



The University of Shimane

PROSPECTUS





Choose the University of Shimane:

A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

The University of Shimane – Think Globally, Act Locally

The University of Shimane is deepening research in each academic discipline and developing creative education based on this research. In so doing, we aim to nurture students who can approach the practical issues of contemporary society from an international perspective and who can contribute to the development and revitalization of the local community. Furthermore, by taking advantage of its present academic resources and interdisciplinary network, the University of Shimane can respond to the needs of the local community, work in partnership with the local community, and be trusted by the local community. At the same time, we aim to contribute to the development of the international community in North East Asia and beyond.

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Message from the President



Studying abroad at the University of Shimane, participating in local activities, volunteering in the community, and club activities —all these diverse experiences during student life provide valuable learning opportunities. Don't limit yourself to classroom lectures; take the first step and actively engage in new challenges. Post graduate studies are entry points into specialized academic fields. This program is designed for those who wish to explore their own research questions based on their undergraduate studies, or for those who wish to identify and solve challenges they face in their professions. Our university offers Educational programs that integrate theory and practice, enabling students to acquire the advanced knowledge and fundamental skills necessary to conduct independent research.

Kazuya Yamashita
President of the University of Shimane

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Our Partners in the World

United States of America

- Seattle University
- Central Washington University
- East Carolina University
- Wenatchee Valley College

People's Republic of China

- School of International Studies, Peking University
- Beijing University of Agriculture
- Beijing Language and Culture University
- Jilin University
- Center for Northeast Asian Studies, Jilin University
- Ningxia University
- Ningxia Medical University
- Ningxia Institute of Science and Technology
- Institute of International Studies, Fudan University
- Japan Institute, Chinese Academic of Social Sciences
- Minzu University of China
- Center for the study of East Asian Civilization, Northeast Normal University
- Anhui University of Finance and Economics
- Huaqiao University
- Inner Mongolia University of Technology

Republic of Korea

- University of Ulsan
- Institute for Research in Humanities, University of Ulsan
- Keimyung University
- Pai Chai University
- Daegu Haany University
- Daegu Health College
- Sejong University
- College of Social Sciences at Kookmin University ¹
- Department of International Area Studies, Graduate School of Kookmin University ²
- Global Institute for Japanese Studies, Korea University
- Institute for Research in Humanities, Kangwon National University
- Dongseo University

Mongolia

- Humanities Institute, Mongolian University of Science and Technology

Russia

- History Institute, Tatarstan Academy of Sciences
- Maritime State University named after admiral. G. I. Nevelskoy

Taiwan

- National Taichung University of Science and Technology
- Shih Hsin University
- Chung Shan Medical University ³
- College of Nursing, Taipei Medical University
- College of Nutrition, Taipei Medical University

India

- Acharya Institute of Management and Science (AIMS)

Canada

- Langara College

Malaysia

- Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation (APU)

Indonesia

- Indonesia Nutrition Association
- Krida Wacana Christen University
- Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta

Philippines

- Lapulapu-Cebu International College

Thailand

- Srinakharinwirot University

Vietnam

- School of Medicine and Pharmacy, The University of Da Nang
- University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Da Nang

Footnotes:

¹ Faculty of International Relations only

² Graduate School of Northeast Asian Development Studies only

³ Faculty of Nursing and Nutrition only



Think Globally, Act Locally.

At the University of Shimane, we are dedicated to providing our international students and guests with an enriching and supportive experience, both academically and socially. Long-term exchange students have access to affordable university housing and assistance in adjusting to life in Japan. To help you settle in, we also pair you with a Japanese student supporter who can offer guidance on everyday life. We understand that moving to a new country can feel overwhelming at first, but rest assured, we are here to support you every step of the way. The University of Shimane warmly welcomes you and looks forward to being your home, both academically and personally, during your time with us.





Faculty of International Relations Department of International Relations International Relations Course

Learn about Multicultural Co-existence from a Global Perspective

Students will take specialized subjects such as political science, international affairs, and area studies in Northeast Asia. The learning objectives of this course are to better understand issues associated with globalization to devise solutions, and to study English and other foreign languages necessary for that purpose.



Hamada Campus

Faculty of International Relations Department of International Relations International Communication Course

See the World through Different Languages and Diverse Cultures

Students will study languages, linguistics, communication, culture, and the international community; acquire communication skills; and gain mutual understanding of people from different cultural backgrounds through collaborating with overseas partners and faculty.



