

Message from the President



We Will Maintain and Enhance the Quality
and Functions of Our University
by Applying Our Strengths and Expertise.

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Asahikawa Medical University was founded at the behest of the national government in November 1973 as the first national medical university to be established to improve regional medical services and welfare, and reduce urban-rural medical care differences. Since it was founded, Asahikawa Medical University has produced 3,905 graduates from the Medical Course and 1,145 graduates from the Nursing Course, many of whom are employed at the vanguard of community medicine, research institutes, and administrative bodies.

We are advancing the training of future medical specialists to meet local needs and act globally. To nurture individuals who can contribute to medical care in Hokkaido, we set aside approximately half the quota for the Medical Course for the selective medical school admission policy, which is open to prospective students from Hokkaido. As a result, 60% of newly registered students are from this prefecture. At the same time, medical education in Japan, like other educational branches, is becoming globalized and must meet the standards of international educational accreditation, so we designed a new curriculum, which began to be used with students enrolled in AY 2015.

As a key regional hospital designed to meet high expectations, Asahikawa Medical University Hospital is an advanced treatment hospital with sophisticated and diverse medical functions. For example, we are equipped with a heliport for an air ambulance covering the northern area of Hokkaido and we are a cooperative base hospital for the Air Ambulance Project. Asahikawa Medical University Emergency and Critical Care Center is also available 24 hours a day for emergency medical needs. We have also continued the trial operation of ambulance emergency response vehicles in order to save the lives of local people and to offer junior residents opportunities to develop as medical professionals. In addition, Asahikawa Medical University Hospital, designated by Hokkaido as a key hospital, includes a regional cancer care coordination core hospital, a hepatic disease care liaison hospital, and a perinatal medical center. We are noted as being an advanced medical center in Hokkaido.

We are determined to nurture exceptional research-minded medical individuals with multiple perspectives who can deal with the full gamut of medical needs required by regional communities. We, as a think tank in the local community, aspire to solve various problems around us, applying our strengths and expertise. Looking ahead to the next decade, we are optimistic we can fulfill our goals of giving hope to the precious lives in our care.