

# Voice of Tohoku Gakuin Podcast

## Episode 9: Our University TGU

Nao: Hello everyone and welcome to the voice of Tohoku Gakuin. This podcast is produced by the students at Tohoku Gakuin University.

My name is Nao.

Nayumi: My name is Nayumi. Today we're your presenters and we would like to share with you about our university.

But, before we start, we should introduce ourselves.

Nao: Okay! I'm in the 4th year of the English department at this university. I study mainly intercultural communication.

I like watching soccer. My favorite team is Arsenal FC in English Premier League. I often watch their games on TV and get so excited. I'm very happy when the team wins the games. Someday, I want to watch soccer game in their stadium.

Now tell me about yourself?

Nayumi: Okay! I'm in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the English department at this university. I also mainly study Intercultural communication. I stayed in Sydney, Australia for seven months last year. At that time I went to a language school and worked there. I like traveling and learning new things.

I'm planning to travel to Florida this December as my graduation trip! I'm so excited about it.

By the way, we're finishing this university soon. We have just five months left.

Nao: We are going to miss this university. I feel this university is like our home.

Nayumi: Me too. I think we haven't explained about our university yet. How much do you know?

Nao: Okay, let me explain. Tohoku Gakuin University is one of the biggest private university in Tohoku located in the north of Japan. There are faculties of letters, economics, business administration, law, engineering and liberal arts. And we have sixteen departments in total.

Tohoku Gakuin was founded in 1886 by Masayoshi Oshikawa and the missionary W.E.Hoy and D.B. Schneder originally as a theological seminary.

So the university emphasizes Christianity for the character education.

Nayumi: That's why we have chapels in each campus and classes on Christianity. Also we have the building called Hoy memorial hall which was built in 2016. It is named after Mr, Hoy

Nao: Yeah. I often use Hoy memorial hall when I have something to do! It's comfortable for study and work. Also it's clean because it's new. There is a bakery that is open to general public. By the way, have you heard of Urban campus project? It's about new campus.

Nayumi: Yes. I've heard that three campuses will merge into one campus in the city of Sendai. It is expected to be finished build by 2023, right?

Nao: Yes! In another five years!

B: I heard the project has five objectives.

- 1, The campus symbolizes Sendai as an educational hub.
- 2, The campus is co-created with local community.
- 3, The campus is opened to the general public
- 4, The campus unites old and new.
- 5, The campus grows with the times.

Nao: Even though I finish school, I can use the campus! That's amazing!

Nayumi: Yes, that's right!

Nao: But what will happen to the old campuses after they move??? It will be waste of facilities and land! That's a problem, isn't it??

Nayumi: Yes, but it will be okay. The university is consulting with local people now. Actually they already have decided to keep using the gym in one of the campus.

Nao: That's good! Our university aims to be together with local people all the time.

That's wonderful.

Nayumi: Yeah! Well, it's time to finish our podcast now.

Nao: Okay, Thank you for listening to our podcast everyone and I hope you enjoyed our talk.

Nayumi: See you in next podcast!

Both: Bye.