

# Nanzan University – A University for Life

Nanzan is not so much a single institution as a complex of educational establishments gathered under the organizational umbrella of what is known as Nanzan Gakuen. This educational complex consists of an elementary school, a women's junior college and three junior and senior high schools, in addition to the University and its research institutes and campus study centers. All of these institutions were founded either by the Divine Word Missionaries or the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit.

The Nanzan motto "For Human Dignity" identifies Nanzan as an institution whose point of departure is an interest in the human being and whose goal is a fuller awareness of each person's God-given dignity.

The Divine Word Missionaries, an international Catholic religious congregation of priests and brothers, are active in education throughout Asia at all levels. Their combined establishments, which include universities in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Taiwan, Indonesia, and Japan, serve a total of more than 400,000 students.

The Nanzan schools are located in the rolling hills overlooking metropolitan Nagoya and in the nearby cities of Toyota and Seto on the outskirts of Nagoya. Nagoya boasts a proud history. The famous shogun, Ieyasu Tokugawa, was a native of the area and it was in Nagoya that he built a great castle for his ninth son.

Today the Greater Nagoya area is home to well over 7 million people, to whom the name "Nanzan" is a household word. And Nanzan is especially dedicated to serving the educational needs of young men and women in this region of Japan.

From modest beginnings as a College of Foreign Languages in 1946, Nanzan took the small step to a single Faculty of Arts and Letters in 1949 and has since grown into a full-fledged university with a worldwide reputation for academic excellence. With the addition in April 2000 of the Faculty of Policy Studies and the Faculty of Mathematical Sciences and Information Engineering at the new campus at Seto, the University now has seven faculties and a total of twelve research centers and institutes. Reflecting its international outlook, the Center for International Education was set up to coordinate Nanzan's various exchange and overseas programs, including the Center for Japanese Studies language program. Nanzan is constantly assessing ways to expand its mission further.

Committed to free inquiry and responsible scholarship, the University has the advantage of a low student-teacher ratio. Small classes and seminars provide an effective setting for interpersonal communication through which human dignity becomes a lived experience and an international outlook develops naturally. Undergraduate enrolment is presently around 9,000.



Though ecumenical in the sense that the Christian faith is not a prerequisite for entry, Nanzan University still maintains its Catholic orientation. All students are required to study Christian thought, which is in fact an introduction to the culture and thought of the Western world. Far from being a Westernizing influence, though, these classes offer Japanese students a view of the outside world while enhancing their respect for their own culture.

The international atmosphere at Nanzan owes much to the large proportion of foreign-born and foreign-educated faculty members, beginning with Divine Word missionaries hailing from eleven different nations. Thus, the faculty is truly international in every sense of the word.

## Entrance to the Undergraduate Programs at Nanzan University

Students who maintain a high standard of academic excellence at the Center are eligible to receive preferential treatment for entrance to Nanzan University's undergraduate programs upon the recommendation of the Director of the Center.

Those who are not recommended for pri-

ority admission still have an opportunity to take a special entrance examination for international students, which is administered in February.

International students enrolled in the regular undergraduate programs of Nanzan pay one-half of the regular tuition fee.



# Institutions Represented at the Center for Japanese Studies During the 2008–2009 Academic Year

## Asia

### China

- City University of Hong Kong
- Hebei Medical University
- Jilin Inst. of Architecture & Civil Engineering
- \* The Chinese University of Hong Kong

### Indonesia

- Academy of Nursing ADI Husada Surabaya
- Higher Inst of Philosophy & Theology, Widya Sasana
- \* Padjadjaran University
- University of Indonesia

### Korea

- Daegu Polytechnic College
- \* Hannam University
- \* Hannam University Department of Law
- \* The Catholic University of Korea
- \* Yonsei University

### Myanmar

- Institute of Economics, Yangon

### Philippines

- Divine Word College, Tagbilaran
- Miriam College
- University of San Carlos

### Taiwan

- Chang Jung Christian University
- \* Fu Jen Catholic University
- National Taiwan University

### Thailand

- Chiang Mai University
- Chulalongkorn University
- \* Khon Kaen University
- \* Thammasat University

### Vietnam

- Hanoi University of Business and Technology

## Europe

### France

- \* University of Orleans

### Germany

- \* Free University of Berlin
- University of Passau

### Netherlands

- \* Zuyd University

### Poland

- Warsaw University

## Sweden

- \* International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)
- Malardalen University
- \* Stockholm University

## United Kingdom

- \* European Business School London
- \* SOAS, University of London
- University of Cambridge
- \* University of Edinburgh
- University of Essex
- \* University of Leeds

## Africa

### Ghana

- Pontifical Urbaniana University

### Kenya

- Tangaza College

## North America

### Canada

- \* Carleton University
- \* International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)
- Brock University

## United States of America

- \* Arizona State University
- Boston University
- \* Bowling Green State University
- Brookhaven College
- \* California State University, Fullerton
- Catholic Theological Union
- Columbia University
- \* Dickinson College
- Duke University
- \* Eckerd College
- \* Georgetown University
- \* Illinois State University
- \* Indiana University, Bloomington
- Institute for the International Education of Students Abroad (IES Abroad)
- Bowdoin College
- Brandeis University
- Connecticut College
- Grinnell College
- Gustavus Adolphus College
- Harvey Mudd College
- Haverford College
- Illinois Wesleyan University
- Kenyon College
- Macalester College
- Santa Clara University
- Swarthmore College
- The College of William & Mary
- The George Washington University
- The Pennsylvania State University

- The University of Texas at Austin
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Minnesota
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Redlands
- University of the Pacific
- Vassar College
- Wesleyan University
- Wittenberg University
- \* International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)
- Frostburg State University
- North Carolina State University, Raleigh
- University of Mississippi
- University of Tennessee (Knoxville Main Campus)

- \* John Carroll University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Mississippi College
- \* Northern Kentucky University
- \* Oakland University
- Punahou School
- \* Purdue University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- \* St. Lawrence University
- \* The Ohio State University
- \* The University of Hawaii
- \* The University of Iowa
- \* The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- \* University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- \* University of Missouri-Columbia
- \* University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- \* University of Notre Dame
- University of Oregon
- University of Southern California
- University of Virginia
- \* University of Wisconsin-Madison
- \* University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Wittenberg University
- Yale University

## South America

### Colombia

- National University of Colombia, Bogota

## Oceania

### Australia

- \* Griffith University
- \* Macquarie University
- Pontifical Urbaniana University
- The University of Queensland

\* Exchange institutions