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■ About Oita University

Oita University was established in 1949. When established, it included its Faculty of Liberal Arts (currently the Faculty of Education) and Faculty of Economics. It merged with Oita Medical University (established in 1976) in 2003, and now Oita University includes five faculties (Education, Economics, Medicine, Science and Technology and Welfare and Health Science) and nearly 5,500 students are enrolled at its Dannohara and Hasama Campuses.

The university has implemented many different reforms under Oita University Vision 2040, “Connect with Next Generations and Create the Future.” In 2024, the four departments of the Faculty of Economics were reorganized into six sections within a single department, Department of Economics, Business and Regional Studies.

Looking toward potential issues and the needs of society beyond the SDGs, the university is developing human resources who are equipped with basic and comprehensive skills that they are able to adapt to change and solve social issues, which are becoming more diverse and complicated.

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