understand with clear goals, and communication skills, including language proficiency.

The IB educational program defines "The IB Learner Profile" in terms of ten personalities (People who are interested, knowledgeable, thinkers,

Communicators, believers, open-minded, compassionate, challenging, balanced, and reflective).

On the other hand, Okayama University has set forth "pioneers who continue to transform themselves proactively" as the image of human resources to be nurtured and seeks to develop five skills (practical, inquiry, communication, specialized, and liberal arts) through our educational programs. Thus, there are many overlaps between "Learner Profiles" of IB and ours.

I am also pleased that 101 talented and diverse-minded IB students have studied in our ten departments and a special program and excelled on the international stage, such as "One Young World." We have already had 25 graduates who are studying in graduate schools or who are working in companies and university hospitals. In addition, we currently have 76 IB students in school, including 34 from IB schools in 18 foreign countries. A network of alumni and current students has also been formed, and good connections have been made.

I sincerely hope that as many students who have studied in the IB program as possible will continue to research and play active roles at Okayama University. This network will continue to grow into an even larger circle.



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**Message from Vice President,
Director, Center for Admission
Prof. GAKU TANAKA**

IB入試、10周年おめでとうございます！本学IB学生、卒業生、関係者の皆さんにお祝いを申し上げます。IBプログラムのラーナープロファイルして挙げられる10の目標、すなわち、Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, Reflectiveは、予測困難な社会を生きていくうえで、どれも大切なものばかりです。アフリカの諺に次のようなものがあります。If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

IBプログラムを修めた学生たちが、世界的なネットワークのもとで、この混迷する時代を切り拓くことを願っています。そして、その時に、きっと役立つはずのものがあります。それは、コンパスです。予測困難な社会、混迷する時代に必要なものです。そのコンパスは、岡山大学で手に入れることができます。岡山大学における学びを通じて、IB学生たちは、自身のコンパスに気づいて、鍛えることを行ってきたことでしょう。

IBを修めていない学生とも一緒に、まだ見ぬ世界へ歩みを進めてください。より良い世界を築くことへ貢献するIBプログラムの発展、IB学生の活躍を願ってやみません。

On the auspicious occasion of the 10th Anniversary of IB Admissions at Okayama University, I congratulate all IB students, alumni, and stakeholders. The ten goals of the IB Learner Profile: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, and Reflective, are all essential characteristics that need to be nurtured in students to live in an unpredictable society like the present times. Quoting from an African proverb: "If you want to go quickly, go alone; if you're going to go far, go together." We at Okayama University hope that students who have completed the IB program will be able to navigate through these confusing times effortlessly under a global network. One thing that will surely come in handy when they set out on this journey is a compass, which will help them navigate during confusing and unpredictable times. Okayama University hopes to be that compass. During their studies at Okayama University, IB students will become more aware of their existing compass and strengthen it further.

We aspire for IB students to join hands with other students and take a step forward into a world yet to be seen. Finally, Okayama university hopes that the IB program will continue to develop further and that IB students will play an active role in building a better world.

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Message from IB Program Director Associate Prof. SABINA MAHMOOD

Heartiest Congratulations to all our 101 IB students for choosing Okayama University! We are so proud to have you all on board. A decade of IB Admissions (2012-2022). What a wonderful feeling! In the first few years of our IB journey, we had an average of 1-2 IB students per year, but now more than ten IB students join us every year! As of April 2022, we have IB students in almost all Faculties and one special program. Our IB community is growing fast! All Faculty members are very eager to enroll IB students, as Okayama University truly believes and has experienced through our enrolled IB students that the IB Education is a

World-renowned, high-quality educational program that aims to nurture young individuals who can create a better and more peaceful world. Our enrolled IB students are bright, cheerful, and optimistic, with good communication skills, presentation skills, and English fluency. They are empathetic, eager to take up new challenges, and good team players. They are also excellent candidates for study abroad programs too. We are also proud to have 25 IB students who have completed their bachelor's degrees and have moved on to postgraduate school or got their dream jobs! All IB students who have graduated from the Medical Faculty have also successfully passed the Japanese National Board Exams and have become licensed professionals. The Employment rate of our IB graduates is presently 100%. Our IB graduates work in Multinational companies, IT companies, Electronic companies, Research Institutes, IB Schools, our University Hospital, and other hospitals. As a Japanese National University, we are fortunate to have so many IB students from worldwide IB schools. Our IB-friendly attitude, strong student support, and a growing community of brilliant IB students are our main strengths. We at Okayama University appreciate and understand IB education and welcome all IB students with open arms! Come and join the most IB-friendly University in Japan. We look forward to having you onboard soon!

