

## Declaration of SDGs for Shizuoka University

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Shizuoka University (SU) was approved for establishment on May 31, 1949, and was inaugurated on June 1 of the same year. According to Article 7, Paragraph 1 of the Basic Act on Education, "Universities, as the core of scholarly activities, are to contribute to the development of society by cultivating advanced knowledge and specialized skills, inquiring deeply into the truth to create new knowledge, and broadly offering the fruits of these endeavors to society". Based on the philosophy of "Freedom and Enlightenment & Creation of the Future", the university has been fostering human resources with high levels of education and professional skills, creating new knowledge through the exploration of truth, and in return, offering the results to society.

At the same time, the United Nations (UN) began to discuss "sustainable development" in earnest in the 1960s, and since then various initiatives have been implemented. At the United Nations Summit in September 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, were adopted as the international goals for a sustainable and better world. Sustainable development is defined as, "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs", and the ultimate goal of the SDGs is a society in which every individual, including future generations, can enjoy well-being (better living, happiness, and welfare).

However, it is not easy to achieve the SDGs. We are facing environmental and lifestyle changes symbolized by climate change due to global warming, as well as various challenges in many areas such as economy, employment, food, energy, diversity, and peace. What is important here is to maintain an integrated balance between the environment, society, and the economy, to view these global and complex issues as interconnected systems, and to find solutions by coordinating various approaches.

SU, agreeing with the aims of the SDGs, hereby declares that it will utilize fruitful human resource development and research outputs, cultivated under the philosophy of SU, in order to develop a society in which all people can enjoy well-being.