

Comments Concerning the Announcement Regarding the Commencement of the Process to Select the President

The term of office of Teruo Fujii, the current President of the University of Tokyo (hereinafter, the “University”), is due to expire on March 31, 2027. In accordance with Article 8 of the Internal Regulations for the University President Screening & Inspection Committee, the University has today announced the commencement of the process to select the next President.

In establishing the process for selection of the next President, the University President Screening & Inspection Committee (hereinafter, the “Committee”) has carefully and cautiously reviewed the concerns raised following the previous selection of the President, taking into account the feedback provided in the Report by the Organization Review Task Force for the University President Selection Committee, etc. The Committee aims to fulfill the role demanded by the National University Corporation Act and to ensure that the process for selection of the next President meets society’s expectations of the University. In this review process, members of the Administrative Council and the Education and Research Council were invited to sit in meetings, and in order to show activities of the Committee, its meeting materials and minutes were widely disclosed inside and outside the University. Furthermore, the review process was explained at meetings within the University, and opinions (public comments) collected from the University’s constituent members were incorporated. In these ways, the Committee has made efforts to secure fairness and improve transparency.

As a result of these deliberations, the Committee has decided to implement the process for this year’s selection of the President after making adjustments based on the viewpoints mentioned below. In line with the announcement regarding the commencement of the process to select the next President of the University, your understanding and cooperation would be highly appreciated.

1. Considering the fact that the National University Corporation Act, etc., requires the Committee to be proactive in selecting the President on the basis of its authority and responsibility, the Committee should adopt a system that enables it to take the initiative in selecting the President, and should build a selection process that is accountable to a wide range of stakeholders.
2. The process to select the President should proceed once its reliability has been secured by ensuring its transparency, and after securing the transparency of the operation of the Committee. From this viewpoint, information should be disclosed as much as possible.

According to the Desired Attributes of the President (December 1, 2025; University President Screening & Inspection Committee), the President of the University of Tokyo is expected to respect the objectives and principles provided in the University of Tokyo Charter, and have a clear vision and strong will to accomplish and realize them. At the same time, the President is expected to further enhance the University's position in the global academic community by facing the risks and challenges surrounding the world and universities and carry through a bold innovation strategy aimed at creating new values. To achieve these ends, the President is expected to have the leadership and spirit of service supported by various qualities, abilities, and achievements. In order to meet these expectations, the Committee intends to make utmost efforts to select a suitable President-elect after careful and sufficient deliberation. Thank you very much for your continued support.

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University President Screening & Inspection Committee