# Vision and Strategies for Designated National University (Key Initiatives)

Emerging as a Hub to Lead the Reform of the Social Sciences in Japan Towards a More Sustainable Future



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### **Our Vision and Strategy for Designated National University**

#### Emerging as a Hub to Lead the Reform of the Social Sciences in Japan Towards a More Sustainable Future





## **Strengthen Governance under Presidential Leadership**

Create a new mechanism to centralize the university's budget and reallocate research funds based on fair evaluation



President's discretionary fund and DNU promotion fund (to be established in AY2023)

#### **Performance-based research funding**

Support initiatives contributing to vitalization of Faculty members' research

#### AY2022 Results

Review research funding allocations in line with KAKENHI application status in several Grad. Schools

AY2023 KAKENHI application rate in Grad. School of Law <u>up 20% year-on-year</u>

#### Strengthening of personnel governance

Deploy funds for employing young researchers in HIAS BRIDGES Next

Support initiatives that offer incentives for more international outputs, such as international performance bonuses

Establish a system enabling faculty to focus exclusively on their research without relying on Sabbatical (for up to 5 years)

Implement action plans to support appointment of women, non-Japanese nationals etc. as young researchers

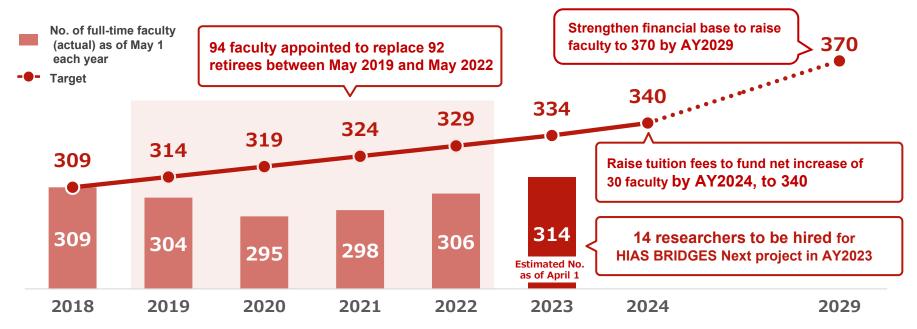
Launch faculty performance evaluation team to discuss more effective approaches to faculty evaluation; begin implementation from most feasible initiatives



# **Strengthening Personnel Governance**

## In 2022, launch HIAS Bridges Next project for intensive recruitment of young researchers, using financial resources procured strategically by the President