Hamada Campus

Faculty of Regional Policy Studies
Department of Regional Policy Studies
Economy Management and
Digital Management Course

View your Region from an Economics, Business
Administration and Digital Perspective

Based on knowledge and concepts in economics and business administration, we foster individuals who can contribute to the development of regional economies and businesses by collaborating with government agencies and local companies on community activities, utilizing digital technology, data analysis, and project management techniques.



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Faculty of Regional Policy Studies Department of Regional Policy Studies Regional Community and Public Administration Course

Understand Regional Issues from a Public Administration Perspective

Students will acquire the ability to formulate solutions to problems from a public administration perspective. Based on the knowledge of law, politics, public administration, and sociology, while collaborating with the local community.



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Faculty of Regional Policy Studies Department of Regional Policy Studies Community Development Course

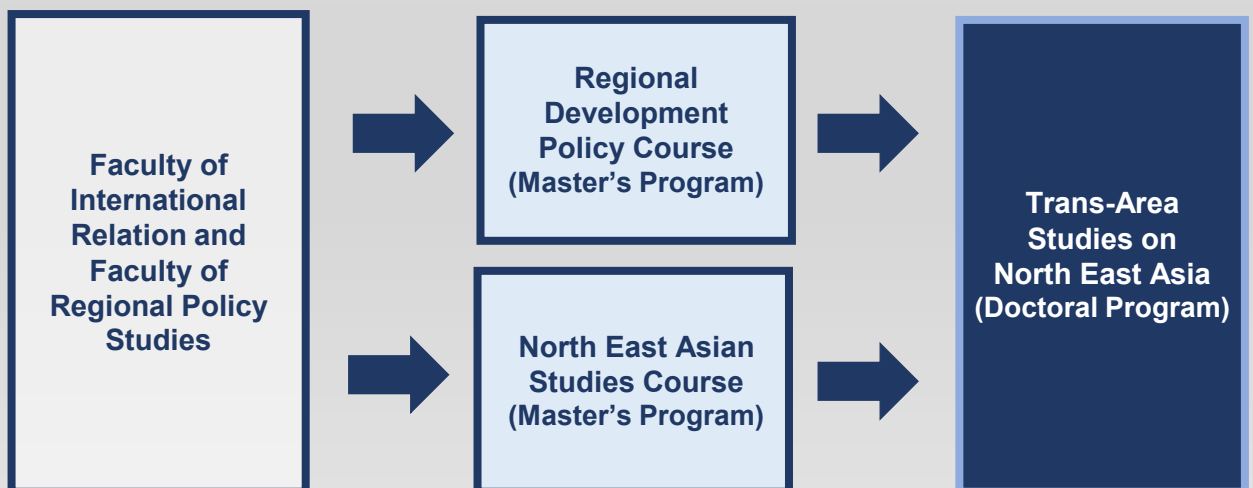
Nurture the Ability to Plan for a Better Community

Students will learn practical and specific subjects with practitioners while analyzing natural resources and historical culture in the region. Students will acquire the ability to plan and implement projects.



Graduate School of North East Asian and Development Studies

The Graduate School of North East Asia and Development Studies offers a Master's Program in North East Asian Studies, a Master's Program in Regional Development Policy, and a Doctoral Program in Trans-Area Studies on North East Asia. The North East Asian Studies program and North East Asia and Trans-Area Studies program focus on regional studies in North East Asia, including China, North and South Korea, Mongolia, Russia, and Japan. The school conducts research on a trans-regional level. This is much more than a simple collection of individual studies on each region. The North East Asian region has been built through multi-lateral interaction between people and exchange of commodities. As we look to the future, globalization and internationalization of each region progresses. It is imperative to conduct interdisciplinary studies surpassing the framework of individual fields such as the humanities and social sciences. The Regional Development Policy program conducts interdisciplinary studies on issues relating to various fields of regional development while utilizing a diverse range of social sciences, including economics, politics, sociology, law and anthropogeography. Special attention is given to policy issues relating to declining birth rates, aging society, depopulation, decentralization, regional economic stimulus, and development of mountainous areas. These issues are serious concerns in Shimane Prefecture and the rest of Japan. They have not only surfaced as policy issues in Japan, but in North East Asia as well. By resolving these issues, it will be possible to contribute to the North East Asian region. Though the graduate school centers on individual research conducted by students, members also receive detailed guidance from their professors and other faculty as well.



