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Incoming Students of 2026:

Distinguished President, Esteemed Faculty Members, Honored Families, and the Incoming Students of 2026.

It is a pleasure to have my message relayed to you on this significant occasion as you begin your academic journey at Yamanashi Gakuin University, an institution committed to fostering individuals who unite knowledge with character and ambition with meaningful contribution to society.

Your admission reflects diligence, determination, and responsibility. Today marks the beginning of a formative period during which your intellectual capacity, professional direction, and ethical foundation are all strengthened.

At the outset of this new chapter, I am reminded of the Japanese concept of 初心 (**Shoshin**) — the beginner's mind, defined by openness, humility, and a sincere readiness to learn.

As you commence your studies, I encourage you to preserve this spirit. In an era shaped by rapid technological advancement and global interconnection, adaptability and curiosity are indispensable. The world you will graduate into will continue to evolve, and those who thrive will be those who remain disciplined in thought and flexible in approach.

Yamanashi Gakuin University emphasizes practical learning and engagement with society. Your education here will extend beyond lectures and examinations to include dialogue, applied study, and exposure to diverse perspectives. True education is not merely the accumulation of knowledge, but the cultivation of judgment, integrity, and responsibility.

To the families gathered today, your support has brought these students to this milestone and remains an essential foundation as they assume greater independence.

To the students, approach your years here with seriousness of purpose. The discipline, resilience, and character you develop now will shape your future more profoundly than any single achievement.

Welcome to this new chapter, and may it be purposeful and transformative.

Thank you.

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Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Japan