

UNIVERSITY CO-OP REPORT 2010

Cooperation | Collaboration | Independence | Participation



Our 4 University Co-op Missions

In our interactions with universities and society, the University Co-op acts consistently with the highest of expectations in accordance with our 4 missions.

COOPERATION

To contribute to the enrichment of university life through the cooperation of undergraduates, postgraduates, international students, and faculty.

COLLABORATION

To collaborate as a learning community in the realization of university philosophies and goals, as well as contribute to the enrichment of higher education and advancement of research.

INDEPENDENCE

To work as an independent organization to invigorate universities and their communities, as well as contribute to the enrichment and advancement of society and culture.

PARTICIPATION

As an attractive business enterprise, to encourage the active participation of members, broaden cooperative experience, and realize a sustainable society that is kind to both people and the planet.

Participate in the Cooperative Century, Beginning with University Co-op!



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“Change” does not happen easily. Following the election in the United States of that country’s first African-American President in the autumn of 2008, Japan underwent what can essentially be called its first change of government since the end of World War II in the summer of 2009. However, although President Obama loudly declared a “world without nuclear weapons” in Prague, he moved to strengthen America’s military capabilities in Afghanistan and on the home front is also having an uphill battle to implement healthcare reforms. Born bearing the burden of expectations, the Hatoyama coalition government is achieving some progress with the introduction of child allowances and having made high school education free-of-charge, but is struggling with the issue of American military bases in Japan, and has made little progress in terms of more

proactively building ties with Asia while equalizing the Japan-US relationship.

However, the trend towards a global civil society is unlikely to falter. As China’s economic growth continues, the country continues to stave off the people’s dissatisfaction at all levels of Chinese society, but amongst people who have experienced improvements in their lifestyle demand for the realization of true democratic rights is certain to emerge. “Citizens” at a time when a global civil society is being created are not bourgeois in the sense of being capitalist but civic in the sense of being sovereign, deciding through free, one-person one-vote elections the form and direction of their own society. The co-op is a business created by a group of such sovereign citizens and managed according to a one-person one-vote system, and so the

Developed from our 4 missions

8 Visions for the 21st Century

University Co-op also contributes to the creation of attractive universities shining with individuality and uniqueness as well as to the campus life of students and faculty in various fields.



1 Creating a rich campus life through the power of cooperation

2 Facilitating free and open communication through cooperation

3 Collaborating with universities to contribute to the expansion of higher education and research

4 Collaborating as a learning community ourselves in both education and research

5 Invigorating universities and their local communities as an independent business organization

6 Contributing to the enrichment and advancement of society and culture through the development of independent and attractive business activities

7 Encouraging the active participation of members, broadening cooperative experience, and realizing a sustainable society that is kind to both people and the planet

8 Contributing to international exchange and peace as an organized movement based on member participation

significance of the co-op in the world of the 21st century must surely increase.

The University Co-op is a cooperative association whose membership comprises university members and which has continued to expand on the university stage in Japan in the postwar period. Through its activities, the University Co-op has sent many leader-citizens out into the world and contributed greatly as well to the expansion of community cooperatives. This year we intend to continue to contribute as far as possible to a world advancing into the cooperative century by creating positive cycles of cooperation, collaboration, independence, and participation in many universities with students playing the central role. I ask, therefore, that you all continue to uphold the University Co-op from your respective positions and join the huge cooperative wave moving the world.

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Activities Supporting Health and Dietary Independence

University Co-op supports students' "health" and "dietary independence". Good health is the foundation for university life.

Some 561 cafeterias nationwide serving 320,000 meals a day from a diverse menu



The cafeteria is a place for students to rest and interact (Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology Co-op)



The salad bar is popular with both men and women (Iwate University Co-op)



An abundance of side menu selections creatively promotes nutritional balance (Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology Co-op)

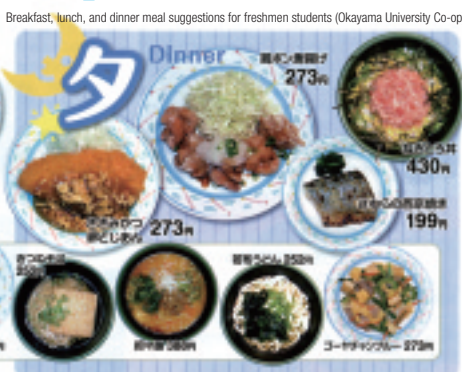
University Co-op cafeterias endeavor to provide foods services that satisfy each and every person eating there in terms of not only price but also the taste and quality of the food and cleanliness and comfortable atmosphere of the cafeteria itself. These cafeterias enable students to select meals each day based on their budget and state of health, with each menu item also listing calorie counts and potentially allergic ingredients.

Supporting healthy eating habits

Systems in which students are issued with "meal cards" or "meal coupons (healthy meal coupons)" are becoming more common as a means of supporting and promoting healthy and nutritious eating amongst students. "Meal cards" systems enable students to store a fixed amount of money on a card to use as payment for meals in University Co-op cafeterias. Some university co-ops regularly report the status of students' eating habits to their parents or guardians.



University Co-op's dietary education activities: 7 focus points



Breakfast, lunch, and dinner meal suggestions for freshmen students (Okayama University Co-op)

- Enjoy your meals
- Eat balanced meals
- Be knowledgeable about food
- Cook for yourself
- Visit food production areas
- Value Japanese food culture
- Think for yourself regarding the flood of food information

University Co-op supports students' dietary independence.



Mutual assistance for those "what-if" situations in everyday life — University Cooperatives Mutual Aid Student Liability Insurance —

Students face risks in their everyday lives such as injury and illness. Student mutual benefits are a "relief payment system" enabling students who are injured or become ill to continue their studies. Student liability insurance tailored to university students is also available to cover accidents that injure other persons or that occur during curricular activities. Advice for maintaining safety, security, and health is also provided.

● Student Mutual Benefits website: <http://www.tanuro.com/>





Activities Providing Products Necessary for University Life

Reflecting the voices of member universities, the University Co-op continues to create stores befitting to universities in terms of products, services, and opening hours.

Co-op stores provide a wide range of daily necessities for university life



Store with broad floor space (Nagoya University Co-op)

A wide selection of stationary supplies, drawing materials, athletics wear, lab coats, electronic dictionaries, and other necessities used in lectures and experiments and in research laboratories.



Store layout designed to the available space (University of Fukui Co-op)

Co-op provides a range of stationary necessary for university study and research



Abundant selection of files (Kumamoto University Co-op)



Small products are also displayed according to use (Nagoya University Co-op)

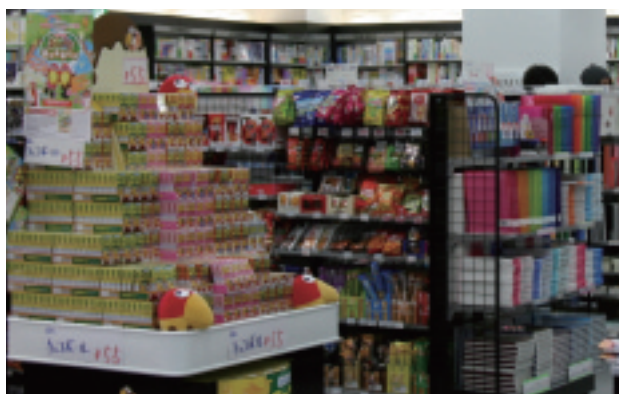


Co-op stationary supplies are developed as tools to contribute to university study and research. Stationary supplies providing support for students "from information gathering to report presentation" include files, notebooks, mechanical pencils, erasers, rulers, and report paper. Made using recycled paper and reprocessed resin, the products developed by University Co-op are environmentally friendly. The majority of products listed in the "COOP Stationary Catalog 2010" comply with the Law on Promoting Green Purchasing.



<http://bungu.univcoop.or.jp/>

Campus convenience stores are well-stocked with boxed meals, sandwiches, breads, sweets, snacks, drinks, etc.



(Toyo University Co-op)



(Osaka University Co-op)



(Tohoku Institute of Technology Co-op)

Co-op stores are also very handy campus convenience stores providing a wide range of sandwiches, breads, boxed meals, sweets, snacks, drinks, and other items necessary in daily life. Original rice balls and breads devised through collaboration between University Co-op and manufacturers with the cooperation of Co-op members are also provided. For most cooperatives, store opening hours are tailored to suit the characteristics of the campus on which they are located.



Activities Providing Books Necessary for Study, Education, and Research

Reflecting the voices of member universities, the University Co-op continues to create stores befitting to universities in terms of products, services, and opening hours.

University Co-op puts efforts into procuring a wide selection of textbooks and specialty books. Another attractive feature is the discounted prices.



University Co-op has a comprehensive system for providing textbooks and reference books. A diverse range of specialty books required for university education and research are procured in accordance with university faculties and research fields. A range of practical publications for daily life, such as job-hunting guides, are also provided according to the season. University Co-op provides books, magazines, and journals at discounted prices as a means of supporting students' study and research.

*Discounts are not available for some items, including academic society journals.