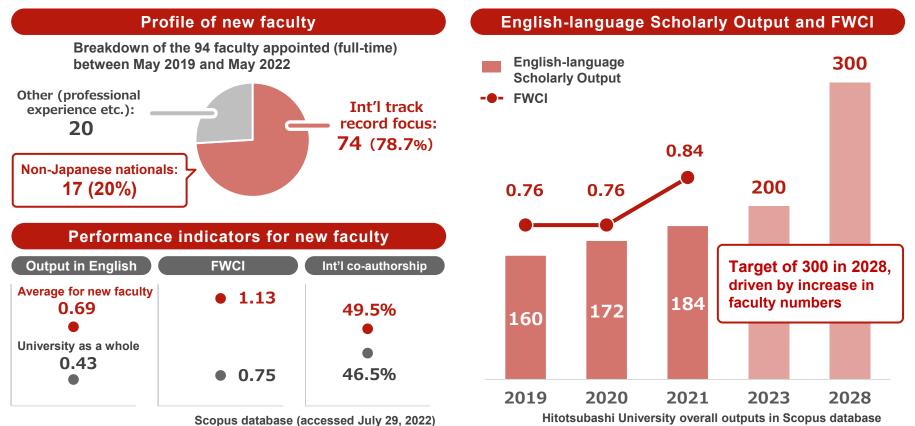




**Rigorous emphasis on international track record in faculty appointments toward internationalization of the faculty** 



# Achievement through international performance-oriented recruitment



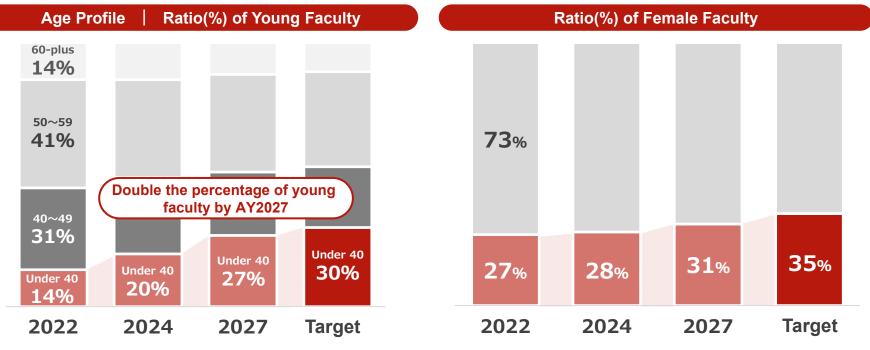
<sup>(</sup>accessed July 21, 2022)

Steady progress on replacements with new faculty with strong international track record



## **University Personnel Roadmap for ideal Age/Gender Profile**

Rigorous management of roadmap progress by the university-wide personnel committee



Aim for 30% in the long term: providing a model for others

Aim for 35% in the long term: top class among national universities

Establish a new strategic personnel support system (Action Plan) for foreign and female young researchers



## **Strengthening Interdisciplinary and Cross-Departmental Research**

At the initiative of the President, new research centers being established at HIAS to expand interdisciplinary research and international collaborations

### Hitotsubashi Institute for Advanced Study (HIAS)

Newly Established or Relocating Centers	Research Center for Data-driven Society		Research Center for Asia Policy Studies	
			Institute for Global Governance Research	
	Hitotsubashi International Center of Research and Training of Economic Measurements (Hi-CEM)		Management Innovation Research Center	
			HIAS Anthropocene Research Center (HIAS-ARC)	
			Research Center for Brain Science (tentative)	
Existing Centers	Global Economic Systems	Health Policy and Economics	Evidence-based Policy Making	Regional and SME Policy
	Business Administration	Law	Social Data Science	Overseas Universities
	Economics	Language and Society	Institute of Economic Research	Other Institutions
	Social Sciences	Int'l Public Policy		
	Schools & Institutes			





## **World-class Global Talent Procurement Program**



# Young researcher development program HIAS BRIDGES Next

HIAS will recruit as many as some 45 young distinguished researchers, an unprecedented scale in the university's history, and provide them with an environment where they can concentrate on their research



## World-class researcher invitation project

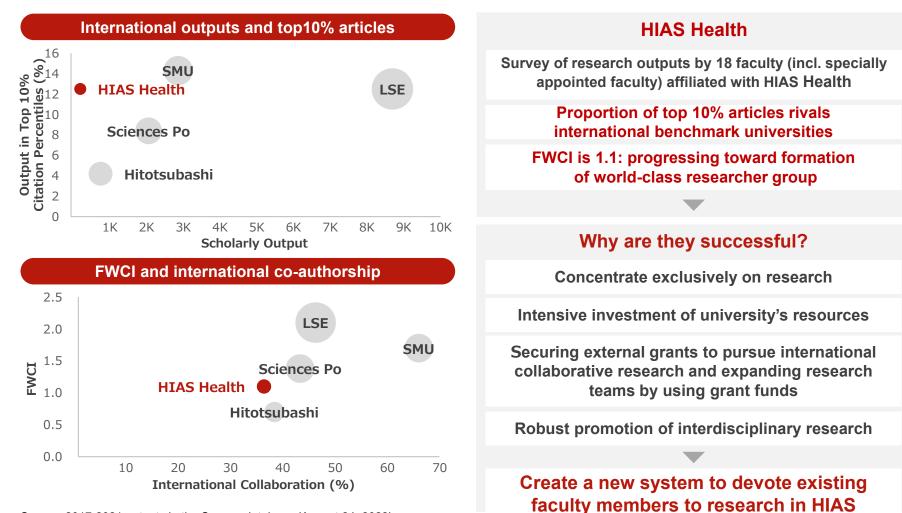
**HIAS BRIDGES Distinguished** 

HIAS will invite world-class researchers from leading universities outside Japan

HIAS aims to function as a hub for social sciences enabling top-level young researchers to form multi-tier research networks



# Why is HIAS successful? (e.g., HIAS Health)



Source: 2017-2021 outputs in the Scopus database (August 24, 2022)



# Significance of establishing new Faculty/Graduate School of Social Data Science (SDS)

#### Integration with HU Social Sciences

- Foster talent contributing to information technology innovation and DX from social science standpoints
- Establish Research Center for Data-driven Society

