

Toyo University Placed in Two Recently Announced THE University Rankings

NEWS 01

Times Higher Education (THE), a UK-based magazine specializing in higher education, announces a wide range of university rankings.

THE Japan University Rankings 2020

THE Japan University Rankings 2020 were announced in March 2020. Toyo University placed 64th in overall score, moving up nine ranks from 73rd in the previous year. These rankings are determined based on the values of 16 performance indicators for the four pillars of resources, engagement, outcomes, and environment. They focus on the quality of education and the educational environment provided by each university for students as well as the possibilities for growth. Toyo University has achieved a high rank of 14th in the engagement pillar, which assesses how each university fulfills expectations for education based on the results of a reputation survey conducted with current students and high school teachers. Toyo University's high rank in this pillar proves that the University has a well-established environment to provide students with a quality education.

In the environment pillar, the University is ranked 31st, being rated highly for its initiatives as a Top Global University leading the internationalization of universities in Japan. We will continue further efforts to enhance the educational environment, rather than being just content with these results.



Rank	Overall	Resources	Engagement	Outcomes	Environment
64	55.0	—	79.5 (Ranked 14th)	48.9	70.7 (Ranked 31st)

THE Impact Rankings 2020

The THE Impact Rankings 2020 were announced in April 2020. These rankings, launched in 2019, visualize the levels of universities' contributions to society by assessing them against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 17 SDGs, including "Gender equality" and "Good health and well-being," are used as frameworks for setting metrics for each university's social and economic impact. In recognition of its initiatives in Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth and Goal 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions, Toyo University is placed between 401st and 600th among all 806 universities that have submitted entries from around the world, and tied for 20th among the 63 Japanese universities that have submitted entries. Everyone's awareness and interest are the primary key to achieving the SDGs, which involve solving social issues faced by the human race and creating a brighter future. We hope that Toyo University's initiatives to help achieve the SDGs will be shared widely and increase the interest of not only current students but also alumni, high school students and other people in solving social issues. Assuming our responsibility as an educational institution that provides students as future leaders with a place for learning, we will continue our initiatives to tackle social issues.



Toyo University's overall rank	Global	401 – 600
	Domestic	=20

Toyo University's ranks by SDG

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	Global	201 – 300	Domestic	=12
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	Global	201 – 300	Domestic	=7
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	Global	201 – 300	Domestic	=12
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	Global	201 – 300	Domestic	=12

Note: The number of universities that have submitted entries and the number of ranked universities differ according to each SDG.

Tetsugakudo Park was Designated as a National Place of Scenic Beauty

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In March 2020, Tetsugakudo Park (Nakano-ku, Tokyo), created by Toyo University founder Enryo Inoue, was designated as a National Place of Scenic Beauty.

Places of Scenic Beauty are a type of cultural property designated by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology based on the Act on Protection of Cultural Properties. They include parks, gardens and natural landscapes of a high artistic or aesthetic value.

Tetsugakudo Park was created in 1904 as a place for mental improvement and social education with philosophy as its central motif. In the center of the park is Jikuko (Hill of Time and Space), which represents its two namesake phenomena in philosophy. On the hill are historical buildings featuring unique designs. Shiseido (Hall of Four Sages) is dedicated to the Buddha and Confucius from Eastern philosophy, and Socrates and Kant from Western philosophy. Rokkendai (Tower of Six Persons of Wisdom) is dedicated to six Eastern sages, including Prince Shotoku and Sugawara no Michizane. Also, there is Zettaijo (Castle of the Absolute), which was built as a library mainly for Enryo's collection of books. The park has many other facilities with names related to philosophy.

On March 23, 2020, the municipality of Nakano-ku posted an online video it created, entitled "Tetsugakudo Park, National Place of Scenic Beauty: Enryo Inoue and Tetsugakudo Park—an Invitation to Philosophy as a Tool for Surviving the Present Era." Professor Setsuo Miura, Faculty of Human Life Design, Toyo University, cooperated in creating this video and appears in it. It also features breathtaking aerial view shots by a drone. Please watch the video to enjoy an introduction to the charms of Tetsugakudo Park.



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Harmful Birds Expelled from the Hakusan Campus by Hawks

NEWS 03

On June 10, 2020, a hawk expelled harmful birds from the Hakusan Campus. At the campus, doves and other birds looking for food at nearby parks sometimes settled on building roofs, and damage from their droppings to campus buildings had been reported since around the spring of 2019. Therefore, we requested Green Field Co., Ltd., to expel the harmful birds from the campus. Ms. Eto, a Green Field staff member and an animal trainer specializing in raising and training hawks, removed the harmful birds by flying a trained hawk toward spots where harmful birds might settle in order to make them sense danger in settling in those spots and expel them.

Ms. Eto explained the advantages of this method. "The use of hawks to expel harmful birds has no adverse effects on the surrounding environment or humans, like using chemicals or ultrasonic waves. It also does not spoil the appearance of the campus, like bird spikes or nets." She flew the hawk from the roof of Building 8 toward spots where harmful birds might settle, and expelled such birds in about two hours. She also checked that there were no feeding grounds for doves or places where they usually settle near the campus. We will continue our efforts to keep the campus clean in an environmentally friendly manner.



INFORMATION National Financial Support System for Higher Education (Selection of Recipients from Current Students in AY2020 Fall)

In April 2020, a new national financial support system for students was launched. This system comprises a grant-type scholarship provided by the Japan Student Services Organization and academic fees exemption provided by each university. This support system is basically intended for undergraduate students from households exempted from resident tax or equivalent households. For details, please refer to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's website dedicated to this system. Details about the selection of recipients from current students in the fall of AY 2020 will be given on the University's website and through other media soon after information is released. If you plan to use the system, please stay up to date on it.