

Transforming the future of humanity

人間の未来を変える学校

Kamiyama Marugoto College of Design, Technology, and Entrepreneurship

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# The power to create things that bring about change

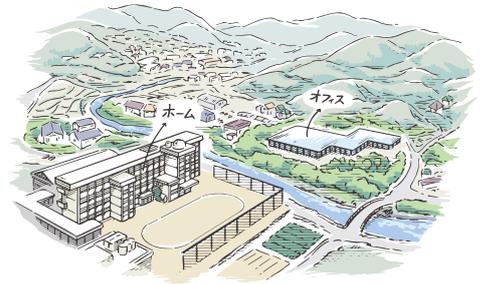
Students develop their human potential amid the rich nature of Kamiyama,  
learning the power to create things with their own hands,  
and the power to bring about change so they can turn their dreams into reality



# Find yourself amid nature

**Go out and  
change the world**

Less than an hour's drive from central Tokushima city, the small town of Kamiyama has a population of about 5,000. With its rich natural environment, this is an innovative place implementing cutting-edge initiatives such as art projects and satellite offices. The study building, called the OFFICE, is built from Kamiyama timber and connects the school with greater society. The dormitory, called HOME, is a renovated school building of the former Kamiyama Junior High School where many children once studied, and is the center of daily life.



## OFFICE

**A school building connecting you with nature.  
Connect with the town, society, and the world.  
Make connections with lifelong friends.**

## HOME

**A comfortable dormitory  
where we utilize our history  
and contribute to our future.**

Private room with high ceiling

## School meals prepared with Japan's best locally produced food

The Food Hub Project, which operates Kamaya, a cafeteria for town residents, and Kamapan, a bakery with a nationwide following, prepares meals served at the school. Delicious food using fresh Kamiyama ingredients helps develop connections with the town's producers and an awareness of the need to solve the town's challenges.



# Practical learning styles

Learn what you  
truly need to know

Kamiyama Marugoto College offers practical education combining exercises and experiments, as well as lecture-based general courses and specialized fundamental courses, utilizing methods made more effective based on the content. Students acquire pragmatic problem-solving skills not only by working on assignments but also by engaging in interactive classes through means such as active learning, problem-based learning (PBL), and group work, in which they develop and solve problems themselves.



## Active learning **A proactive approach**

Students are organized into small groups based on the class content. Group discussions, group work, and debate are all part of the active learning style, which emphasizes the importance of students understanding the nature of problems, defining the issues, and independently selecting and learning the knowledge and skills necessary to solve them.

## Problem-based learning **Learning by doing**

This approach fosters the ability to strategically plan integrated solutions to real-world problems. By repeating the process of problem formulation, hypothesis formulation, preparation and practice of research and exercises, analysis, and hypothesis testing, students develop their ability to discover fundamental issues and propose concrete solutions.

## Entrepreneur lecturers

**An environment in which diverse entrepreneurial lecturers are a normal part of everyday life**

Outside of class, apart from academic staff, active entrepreneurs visit the school every Wednesday as instructors, hold sessions after classes, and spend a day together with the students. This provides an environment for naturally coming into contact with entrepreneurs making new things happen in our world.



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Leibniz Co. Ltd.

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\*Partial list of lecturers

# Technology Design Entrepreneurship

A complete education

Students learn technology, centered on information engineering, and expertise in design fields such as UI/UX and design thinking, together with entrepreneurial skills such as communication, leadership, and resilience. This cross-cutting approach to education provides both specialized knowledge and a comprehensive set of essential skills.



## Technology

Moving toward a future where all things are connected to the Internet, students learn the fundamentals of the ability to create things, centered on software engineering and extending to electronics engineering for understanding the Internet of Things (IoT).

- Programming
- Algorithms
- Internet of Things
- Electronics
- AI
- Data analysis
- Security



## Design

Students learn the ability to express, in images, what they want to create. They learn the ability to give form to appealing things that society will welcome. This happens not only through design, but also through video, architecture, and game creation techniques.

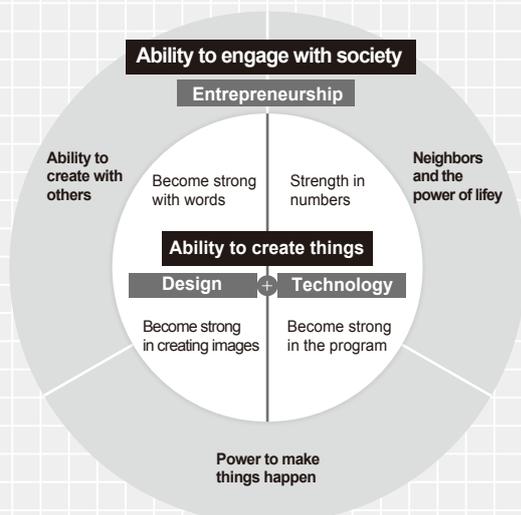
- Design
- Web design
- UI/UX design
- Video
- Architectural design
- 3D computer graphics
- Game engines



## Entrepreneurship

Our education covers not only the basics of business and how to start a business, but also the essential skills to get others involved, communication skills, and the ability to overcome failures and move forward through practical experience.

- Problem solving
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Resilience



## The Kamiyama Circle educational concept shapes the 5-year curriculum and culture

The Kamiyama Circle is an educational concept designed to develop students who, based on advanced creative skills, possess the ability to engage with society and with others. The aim is for students to learn holistically – not only in the classroom, but also through extracurricular activities, dormitory life, and other opportunities.

# Facts and figures

**Name:**  
Kamiyama Marugoto College  
of Design, Technology, and  
Entrepreneurship.

**School opened:**  
April 1, 2023

**Address:**  
343 Ohnoji, Jinryo, Kamiyama-cho,  
Myozai-gun, Tokushima, Japan

**School style:**  
Dormitory

**Department:**  
Design and Engineering

**Students per school year:**  
Approx. 40

**Faculty:**  
21  
(excluding part-time lecturers)

**Subjects:**  
Technology, design,  
entrepreneurship

## About the faculty

General subjects

### Mainly middle and high school teachers

English, Japanese, mathematics, physics, science, history, economics, philosophy, etc.

10  
members

Specializations

### Technical colleges and university faculty, practicing instructors

Programming, electrical and electronics, design, art, entrepreneurship, etc.

11  
members



# Tuition

## Tuition is virtually free for 5 years.

As a school students can aim for regardless of their financial situation at home, we offer our own scholarship program. With thanks to assistance from various companies, tuition is nearly eliminated.

See website for more info



# President's greetings

"This project won't end as a dream. We will establish a real school."

We have incorporated the founders' ideas into this actual school, which we named accordingly. Along with employment and higher education, we add entrepreneurship as another choice after students graduate. And we have created an advanced curriculum with subjects that are connected to society and the present day. This curriculum is based on software development, cross-disciplinary technology, design, and entrepreneurship, practical exercises, and the nurturing of individual ideas. In these five years, students learn not only how to create products and express their visions, but also how to realize these visions through the power to create actual things. All of us here are eager to study with you, grow with you, and support you. We sincerely look forward to seeing you all in Kamiyama.



Our school aims to learn and grow together with its students

Mineki Okura, President

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