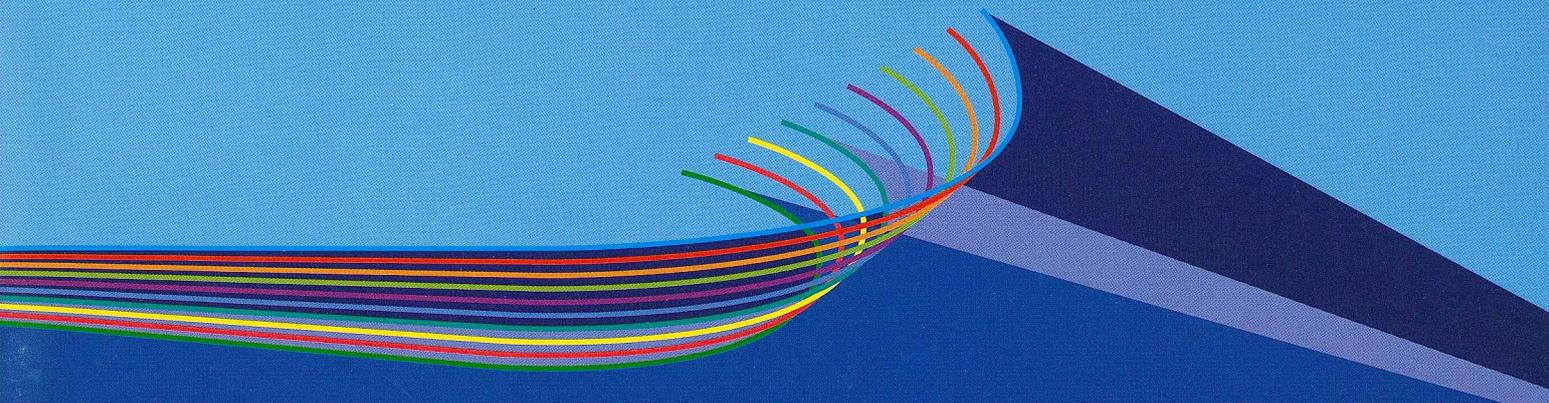


Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

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## Message to the Founding Meeting of the Advisory Committee for Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

I would like to extend my congratulations on the occasion of this founding meeting of the Advisory Committee for Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, under the auspices of Oita Prefecture, Beppu City and Ritsumeikan University. I would also like to pay my respects and convey my best wishes for the success to the committee members, who come from various circles in and outside Japan and to all those involved in this project.

In the rapidly approaching 21st century, it is my hope that the world will solve problems that beset global society, and achieve peace and prosperity for all humanity. The question of Japan's contribution to international society is an important matter for my government. As part of our efforts in this direction, we have expanded programs for international students from abroad. It is also my hope that this new university will contribute to these aims, and help foster an Asia-Pacific age in the 21st century through both high-level research and education for people from the Asia-Pacific region.

The new university will draw many of its faculty from overseas, and Japanese and overseas students will live and study together, deepening mutual understanding and developing lasting friendships and bonds. I hope that this university will fulfill its aim of giving each student a place of education and living, and contribute to the development of the students' home countries, the Asia-Pacific region and genuine world peace. It is my deep conviction that Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University will fulfill the high expectations for it from around the Asia-Pacific region, and win acclaim as a truly international university.

May 23, 1996

Ryutaro Hashimoto  
Prime Minister of Japan

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## Messages for Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Your Excellency's foresight in establishing the proposed University in collaboration with the Ritsumeikan University to meet the challenges of the 21st century is indeed laudable. I share the view that its establishment at the turn of the century is timely. It is my hope that it will play a responsible and critical role in nurturing people of talent from Asian countries in cooperation with the administrative authorities in Asia as well as the business people and the academic staff.

In this regard, I am glad and feel deeply honoured to accept Your Excellency's invitation to be an Honorary Member of the Advisory Committee of the proposed University. I will do my best to achieve the objectives and to realise the vision in establishing the University.