Item searches and speedy ordering are available at counters

Orders can also be placed over the Internet and picked up at stores

(Hitotsubashi University Co-op)



Books, magazines, and journals that are not available in-store can be ordered. Some university co-ops have installed special book terminals that enable swift searches of stock available in-store and nationwide and speedy ordering.

Efforts are made to secure a broad selection of specialty books
(Top: Hitotsubashi University Co-op; Bottom: Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology Co-op)



Japanese and foreign books delivered to universities

Some university co-ops deliver Japanese and foreign books to university offices, research laboratories, and libraries, with some even supplying library equipment. University co-ops can also supply "non-circulating books" such as academic society journals that are unattainable through normal book procurement routes.

Circles of exchange expand through "reading"



(Ritsumeikan Co-op)



(Tokyo Metropolitan University Co-op)



Open Lecture and Interview with Ira Ishida



"Dokusho-no-izumi (Fountain of Reading)"

"Reading marathons" aimed at encouraging students to read for pleasure while at university are held by some 170 stores nationwide with approximately 30,000 students participating. Students write their impressions of the books they read on POP signs, which are displayed in stores, and exchange between students widens through reading. Authors are also invited to give lectures.

Moreover, there are some university co-ops that publish book review journals produced by faculty, postgraduate students, and undergraduate students. "Dokusho-no-izumi (Fountain of Reading)" is one such journal with an editorial committee comprising students that is published quarterly and this year celebrates the 40th anniversary of its establishment.



Activities Supporting University Education and Research and Student Learning

In addition to providing products and services necessary for university study and research, University Co-op also respects and values mutual learning between member universities.

Senior students recommend computers suitable for each university



(Tokyo Metropolitan University Co-op)

Computers installed with the necessary software that even beginners can use confidently are provided. Support is provided by on-campus Co-op stores, eliminating the need to worry when problems arise.

Senior students act as instructors for computer classes and workshops



(Kochi University Co-op)

Many university co-ops conduct classes and workshops to teach freshmen students how to use computers. Senior students act as instructors for these classes and workshops and all students grow as they teach and learn from each other.

Complete support for computers, peripheral equipment, and software



(Top: University of Tokyo Co-op Komaba Store; Bottom: Tokyo University of Agriculture Co-op)



University Co-op carries out computer and peripheral equipment sales and support. Sale of software for academic prices and provision of "Campus PC Guide" information magazines and other information are services that only University Co-op can provide.

- Software catalog website: <http://software.univcoop.or.jp/>
- Catalogue shopping website: <http://okaimono.coop/>

University Co-op supports education and research using computers

PC conferences are held in collaboration with CIEC (Council for Improvement of Education through Computers) as forums for exchange and learning concerning education and research using computers, with university faculty and Co-op staff playing central roles. CIEC, which University Co-op also supports, is an organization that studies how computers can be used in education and research and their potential for use in these areas and was registered by the Science Council of Japan as an academic research organization (education) in 1999.

CIEC website: <http://www.ciec.or.jp/>



PC conference held on the Johoku Campus of Ehime University



Activities Providing Various Experiences Fostering Student Growth

University Co-op provides various opportunities for travel within Japan and overseas as well as various social experiences.

Improve career opportunities through overseas experience. Language training provides opportunities for contact with a diversity of cultures and exchange with students from various countries.



Both domestic and international travel services are available. Overseas language training and homestays, as well as "themed travel packages" (trips planned around themes such as the environment, welfare, history, and peace) with a training objective, provide both "learning" and "experience" and are very popular.

●Overseas travel reservations website: <http://travel.univcoop.or.jp/airtk/index.htm>



●Themed travel packages website: <http://travel.univcoop.or.jp/>

The National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NFUCA) is the only official member of the World Youth Student and Educational Travel Confederation (WYSETC) in Japan and is able to issue International Student Identity Cards. With over 4.5 million cards issued each year in 106 countries worldwide, the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) is a UNESCO-endorsed card recognized uniformly throughout the world and serves as a personal identification card for use in obtaining student discounts at various overseas facilities and transportation agencies. For details, please refer to the ISIC website. (International Teacher Identity Cards and International Youth Travel Cards are also available.)

●International Student Identity Card website: <http://isic.univcoop.or.jp/>

Hands-on experience and exchange through volunteer activities and production area exchange are also available



●Learn about forest living through hands-on experience: "Mori-no-gakko (fun forest schools)" In 1998 the JUON NETWORK, an incorporated nonprofit organization, was established at the instigation of University Co-op (see page 15) in 12 locations nationwide to provide hands-on experience of forest-building activities through the "Mori-no-gakko (fun forest schools)" program. Forests play a role in preventing global warming, protecting watersheds, and preventing natural disasters. However, Japan's forests are in poor condition due to lack of upkeep. "Mori-no-gakko (fun forest schools)" provide opportunities for learning about forests and environmental problems through hands-on forest-building experiences such as thinning trees and clearing underbrush, nature walks, and exchange with local residents.

●JUON website: <http://juon.univcoop.or.jp/>



●Exchange with production area residents through hands-on rice planting and harvesting experience

University Co-op holds exchange events with food production areas providing opportunities to experience planting and harvesting of the rice used in cafeterias, Hokkaido-produced "Nanatsuboshi". Through participation in "Nanatsuboshi" workshops as well as rice planting and harvesting and rice center tours, this program aims to raise interest and knowledge of Hokkaido-produced rice and convey to Co-op members the appeal of Hokkaido-produced rice and production area information through participation in exchange events with members of the Hokuren Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives. More than 30 Co-op staff and students hailing from Hokkaido to Kyushu participated in this program.



Support for students acquiring a driving license



According to a national survey (the 44th Student Survey), 85.8% of students have obtained a driving license by their 4th year of university. University Co-op recommends that students obtain their licenses before they become too busy with research and job-hunting activities, suggesting driving school courses (commuting courses/training camp courses) to suit individual students' lifestyles.



Creating Campuses Alive with “Student Spirit”

University Co-op contributes to the establishment of various campus networks, creating appealing university environments that make students feel they “chose the right university” for them.

Supporting high school students with open campus days



Assisting with campus guidance during Open Campus (Miyagi University of Education Co-op)

Students explain about university life and future career options to high school students and their parents/guardians. University co-ops also assist with campus and club guidance, and some make their cafeterias available as rest areas.

Exchange between early admission students, graduate students, and international students



Counseling session for preferred applicant students (Tokyo Denki University Co-op)

Some university co-ops host gatherings for early admission students such as preferred applicant student, transfer students, new graduate students, and international students as forums for introducing new students to university life as well as encouraging new friendships and exchange.

Senior students warmly welcome new students, promoting friendships



“Haisai” party (University of the Ryukyus Co-op)



Welcome party for new students (Saga University Co-op)



Briefing for parents/guardians (Kobe City University of Foreign Studies Co-op)

University co-ops hold “new student gatherings” and “welcome parties” to provide opportunities for newcomers to make friends. Some co-ops hold these events in collaboration with their respective universities. New students are able to hear the advice of senior students on topics ranging from university life to attending lectures, creating bonds between students in different years.

Senior students provide advice on daily necessities newly required when entering university as well as finding somewhere to live



Advisers addressing the concerns of new students and their parents/guardians (Seinan Gakuin University Co-op)



Advice is also provided on housing and preparations for living alone (Hirotsuki University Co-op)



Support center for new students (Hirotsuki University Co-op)

For new students who are living alone for the first time, university co-ops provide housing information and daily necessities as well as advice. Senior students responsibly provide new students with good advice based on their own experiences.

Cooperation

Collaboration

Independence

Participation



Activities Fostering Student Growth and Supporting Career Development

University Co-op supports university activities that foster student career development (study and job-hunting support) and self-development while respecting students' independence.

Support for job-hunting



"Career Development Support Seminar" (Yokohama National University)



"Vision Navigation Seminar"

University Co-op provides forums for senior students who have experienced job-hunting and have received official employment offers to advise junior students based on their own experiences. Seminars such as "Job-hunting supplement schools" are also held to provide students with opportunities to think about employment and learn about various industries. With University Co-op's assistance, students also widen job-hunting support efforts planned and implemented by the students themselves, and joint company explanation seminars are also held.



● Job-hunting activities website: <http://supple.univcoop.or.jp/>

Support for career development



"Vision Navigation Seminar"

University Co-op holds the "Vision Navigation Seminar" and other seminars to provide opportunities for students to formulate goals for time at university and consider how best to spend their university lives from entrance to graduation. Classes on strategy are also available for students desiring to sit public service or certification examinations, and University Co-op also accepts applications for these examinations.

Improving foreign language communication skills



University Co-op promotes foreign language communication activities to support students who wish to acquire practical English language skills while at university. Collaboration between university co-ops and their respective universities to jointly implement college TOEIC (TOEIC/IP) and TOEFL-ITP is also becoming increasingly widespread.



"Foreign language communication activity seminar"



Supporting University Activities in Response to a Diversity of Needs

University Co-op regards contributing to the improvement and advancement of university educational and research environments as one of its most important roles.