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岡山大学が国際バカロレアの修了生を積極的に受け入れ始めて10年の節目をお迎えになること、本当におめでとうございます。

ご準備、受け入れ開始、その後、一人一人の学生に対してのきめ細やかなご対応、岡山大学がIB生の受け入れの模範的な雛形を作ってくださり日本の引率をはかっていただきました。学んだ学生がそれぞれの持つ輝く長所を生かして、それぞれの専門分野で今後の世界をより平和にしていくことに貢献することは間違いありません。ご関係者の皆様のご尽力、ご努力に敬意を称すとともに、これからのますますのご発展を心よりお祈り申し上げます。

坪谷ニューエル郁子

東京インターナショナルスクール 理事長
国際バカロレア 日本大使

Congratulations on your 10th anniversary of IB admissions.

The IB is sincerely grateful to Okayama University for unprecedentedly opening its doors to DP students in every department, including the medical school, and taking such good care of DP students from in and out of Japan. In addition, Okayama University has been willing to share this experience with others at IB outreach events. Your positive attitude has impacted many other universities in Japan. We thank you and hope to maintain a good relationship in the years to come.

Ayumi Hoshino

Development Manager for Japan, International Baccalaureate

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岡山大学 国際バカロレア入試 10年を迎えるにあたって

国際バカロレア入試は、世界中の受験生を対象とした画期的な入試であると認識しています。その画期的な入試をいち早く取り入れ、10年以上に渡って実施されてきた貴学のお取り組みに心より敬意を表します。私自身、貴学でのお取り組みに刺激を受け、当時、2014年から勤務していた鹿児島大学で国際バカロレア入試の導入に携わりました。また、現在、勤務している香川大学でも2023年度より国際バカロレア入試の導入が決まったところです。このように考えると、貴学のお取り組みに刺激を受けた大学関係者は私以外にも大勢いる訳で、貴学が果たしたパイオニアとしての役割はとても大きいものだったと改めて感じるところです。今後の貴学の更なるご発展を祈念しております。

竹内 正興

国立大学法人 香川大学
人文社会科学系 アドミッションセンター



岡山大学IBアドミッションセンター10周年本当におめでとうございます。岡山大学は日本の国立大学でIB生を多数受け入れている。IB教育に力を入れている素晴らしい大学です。今後とも益々の繁栄を心より祈念しております。

校長 永留 聡

英数学館高等学校

Congratulations and appreciation to Okayama University for having nurtured the integration of IB students into their community for a decade. Important tendrils of new ways of thinking about education are growing across Japan, and as they increasingly interconnect will affect the necessary change for flourishing in our current times. May the next decade see an exponential growth in this, with Okayama continuing to be a key contributor.

Carol Inugai Dixon

Guest/adjunct professor: University of Tsukuba

Senior Director: Hiroshima Global Academy (HIGA)

Honorary President: Japan Association of Research into IB Education (JARIBE)



Congratulations, Okayama University IB Admissions, on your 10th Anniversary! I often tell students that Okayama is one of the leaders in Japan in going beyond simply being IB-friendly, truly understanding the meaning and the strengths of the IB Diploma Program. I am so grateful that you have been such trailblazers for IB in Japan. I hope you continue to be for many years to come.

James Taylor

IB Coordinator, Gunma Kokusai Academy

Congratulations to Okayama University, one of the most globally-minded institutions of higher education in Japan! For ten years, the university has accepted highly-qualified applicants who complete the stringent requirements of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, recognizing that these applicants have achieved a high academic level and attained a view encompassing the entire world, not one single country. Okayama University understands that the leaders of the 21st century will be those who build bridges across national frontiers, not walls separating one nation from another. Those who choose Okayama University are ensured an outstanding education and the highest qualifications to make a positive contribution to the world as adults. For those who prefer the long and challenging path of medicine, Okayama University provides the opportunity to become practitioners of the healing arts and sciences—a profession that is more crucial than ever in the midst of a global pandemic. From everyone at Saint Maur International School, our best wishes for another ten years of educational excellence!

Glenn Scoggins, B.A., A.M.

