124 Years of Truth and Freedom at Yonsei: starting out from a small seed of hope we dream of a grand future
Message from the President

Dear Friends of Yonsei University

Since its founding in 1885, Yonsei University has been at the forefront of higher education. The alumni, students, and faculty of Yonsei are proud of its unique legacy, which combines a sense of tradition with a powerful vision of the future. Yonsei has always been ranked among Asia’s most modern, forward-looking, and liberal-minded universities. But today it is also gaining recognition throughout the world for its innovativeness, commitment to research, and global orientation.

Founded on Christian values, Yonsei has played a unique role among Korean universities as a gateway for foreign scholars and students interested in Korean studies, language, and culture. And Yonsei has also served for over a century as Korea’s window to the world, providing the principal conduit for knowledge flowing in and out of the country. This has not only fueled the university’s growth, but has also contributed significantly to the development of Korea. In the 21st Century, Yonsei is sure not only to play an ever greater role in globalized Korea, but also to serve as one of the world’s major centers of teaching and research.

I firmly believe that globalization is the key to realizing Yonsei University’s goal of becoming one of the top universities in the world. Yonsei today has the most extensive overseas exchange network in Korea. Having forged agreements with 584 universities worldwide, Yonsei sends and receives more exchange students than any other university in Korea. And Yonsei has also made great advances in internationalizing its faculty, and currently employs 202 foreign faculty members in such diverse disciplines as Engineering, Creative Writing, and even Korean Studies. Among these distinguished foreign professors is SK-Chair Professor Finn E. Kydland, 2004 Nobel Laureate in Economics.

Moreover, Yonsei offers several degree-granting programs in English, which attract students from both within Korea and abroad. These include the Global MBA program offered through the School of Business, as well as the graduate and undergraduate degree programs in the Graduate School of International Studies, the East Asia International College in the Wonju campus, and the innovative Underwood International College (UIC) in the Sinchon campus. UIC in particular is an elite liberal-arts college offering instruction in English to tomorrow’s global leaders. And with the creation of the Songdo Global Academic Complex in Incheon, Yonsei will have moved even closer towards the goal of creating a truly global university that will serve not only as a window, but a bridge between Korea and the world.

I invite you to join us at Yonsei University, and sincerely hope that you will be able to experience the “Yonsei Spirit.”

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Yonsei University
Yonsei’s Founding Spirit

“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- JOHN 3:31-32
Yonsei University was founded under the Christian principles as the first modern university in Korea and has played a vital role in introducing and developing Western science and medicine in Korea. When Korea first opened up to the West at the turn of the Twentieth Century, Yonsei University played a leading role in modernizing Korea by disseminating Western science and learning. And at the end of the Korean War, when the country lay in ruins, Yonsei once again became a beacon of hope to a suffering people, who were able, through education, to improve their condition and transform Korea into one of the most technologically-advanced countries in the world. Yonsei University, which has remained true to its Korean roots even while becoming a truly global educational institution, offers living proof of the tremendous strides that modern Korea has made in medicine, science, technology, and the arts.
Truth and freedom shine light on our lives

Yonsei reaching out to the world (1993-2008)

While it has long occupied a place among the foremost universities in Korea, Yonsei was not content to rest with its accomplishments. And so, in the beginning of 90s, it searched for a new strategy of development to lead it into the 21st century. "Yonsei, the First & the Best" expresses perfectly the extraordinary vision that now inspires us. While reaffirming its most fundamental founding ideals, Yonsei is now not only committed to nurturing innovative, creative, and responsible leaders, advancing Christian values of social responsibility, and promoting excellence in research and scholarship, but also to a three-fold strategy of globalization, specialization, and the development of information technologies. In this spirit of innovation and scholarly excellence, Yonsei reaches out to the world.
Yonsei University’s Vision 2020 (2005-2020)

Yonsei has instituted the Vision 2020 plan to guide its development up until the year 2020. The most important objectives are to have 5 fields of study place among the top ten in the world within 5 years, and to have the number of SCI-journal publications rank among the top 50 universities world-wide. Realizing these goals will propel Yonsei into the ranks of world-class universities. The Yonsei of the future will attract gifted students and scholars from every corner of the earth, and its graduates, having received the best education in their fields, will occupy prominent positions of leadership throughout the world, spreading a message of truth, freedom, and hope wherever they go.
The mind’s flame, gleaming from the eye, shines its light on Yonsei’s future.

Yonsei’s future is a window open to the world
Love is the art of giving life.
Love is warm like the human heart.
Yonsei’s dream is to cherish life.

Our love for Yonsei brings hope to our lives
Yonsei and the future: the promise of compassion

Concept
The Songdo Global Academic Complex aims to be the hub of education and research in Asia. It consists of 4 different parts. The first is the Global Campus, which will serve as an extension of the Sinchon campus. The second is the Joint University Campus, consisting of branches of major foreign universities and international organizations. The third is the R&D campus, which will be home to major international research organizations. And the fourth is the Global Academic Village, which will serve as a campus town on the periphery of the Songdo Global Academic Complex. All four parts will function together organically to form a truly integrated Global Academic Complex.

Participation by international organizations
Yonsei and UC Berkeley
Yonsei and UC Berkeley announced an agreement to build an East Asian Education Base for UC Berkeley at the planned Yonsei Songdo Global Academic Complex. The East Asian Education Base for UC Berkeley will involve a considerable number of UC Berkeley faculty and students coming to the Songdo Complex every semester.

Yonsei and MD Anderson
Yonsei University and MD Anderson have reached an agreement to build a Joint Translational Research Institute (TRI) at the Songdo Global Academic Complex. The TRI, by developing drugs at the pre-clinical stage that will meet with FDA approval, will increase Yonsei’s strengths in biotechnology.

