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Dear Incoming Freshmen,

Congratulations on graduating high school and embarking on the exciting journey of college life. Yamanashi Gakuin University not only promises great education, it also offers you the opportunity to immerse yourself in a truly diverse and inspiring academic community.

The next four years might seem like a very long time but believe me they will pass like a blink of an eye. How you choose to spend them will determine the course of your future. They are the gate that will usher you into the annals of adult life, and how you use them will be the road map guiding you on your future journey.

As you ponder your future, remember that there are no shortcuts to learning (学問に近道なし)". To excel at something, one needs to work hard and to stay curious. It is to believe in yourself and to trust your gut without succumbing to the pressure of the result. It is to persist in trying until you get it right. As agonizing as perseverance might be, as rewarding it will be when staying the course transforms right in front of your own eyes into what could become the most valuable and memorable lesson in your life.

The next four years will arm you with knowledge and experience. The true value of this knowledge is not only the learning you do in the classroom, but also and just as important the life experience you gain in the process. This is your chance to nurture love of humanity and to treasure the value of peace. You will meet people who are different from you. Embrace them and learn to appreciate their difference.

Go out of your way to be mindful of how you make others feel. Practice empathy and make kindness your default setting. Showing compassion will only strengthen your character and earn you the respect of your peers.

There is an Arabic proverb that I continuously strive to live by, and it reads "The most honorable people are those who are the most beneficial to people". It always reminds me that giving back is a beautiful way of expressing gratitude for the countless blessings we are so fortunate to have.

I wish you luck and may you always be beneficial in whatever path you choose.

Ganbatte!

Sincerely yours,

Lina Annab
Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Japan