

Press Release

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Comprehensive Agreement with Nara Women's University for Greater Diversity in Engineering

On March 1st, 2022, DMG MORI CO., LTD. (hereinafter referred to as "DMG MORI") concluded a comprehensive agreement on collaboration and cooperation with National University Corporation Nara Women's University (hereinafter referred to as "Nara Women's University"). President Haruki Imaoka of Nara Women's University and Representative Director & President Dr. Masahiko Mori of DMG MORI attended the signing ceremony.

DMG MORI has a history of collaboration with public and academic organizations. It concluded comprehensive agreements on community development and technical education with Nara Prefecture, Mie Prefecture, and Hyogo Prefecture. According to the agreements, DMG MORI has loaned its machine tools and delivered lectures on machining processes and the latest technology at technical high schools and other educational institutions, offering local students opportunities to experience the most advanced equipment of the industry.

For the first time as a Japanese women's university, Nara Women's University will establish a faculty of engineering in April 2022 in the vicinity of DMG MORI's Nara Product Development Center (hereinafter referred to as "PDC," to be opened in the summer of 2022). DMG MORI will support the development of female engineers there; it will dispatch its engineers as lecturers, utilize its machining knowhow to design the curriculum, and offer practical training at PDC.

Under the partnership, DMG MORI will acquire the naming right for the lecture hall H (Integrated Projects Research) of the Faculty of Engineering. The building will be named "DMG MORI Hall (Lecture hall H, Faculty of Engineering)" from April 1st, 2022 to March 31st, 2032.

According to a survey by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Japan has the lowest percentage of female students who major in engineering at universities and other higher educational institutions among the countries surveyed. Japan lies at only 16%, compared to 26% on average among member countries. With the declining population and the resulting lack of science/engineering professionals in Japan, DMG MORI believes that it is extremely important to provide educational support and let female engineers play an active role in the industry.

By launching and reinforcing the collaboration with Nara Women's University, DMG MORI hopes to establish a greater gender balance in engineering and contribute to technological innovation in Japan.



Signing Ceremony