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Press Release

Keio University

## Keio University to Confer Honorary Doctorate upon Yonsei University President Dong-Sup Yoon

Keio University will confer an honorary doctoral degree upon Professor Dong-Sup Yoon, President of Yonsei University.

Widely respected as one of Korea's most distinguished surgeons and as a leader in the global academic community, Professor Yoon has driven far-reaching innovation in medicine, research, and education in his role as President of Yonsei University. In recognition of these achievements, Keio University will confer upon Professor Dong-Sup Yoon the degree of Doctor *Honoris Causa*.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend the conferment ceremony, to be held on Mita Campus on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

### 1. Conferment Ceremony

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026, 14:00–14:45

Venue: Keio University Mita Campus Public Speaking Hall (*Mita Enzetsu-kan*)

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/about/campus/mita/map/> (15 on the campus map)

Language: English (no simultaneous interpretation provided)

### 2. Recipient Profile

Professor Dong-Sup Yoon graduated from the Yonsei University College of Medicine in 1987 and earned his Ph.D. in Anatomy from Korea University in 2003. He was appointed Professor in the Department of Surgery at Yonsei University College of Medicine in 1999 and subsequently served as Vice Dean of the College of Medicine, as well as Chief of the Department of Surgery. From August 2020 to February 2024, he served as President and CEO of the Yonsei University Health System, where he oversaw the University's extensive medical operations, encompassing more than 13,000 faculty and staff.

Professor Yoon assumed office as the 20th President of Yonsei University in February 2024. As President, he has strengthened ties with leading universities around the world, spearheading the development of interdisciplinary research hubs including the Yonsei Quantum Complex, the Yonsei Institute for AI and Social Innovation, and the Bio-Centennial Convergence Research Institute. Through these efforts, he has further enhanced the University's global standing and paved the way for the opening of new academic frontiers.

Over a decades-long career on the medical frontlines, Professor Yoon has been central to

the advancement of medical science in Korea, and has held numerous other prominent leadership positions, including Chairman of the Korean Association of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery, Chairman of the Korean Surgical Society, Vice President of the Korean Academy of Medical Sciences, President of the Council for Graduate Medical Training under the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Board Member of the Korean Cancer Association, and President of the Korean Hospital Association.

### 3. Guidelines for Media Coverage (Advance Registration Required)

\*If you wish to cover the event, please contact the Office of Communications and Public Relations by Friday, May 15:

- Email: [m-pr@adst.keio.ac.jp](mailto:m-pr@adst.keio.ac.jp)
- Email Subject: May 21 Keio University Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony Media Request

In your email, kindly provide the following information:

1. Company and department name
2. Name of representative
3. Total number of attendees
4. Contact information for the day of the event
5. Will you take photographs and/or video? (Yes/No)

*\*Please note that vehicles will not be permitted on campus on the day of the event.*

*\*Keio University will not be able to provide charging stations or power outlets.*

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