Support for conference and event management

Some university co-ops also provide support for academic society conferences and events. Services range from preparing printed materials to arranging accommodation, providing boxed meals, and organizing social functions, putting to all of University Co-op's abilities to work.



Academic Society Assistance Center

In fiscal 2005, University Co-op opened a "University Co-op Conference Support Center" and began providing various organizational and operational services for academic societies.

Main service areas

- Membership management (managing and updating membership records, etc.)
- Membership fee management (charging membership fees, collecting unpaid fees, etc.)
- General affairs (mailing newsletters to members, organizing elections, etc.)
- Accounting (managing financial records and ledgers, preparing financial statements, etc.)



Development of original merchandise promoting universities' characteristics



Saitama University Co-op



National Fisheries University Co-op

An increasing number of university co-ops and universities are collaborating to develop and supply merchandise featuring the name and/or insignia of the universities. From stationary to food items, products developed with the assistance of Co-op members are popular amongst not only students but also university visitors and people wanting to give them to family and friends back home, or colleagues overseas as souvenirs.



Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Co-op



Corner for original merchandise (Nagoya University Co-op)

Proactive response to the introduction of IC student cards

With the introduction of IC-embedded student cards, University Co-op is proposing the introduction of student cards with pre-paid functions that can also be used in University Co-op stores. Some university co-ops are commissioned by universities to issue IC student cards.

Collaborating with universities to improve facilities in response to members' requests

University Co-op is working with the cooperation of universities to improve facilities in response to the requests of Co-op members as well as contribute to the creation of more appealing university environments.



(Kumamoto University Co-op cafeteria)



(Top: Kochi University Co-op store.
Bottom: Toyo University Co-op cafeteria)



Strengthening Activity Implementation through Student-centered Co-op Management

University Co-op strives constantly to improve management and raise the level of organizational independence under democratic administration. This is achieved through the participation of Co-op members.

General Assembly makes decisions for the University Co-op

Representatives are elected from constituencies divided based on units of university life such as faculty, department, and class. These representatives attend General Assembly meetings and participate in decision-making for the University Co-op.

General Assembly
(Shimonoseki City University Co-op)



Each university co-op formulates its own visions and action plans, undertaking activities in accordance with set aims

University co-ops formulate their own missions, visions, and action plans. In formulating these policies, the opinions and desires of Co-op members and General Assembly representatives are taken into consideration. Policies are discussed by the Board of Directors and decided by the General Assembly. Plans are characteristically interlocked with universities' mid-term plans.

Student participation in product development and store design



Students with producers at a cafeteria festival held in the Tokyo area (Keio University Hiyoshi Campus)

Students are involved in the creation and promotion of stores that attract attention and make customers want to come again. Store committees are established, and students and Co-op staff together select products and hold tasting sessions to create stores and products that meet students' needs.

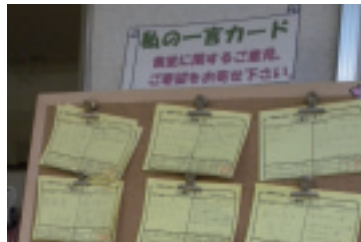
University Co-op management reflects the daily lives of members and experience of Co-op staff



Cafeteria seminar organized jointly by Co-op staff and students (Okayama University)

To enable the Board of Directors to responsibly operate the University Co-op focused on members, a system has been established to utilize knowledge and information from the frontlines of university life in everyday organizational operations. For example, management is based on not only the decisions of the Board of Directors but also the lifestyles of members and conversations conducted at stores, cafeterias, and other University Co-op workplaces. Social meetings are also held, providing opportunities for stores and Co-op members to communicate with each other, and training workshops are actively held for University Co-op staff.

University Co-op activities based on the opinions and desires of undergraduate student, postgraduate student, and faculty co-op members



Opinion cards (Hiroaki University Co-op)



Co-op's Mr. Shiraishi

"Opinion cards", which became famous because of "Co-op's Mr. Shiraishi", are cards for Co-op member to write their opinions and requests on and then submit to University Co-op. Although known by various names, including "comment cards" and "members' voice cards", these cards are a simple method, implemented nationwide, for University Co-op to "hear students' voices and improve stores accordingly". At the same time, University Co-op also carries out activities in response to the desires of universities.

Tuo Card: supporting student independence



Tuo Card website: <http://tuo.univcoop.or.jp/>

The "Tuo Card" is a credit card for making cashless purchases at University Co-op stores and cafeterias. University Co-op regards learning self-management habits and financial responsibility while still at university as very important for students in an increasingly cashless society. Tuo Cards are therefore provided as a means of credit-use training. The card has a low credit limit and cashing services within Japan are not available (emergency overseas cashing services are available, but a special application must be made after the Tuo Card has been received).



Students Achieve Personal Growth by Participating in Society through Co-op Activities

The University Co-op is energized and strengthened through the participation of members and cooperative experiences. Through participation and cooperative experiences, Co-op members develop a kindness that fosters the “creation of a society that is kind to both people and the planet”.

Student participation in university activities



Students recreated curries famously served on the university training ship *Seisulmaru*. These were then packaged and sold as “Mie University Curry” for 300 yen. (Mie University Co-op)

Students participate not only in study and research activities but also open campus and other university events and activities as well as university reform efforts. Such participation contributes to students’ self-development.



Conceptualized by students, an event for making electrical music boxes was successfully realized with the cooperation of faculty. Students experienced the pleasure of making something. (Kyushu Institute of Technology Co-op)

University Co-op cooperation with regional communities in particular



Saitama Prefecture awarded university co-ops for a survey on misleading advertising conducted jointly with Saitama Prefecture. (Saitama University Co-op, Jumonji University Co-op, Shukutoku University Mizuhodai Co-op, Daito Bunka Gakuen Co-op, Toyo University Kawagoe Co-op, Shibaura Institute of Technology Omiya Co-op)

By promoting opportunities for local community members to use university facilities, academic knowledge, and human resources, University Co-op is also beginning to forge connections with local communities.

Students participate as panelists at the National Consumers Convention



Students participated as panelists in the Consumer Policies Session Meeting at the 48th All-Japan Consumer Convention.



With the establishment of the Consumer Affairs Agency in September 2009, convention participants discussed the situation concerning consumer damage, as well as the role of and expectations for the Consumer Affairs Agency. Participants gained awareness of the importance of the Consumer Affairs Agency’s role as well as of the actions of consumers themselves.

University Co-op stores are operated from a global perspective



Fair Trade products are purchased and promoted in stores. (Tottori University Co-op)



In collaboration with the “Ochas” student club, TABLE FOR TWO (TFT) promoted “Lots-of-vegetables dry curry” and “Oh! Miso milk udon noodles”. A total of 30,411 yen, including donations (the cost of meals for 1,441 people), was raised. (Ochanomizu University Co-op)

University Co-op’s many and various activities to date include UNICEF projects; activities calling for a nuclear weapon-free, peaceful world; and international support for natural disasters (earthquake, etc.) relief. In addition, University Co-op is involved in Fair Trade activities supporting industry in developing countries as well as TABLE FOR TWO (TFT) activities providing children in developing countries with school lunches by promoting healthy eating.

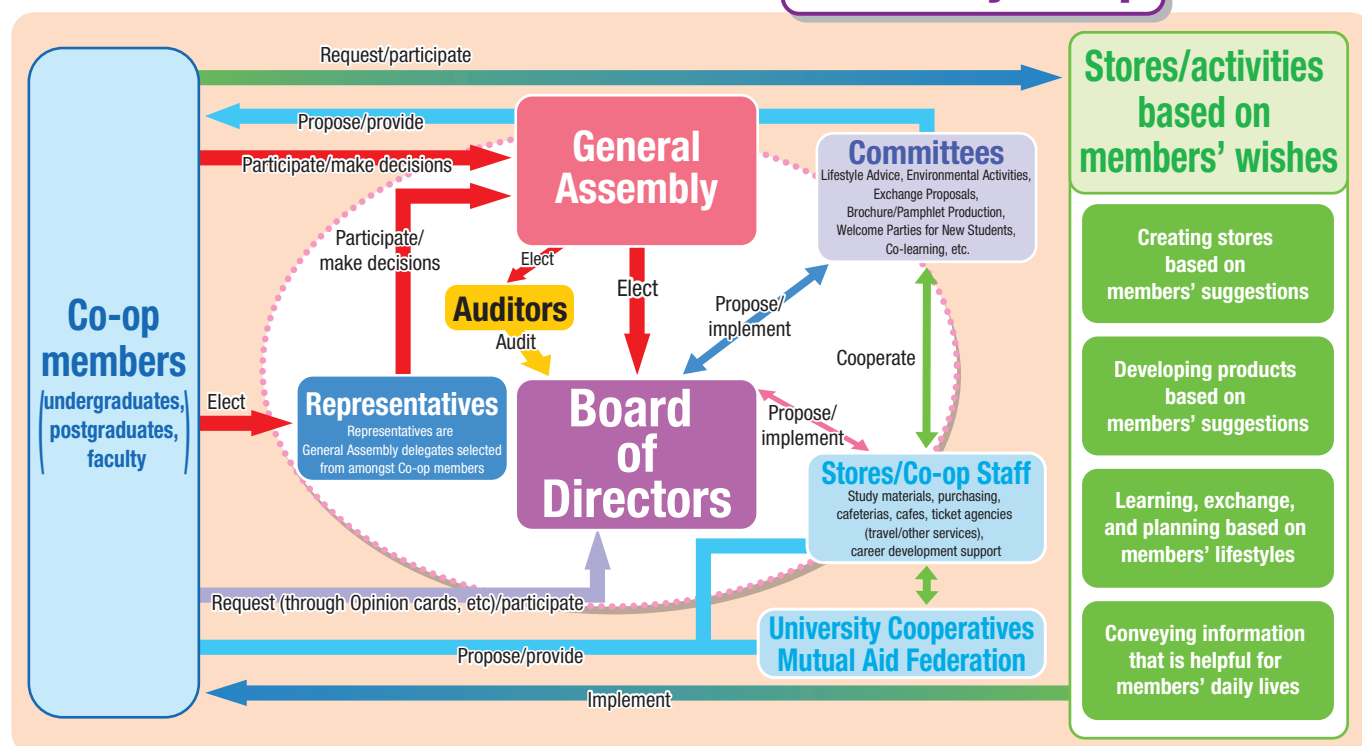
Participation
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Cooperation

