On Sunday, April 2, the 2017 Spring Matriculation Ceremony was held at the Sport Culture Center on JIU's Chiba Togane Campus.

The center was filled with numerous new students who gathered from all around the country. President Kenji Sugibayashi, who was appointed in April this year, delivered an address: "I believe the knowledge and skills related to international awareness and contribution to the local community will be particularly beneficial to you. I wish all of you to cultivate a learning attitude and grow as people who will be actively involved in Japan, Asia and the world."

Ichigo Uchiyama of the Faculty of Nursing, on behalf of the new students, made a pledge: "We, the new students, will dedicate ourselves to becoming globally-minded human resources who will contribute to the local and international communities in our respective fields of specialization. The Faculty of Nursing I'm newly enrolled in offers a training program in collaboration with various departments. I'm really excited about this wonderful opportunity. I'll study hard with the pride of being part of this wonderful university."

The ceremony was also attended by 233 new international students from 19 countries and regions.