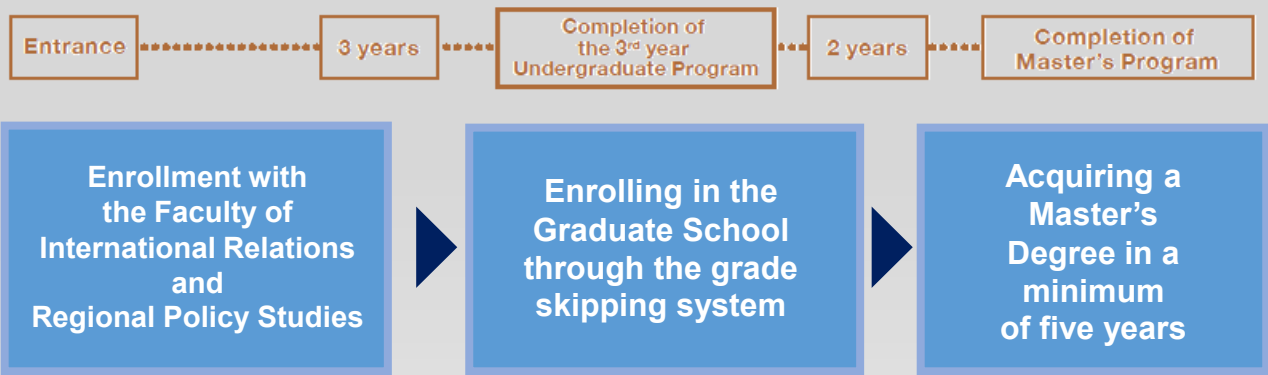


Developing graduates who can play active roles in the new era of North East Asia

Along with the development of globalization and an information society, exchanges between people and of ideas are more widespread across borders. We can now feel globalization more closely. On the other hand, such problems as aging populations declining populations and regional disparities which are found in Shimane Prefecture are emerging as common issues across North East Asia. The Graduate School of North East Asia and Development Studies, the University of Shimane, is developing research and education that corresponds to such changes.

- > Systematic study to acquire sophisticated expertise
- > Enhanced regional research utilizing Geographic Information System (GIS)
- > Enhanced research instruction through collective supervision

Model for Early Acquisition of Master’s Degree





Izumo Campus

Faculty of Nursing and Nutrition

Department of Nursing

Developing Future Nursing Professionals

The Department of Nursing develops professional nurses with advanced knowledge and strong practical skills. Graduates have a broad perspective, think and act independently, and acquire the following three core competencies:

- Practice nursing care
- Understand and collaborate with others
- Identify and respond to healthcare challenges specific to the region



Izumo Campus

Faculty of Nursing and Nutrition Department of Health and Nutrition

Students gain practical skills and the ability to take on challenges within a community-wide culture that supports student growth.

Graduates will

- Be professionals with advanced knowledge and technical expertise in food, nutrition, and health, who also possess the practical competencies required to become registered nutritionists
- Be individuals who demonstrate consideration and thoughtfulness and can contribute to improving people's health through food



Izumo Campus

Special Course in Midwifery

Developing Professionals in the Midwifery Program

The Midwifery Program prepares midwives with advanced practical skills who can contribute to local communities. Graduates understand the role of midwives and develop both fundamental and practical competencies, including the following three core skills:

- Provide midwifery care
- Collaborate with professionals in related fields and contribute to maternal and child healthcare and medical welfare in Shimane
- Improve the quality of care with a broad perspective and a compassionate approach



Izumo Campus

Graduate School of Nursing

[Master's Program]

Educational and Research Aim

Based on respect for human dignity and with a broad perspective, the Master's Program aims to cultivate professionals with advanced knowledge, practical skills, and research competencies who can creatively respond to changes in health, healthcare, and welfare environments by exploring the depths of nursing science.

Through practice and research, the program contributes to the advancement of nursing science and the improvement of health, healthcare, and welfare in Shimane Prefecture.

<Research Fields>

- Researcher Training (Nursing Education, Adult and Geriatric Nursing, Maternal and Child Nursing, Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing, Community Nursing, Health Data Science)
- Advanced Practice Nursing Course (Midwifery)
- Advanced Practice Nursing Course (Nurse Practitioner (NP) Primary Care)

[Doctoral Program]

Educational and Research Aim

Based on respect for human dignity, a broad perspective, and high ethical standards, the Doctoral Program aims to develop researchers who possess the capacity to independently and continuously conduct research that contributes to the advancement of nursing science.

