

A Synergy of Science and

NAIST – a technological innovator

NAIST recently marked its fifteenth anniversary. Since its foundation, NAIST has developed steadily along with the surrounding Kansai Science City. As a national university consisting solely of graduate schools that specialize in teaching and research in information, biological, and materials sciences, we have been tackling cutting-edge problems at the frontiers of science in an environment of interdisciplinary and international cooperation, and have achieved impressive results.

Since Japan's national universities became financially independent of the state, we have entered a new era. In the present climate, in which levels of competitiveness comparable to those of private companies are required of a university, our tradition of working with industry and government and our strength in intellectual property management will enhance our position in research and education.

NAIST has been selected for a series of new national projects, including the Global COE Program to create world-leading centers for research and education, and the Support Program for Improving Graduate School Education to make graduate school education more substantial, both of which are commissioned by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Our reputation is rising continuously. We might even say that NAIST's time has truly come.

We will continue to carry out more and more outstanding research, to train the next generation of scientific personnel, and to benefit society as a whole.



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