

# “Make a Difference”

Gems and mirrors shine brilliantly when polished.  
It is the same with people and societies. Through continual effort, things that you think will not improve may in fact improve. Even if you cannot do it alone, it is possible to bring about changes through collaboration. If you continually improve yourself, you will change yourself, and finally you may change even a society.

The aim is to become leaders of a new era who bring about social change by being continually aware of the issues and taking the initiative. This is certainly not difficult to do. Anyone can be a leader if he or she discovers his or her own innate abilities and develops them.

## Realizing your Dreams

The education at Ochanomizu University exemplifies the idea of *migakazuba*, or striving for refinement, and aims to foster people who can put “Make a Difference” into practice. In an environment where you can believe in yourself and continually develop, you are led to discover and realize your dreams.

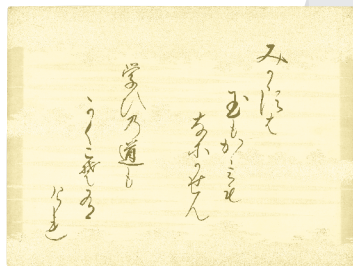
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*If you neglect to polish a gem or mirror, the radiance will surely disappear. So true is it also with learning.\**

Everyone possesses tremendous potential. Like a rough stone that is polished, people today can certainly shine if they strive to improve themselves. Precisely for this reason, if you believe in yourself, do not hold anything back, and continue growing, you can have a dramatic effect on society. This is the *migakazuba* of Ochanomizu University. This philosophy is certain to support you for many years after graduation in addition to your time at university.

\*This time-honored alma mater song has been sung since 1876, when it was bestowed by the Empress Dowager Shoken upon the school soon after its founding.



# Give your all in order to “Make a Difference”

Three important factors in putting “Make a Difference” into practice are respect for others, intelligence, and confidence. Accordingly, of great importance is the skill to consider things from various perspectives as well as to think creatively, the skill to appropriately express yourself and make your presence known when discussing issues and making proposals, and the skill to find a way to obtain the cooperation of others and draw out their talents. At Ochanomizu University, you will find everything needed to foster leaders who “Make a Difference.”

