



# SEIKEI JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SEIKEI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

成蹊中学・高等学校



# Leaping Forward with Tradition

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In looking back on the history of *Seikei Gakuen*, we find that the school was founded in 1912 by *Haruji Nakamura* on the educational principles of “Respecting individuality,” “Cultivating one’s character” and the “Fulfillment of labor” of each individual student. “Fulfillment of labor” can be understood as the cultivation of strong mental strength.

It has been over 100 years since the school was founded, and it can be said that Japan and the world are both still in a period of transition.

With the coming of the 21st century, Japan and the world both hope for renewed order and balance. We believe that now, more than ever, there is a strong need for “individuals who can develop themselves,” by constantly bettering themselves, “individuals who can be active globally” with a spirit of mutual understanding while making contributions to different regions, and “individuals who can cooperate within society as well as show teamwork in realizing a leadership role.” Education that fosters these types of individuals connects with the educational principles that *Seikei Gakuen* was founded upon. As time passes, society continues to change significantly, yet we can say that the educational principles of our founder, *Haruji Nakamura*, as applied to the education of our youth, are as important today as they were when the school was founded.

In the modern era of a constantly changing world, our students will leave *Seikei* and enter a society which is “wanting for answers.” Therefore, the critical issues for them will be how well they can probe the essence of ideas from multiple perspectives and how to make responsible decisions within the context of a diverse set of values.

Needless to say, to accomplish these goals, it will be important for students to foster tolerance and hone their communication ability. Through their studies and steady efforts, our students acquire a robust education with a liberal arts core.

Concurrently, participating in events and connecting with their classmates allows them to learn to mutually recognize each other’s diversity as individuals, thereby leading to a daily life that

facilitates the collaborative creation of new ideas and experiences. Furthermore, it is within the shared atmosphere of students and teachers studying together that the foundations are laid for students to thrive once they enter society.

With its history of an education that brings out the true abilities of individuals and the education of returnee students from early on, *Seikei Gakuen* is a pioneer when it comes to the amount of energy it has put into education from an international standpoint. It has a long history of foreign exchange programs with high schools in the United States and Australia, and a great many of our students have participated in intra and interschool overseas exchange programs. In 2004, to further develop our goals for the future, the *Seikei* Institute for International Studies, a long-term school educational facility, was founded. We look forward to further enhancing international education and international exchanges.

Another characteristic of *Seikei Gakuen* is its educational environment. All the school levels, from elementary school all the way up to the university for under-graduate and graduate studies, are on the same campus. This allows our many educators and staff to offer ample education as well as rich individual guidance and advice for life plans that often change as the individual matures. The facilities that are offered on campus include various libraries, classrooms, auditoriums and training facilities not seen at other junior and senior high schools. This allows us to fully contribute to the student’s educational life both inside and outside the classroom. In addition, despite the fact that we are located in Tokyo, a vast metropolitan area, the abundance of greenery and natural surroundings on our campus allows students to enjoy a relaxed school life.

In our long history, *Seikei Gakuen* has always been producing promising graduates active in many areas, not only in Japan, but in the world as well. In order to further nurture youths who will contribute to both the development of Japan and the world in the future, our entire faculty and staff will always constantly endeavor to be active in sustaining our vision for the future.

Principal Naoto Senda

