



# 岩手県立大学

Iwate Prefectural University

## UNITED NATIONS **academic impact**

### Report on Activities 2020



# Introduction

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Iwate Prefectural University joined the United Nation Academic Impact Initiative in May, 2019. From the 10 Academic Impact Principles, we have committed to the following 4:

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- Principle 6: Encouraging global citizenship through education
- Principle 8: Addressing issues of poverty through education
- Principle 9: Promoting sustainability through education
- Principle 10: Promoting inter-cultural dialogue and understanding, and the “unlearning” of intolerance, through education

([https://en.academicimpact.jp/about/about\\_principle/](https://en.academicimpact.jp/about/about_principle/))

These 4 principles are in harmony with the founding spirit and basic directions of our university.

## Founding Spirit

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In hopes of creating a new era of harmony among men, nature and science, we provide an education that fosters independence, knowledge and highly specialized skills which contribute the the enrichment of humanity and society.

Based on this philosophy, we have established the following 5 basic directions for the development of the university:

- The promotion of compassion and cultivation of a spirit that respects humanity
- Distinctive education and research focusing on interdisciplinary fields
- Practical education and research
- Contribution to the local community
- Contribution to the international community

Through participating in the United Nation Academic Impact, we are intending to further contribute to the globalization of our university and the internationalization of the local community. Also, through practical education and research, we will continue to engage in efforts to address poverty and work towards the realization of a sustainable society.



## List of Highlights

The report includes information concerning Academic Impact activities undertaken in the Japanese fiscal year of 2020 (April 2020 – March 2021). The activities undertaken in response to the Academic Impact Principles are as follows:

- 1) Children's Learning Room by Student Volunteer Organization ...3
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- 3) SDGs Presentation and Discussion at International Video Conference (University of North Carolina at Wilmington, USA) and WSU Online Study Program (Washington State University, USA). ...5
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