I am also pleased to know that other Honorary Members of the Advisory Committee would include the distinguished Heads of State/Government of other countries including Indonesia and the Philippines. I am confident that with the presence of such distinguished personalities together with prominent representatives of the academic, political, financial and cultural worlds in the Committee, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University will be in good hands.

Yab Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad  
Prime Minister of Malaysia

Your most recent initiative, the establishment of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University is laudable, particularly from the viewpoint of promoting economic and cultural ties with Asian countries through participation of government personnel, the private sector and the academe. I would like to respond positively to be a member of the Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your great interest in the Philippines and my best wishes for your continued good health and success.

Fidel V. Ramos  
President of the Republic of the Philippines

## Greetings from Mr. Gaishi Hiraiwa, Honorary Member

I feel deeply honored to accept the invitation of Oita Prefecture and Ritsumeikan University to be an Honorary Member of the Advisory Committee for Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University—— a truly international university in Japan.

I have learned from the representatives of Ritsumeikan about the unique concept of the new university.

The Advisory Committee aims to solicit positively advice from all sectors of society in respect of the establishment and management of the new university.

It is extremely important to foster talented people capable of undertaking positions of leadership for the achievement of genuine peace and prosperity at a time when we are considering the role of Japan in Asia in the 21st century as well as the future of Asia and the world in 30 or 50 years' time.

It is thus a must that we fulfill our tasks to found a truly international university that will produce people of talent for the 21st century.

This meaningful project that can be called “a national project” will be realized through the collaborations of local governments, private university and private enterprises in cooperation of various countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

It is necessary to make the project a great success for the promotion of Japan's higher education. We are looking forward to advisory members' advice and cooperation for the establishment of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University.

### **A Speech at the founding meeting of the Advisory Committee for Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University on May 23, 1996**



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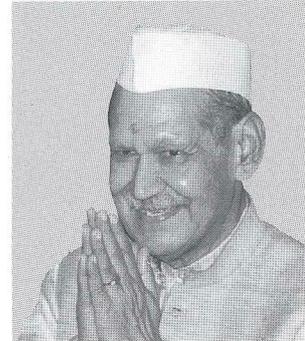
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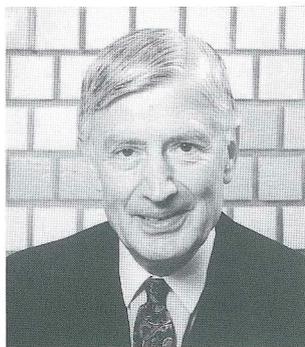
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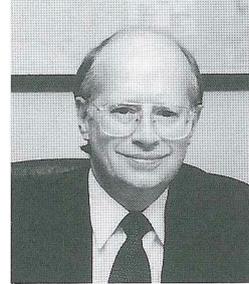
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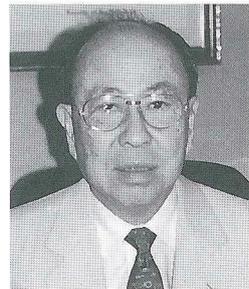
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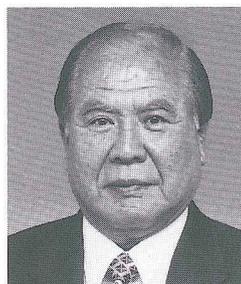
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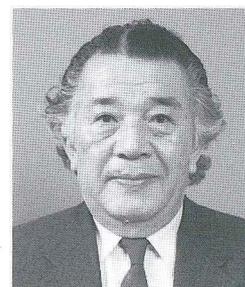
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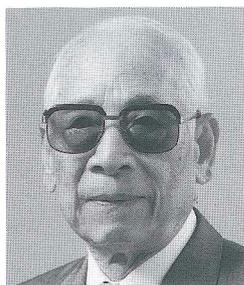
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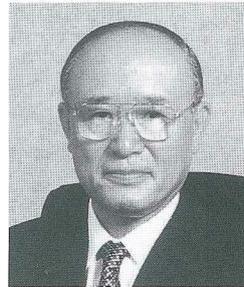
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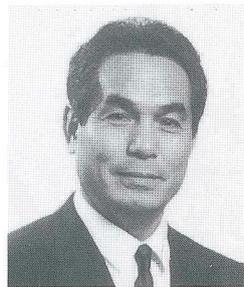


