

A Message from Dr. Mori, Chancellor of Kobe College:

Love God, Love thy Neighbor

Kobe College was established in 1875 by the “American Board,” the arm of the American Congregational Church responsible for foreign missions. Initially called the “Kobe Home,” the college was the first Christian educational institution for women in Western Japan. After expanding into an institution of higher education, the college moved to its current campus in Okadayama, Nishinomiya City, in 1933. The beautiful campus, designed by architect William Merrell Vories and surrounded by the verdant natural scenery of Okadayama, is one of Kobe College’s great treasures.

The educational philosophy of Kobe College is expressed in its long-standing motto, “Love God, Love thy Neighbor.” The college aspires not only to provide knowledge, but to give students a humane education rooted in the teachings of Christ. We aim to educate students who will use their knowledge not only for themselves, but for the good of their society, their country, and their world.

Kobe College maintains a free and open educational environment that respects each student’s autonomy and self-direction. We seek to educate students who can freely express their own thoughts and ideas, in English as well as in Japanese. In other words, we strive to realize a true liberal arts education that will equip women with cultural accomplishments befitting our contemporary society.

Dr. Koichi Mori, Chancellor of Kobe College

About Dr. Mori:

Dr. Mori received his doctorate in theology from the Pacific School of Religion, Graduate Theological Union, in 1977. After serving as Chairman of the Religion Department and Head of the Theological Research Institute at Doshisha University from 1997-2007, he became a member of the Board of Directors at Kobe College, assuming the role of Chancellor in 2010. Dr. Mori has published numerous distinguished works on theology, including *The History of Religion in America*.