

Introduction of Tohoku University

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1 Tohoku University

Tohoku University is located in Sendai city, which is 350 km north east of Tokyo. Its overall population is over 20,000, which means that about 2% of people living in Sendai are related to the university.



Fig. 1: Where is Sendai?

Tohoku University has several campuses in the city. The Materials Science and Engineering Departments are located on both the Aobayama and Katahira campuses. Undergraduate students mainly study in Aobayama campus. Half of the



Fig. 2: Aobayama Campus

laboratories belong to institutes on the Katahira campus which was originally founded in 1911.

Tohoku University is famous for its "Research First" principle. In the past, Prof. Hidetsugu Yagi invented "Yagi antenna" and it is generally used



Fig. 3: The Oldest "Kinken"(1922) (IMR: Institute of Materials Research)

all over the world. In the field at materials science, Prof. Koichiro Honda invented KS steel in 1917. The academic reputation of Tohoku University is still great, for example, in 2001, ISI ranked Tohoku University as No.1 in materials science.

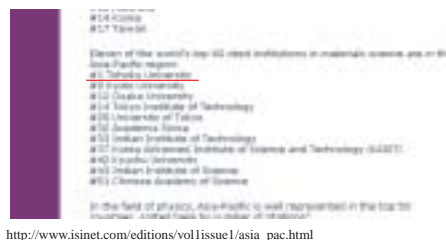


Fig. 4: Academic Reputation

Sendai is known not only as the location of Tohoku University, but also for many famous events held there. We are going to show some of them in this presentation.

Last June, some the World Cup matches were held near Sendai. We were very excited as were Korean people.

2 Mokke's funniest day

Naoyuki Kawamoto is a junior student of Tohoku University. He is so famous that everyone calls him "Mokke." In this presentation, we will introduce his funniest day and tell what Tohoku University student life is like.



Fig. 5: The guy called "Mokke"

Every morning, He goes to school by his scooter while singing a song. This morning, he can't



Fig. 6: Mokke rides on his scooter

imagine that something amazing is about to happen. We will show it in the presentation.

He attends his favorite "structure materials" class in the morning. Prof. Maruyama teaches it. But unfortunately he studied too hard to stay



Fig. 7: Mokke is studying in the class

awake, and therefore he falls asleep in the class.

PM1:00. Mokke starts his experiment. Students have to take 22 subjects a year. For example, welding, biomaterials and semiconductors. Today, he is working on magnetism.



Fig. 8: Mokke is doing his experiment

PM 4:00. He goes to the library. There are libraries on the each campus. On the Aobayama campus, there are not only books but also journals from other countries. Today he plans to bor-



Fig. 9: In the library

row some books about magnetism for the report on his experiment. After the library, he goes back home.

PM 7:30. Mokke eats dinner at his home. He likes curry so much!



Fig. 10: How many times a day does he eat curry?