The program also fosters educational leadership capable of delivering high-quality university education and continuing professional education.

Through the production of scientifically sound research outcomes grounded in advanced knowledge and skills, the program contributes to the advancement of nursing science and the improvement of health, healthcare, and welfare in Shimane Prefecture and throughout Japan.

<Research Fields>

- Nursing Major



Faculty of Humanities and Education Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Planning for the Future with Children in Mind

Students in The Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education participate in research projects with their peers from their very first year. They have many chances to interact with young children. Students plan their own curriculum in order to develop specialized knowledge. During their four years, the students will mature into compassionate professionals who have the practical skills to nurture children from diverse backgrounds.

- Teaching elementary art education methodology
- Children and Family Welfare
- PE
- Curriculum
- Children's Health



Matsue Campus

Faculty of Humanities and Education Department of Area Studies

Nurturing Our Community with Cultural Heritage

Over 130 years ago, the Irish-Greek writer Lafcadio Hearn came to Matsue. Hearn fell in love with both the city and a local woman, and lived all his days in Japan. He wrote several famous books introducing the myths and culture of Shimane to a global audience. Our department nurtures students who can appreciate the beauty of Japanese culture in the same way that Hearn did over a century ago.

- Community Culture
- Japanese Culture
- International Culture



Junior College

Department of Nursery Education

Fostering Empathy and Practical Skills

The Junior College at Matsue Campus was re-launched in April, 2018 with two new fields of study: The Department of Nursery Education and The Department of Arts and Science. These departments will train students who can utilize their knowledge and experience upon graduation. Students gain knowledge to become nursery teachers and they learn both on campus and in the field.



Matsue Campus

Junior College

Department of

Culture and Information Studies

Finding your Path from Various Perspectives

Students will gain the communication skills they need in real life, practice perspective-taking and listening with empathy.

Students will learn the information technology as well as the information transmission which utilizes the information services.

Students will also be able to learn to become qualified librarians for their career.

Alumni From Other Countries & Regions



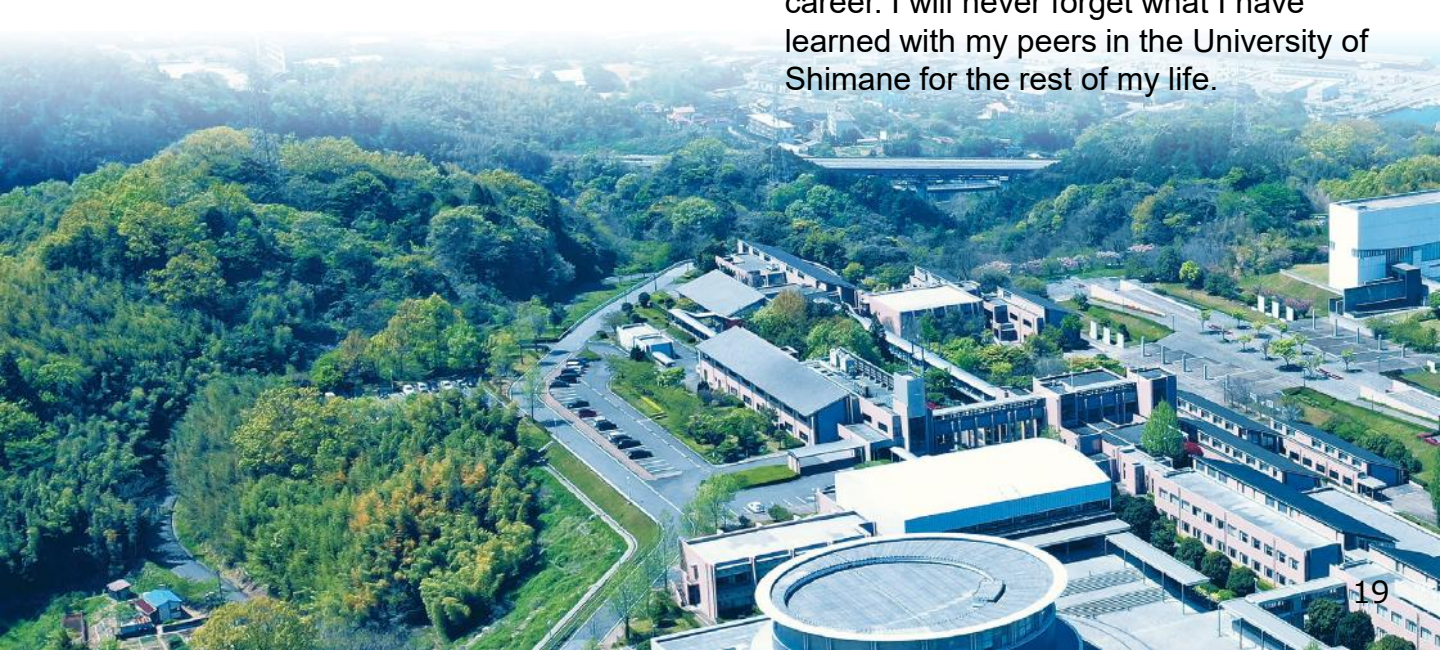
Alumni From Foreign Countries
Lyaysan GIBADULLINA
【Russia】

