

Keio University and Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy sign a Merger Agreement

In November 2006, Keio University (Yuichiro Anzai, President and Head of the Board of Trustees) and Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy (Yoshiyuki Hashimoto, Head of the Board of Trustees), both based in Minato-ku, Tokyo, announced the commencement of discussions regarding a possible merger. The two institutions discussed a wide range of issues before reaching a final agreement and on 20 March 2007, the Keio University Board of Trustees approved the institutional merger between Keio University and Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy and the establishment of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Keio University. A Merger Agreement was subsequently signed by both institutions on 26 March. The Merger Agreement was also approved by the Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy Board of Trustees on 20 March. As a result of this agreement, Keio University and Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy will merge on 1 April 2008 and the Faculty of Pharmacy and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences will be established at Keio University.

1. Significance of the Merger

The pharmaceutical field plays a vital role in supporting both the lives of individuals and society as a whole. It is becoming increasingly important, both domestically and internationally, as pharmaceutical research becomes broader, more diverse and more sophisticated. This development, along with increased global interest in creating safe, secure and healthy societies, has created an urgent need for human resources that have extensive knowledge of this field, highly developed interpersonal skills and advanced research skills.

In response to these trends, the Keio University Faculty of Pharmacy and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences will be established on 1 April 2008. The new faculty and graduate school will lead the pharmaceutical field in the 21st century based upon the following:

- (1) The establishment of a new comprehensive pharmacy education model in Japan. This will be achieved by integrating Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy's long tradition of pharmacy education into Keio University's comprehensive educational infrastructure which includes undergraduate faculties, graduate schools, the university hospital and affiliated schools.
- (2) The promotion of cooperation between the newly established Faculty of Pharmacy and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and other undergraduate faculties, graduate schools and institutions at Keio University in order to contribute to the academic development of pharmaceutical research. This collaboration will cover a wide range of fields, from drug development to policy-making, leading to future innovations and the advancement of pharmaceutical research.
- (3) Contributing to the security, safety and health of society by identifying and resolving issues related to medication, food, medical care and the environment.

2. Merger Agreement Outline

The following is an outline of the Merger Agreement:

- (1) After merging on 1 April 2008, Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy will be closed and integrated into Keio University.
- (2) After the merger, the Faculty of Pharmacy and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences will be

established at Keio University.

- (3) From the date of merger, Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy students will be transferred to Keio University.
- (4) From the date of merger, Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy faculty members and administration staff will become those of Keio University.

3. Overview of the New Faculty of Pharmacy and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

(1) Faculty and department names, student quotas and degree titles

I. Undergraduate faculty/department names

Faculty of Pharmacy, Keio University

Department of Pharmacy (6-year program) < new enrollment capacity: 180>

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (4-year program)

< new enrollment capacity: 30>

II. Graduate school/department names

Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Keio University

Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Master course)

Major in Pharmaceutical Sciences < new enrollment capacity: 30>

Major in Clinical Pharmacy < new enrollment capacity: 30>

Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Doctoral course)

Major in Pharmaceutical Sciences < new enrollment capacity: 3>

Major in Clinical Pharmacy < new enrollment capacity: 3>

III. Degree titles

Faculty of Pharmacy

Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Master of Clinical Pharmacy

Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Ph.D. in Clinical Pharmacy

(2) Human Resource Development

The newly established Faculty of Pharmacy and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences will respect the educational philosophy and objectives of the Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy and develop the following human resources by combining the academic and educational achievements of Kyoritsu with Keio University's comprehensive curriculum:

I. Faculty of Pharmacy <Department of Pharmacy: 6-year program>

- Pharmacists who will promote the proper use of medication and prevent adverse drug reactions in keeping with recent advances in medical care and drug therapy, and the growing distinction between pharmacy and medicine.
- Highly qualified pharmacists capable of cooperating with doctors and nurses as part of a medical team.
- Pharmacists who treat patients as their top priority, communicate well with patients and empathize with those around them.

II. Faculty of Pharmacy <Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences: 4-year program>

- Researchers and professionals with expertise in pharmaceutical sciences who can actively contribute to cutting-edge research fields such as drug development, environmental sciences and life sciences.
- Researchers who can lead the global drug development industry, a highly competitive

industry incorporating a wide range of intellectual resources.

III. Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

- Human resources that can respond to increasingly sophisticated and complicated medical care as well as the advancement and globalization of drug development.
- Researchers with high levels of creativity and flexibility that can fully utilize the knowledge obtained from their undergraduate studies.
- Researchers capable of conducting independent research into drug development.
- Clinical pharmacists who have knowledge of behavioral medicine and clinical applications in addition to problem-solving skills.

(3) Utilization of Facilities and Equipment

- I. After the merger, Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy's Shiba Campus will become Keio University's Shiba Kyoritsu Campus. This campus will be home to the newly established Faculty of Pharmacy and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- II. First-year students at the Faculty of Pharmacy will take general education courses at the Hiyoshi Campus, however, classes will also be held at the Shiba Kyoritsu Campus approximately once a week.
- III. Faculty of Pharmacy students in their second year and above and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences students will attend classes at the Shiba Kyoritsu Campus.
- IV. Keio University Hospital will give its full cooperation to provide clinical training and advanced clinical training for the Department of Pharmacy (6-year course).

4. Merger Process

Applications for the merger will be submitted to the relevant authorities, including the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, based upon the final Merger Agreement approved by the Boards of Trustees of both universities. Once these merger applications have been approved (scheduled for September 2007), an application to close the Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy will be submitted before the end of March 2008. On 1 April 2008, Keio University and Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy will merge and the Faculty of Pharmacy and Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences will be established at Keio University.

The standardization of a number of systems related to the merger will be discussed further in joint implementation meetings.

5. Historical Links Between Keio University and Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy

The Shiba Campus of Kyoritsu University of Pharmacy, only a 20 minute walk from Keio University's Mita Campus, was established in 1930 by Mr. Noboru Kojima, a graduate of Keio University's Faculty of Economics. Professor Eikichi Kamata, a former president of Keio University, also served as an advisor to the (then) Kyoritsu Women's School of Pharmacy and assisted in the development of the institution.

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Post-Merger Profile of Keio University

1. Organization Name: Keio University
2. Administrative Headquarters: 2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo
3. Head of the Board of Trustees: Yuichiro Anzai
4. Campuses: Mita, Hiyoshi, Yagami, Shinanomachi, Shonan Fujisawa, Shiba Kyoritsu, New York, etc.
5. Figures

Admissions (Graduate) <Estimates for 1 April 2008>

Graduate Schools	Degree	new enrollment capacity	Degree	new enrollment capacity
Letters	M.A.	125	Ph.D.	45
Economics	M.A.	70	Ph.D.	15
Law	LL.M	150	S.J.D.	30
Human Relations	M.A.	40	Ph.D.	11
Business & Commerce	M.A.	45	Ph.D.	20
Medicine	M.Med.Sci.	20	Dr.Med.Sci.	68
Science & Technology	M.S.	600	Ph.D.	150
Business Administration	M.B.A.	70	Ph.D.	8
Media & Governance	M.M.G.	200	Ph.D.	50
Health Management	M.S.	40		
Pharmacy / Pharmaceutical Sciences	M.S	30	Ph.D.	3
Pharmacy / Clinical Pharmacy	M.S.	30	Ph.D.	3
Law School	J.D.	260		
Total		1,680		403

Admissions (Undergraduate) <Estimates for 1 April 2008>

Faculty	new enrollment capacity
Letters	800
Economics	1,200
Law	1,200
Business & Commerce	1,000
Medicine	100
Science & Technology	895 (50 from second year level)
Policy Management	425
Environmental Information	425
Nursing & Medical Care	100 (5 from second year level)
Pharmacy / Pharmacy	180
Pharmacy / Pharmaceutical Sciences	30
Total	6,355

Number of Faculty Members (as of 1 February 2007)

Academic Staff: 2,360 (Professors: 753, associate professors: 363, assistant professors: 327,
research associates: 555, affiliated school teachers: 362)

Administrative Staff: 2,827

Number of Alumni (as of 31 March 2007): approximately 322,000