

Regarding the Selection of the Next President of National University Corporation Kyushu University

February 19, 2026

Kyushu University President Selection and Oversight Committee

The Kyushu University President Selection and Oversight Committee has selected the following candidate for President.

Details

1. Candidate for President: Koichi Akashi

2. Term of Office

October 1, 2026 (Reiwa 8) to September 30, 2032 (Reiwa 14) (6 years)

(Not eligible for reappointment)

3. Reasons for Selection

Today, the Kyushu University President Selection and Oversight Committee conducted interviews with the two final candidates, based on the “Criteria for Qualities and Abilities Required of the Next President of Kyushu University” compiled by the Committee. During these interviews, the Committee heard the candidates' views on Kyushu University's future vision, education and research, social and international contributions, and university management, and engaged in an exchange of opinions.

Thereafter, the Committee held careful deliberation, taking into account the current circumstances of Kyushu University, each candidate's future vision, the measures for realizing that vision, and their respective careers and backgrounds. As a result of these deliberations, the Committee, by consensus, determined that Mr. Koichi Akashi (current position: Senior Vice President and Specially Appointed Professor) possesses the qualities and abilities appropriate for the President of Kyushu University and therefore decided to designate him as the candidate for the next President.

4. Selection Process

Year 2025

July 15: Announced the selection schedule and criteria for the qualities and abilities required of the next President.

September 5: Received recommendations for two candidates (Mr. Akashi and Mr. Uchida) from the Management Council.

September 11: Received recommendations for two candidates (Mr. Akashi and Mr. Uchida) from the Education and Research Council.

September 29: Finalized the two presidential candidates as follows:

Koichi Akashi, Seiichi Uchida (listed in Japanese syllabary order)

October 21: Announced the candidates' names and made their policy statements and resumes publicly available (within the university only).

October 22–30: Accepted questions for the candidates from university members.

November 13: The President Selection and Oversight Committee held a candidates' statement session.

December 1–5: The President Selection and Oversight Committee conducted an internal opinion survey in order to use the results as reference material for discussions in the first stage of selection.

Year 2026

January 23: The President Selection and Oversight Committee conducted the first stage of selection and announced the names of the final candidates.

February 19: The President Selection and Oversight Committee conducted interviews with the two candidates and held deliberations by the members of the Committee, and, as re result of these deliberations, decided by consensus to designate Mr. Akashi as the candidate for President.