



## The Salt of the Earth, The Light of the World

—Matthew 5:13-16—

Our school motto captures the spirit of our mission. Salt symbolizes purity, service, and usefulness. Light guides people towards the path they should take. Today, the world needs “servant-leaders”: the people who find their calling in serving others and society, and in doing so become a guiding light for others. Our school forthrightly endeavors to create a robust and energetic society, igniting the spark of hope.

### Founding Mission

Aoyama Gakuin’s education will be based eternally on Christian faith.



### School Emblem

Our school emblem is the “Shield of Faith” (Ephesians 6:16), which symbolizes the protection of God. It was created in the earliest days of modern Japan when Christianity had not yet taken root in the country. All our schools have their own school emblem based on this motif.

## Educational Policy

Aoyama Gakuin has as its aim education based upon the Christian faith and as its purpose the building up of persons who live in sincerity before God, who seek for truth with humility, and who actively take responsibility for all people and for society in a spirit of love and service.

### Christian Education

**You are an irreplaceable and precious individual**

At Aoyama Gakuin, Christian faith is the foundational principle of our educational mission. Through chapel services, classes, service-learning, and extracurricular activities, students are invited to recognize that every human being possesses an inherent dignity as an individual loved by God. Our Christian education encourages intellectual growth, respect for individuality, understanding of others, and active engagement with a diverse world. Welcoming students of all religious backgrounds, we provide opportunities to reflect on oneself, care for one’s neighbors, and examine society with love, hope, and responsibility. Guided by these principles, Aoyama Gakuin seeks to cultivate servant leaders who embrace diversity and hospitality and who work for the good of all people and society.

### International Exchange Learning Globally, Living Harmoniously

Since its founding, international exchange has been an integral part of our mission. Today, each school offers its own international exchange initiatives, along with a wide range of study programs in collaboration with overseas institutions.

The Philippines Program, supported by Child Fund Japan, is one such example among these many initiatives. Through these programs, we cultivate individuals capable of living alongside and supporting people worldwide, transcending the barriers of nationality and race.

### Peace Education; Praying for the World, Creating Peacemakers

Aoyama Gakuin is committed to addressing the profound challenge of realizing global peace and coexistence, guided by the biblical teaching: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). Our mission is to cultivate a spirit of neighborly love-sharing joy with those who rejoice and to offer compassion to those who mourn together with a spirit of peace through prayer. We provide opportunities to think about peace by reflecting the history of war through various classes and school events, with the aim of fostering “peacemakers”.