

Message from the President



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For the Future of the Earth and Humankind

NAIST, which celebrated its 15th anniversary last year, is a graduate university specializing in teaching and research in the fields of information, biological and materials sciences, as well as in related interdisciplinary studies. Our doors are open to people who can rise to challenges with a clear vision. At NAIST, students are trained to develop the most advanced knowledge in science and technology, as well as to possess high motivational and ethical standards which will make positive contributions to the international community. Our goal is to contribute to the sustainability of the earth and the welfare of humanity in the 21st century, while feeding intellectual property back to nations and societies, by addressing academic issues relevant to sustainable global development while defending academic freedom.

Our recent achievements have been evaluated highly by four programs of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT): the Initiatives for Attractive Education in Graduate Schools, the 21st Century Center of Excellence (COE) Program, the Development of University Intellectual Property Headquarters and the Creation of Intellectual Clusters. NAIST has also been commended in other reports including "University Ranking 2007" (Asahi Shimbun), "Japan in the 21st Century and the Role of its National Universities" (Japan Association of National Universities) and "Genuinely Strong Universities" (Weekly Toyo Keizai).

This Guidebook has been compiled to inform a broad readership about how we are working to achieve our mission, how we are organized, and how we educate and conduct academic activities. I hope that this Guidebook will stimulate your interest in our education and research activities.



Concept

As a national university composed solely of graduate schools, NAIST promotes advanced research and educates accomplished individuals to help in the development of society based on the advancement of science and technology.

Objectives

- To promote high-level research in advanced science and technology
- To develop international leaders in research
- To train specialists capable of contributing to national society and the economy
- To promote relationships between science and the community and the creation of a scientifically literate population

Achieving our objectives

■ Research

- NAIST will perform outstanding research in the core study areas of information, biological, and materials sciences, and actively engage in interdisciplinary studies to explore and seek solutions in the most challenging areas.
- NAIST will actively address important social issues by generating international-level research products that will help to build a better society.

■ Education

- NAIST will nurture students who are highly motivated to work for the advancement of science and technology, and who can play leading roles in society, through systematic curricula and research activities.
- NAIST will educate students to develop a good ethical sense, broader views, logical thinking, active leadership, fair judgment and high linguistic capabilities.

■ Collaboration with society and education

- NAIST will stimulate research by promoting the development of industry-government-academia collaboration, an effective system aimed at transferring the benefits of research to society.
- NAIST will contribute to advancing industry in Japan by further promoting industry-government-academia collaboration as well as research and education, and returning our achievements to society.