Yonsei and UPenn Genome Institute
Yonsei and the University of Pennsylvania have reached an agreement to build the Joint Genome Institute at the Songdo Global Academic Complex. This research center will concentrate on RNA-based Therapeutics, which is at the very forefront of the field of biotechnology. And it will also engage in cooperative ventures with the Yonsei-MD Andersen Joint Research Center, promoting institutional synergy.

School of Good Governance
Yonsei and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) seek to build the School of Good Governance, which will provide education for government officials and other elite from underdeveloped nations. The School of Good Governance will promote many activities to encourage development of both government and civil society at the local and global levels. In particular, it will take on a major role in supporting various strategies for solving the economic and social problems of underdeveloped nations.
Our heart is warm, but our head is cool

Outside research grants reach $241 million in 2008

The amount of outside research grant money has increased with every year. Already standing at $220 million in 2007, by 2008 it had increased 9.6% to a new record of $241 million, with 2,247 individual grants. Of the grants from the government sector, we received a total of $107 million (44%) from the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology, $37 million (15%) from the Ministry of Economics, $33 million (14%) from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and $64 million (27%) from other branches.

"The second stage of the BK (Brain Korea) 21 project": granting $176 million over 7 years to 33 different programs

The BK21 grants, which the Korean Government established to support world-class research universities and their graduate students, will provide Yonsei University with $176 million over the course of seven years. On April 26, 2006 the Ministry of Education and Human Resources announced the recipients of the grants for the 2nd stage BK21 project, which include departments in the natural sciences, technology, social sciences, and the humanities. This project, which will continue up to 2012, seeks to endow gifted individuals in masters and doctoral programs with the ability to compete with the best scholars and researchers in the world. In Yonsei University, 33 research teams were selected, which together will receive a total of $25 million every year for the next seven years.

Yonsei is striving to be a world-class research university

Yonsei’s research has already gained world-wide recognition. According to the survey of 2007 SCI (Science Citation Index) journal publications, Yonsei University was ranked 96 in the world, with 2,193 articles. In 2006 Yonsei was ranked 106th, with 1,875 articles. Having thus jumped forward 10 places, Yonsei has now earned a coveted spot among the top 100 universities of the world. Furthermore, with 2,547 SCI articles published in 2008, Yonsei’s ranking is expected to move up even further. The SCI ranking provides one of the clearest indications of Yonsei’s status as a major research institution. Through its vision 2020 and the Global 5-5-10 project, Yonsei’s objective is to be ranked in the top 50 by 2010.

Yonsei’s proud alumni network

- Over 440,000 alumni worldwide
- 20% of current members of the Korean National Assembly
- 7% of high-ranking government officials including the Prime Minister
- 8% of judges and 10% of prosecutors appointed during the last five years
- 20% of journalists in major newspapers
Yonsei by Numbers

As of April 1, 2009

Students
- Undergraduate 17 Colleges 18,824
- Graduate 19 Graduate Schools 11,747
Total 29,571

International Students
Number of International Students 3,741

Faculty
- Number of Faculty 3,440

International Faculty
Number of International Faculty 297

Staff
- Number of Staff 5,340

Alumni
- Number of Alumni 427,013

Annual Academic Exchange
- North America 287
- Europe 197
- Asia 191
- Oceania 27
- Central and South America 27
- Africa 5
Total 779

Annual Budget
- Yonsei Corporation 490
- University Budget 493
- Severance Hospital 887
- Industry Academic Corporation Foundation 227
Total 2,097

Annual Outside Research Grants
Research Grants Total 241

Annual Scholarships
Total 187
- Scholarships Awarded Per Annum 81
- Scholarship Endowment 41
- BK21 Sponsored Graduate Scholarships (p.a.) 18

Yonsei Overview

Colleges
- College of Liberal Arts
- College of Business and Economics
- College of Business
- College of Science
- College of Engineering
- College of Science & Bio Technology
- College of Theology
- College of Social Sciences
- College of Law
- College of Music
- College of Human Ecology
- College of Education Sciences
- University College
- Underwood International College
- College of Medicine
  - Severance Hospital
  - Gangnam Severance Hospital
  - Yongin Severance Hospital
  - Severance Mental Health Hospital
- College of Dentistry
  - Dental Hospital
- College of Nursing

Graduate Schools
- Graduate School
- United Graduate School of Theology
- Graduate School of Business
- Graduate School of International Studies
- Graduate School of Information
- Graduate School of Communication and Arts
- Graduate School of Social Welfare
- Graduate School of Education
- Graduate School of Public Administration
- Graduate School of Engineering
- Graduate School of Journalism and Mass Communication
- Graduate School of Law
- Graduate School of Human Environmental Sciences
- Graduate School of Economics
- Graduate School of Public Health
- Graduate School of Nursing
- Graduate School of Government and Business
- Graduate School of Health Science and Management

Administration

University
- Office of the Chaplaincy
- Office of University Planning and Development
- Office of Academic Affairs
- Office of Admissions
- Office of Student Affairs and Services
- Office of Research Affairs
- Office of General Affairs
- Office of Property Management
- Yonsei University Library
- Office of External Affairs and Development
- Office of International Affairs
- Songdo Global Academic Complex Project Group

Yonsei University Health System
- Division of Internal Auditing
- Division of Planning and Coordination
- Office of Publicity
- Division of Medical Information and Technology
- Office of the Chaplaincy
- Division of Administration
- Division of Medical Science Research Affairs
- Office of Medical Mission Services
- Division of External Affairs
- Office of Fundraising Affairs
Sportsmanship is not about winning or losing. Sportsmanship is about enjoying and sharing together. Sportsmanship is a value that Yonsei treasures.

Yonsei’s sportsmanship moves our spirits.