University

Sharing visions

Reporting/proposing activities

University Co-op



Japan's university co-ops are established and managed in accordance with the Co-operative Society Law (Co-op Law) of 1948. In May 2007, this law was drastically revised and a revised law enforced in April 2008. University Co-op is a legal entity recognized socially under this law. Moreover, the by-laws (which act as the constitutions of individual co-ops) comply with model bylaw examples prescribed by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare based on the Co-op Law and are formulated to suit the circumstances of each individual university co-op.



General Assembly (Kyoto University Co-op)

Auditors

Auditors check on the implementation of Directors' duties through attendance at Board of Directors meetings and audits of financial statements and produce an Audit Report once every year. Auditors also have the role of convening a General Assembly or taking other action in the event that Directors are not performing their duties appropriately.



Active Participation of Undergraduates, Postgraduates, International Students, and Faculty

Many undergraduate students, postgraduate students, international students, and faculty participate in University Co-op activities.

Students Committee

Fostering co-learning and growth



All-Japan Students Committee

By re-evaluating student life and discussing their own wishes and issue awareness, students proactively consider ways of improving university life through their Co-op activities. In the process, they meet many different people and undergo various experiences, leading to their own further development. Each university organizes a diversity of events and activities such as welcome parties for new students and student gatherings, as well as active exchange and mutual learning opportunities on both a regional and national scale.

Faculty Committee

Participating in Co-op activities from a faculty standpoint



First Faculty Committee for 2010 (University Co-op Suginami Hall)

Many faculty members are involved in University Co-op activities from a "teacher's perspective". Some co-ops also organize forums for members to participate in social issues such as environmental problems and peace activities. The National Faculty Committee was formed in 1985 with members comprising representatives from regions throughout Japan. Gatherings are held for faculty on a local and national scale, and exchange between teachers outside the university framework also takes place.

Postgraduate Student Committee

Information sharing and exchanges amongst postgraduate students



Postgraduate student meeting in the Kyushu region

With the expansion and diversification of the postgraduate student body, postgraduate students are demanding more from University Co-op. In response to issues made clear in postgraduate student surveys and seminars, forums have been established for postgraduate students and Co-op staff to put their minds together with the aim of realizing postgraduate student needs and desires. Furthermore, there is now a national network that enables inter-university exchange and joint activities bringing universities and their postgraduate students together.

●Postgraduate Student Committee website: <http://www.univcoop.com/zinsei/>

International Students Committee

Living support for international students



All-Japan International Students Committee

International student activities are carried out by university co-ops nationwide in a spirit of "independence and mutual cooperation" to make the lives of international students in Japan more enjoyable and fulfilling. Activities are carried out in accordance with the following three missions: (1) supporting the daily lives of international students; (2) providing and exchanging information; and (3) promoting mutual understanding between international and Japanese students.

●International Students Committee website: <http://sn.univcoop.or.jp/>

A major attraction of University Co-op is that undergraduate students, postgraduate students, faculty and Co-op staff are able to think and discuss issues concerning campus life and the daily activity of Co-op stores together.



Student-faculty Seminar



27th National Mutual Benefit Seminar



Undergraduate students, postgraduate students, and faculty participate in Board of Directors meetings



Creating a Sustainable Society through Environmental and Volunteer Activities

University Co-op proactively undertakes environmental activities such as reducing CO₂ emissions as well as volunteer activities such as supporting disaster reconstruction.

Support for students' environmental activities



2009 National Environment Seminar (Kyoto University Yoshida Campus)

Through its operations and organizational activities, University Co-op provides activity fields, information, and other forms of support to students who are involved in activities addressing social issues such as reducing CO₂ emissions, saving energy and resources, and promoting the 3Rs. Furthermore, activity topics and results are exchanged at national environment seminars, etc., expanding the circle of activity nationwide.

*The "3Rs" are Reduce (waste), Reuse, and Recycle. Some people add Refuse (plastic bags) and Repair to make a "4Rs" or "5Rs" altogether.

Using disposable chopsticks made from timber from forest thinning in Japan in cafeterias



Juon disposable chopsticks

In order to protect forests, University Co-op cafeterias promote expansion of the use of "Juon disposable chopsticks" made from timber from forest thinning. Currently approximately 10 million pairs of these chopsticks are used annually by 65 university co-ops in 205 cafeterias. Used chopsticks are collected and reused in making particleboard and other products

Promoting the construction of campus environment management systems through the acquisition of ISO14001 certification and other measures

As an on-campus business, University Co-op is involved in a variety of environmental activities, from saving energy and resources and promoting the 3Rs to cooperating with universities and student environment clubs. To ensure that activities are carried out in an

organized and effective manner, University Co-op also promotes the construction and operation of environment management systems.

JUON NETWORK: Thinking about coexistence with nature

The JUON NETWORK is a non-profit organization created in April 1998 through the support of University Co-op. Its aims are to create a network connecting people in urban and rural communities, protect and enhance the environment, discover and promote local cultures, and resolve problems of depopulation and overpopulation. A major catalyst for the network's creation was the cooperation of University Co-op and Tokushima Prefecture forestry workers,

who provided small wooden houses made from timber from forest thinning when University Co-op built temporary dormitories for students left homeless in the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. The network currently conducts forest conservation projects such as the hands-on "Mori-no-gakko (fun forest schools)" forest environment education program, "Training Course for Young Volunteer Forestry Leaders", and "Eco-server Examination".

●JUON website: <http://juon.univcoop.or.jp/>

Supporting victims of earthquakes and tsunamis



On January 15, 2010, a University Co-op group visited UNICEF House in Shinagawa, Tokyo. Donations collected by the National Federation of University Co-operative Associations were added to the emergency fund to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake.

Practicing disaster prevention methods daily



Examples of "emergency bag" contents

Universities are designated as evacuation areas for local community residents, and several university co-ops have concluded agreements with universities regarding their cooperation in times of disaster.

Fostering Global Citizenship through Social Participation and Cooperative Experiences

University Co-op promotes international exchange between students and co-ops and cooperates with UNICEF activities, as well as undertakes efforts concerning humanistic issues such as exchange of opinions about a peaceful world without nuclear weapons.

Expanding international activities and student exchange



2009 Japan-Korea University Co-op Student Exchange Seminar

University co-ops are also active in other countries and regions, including Singapore, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, and North America. The National Federation of University Co-operative Associations promotes international exchange that values exchange between co-ops and connections between students.

Research on student welfare programs around the world



International Seminar to Consider Student Support and Services in Higher Education

University Co-op inspects and studies the student welfare programs in various countries with the aim of contributing to the creation of attractive universities by enhancing student welfare. In 2009 University Co-op welcomed the Delegation of German National Association for Student Affairs (DSW) and various other visiting delegations and held a seminar in which co-ops and higher education specialists together considered the importance of and outlook for student support services from a global perspective. This seminar was also supported by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

Delegation sent to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference



Participating in the Peace Action 2010 kick-off event

In accordance with our desire for peace, University Co-op participates in activities aimed at abolishing nuclear weapons. As a representative organization of the Japan Consumers' Cooperative Union, University Co-op also sends student delegations to participate in Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conferences.

Participation in the Asia Pacific Region University/Campus Co-op Committee



1st ICA Committee on University/Campus Cooperatives for Asia and the Pacific

The inaugural meeting of the ICA Committee on University/Campus Cooperatives for Asia and the Pacific, which was approved by the ICA General Assembly in 2008, was held in Bangkok, Thailand. Here exchange and other efforts were begun to expand the activities of university co-ops in Asian countries, including exchange.

Active participation in UNICEF projects



Visiting Laos on a UNICEF study tour

University Co-op members participate in UNICEF programs that aid women and children in developing countries facing harsh economic conditions, providing support and undertaking relief activities.

