

University officials, esteemed guests, our dear Alumni and their families, friends, ladies and gentlemen:

Today marks a significant milestone as we gather to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Alumni Association of APU.

For two decades, APU has been a nurturing ground for diverse minds, a melting pot of cultures, and a catalyst for change. As we reflect on this journey, we must recognize the immense significance of the Alumni Association, a cornerstone of our collective legacy and a bridge that connects us across generations, times and continents.

We are gathered today not merely to commemorate our common past but most importantly, to show our unwavering commitment to shaping the future of our University.

Our 37 alumni chapters & groups today, and graduates from more than 150 countries stand as a testament to the resilience, diversity, and unity of purpose ingrained in every APU graduate.

As we celebrate two decades of our Alumni Association, let us rekindle our commitment to uphold the institution's founding principles of peace, mutual understanding, and global citizenship.

Our Alumni Association is key in shaping the academic and personal development of our alumni and students alike. Prior to our celebration today, I and members of our Board and Chapters have engaged in discussions since last year with relevant officials and offices of the University.

As a result, our Association decided to pledge to continuously support and contribute positively to our APU community, as follows:

- To uphold the core values, mission, and vision of the university. This includes promoting diversity, sustainability, academic excellence, and global citizenship.
- To stay connected with the university community, participate in alumni activities, and foster a strong network among graduates.
- To strengthen its support in mentoring, career guidance, volunteering, fundraising, or other forms of assistance that can benefit current students, faculty, and the university as a whole.
- To act as ambassadors for the university, promoting its reputation, values, and achievements within their communities and professional networks.

It is our hope that these pledges will serve as a commitment to give back to the very institution that has played a role in shaping our academic and personal developments.

In closing, let us cherish this momentous occasion not just as a celebration of our past but as a reaffirmation of our shared vision for the future. Together, let us continue to be torchbearers of positive change, guided by the values instilled in us by Ritsumeikan APU. Here's to the 20th Anniversary of the Alumni Association – may our connections remain strong, our contributions enduring, and our impact everlasting.