#### Expansion of industry-university partnership

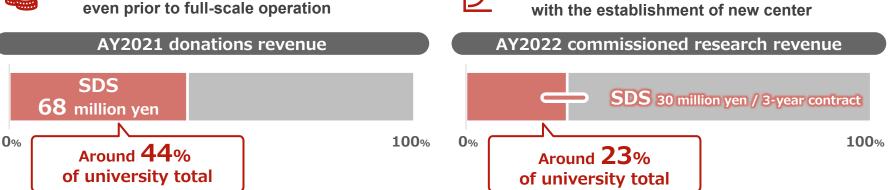
- Joint Research Projects with Mitsubishi Estate Co., LTD. (March 2023)
- Partnerships with several large corporations for recurrent education and (tentative start in first half of AY2023)

Expected to yield further increases

#### Increase in external funding



#### Major impact on external funding even prior to full-scale operation

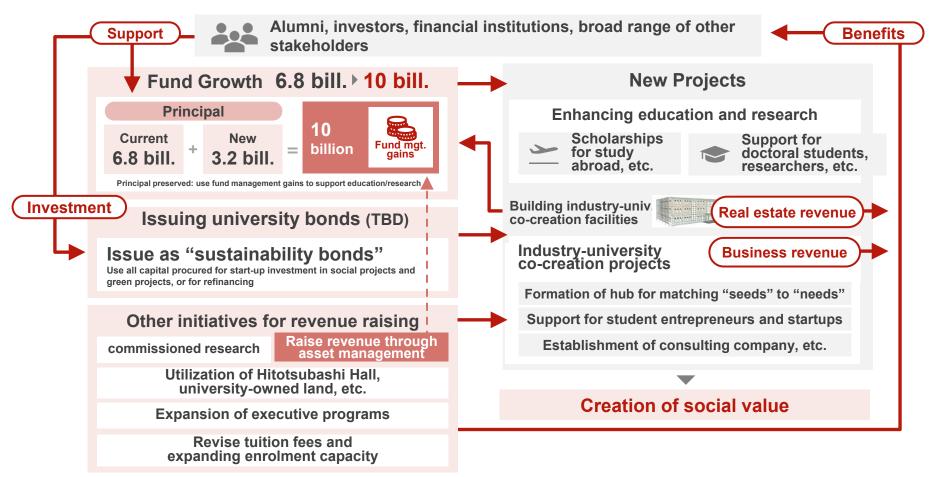


Integration of Hitotsubashi's traditional strengths in social sciences with data science based on mathematics/statistics education





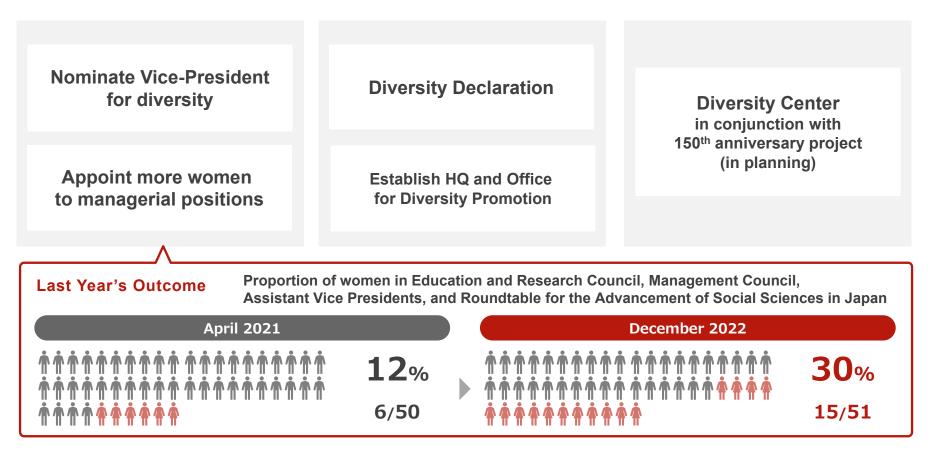
### Strategies to Build a Sustainable Financial Base



Expanding the HU Fund as well as strengthening other revenueraising initiatives such as issuance of university bonds



## Promoting diversity under presidential leadership



Aiming for an outstanding academic community with rich diversity, addressing the challenges of global society