Thinking about peace through field work at battle sites



Students conducting field work as part of "Peace Now! Okinawa"

Every year students carry out projects such as "Peace Now! Hiroshima/Nagasaki" and "Peace Now! Okinawa", thinking and talking about the importance of peace with students of the same age while reliving wartime experiences.



Spreading the Circle of Mutual Assistance

<http://www.tanuro.com/>

Approximately 650,000 University Co-op members at 217 universities nationwide are enrolled in University Cooperatives Mutual Aid, a system of mutual assistance for emergency situations (illness or injury) in daily campus life.

University Cooperatives Mutual Aid were launched in 1981 under the concept of "protecting students' lifestyles by students helping each other". Since then, benefits have been enhanced and premiums revised to tailor the system more closely to student lifestyles. Student Mutual Benefits premiums are paid out and used nationwide as "relief payments" for students who are injured or become ill.

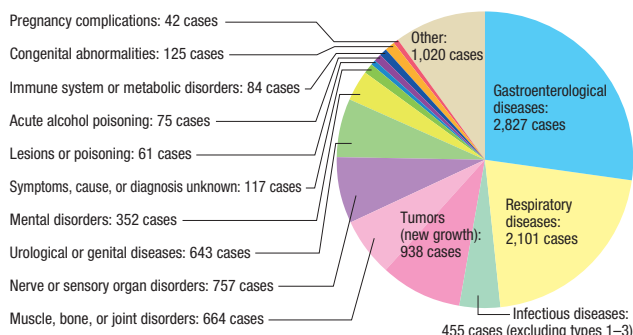


(October 2008 to September 2009)

Approx. 2.24 billion yen in benefits paid out in one year for 31,413 claims

"Relief payments" were made in the spirit of condolence and mutual assistance to friends nationwide suffering physically or mentally due to illness, accident, or the death of a parent or guardian.

Number of cases in which benefits were awarded for hospitalization/surgery due to illness: 10,265

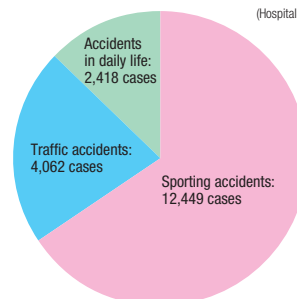


TOP 15 most common illnesses in 2009

1 Pneumothorax	6 Anal fissure or fistula	11 Acute tonsillitis
2 Acute appendicitis	7 Damage to spinal column	12 Benign ovarian neoplasm
3 Retinal detachment or deficiency	8 Abnormal growth or eruption of the teeth	13 Intra-articular disorders
4 Gastroenteritis	9 Chronic tonsillitis	14 Skin benign neoplasm
5 Malocclusion; teeth, jaw, or face abnormalities	10 Deviation of nasal septum	15 Hemorrhoids

Number of cases in which benefits were awarded for hospitalization/outpatient care/surgery due to accidents: 18,535 cases

(Hospitalization: 2,662 cases; outpatient care: 13,509 cases; surgery: 2,364 cases)



TOP 5 traffic accidents

1 Bicycle (while riding):	1,257
2 Motorcycle (while riding):	973
3 Motorized bicycle (while riding):	929
4 Vehicle (while driving):	381
5 Vehicle (as passenger):	155

TOP 5 accidents in daily life

1 Accidents while cooking or eating:	172
2 Accidents during experiments or classes:	168
3 Accidents during work or part-time work:	166
4 Accidents on the way to or from university:	159
5 Accidents during travel in Japan or abroad:	52

TOP 5 sporting accidents

1 Soccer/futsal:	2,157
2 American football:	1,581
3 Basketball:	1,243
4 Rugby:	1,241
5 Baseball:	710



Introducing University Cooperatives Mutual Aid

Mutual life insurance

- Hospital stays are covered for either illness or injury from the day of admission up to the 200th day
- Benefits for hospitalization, outpatient care, and residual disabilities have been enhanced more than death benefits
- In the case that you lose a parent or guardian in an accident, your student life will be supported with monthly benefits of 100,000 yen paid until the maturity date in the year you are due to graduate



Illness	
● Hospitalization coverage:	10,000 yen/day
● Surgery coverage:	50,000 yen/operation
● Residual disability compensation:	5,400,000–6,000,000 yen
Accident/injury	
● Hospitalization coverage:	10,000 yen/day
● Outpatient treatment coverage:	2,000 yen/day
● Period using a cast or other fixator:	2,000 yen/2 days
● Surgery coverage:	50,000 yen/operation
● Residual disability compensation:	120,000–6,000,000 yen
Death of insured person	
● Death due to illness or accident:	2,000,000 yen
● Death due to other causes:	1,000,000 yen
Death of a parent or guardian	
● In the case that a parent or guardian dies in an accident:	100,000 yen monthly payment until the maturity date in the year you are due to graduate
● In the case that a parent or guardian dies in an accident:	100,000 yen

Characteristic of University Cooperatives Mutual Aid

Mutual fire insurance

- Necessary coverage is provided for living alone in an apartment or dormitory
- Coverage of household goods against theft and damage from fire, water exposure, wind, or flood
- Tenants' liability covered up to 10,000,000 yen



Damage from fire, water exposure, wind, or flood	
● Tenants' liability coverage:	up to 10,000,000 yen
● Coverage of household goods:	up to 2,000,000 yen
● Extra expenses:	100,000 yen
Theft insurance	
● Coverage of stolen household goods:	up to 300,000 yen
● Coverage of stolen cash:	up to 50,000 yen
● Coverage of repairs to rented rooms that have been broken into:	up to 100,000 yen

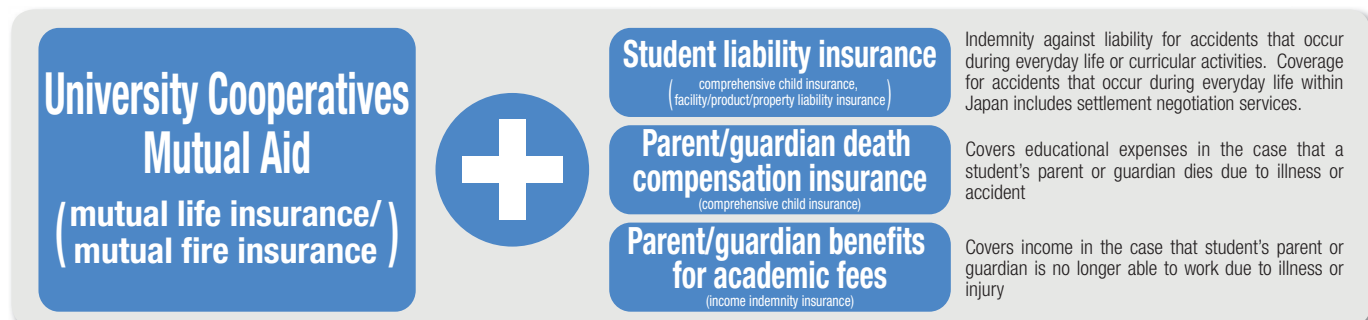


University Co-op's 5 Security Systems

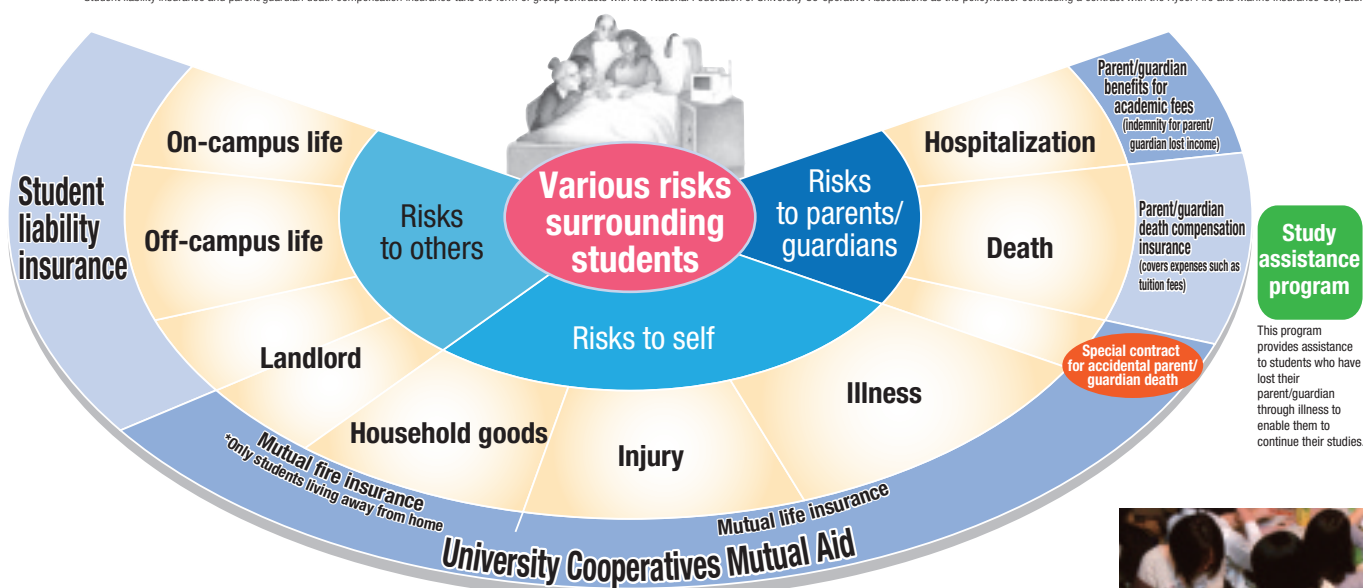
By combining the advantages of mutual aid and insurance around a core of University Cooperatives Mutual Aid, coverage necessary for student life at inexpensive premiums is being realized.

