

## ■ *Message from the President*



NAIST 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. We welcome students who are planning a career in research or technological development and who enjoy rising to new challenges, regardless of where they have studied before. Our doors are open wide to international students and mature students with work experience. We offer a systematic education that equips students with the most advanced knowledge in science and technology, as well as training scientists and engineers who possess the motivational and ethical standards that will enable them to make positive contributions to the international community, with the goal of contributing to the sustainability of the earth and the welfare of humanity in the 21st century. We are also actively engaged in promoting close collaboration and cooperation with organizations outside the university, to enable the university to contribute to social development and cultural creativity by means of our research achievements.

NAIST has a high reputation, thanks to its achievements through education and research activities and in industry-government-academia collaboration, and this has been recognized in our selection for the Support Program for Improving Graduate School Education, the Global COE Program, the Super Industry-Government-Academia Collaboration Headquarters, and other model programs. NAIST has also been highly commended in other reports including “University Ranking 2008” (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 contains information about how we are working to achieve our mission, how we are organized, and how we educate and conduct academic activities. I hope it will provide the opportunity for you to find out about NAIST, and stimulate your interest in our university.

Kunio YASUDA  
President



## Concept

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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

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- 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

## Medium-term Goals and Plans (April 2004 – March 2010)

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### — Overall objectives of the university —

- Perform in-depth research in the core study areas of information, biological and materials sciences, while actively engaging in interdisciplinary studies to explore and seek solutions for issues in the most advanced areas.
- Actively address issues with strong social needs to deliver international-level research results that will help to shape the next generation.
- Foster students and staff who are highly motivated to work for the advancement of science and technology and are able to play leading roles in the international community through a systematic curriculum and research activities.
- Provide education to enable the acquisition of a good sense of ethics, broad views, logical thinking, positive leadership, fair judgment and articulateness with high linguistic capabilities.
- Return the benefits of the Institute's research to society by accumulating research results as an intellectual asset for humankind and promoting industry-government-academia collaboration.