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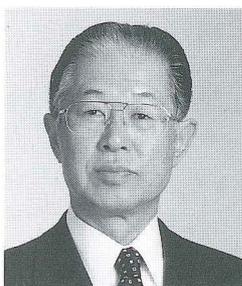
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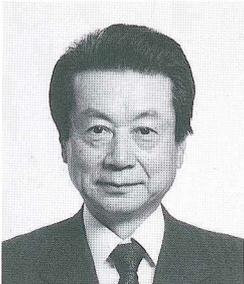
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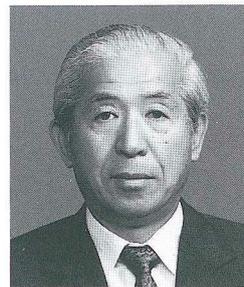
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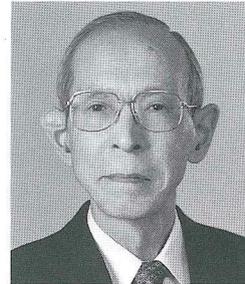
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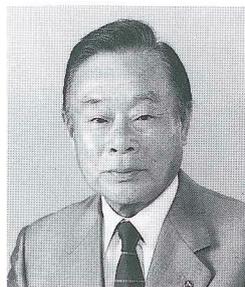
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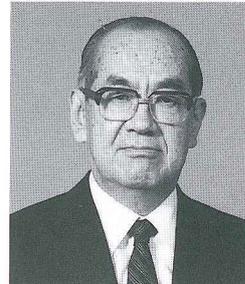
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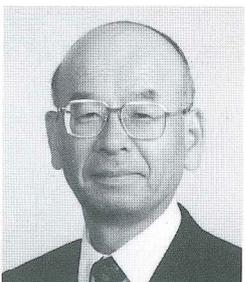
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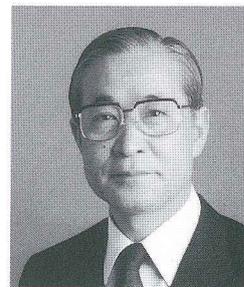
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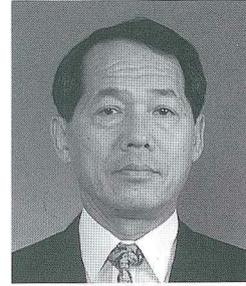
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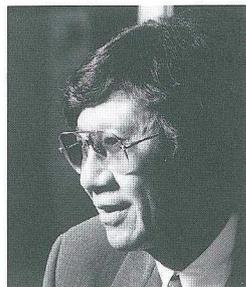
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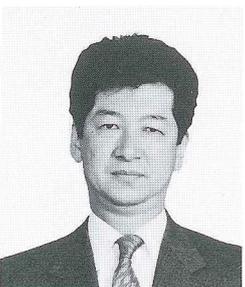
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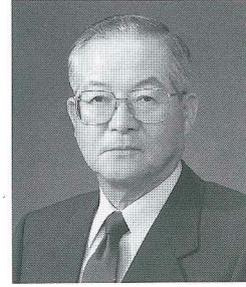
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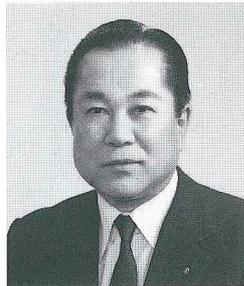
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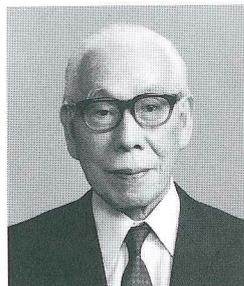
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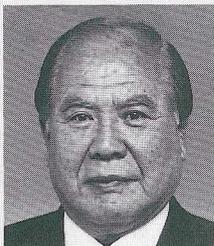


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## Basic Agreement on the Establishment of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

On April 12, 1997, the basic agreement on the establishment of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University was concluded by Oita Prefectural Government, Beppu City Hall and the Ritsumeikan Trust. The agreement stipulates the responsibilities of the three parties, and was approved separately by the Oita Prefectural Assembly, Beppu City Assembly and the Board of Trustees of the Ritsumeikan Trust.

