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**1880**  
Establishment of the Osaka Commercial Training Institute

Founded by Tomoatsu Godai, the father of the modern economy of Osaka, as the second school of business law in Japan after Tokyo.



**1928**  
Founding of Osaka University of Commerce, the first city university in Japan

Hajime Seki, the Mayor of Osaka at the time, made the motto “The university is here for the city, and the city is here for the university,” and so the first city university in Japan was established with strong expectations of the residents of Osaka.

Nobel Prizes



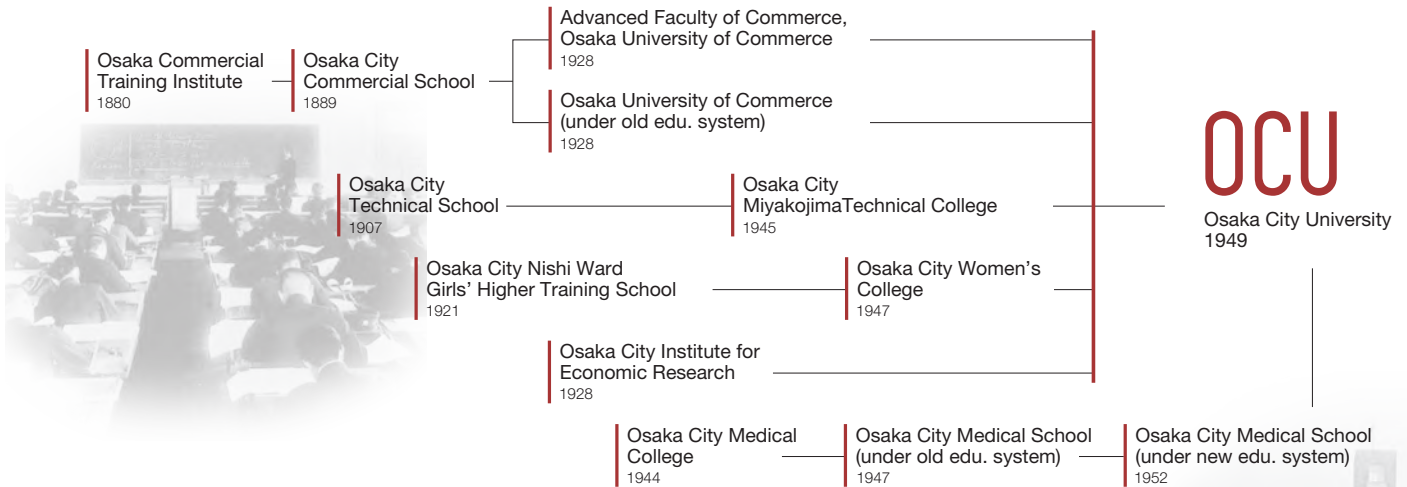
**Dr. Yoichiro Nambu (1921-2015)**  
(Distinguished Professor Emeritus)

Nobel Prize in Physics in 2008 for the discovery of the mechanism of spontaneous broken symmetry in subatomic physics.



**Dr. Shinya Yamanaka**  
(1993 OCU Graduate School of Medicine alumnus)

Nobel Prize in Medicine in 2012 for the discovery that mature cells can be reprogrammed to become pluripotent.



**1889**  
Traditional boat races

This tradition started as a “water sports competition” when there were not any schools holding boat races. It has become a famous event in Osaka, beloved by the residents.



**1949**  
Launch of Osaka City University, a new incarnation

Based on the system for new universities, Osaka City University was launched as the only public university on a scale befitting multidisciplinary universities. The first president was Kyo Tsuneto.