To me, learning is to broaden our knowledge about our surroundings. Studying in graduate school makes you seek more opportunities. The depth of knowledge you gain in graduate school makes you understand what opinions other researchers have. At the same time, you also learn how to evaluate yourself as a researcher. You can work on your own research interests in graduate school. Learning what you are interested is deeply motivating.

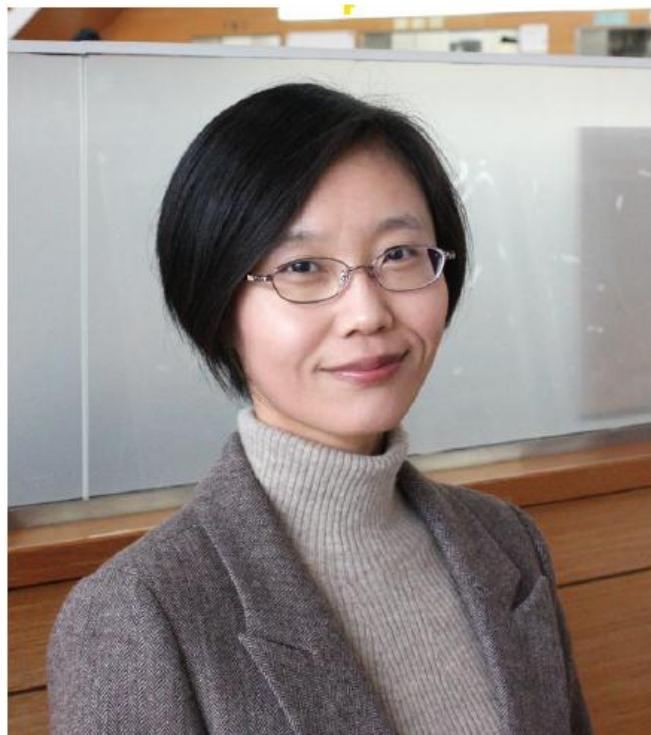


Alumni From Foreign Countries
Yueh-Lin YANG
【Taiwan】

I have learned so many things while I was in the University of Shimane. When I first started my life in Hamada City, I was worried about everything. However, as days went by, I felt the warmth and kindness of Japanese people. I have met not only Japanese people but also students and faculty from other countries on campus. Those people from overseas helped each other and shared their own culture, experience, and different backgrounds. I would like to use my experience living in Japan for my future career. I will never forget what I have learned with my peers in the University of Shimane for the rest of my life.



Alumni From Other Countries & Regions



Alumni From Foreign Countries

HaJun LEE

【Korea】

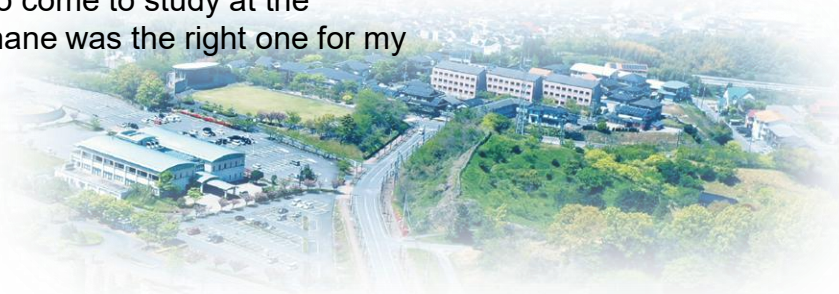
I still remember the moment I first arrived in Shimane. Quiet surroundings, clean air, and kind people were just as I had expected. As soon as classes started, I noticed that I had never studied as hard in my life before. I did my best in class, travelled all over Shimane, and participated in club activity on campus. I also tried part-time jobs. Compared with my old self last Spring, I realized how much I grew by the Autumn. Winter came. Snow fell, and I will never forget how beautiful the scenery was in Shimane at that time. Everything I experienced in this university has influenced who I am. Although I did my best, I also made so many mistakes. However, all these things were necessary for my personal growth. I can say that my decision to come to study at the University of Shimane was the right one for my life.