University Co-op's security system

Centered on mutual life insurance and mutual fire insurance, insurance is also used to cover necessary benefits and comprehensive proposals are made.

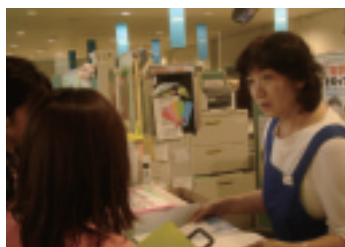


*Student liability insurance and parent/guardian death compensation insurance take the form of group contracts with the National Federation of University Co-operative Associations as the policyholder concluding a contract with the Kyoei Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.



Efforts to promote health/safety and prevent illness/accidents

University Co-op undertakes various activities suggesting ways to prevent illness and accidents.



On-campus, easy-to-consult University Co-op office (Aichi University Co-op)

If you are ill or injured, contact the University Co-op office. Our Benefits Officer will counsel you carefully and kindly.

27th All-Japan Mutual Benefits Seminar



Students and Co-op staff gather from around the country for training where they learn about Student Mutual Benefits and undertake exchange activities promoting health and prevention.

Study Assistance Program



Alcohol patch test (Kagawa University Co-op)

Left: Free bicycle inspections
Right: Nutritious eating counseling session

This system provides financial assistance in the form of emergency funds to students who have lost their parent/guardian through illness and are struggling financially to continue their studies. In accordance with their level of economic difficulty, students are paid either 100,000 or 200,000 yen (no repayment necessary). As at the end of March 2009, applications for assistance have been received from 9,907 people and a total amount of 419,900,000 yen has been paid to 2,272 recipients since the program's establishment.

*Although this program is not covered under mutual benefits or insurance, University Co-op members are eligible to receive assistance under the program.

Free student life/health advisory hotline

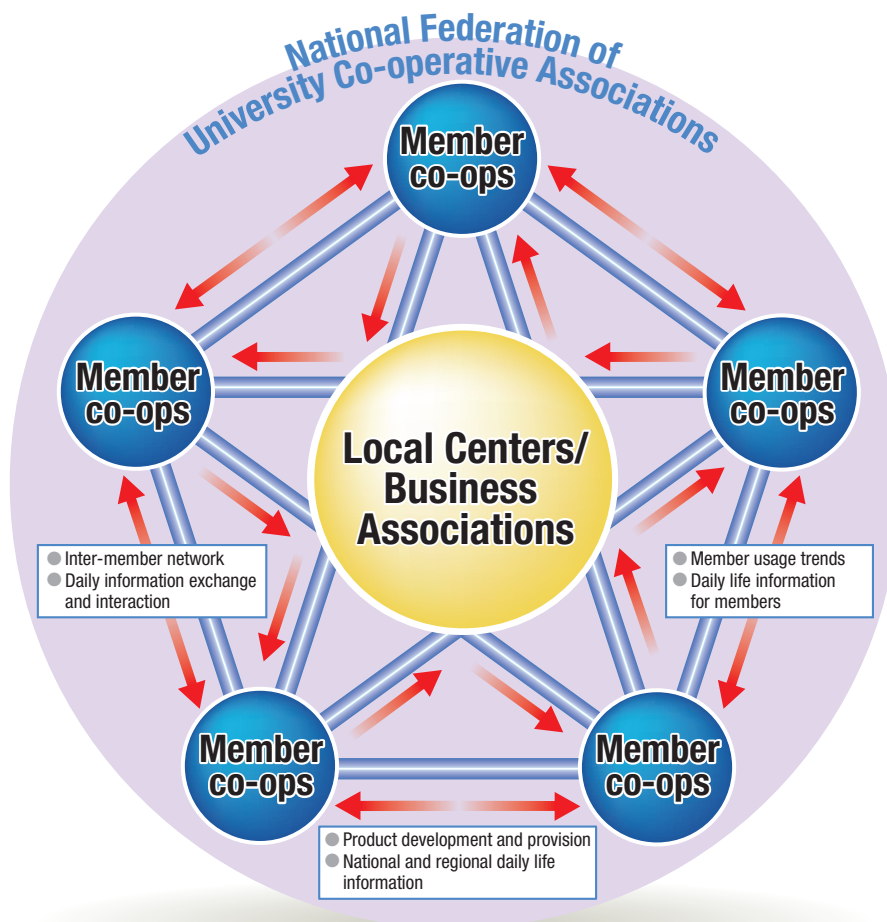
Consultation services for concerns or anxieties related to student health are provided.

- Available 24 hrs a day, 365 days a year (no holidays)
- A mental health advisory hotline is also available.



Harnessing the Strength of a Nationwide University Co-op Network

University Co-op appropriately provides the essentials for university life through national and local



The University Co-op network

The National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NFUCA) has 228 University Co-op members and over 1,500,000 individual members comprising undergraduate students, postgraduate students, international students, and faculty. Taking full advantage of this scale, University Co-op undertakes mutual exchange on a local and nation-

wide scale as well as promotes joint business activities. This network has generated huge economic merits, enabling all co-ops to operate under stable management and provide the same level of food, products, and services regardless of university scale.

In solidarity with the world's co-ops as a member of ICA



Boasting approximately 800,000,000 individual members and 219 member organizations in approximately 85 countries, the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) is the world's largest NGO. The National Federation of University Co-operative Associations joined the ICA in 2001 and is more actively strengthening its ties with co-ops throughout the world.



NFUCA President Shoji speaks at the Asia Pacific Region University Co-op Committee meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand

ICA Principles (revised in 1995)

- First Principle: Voluntary and open membership
- Second Principle: Democratic member control
- Third Principle: Member economic participation
- Fourth Principle: Autonomy and independence
- Fifth Principle: Education, training and information
- Sixth Principle: Co-operation among co-operatives
- Seventh Principle: Concern for community

ICA Overview

- Name: International Co-operative Alliance (ICA)
- President: Pauline Green
- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Established: London, 1895
- Organization: Supreme decision-making body: General Assembly (meet biennially)
- Total membership fees: 2,963,889 Swiss Francs (2007)
- Objectives:
 - To promote the world co-operative movement, based upon mutual self-help and democracy
 - To promote and protect co-operative values and principles
 - To facilitate the development of economic and other mutually beneficial relations between its member organizations
 - To promote sustainable human development and to further the economic and social progress of people, thereby contributing to international peace and security

networks, regardless of university scale.

Daily exchange and cooperation at 10 Local Centers nationwide



53rd General Assembly of the National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (December 20; Epochal Tsukuba International Congress Center)

University Co-op has established "Local Centers" (NFUCA branch offices) in 10 regions nationwide. Local Centers encompass undergraduate student committees, postgraduate student committees, international student committees, and faculty committees, as well as "Business Associations". By grasping the special characteristics of their region, these local centers are able to directly reflect the ideas and lifestyles of students and faculty in Co-op operations.

Ten Business Associations supporting member co-ops

In line with the desires of its university co-ops, each Business Association undertakes such activities as cooperating in the procurement of products and food, editing and publishing catalogs, making proposals for store and cafeteria management, making proposals for Co-op staff exchanges, and designing accounting management systems. Business Associations are also organizations established based on the Co-op Law.



Students exchange opinions with friends from around the country. Worries are resolved as well.



The 53rd General Assembly of the National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (December 20; Epochal Tsukuba International Congress Center). Student volunteers from throughout Japan played a central role in the organization and running of this general assembly, which brought together more than 1,000 undergraduate students, postgraduate students, and faculty members from around Japan.

University Co-op cooperation and joint activities

Joint projects are actively carried out not only within Local Centers but also nationwide, centering on NFUCA offices, with the aim of promoting higher-level business and exchange amongst students and faculty.

Specifically, representatives of each region participate in committee meetings for each business/activity field, and Board of Directors meetings are held at a pace of once every two months to decide national policies and directions. Numerous seminars and exchange meetings are also held to enable Co-op staff, students, and faculty to share their experiences, contributing to the enhancement of each participant's abilities.

The National Federation of University Co-operative Associations General Assembly is held once a year to integrate nationwide Co-op activities and business operations. The 53rd General Assembly was attended by more than 1,000 undergraduate students, postgraduate students, international students, faculty members, and Co-op staff. University Co-op promotes nationwide business activities in a diversity of fields, including Co-op brand stationary, computer hardware and software, books, overseas travel, and Student Mutual Benefits.

