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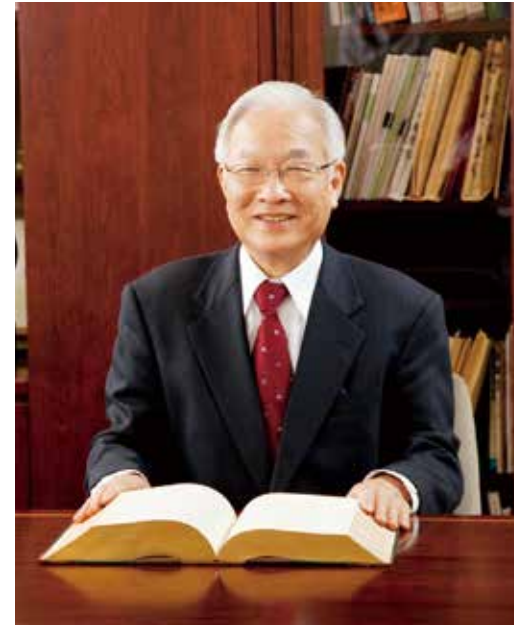


# On the Publication of *150th Anniversary History of Kanazawa University*

Kanazawa University is a university of tradition. However, there are regrettably few people these days who are aware of just what sort of tradition it has. Events written in history books and timelines are ringed by the many voices and memories that are not written. In fact, it would probably be no exaggeration to suggest that it is the weight of all those ordinary, unwritten dramas that fill the gaps between various historical events. Thus it is the small and normal that defines the meaning of the flow of history just as much as the larger events.

The reason that this book on the university's 150th anniversary history was written, as Kanazawa University reaches the 150th year since the Kaga Domain Smallpox Vaccination Center was founded back in 1862, was to show the reality of the university as part of history not just from the major events that shaped it, but the smaller episodes as well. The cherry blossoms that bloomed in the campus in Kanazawa Castle, its large advanced medical facilities, the smell of the curry served at the student cafeteria, new footprints in the snow-covered paths: all of these are Kanazawa University. All of these are the memories of the men and women who have passed through Kanazawa University.

150 years of history can be a heavy burden. And it goes without saying that there could be no greater burden than maintaining it unshaken through another 150 years. However, the pride and hope of being with Kanazawa University will give us the courage and strength to bear this burden.



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