

Message from the Principal

Komaba Toho Junior and Senior High School was established by Toho University in 1957, at a time when Japan was finally emerging from postwar austerity. Professor Yutaka Nukada, former chairman of the board at Toho University, and Ryudo Kikuchi, a teacher at the Metropolitan Hibiya High School, established the school on the principle of "Giving children hope for a bright future." The founders believed that since Japan had few natural resources, it was crucial their students were educated to make the most of their intellectual capacities—by thinking logically and independently with a solid scientific grounding. To achieve this goal, they amalgamated the middle and high school curricula into a single six-year system of secondary education for boys, which they provided at the newly established school.



Since day one, the school has taken an innovative approach to education. English, mathematics and science classes are split into two groups, reducing the number of students per class. School events present opportunities for learning that transcend the framework of standard curricula. In 1971, the school stopped taking high-school-age students and began exclusively offering their own six-year educational program. This allowed the introduction of a more effective curriculum, unconstrained by the limits imposed by the regular middle/high school framework, with more potential to improve students' academic performance. Our school has come to be highly regarded, and I believe we provide students with the comprehensive support they need to achieve their individual goals.

Students are encouraged to participate in clubs and school events. This not only benefits their academic performance, but also encourages personal growth. Such activities produce talented students of character, who are able to put their skills to practical use. Though our school is not yet 100 years old, our alumni are already active throughout various fields. Current students learn about the achievements of our alumni, inspiring them to work hard and aim high.

At Komaba Toho, we believe that to achieve our educational aims, we must establish mutual understanding and trust between students, teachers and parents. We believe this to be the driving force behind all our activities. Boys who spend their precious adolescent years at our school will leave after six years with a genuine sense of satisfaction in their studies. In the years to come, I hope to do justice to the founding principle of our school, building on its legacy, and preparing new generations to make their own contribution to history.

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