National seminars scheduled for 2010

- Member Activity Training Seminar
- National Senior Student Seminar
- Peace Now! Hiroshima
- Peace Now! Nagasaki
- Peace Now! Okinawa
- National Postgraduate Seminar
- International Exchange Seminar
- Japan-Korea University Co-op Exchange Seminar
- Career Development Seminar

- Foreign Language Communication Seminar
- National Environment Seminar
- Managing Director Seminar
- New Staff Seminar
- New Managing Director Seminar
- President and Managing Director Seminar
- Book Department Seminar
- Medical Book Seminar
- National Science Book Seminar

- National Art Book Seminar
- Travel Department Staff Meeting
- National Travel Service Department Seminar
- National Mutual Benefits Seminar
- PC Conference
- National Cafeteria Seminar
- National Dietary Education Seminar
- National Housing Introduction Services Seminar



Spread of University Co-ops Nationwide

As a non-profit entity managed by students and faculty, University Co-op is the most suitable organization for the future. University co-ops, business associations, and local centers provide unstinted actions as formulating long-term plans for facilities, equipment, and business activities that are

Hokkaido Local Center

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●Otaru University of Commerce ●Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine ●Kitami Institute of Technology
●Kushiro Public University of Economics ●Sapporo University ●Sapporo Gakuin University ●Hokusei Gakuen
●Hokkai Gakuen ●Hokkaido University ●Hokkaido University of Education ●Hokkaido University of Education Asahikawa
●Hokkaido University of Education Iwamizawa ●Hokkaido University of Education Kushiro
●Hokkaido University of Education Hakodate ●Muroan Institute of Technology ●Rakuno Gakuen ●Hokkaido Business Association
Sapporo University: Sapporo University/Sapporo University Women's Junior College
Hokusei Gakuen: Hokusei Gakuen University/Hokusei Gakuen University Junior College
Rakuno Gakuen: Rakuno Gakuen University/Rakuno Gakuen College
Hokkai Gakuen: Hokkai Gakuen University/Hokkai School of Commerce

Tohoku Local Center

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FAX.022-717-4851

●Hirosaki Gakuin University ●Hirosaki University ●Iwate University ●Iwate Prefectural University ●Morioka University
●Shohei Gakuin University ●Tohoku University ●Tohoku Gakuin University ●Tohoku Institute of Technology ●Miyagi Gakuin
●Miyagi University of Education ●Miyagi University ●Miyagi Inter-College Co-op ●Akita University ●Yamagata University
●Fukushima University ●Tohoku Business Association
Morioka University: Morioka University/Morioka Daigaku Junior College
Miyagi Gakuin: Miyagi Gakuin Women's University

Tokyo Local Center

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●Atomi University ●Saitama University ●Jumonji University/Jumonji Junior College ●Shukutoku University Mizuhodai
●Daito Bunka University ●Chiba University ●Chiba University of Commerce ●J.F. Oberlin University ●Ochanomizu University
●Kogakuin University ●Shibaura Institute of Technology ●Showa University
●Shiraume Gakuen University/Shiraume Gakuen Junior College ●Tsuda College ●University of Electro-Communications
●University of Tokyo ●Tokyo Medical and Dental University ●Tokyo Inter-College Co-op
●Tokyo University of Foreign Studies ●Tokyo Gakugei University ●Tokyo Keizai University ●Tokyo University of the Arts
●Tokyo Institute of Technology ●Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology ●Tokyo Denki University
●Tokyo Metropolitan University ●Meiji Pharmaceutical University ●Tokyo University of Agriculture
●Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology ●Tokyo University of Pharmacy and Life Sciences ●Tokyo University of Science
●Tokyo National College of Technology ●Japan College of Social Work ●Nippon Veterinary and Life Science University
●Japan Women's University ●Japanese Red Cross College of Nursing ●Hitotsubashi University
●Toho University (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences/Faculty of Science) ●Toyo University ●Hosei University ●Hoshi University
●Musashi University ●Meiji Gakuin University ●Wako University ●Waseda University ●Azabu University
●Institute of Space and Astronautical Science ●Kanagawa University ●Kanagawa Prefectural College of Foreign Studies
●Keio University ●Polytechnic University ●Tokyo Polytechnic University ●Yokohama National University
●Yokohama City University ●Ibaraki University ●Ibaraki Christian University ●Ashikaga Institute of Technology
●Utsunomiya University ●Ota Information Business College/Ota College of Medical Technology/Ota Automobile Engineering College
●Gunma University ●Takasaki City University of Economics ●Gakuen Maine ●Maebashi Institute of Technology
●Shinshu University ●Nagano University ●Nagano Prefectural College ●Nagano College of Nursing ●Matsumoto University
●Niigata University ●University of Niigata Prefecture/Niigata Women's College
●Niigata Seiryō University/Niigata Seiryō Junior College ●University of Yamanashi ●Seisen Jogakuin College
●Yamanashi Prefectural University ●Tokyo Business Association
Ashikaga Institute of Technology: Ashikaga Institute of Technology/Ashikaga Junior College
Gakuen Maine: University of Creation, Art, Music and Social Work
Seisen Jogakuin College: Seisen Jogakuin College/Seisen Jogakuin Junior College

Tokai Local Center

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●Shizuoka University ●Aichi University ●Aichi University of Education ●Inter-College Co-op Aichi ●Aichi Prefectural University
●Aichi Prefectural University of Fine Arts and Music ●Okazaki National Institutes of Natural Sciences ●Chukyo University
●Doho Group of Educational Institutions ●Nagoya University ●Nagoya Institute of Technology ●Nagoya City University
●Kinjo Gakuin University ●Nihon Fukushi University ●Meijo University ●Gifu University ●Gifu City Women's College
●Mie University ●Mie Junior College ●Mie Prefectural College of Nursing ●Tokai Business Association
Doho Group of Educational Institutions: Doho University/Nagoya College of Music/Nagoya Zokei University of Art and Design

Hokuriku Local Center

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●Toyama University ●Toyama Prefectural University ●Toyama National College of Technology ●Kanazawa University
●Ishikawa National College of Technology ●University of Fukui ●Hokuriku Business Association

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●University of Shiga Prefecture ●Shiga University Otsu (Faculty of Education) ●Shiga University Hikone (Faculty of Economics)
●Shiga University of Medical Science ●Ikenobo Gakuen ●Kyoto University ●Kyoto University of Education
●Kyoto College of Economics ●Kyoto Institute of Technology ●Kyoto Tachibana University
●Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine/Kyoto Prefectural University ●Doshisha ●Ritsumeikan ●Ryukoku University
●Osaka Shoin Women's University Sekiya Campus ●Nara University of Education ●Nara Prefectural University
●Nara National College of Technology ●Nara Women's University ●Kyoto Business Association
Doshisha: Doshisha University/Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts
Ritsumeikan: Ritsumeikan University/Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

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●Osaka University ●Osaka Inter-College Co-op ●Osaka Kyoiku University ●Osaka University of Economics
●Osaka City University ●Osaka Chiyoda Junior College ●Osaka Electro-Communication University
●Osaka Prefecture University ●Kinki University ●Hannan University ●Heian Jogakuin St. Agnes' School
●Wakayama University ●Wakayama Medical University ●Koyasan University ●Osaka Business Association

Kobe Local Center

TEL.078-262-5700
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●Otemae University ●Kwansei Gakuin University ●Konan University ●Konan Women's University ●Kobe University
●Kobe City University of Foreign Studies ●University of Hyogo ●Kobe Shinwa Women's University
●Kobe Pharmaceutical University ●Sonoda Women's University ●Kobe City College of Technology ●Kobe Business Association

Chugoku/Shikoku Local Center

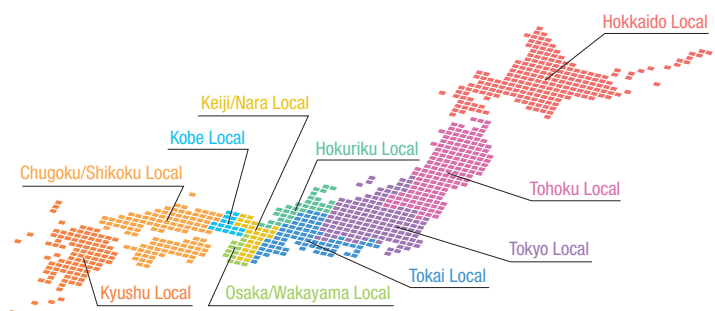
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●Matsuyama Shinonome College/Junior College ●Kochi University ●Kochi Prefectural University ●Okayama University
●Hiroshima University ●Hiroshima Shudo University ●Tottori University ●Shimonoseki City University
●National Fisheries University ●Yamaguchi University ●Shimane University ●Baiko Gakuin University
●Chugoku-Shikoku Business Association
Matsuyama University: Matsuyama University/Matsuyama Junior College
Kochi Prefectural University: Kochi Women's University/Kochi Junior College

Kyushu Local Center

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●Kyushu University ●University of Kitakyushu ●Kyushu Institute of Technology ●Kyushu International University
●Seinan Gakuin University ●Seinan Jo Gakuin University ●Fukuoka University of Education ●Fukuoka Prefectural University
●Fukuoka Women's University ●Fukuoka Inter-College Co-op ●Saga University ●Junshin University ●Nagasaki University
●University of Nagasaki Sasebo Campus ●University of Nagasaki Siebold Campus ●Kumamoto University
●Kumamoto Inter-College Co-op Academia ●Oita University ●Minami Kyushu University ●Miyazaki University
●Kagoshima University ●Kagoshima Prefectural College ●Okinawa University ●Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts
●University of the Ryukyus ●Kyushu Business Association
Junshin University: Nagasaki Junshin Catholic University



In 2009, too, new university co-ops were established and became members of the National Federation of University Co-operative Associations.