College Admissions Counselor, Saint Maur International School, Yokohama

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“Congratulatory Messages from our on Campus IB Students”

Happy 10th anniversary!! I'm studying nursing and recently got BLS(Basic Life Support). I look forward to seeing more IB students in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

英数学館, Fukuyama, Hiroshima

Happy 10th anniversary to the IB Admissions at Okayama university!! I'm very grateful to be a part of this amazing community and can't wait to see this community continue to grow. Also, a huge thanks to Sabina sensei for always being there and supporting us!!

International School Manila, Philippines

Happy 10th anniversary to the IB community at Okadai! A big thank you to everyone who made this possible, and here's to another year of welcoming the next generation of IB students to our community!

Island School, Hong Kong

Congratulations to Okayama University for reaching the 10th anniversary of IB! I heartfully wish for more students to join this distinguishing movement in the future.

UWCSEA, Singapore

Happy 10th anniversary! I am honored to be a part of the IB community and thrilled to welcome our new members in the future!

Seisen International School, Tokyo

Congratulations to Okayama University for celebrating 10 years of IB admissions! It has been a pleasure to be an IB graduate at Okayama University, and I hope for the growth of the IB community!!

Canadian Academy, Kobe

Congratulations to Okayama University for completing ten years of IB Admissions! I am blessed to be a part of the 4th year of IB medical students to have entered Okayama university and have a lot of support in multiple dimensions from those who have gone through the same journey.

King George V School, Hong Kong

I am delighted to hear that we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of Okayama University IB admission, and I hope this wonderful community will grow continuously in the future!

Gunma Kokusai Academy, Gunma



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I'm delighted to be celebrating our 10th anniversary and to be part of it. I wish you many more challenges in the future and may they lead to hope and possibilities for the future.

**Int. School. Frankfurt-Rhein-Main,
Germany**

I'm so glad to be a part of this wonderful IB community at Okayama Uni. I would like to especially thank Sabina-sensei for her warmth and kindness.

I-Shou International School, Taiwan

Congratulations on ten years of IB at Okayama University! I can't express my gratitude enough to Okadai and Sabina-sensei, who welcome me with open arms. Knowing we all got through that rough and wild quest we call IBDP gives me a sense of belonging and comfort with this group. Here's hoping the IB community will continue to thrive and grow with each coming year!

Hiroshima International School

Congratulations to Okayama University IB admissions for the 10th anniversary! I am honored and appreciated to be part of this significant occasion.

Canadian International School, Singapore

Congratulations on the 10th anniversary of IB admissions at Okayama University! I hope there will be more students to join our community and contribute to the globalization of our university!

International School Eastern Seaboard, Thailand

Congratulation on the 10th anniversary. I am thrilled that I was able to study here after graduate ISAK!

UWC, International School of Asia Karuizawa

I am pleased to be part of the IB community on this wonderful occasion!

研究などの機会を通して、IBで学んだスキルを最大限活かして更なる成長ができるのは岡大ならではのと思っています！

Saint Maur International, Yokohama

I'm very happy to celebrate the 10th. Anniversary of the IB Admissions at Okayama University together! I look forward to seeing more IB students in the Faculty of Health Sciences and other Faculties.

**Canadian International School,
Singapore**



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“*Congratulatory Messages from some of our IB Student Alumni*”

Congratulations on the 10th anniversary!
I'm so happy to join this community and celebrate this wonderful moment!

Frankfurt International School, Germany

Congratulations on the 10th anniversary of IB Admissions! I hope more IB students come and have meaningful lives at Okayama University!!

Gyoshu High School, Shizuoka

10周年おめでとうございます。IB生として岡山大学の学生になれたのは多くの先生方支えや、活躍した先輩方の姿があったからだと思います。ありがとうございました！

Gyoshu High School, Shizuoka

I am honored to celebrate this memorable year as one of the Okadai IB graduates. I hope all the applicants and current students can expand their interests and continue learning freely!

Gunma Kokusai Academy, Gunma

Happy Anniversary!! It meant a lot to me to be able to join Okadai, and it was all thanks to the IB admissions. I look forward to seeing more IB graduates joining Okadai and Japanese universities! All the best!

ISS International, Singapore

Congratulations on your 10th anniversary.
I feel that Okayama University was one of the universities that understood the IB before the IB program became popular in Japan and made it easier for IB students to decide to attend a Japanese university.

I am happy to have been admitted to Okayama University as an IB student and completed my graduate studies this year.

I wish for the further development of IB Admissions at Okayama University in the future.

AICJ, Hiroshima

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