Alumni From Foreign Countries

Se MYO

【China】

Society teaches us what is right and what is wrong. However, have you ever asked yourself if this “right” thing is really right? We never know the answer. For me, to seek for its answer is to learn in university. While struggling to find out what is the right thing to do, I matured, broadened my horizons, and found out who I really am. Studying in university to me is to travel in the past and the future of North East Asia. I hope that more students who are willing to study in Shimane will come to this region and enjoy your own “trip” with your future colleagues.



Student Life



Choose The University of Shimane: Your Student Life

The University of Shimane is surrounded by nature. Not only will you be able to broaden your knowledge but you will find your friends and research partners. Achieve your dream, expand your research interests, and find your future with us at The University of Shimane.



Welcome to Shimane

- Your Future Home

Shimane prefecture is situated in Western Japan, facing the sea. It stretches from east to west, with the Oki islands located north of its shores. The land is blessed with riches both from the sea and from the Chugoku mountain range.

Shimane's history is so ancient that it first appears in Japanese mythology. The culture and traditions related to Shimane's legends are still alive in people's daily life. It is also known as the place where Japanese gods gather to hold their annual meetings! Shimane is both "the land of the gods" and "the land of myths".





Access to Hamada

From Hiroshima

Hiroshima Station Shinkansen Exit.....Hamada Station
(2 hours by bus)

From Fukuoka

Fukuoka Airport.....Hakata.....Hiroshima
(5 min by subway, 1 hour by Shinkansen)

From Tokyo

Haneda Airport.....Hagi-Iwami Airport.....Matsue.....Hamada
(90 min by plane, 15 min by bus, 50 min by train)

Access to Izumo

From Hiroshima

Hiroshima.....Izumo
(3 and a half hour by bus)

From Fukuoka

Fukuoka.....Izumo
(70 min by plane)

From Osaka

Itami.....Izumo
(1 hour by plane)

From Tokyo

Haneda.....Izumo
(90 min by plane)

Access to Matsue

From Hiroshima

Hiroshima.....Matsue
(3 and a half hour by bus)

From Fukuoka

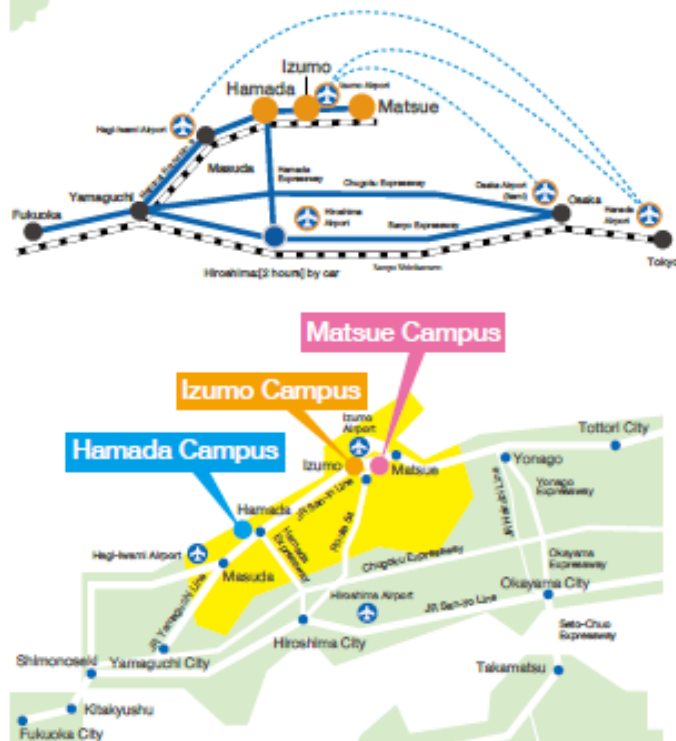
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