Governor Morihiko Hiramatsu of Oita Prefecture, Mayor Nobuyuki Inoue of Beppu City and Chairman Hachiro Kawamoto of the Board of Trustees of Ritsumeikan attended the signing ceremony, in company with Chairman Shigeki Kotegawa of the Oita Prefectural Assembly and Chairman Yoshinori Kato of the Beppu City Assembly.

After the ceremony, a press conference was held, where Oita Prefecture, Beppu City and Ritsumeikan Jointly announced a statement.

### Text of the Statement

The Oita Prefectural Government, the Beppu City Hall and the Ritsumeikan Trust have concluded today the basic agreement on the establishment of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University at the signing ceremony, attended also by the Chairman of the Oita Prefectural Assembly and the Chairman of the Beppu City Assembly.

According to the agreement, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University aims to cultivate talented people capable of playing active roles for the sustainable development and peaceful coexistence and to create new academic expertises in the age of globalization and, in particular, in the era of Asia and Pacific in the 21st century.

The creation of the new international university is an extremely significant event for promoting internationalization at civic levels and dynamism of the local communities through expanding higher education and making contribution to the settlement of young people and revitalization of industries in Oita Prefecture.

From now on, Oita Prefecture, Beppu City and the Ritsumeikan Trust will join hands and make every effort for the success of the creation of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University with the support of the people of Oita Prefecture and Beppu City as well as various sectors of society.

Morihiko Hiramatsu  
Governor of Oita Prefecture

Nobuyuki Inoue  
Mayor of Beppu City

Hachiro Kawamoto  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
The Ritsumeikan Trust

April 12, 1997



## General Meeting Convened to Establish the Advisory Committee

Enthusiasm mounts as the founding of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University approaches.

On May 23, 1996, a general meeting was held at a hotel in Tokyo to establish the Advisory Committee for Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University. In attendance were 40 committee members, and Mr. Gaishi Hiraiwa (Honorary Chairman, Japan Federation of Economic Organizations), who was present in the capacity of an Honorary Member of the committee. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to solicit advice and assistance from a wide range of groups and individuals, in support of the creation of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University. A total of 74 persons from a wide range of backgrounds have agreed to assume posts on the committee (as of May 23, 1996), including five Honorary Members, five Ambassador Members and 64 Regular Members.

At this general meeting, Mr. Hirotaro Higuchi (Chairman of the Board, Asahi Breweries Ltd.), Mr. Morihiko Hiramatsu (Governor of Oita Prefecture), and Dr. Masateru Ohnami (President of Ritsumeikan University) were elected as executive directors of the committee. Four members were also chosen to be managing directors: Mr. Shiro Kawahara (Chairman of Daido Mutual Life Insurance Co.), Mr. Ken-ichi Suematsu (Chairman of the Sakura Bank, Ltd.), Dr. Yasunori Nishijima (Vice President, Science Council of Japan), and Mr. Nobuyuki Inoue (Mayor of Beppu City).





The elections were followed by presentations by Oita Prefecture and the Ritsumeikan regarding preparations for the founding of the university. These included an explanation of the decision to locate the university in Oita Prefecture, the types of educational programs expected to be offered at the university, and policies for providing support for international students. The committee members were then asked their opinions.



Enthusiasm for the key concepts of the university was universal. It was agreed that the university should help educate people to be able to undertake positions of leadership in the Asia-Pacific region, and should be a truly international university and a model in its openness to international students. As citizens of the future will require management skills combined with basic knowledge of technology and engineering, committee members also expressed the opinion that the university's programs should make the most of the personal experience of a range of people in the forefront of their fields. Long-term support of the institution by such experts will be essential to foster a reputation for the university as being strong in both education and research.

The Ritsumeikan Trust  
Oita Prefecture  
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