The Iwate Prefectural University Co-op was established on August 7, 2009 and the Maebashi Institute of Technology Co-op was established on December 10, 2009.



●Iwate Prefectural University Co-op

"The inaugural general assembly was held in August, and having received approval, we are currently making preparations to begin store and cafeteria operations on January 18, 2010... Attending this General Assembly, I am convinced that how quickly we can involve students and how actively they become in our operations in the future is key to sustaining the expansion of our university co-op" (from the address given at the 53rd National Federation of University Co-operative Associations General Assembly).



●Maebashi Institute of Technology Co-op

"We were able to successfully conclude our inaugural general assembly on December 10, and we are indebted to everyone at the Tokyo Local Center for their tremendous assistance at that time... In future we intend to join with our new friends to further boost and expand Co-op activities" (from the address given at the 53rd National Federation of University Co-operative Associations General Assembly).

Contact your nearest Local Center for information on how to establish a university co-op.



Overview of the National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (NFUCA)

ization for universities, where culture and knowledge are created and the young leaders of ing support to students and faculty who desire to establish co-ops in the future through such appropriate for university size and conditions.

Name

National Federation of University Co-operative Associations (Abbreviation: NFUCA)

Representatives

President: Kokichi SHOJI
Managing Director and CEO: Toshiaki WADA

Member co-ops

228 member co-ops (as of February 2010)
comprising 212 university co-ops, 10 business associations, and 6 inter-college co-ops

Establishment

May 25, 1947 National School Co-operative Federation is established
August 19, 1958 The National School Co-operative Federation is incorporated
August 8, 1959 and the National Federation of University Co-operative Associations established
Registration is completed

Organization

Supreme decision-making body: General Assembly
Board of Directors (56 members as of fiscal 2010) Board of Auditors (13 members as of fiscal 2010)

Individual members

1,509,198 (as of September 2009)

Total NFUCA funding from member co-ops

961,830,000 yen (as of September 30, 2009)

Total turnover of member co-ops

207,600,000,000 yen (fiscal 2008)

Financial Year

October 1 to September 30 of the following year

Local Centers

Hokkaido Local Center: 17 member co-ops
Tohoku Local Center: 17 member co-ops
Tokyo Local Center: 75 member co-ops
Tokai Local Center: 21 member co-ops
Hokuriku Local Center: 7 member co-ops
Keiji/Nara Local Center: 20 member co-ops
Osaka/Wakayama Local Center: 15 member co-ops
Kobe Local Center: 12 member co-ops
Chugoku/Shikoku Local Center: 18 member co-ops
Kyushu Local Center: 26 member co-ops

Affiliated Companies

University Co-op Tourism Ltd.
Varsity Wave Ltd.
Student Travel Japan Inc.

Affiliated Organizations

CIEC (Council for Improvement of Education through Computers)
JUN NETWORK

International Affiliations

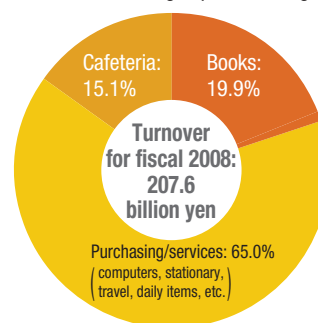
Member of:
ICA (International Co-operative Alliance)
ICA Committee on University/Campus Cooperatives for Asia and the Pacific
WYSTC (World Youth and Student Travel Confederation)
NACS (National Association of College Stores)

Summary of Activities (according to NFUCA by-laws)

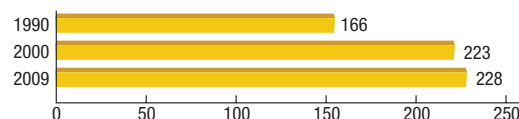
This organization shall undertake the following activities in order to achieve the objectives stipulated in Article 1.

- (1) Coordination and guidance of and liaison with and between member co-ops
- (2) Contact and liaison with non-member co-ops and affiliated international cooperative organizations, as well as university faculty staff and students organizations
- (3) Activities to improve the lives of Co-op members and enhance culture
- (4) Activities to enhance the knowledge of Co-op members and staff regarding Co-op activities
- (5) Research, investigation, and provision of general information necessary for member co-ops to carry out their activities
- (6) Purchase supplies required by member co-ops to carry out their business activities and provide these to member co-ops after processing or production if necessary
- (7) Activities to establish and encourage utilization of facilities for Co-op members to use for everyday living
- (8) Activities to provide mutual living benefits for Co-op members
- (9) Travel services for Co-op members in accordance with the Japanese Travel Law
- (10) Activities related to any of the above

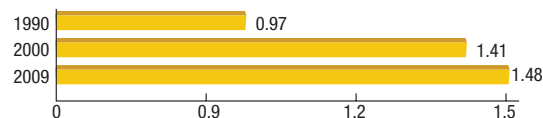
Operational turnover according to product category



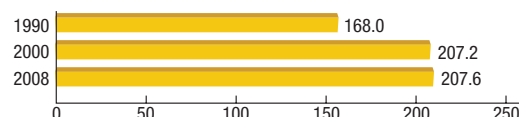
Number of member co-ops



Number of individual members (unit: millions)



Operational turnover of member co-ops (unit: billion yen)



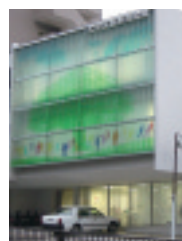
University Co-op Facilities



University Co-op Building (Suginami Ward, Tokyo)



University Co-op Building Sendai



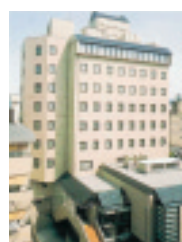
University Co-op Building Tokai



University Co-op Building Osaka



University Co-op Building Kobe



Co-op Inn Kyoto

An Introduction to “Campus Life”

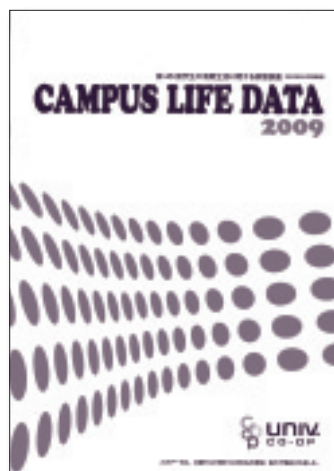
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University Co-op Survey Activities

University Co-op carries out surveys on the lifestyles and opinions of undergraduate and postgraduate students and applies the information thus gained in its operations and activities.



● Surveys on Student Consumption

The “Survey on Student Consumption” (abbreviated to “Student Survey”) has been conducted every autumn since 1963; the 45th survey was conducted last year. The aim of the survey is to better understand the daily lives of students as consumers, focusing on economical aspects, as well as their thinking and behavior. Last year’s survey was implemented at 73 co-ops with 18,277 students participating.

● Surveys on Postgraduate Student Life

The “Survey on Graduate Student Life” is conducted once every 3 years. In 2007, some 26 university and 3,761 students participated in the 6th survey. The 7th survey will be conducted in 2010.

● Survey of Parents/Guardians of New Students

This survey asks the parents/guardians of newly enrolled university students about actual costs, from entrance examinations to enrolment and is an importance reference for high school students, entrance examination candidates, and their parents/guardians.

Monthly Living Expenses for University Students

(Average: yen)

Income	Lives in dormitory/apartment	Lives at home
Allowance	74,060	15,920
Scholarship	26,430	11,210
Part-time employment	22,370	30,820
Regular employment	370	150
Other	2,320	2,200
Total Income	125,580	60,300

Expenses	Lives in dormitory/apartment	Lives at home
Food and drink	23,350	10,990
Living	55,660	130
Travel	3,190	9,650
Entertainment	8,430	7,340
Study materials	2,370	2,000
Studying	1,500	1,250
Daily necessities	7,130	5,830
Telephone	4,830	3,380
Other	3,030	2,340
Savings	10,480	14,370
Total Expenses	119,970	57,270



“Campus Life Guidebook”

In this brochure, current university students provide information about university life for high school students and students preparing for entrance examinations (600,000 copies issued annually).



“Dokusho-no-izumi (Fountain of Reading)”

This book-centered magazine provides ideas for enjoyable reading. Students play a central role in editing and the magazine is available free-of-charge from Co-op stores.



“Catalogue Book Fair”

This book fair also provides complete and collected works at discount prices. Held each year in winter, the fair is attended by university staff and also used by libraries and research laboratories.

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