in 1979. In 1987, the College of Humanities and Social Studies was divided into the College of Humanities and the College of Social Studies. The Colleges of Dental Medicine, Pharmacy, and Art were established in 1980, 1981, and 1981, respectively. The College of Veterinary Medicine was spun off from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1988, the College of Human Ecology from the College of Natural Science in 1989, and the College of Nursing from the Medical School in 2005. The Graduate School of Education opened in 1975, the Graduate School of Public Administration in 1979, and the Graduate School of Industry and Technology in 1989.

For the 21st century, CNU has gathered momentum to leap forward as a prestigious higher educational institution that fosters professional manpower required by the age of knowledge and information through systemized education and contributes to regional development. On March 1, 2006, CNU established the Graduate School of Culture and integrated with Yeosu University, which previously had a history of 90 years. Subsequently, CNU established Law School (2009), AI Convergence College (2019), Graduate School of Data Science (2022), and Graduate School of Plant Protection and Quarantine (2022).

As of 2023, CNU's administrative organization consists of five divisions, one office, six headquarters, 17 colleges, general graduate schools, six special graduate schools, five professional graduate schools, one educational basic facility, 12 affiliated facilities, 13 organizations under the President's direct control, and two corporate bodies. In particular, in 2023, to support data-driven university operations, the University Computing Center was expanded and reorganized into the Information Headquarters to maximize the efficiency of integrated information management. Also, the Offices of International Affairs and Public Relations were integrated into the Global Cooperation Division to establish a proactive strategy for nurturing global talents and handling external affairs.

■ "Confident and Free CNU People"

Following its slogans, "CNU Sheds Light on the World That Cherishes Truth" and "Global University for Cultivating Global Leaders," CNU aspires to foster "Confident and Free CNU People" as its ideal talent. The university's development plan established in 2022 presented 40 execution strategies in five major areas as follows:

No.	Area	Slogan	Execution strategy
1	Education	Cultivating creative, emotional, collaborative, and competent individuals	- Strengthening competency-based liberal arts education - Innovation in future-oriented major education - Establishment of an educational innovation platform - Enhancement of student-centered education support - Strengthening competency-based

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			extracurricular education programs - Enhancement of practical career-related skills and entrepreneurship education - Expansion of global education programs - Development of teaching-learning abilities
2	Research	Innovative research that creates sustainable future value	- Innovation in research-intensive education systems - Enhancement of research competencies of graduate students - Implementation of a lifelong research support system - Expansion of support for young researchers - Strengthening international competitiveness in research - Promotion of sustainable research innovation systems - Tailored administrative support for researchers - Enhancement of management system of research-related information
3	Specialization and Industry-Academia Cooperation	Leading higher education transformation and convergence through fostering innovative talent and cooperation with industries and institutions	- Cultivation of digital innovation talent - Cultivation of experts customized for regional industries - Specialized talent development to enhance national competitiveness - Strengthening industry-academia cooperation for regional co-prosperity - Establishment of future-oriented industry-academia cooperation platforms - Promotion of mid- to long-term industry-academia cooperation plans - Establishment of a successful system for CNU students - Operation of a sustainable eco-campus
4	Regional Cooperation	Leading the sustainable development of regional communities through future-oriented educational cooperation	- Strengthening support for regional youth education - Strengthening lifelong learning support for local residents - Operation of programs to activate local communities - Establishment of global-local cooperative communities - Establishment of cooperative communities for addressing regional issues - Strengthening cooperative systems between universities