

FY2014 Progress Report

Common indicators and targets

Internationalization

● NAIST Top Global University Project Kick-off Symposium

In March 2014, NAIST hosted a symposium to discuss global trends in graduate education in the areas of advanced science and technology. Diverse speakers from affiliated universities gave lectures on global issues surrounding internationalization in higher education.

● English Version of the University Guidebook

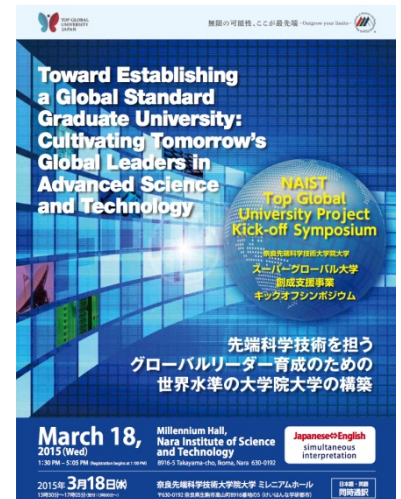
An English version of the University Guidebook is key in recruiting international students. The English guidebook was sent to NAIST's partner and related institutions, and widely distributed at various Study-in-Japan and Study-at-NAIST fairs.

● International collaborative education programs

Joint degree program feasibility was examined in accordance with the related ministerial act. The final consultation was made in January 2015 to seal a double-degree program agreement with Unitec in New Zealand in May 2015.

● Overseas Staff Development Seminar

An overseas staff development seminar and English conversation classes were held to strengthen organizational capacity to support the globalizing of education and research.



University reform

● Establishment of the Center for Strategy and Planning

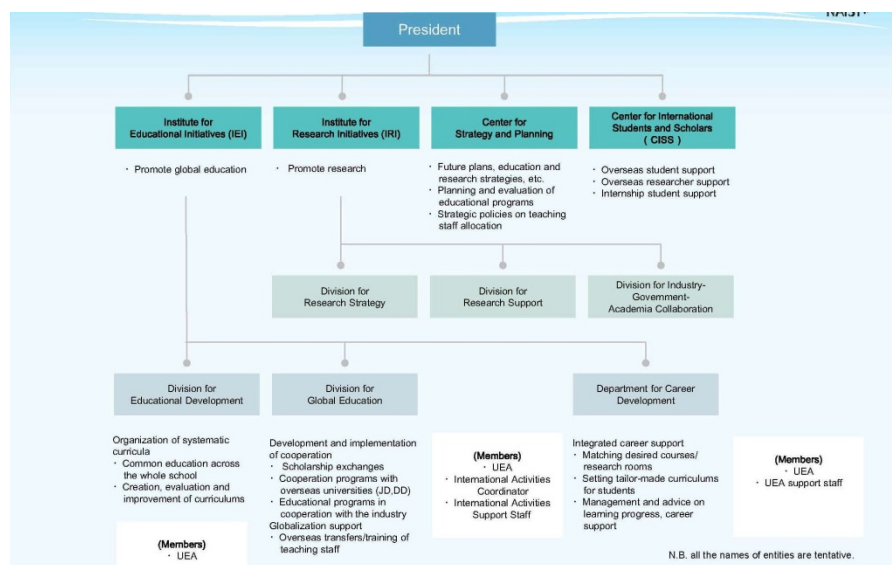
The Center for Strategy and Planning is placed immediately under the leadership of the President to unify planning of the future framework of university establishment systems and education and research strategies. The Center for Strategy and Planning operates as the headquarters for university management and institutional governance reformation through planning and evaluation of educational programs, and strategic policies on teaching staff allocation.

● Organizing the Institute for Educational Initiatives (IEI) and Institute for Research Initiatives (IRI)

IEI has been set up to promote program planning and evaluation, and support education in order to cultivate global graduate education. IRI has been set up to support institutional research put forth in *The Program for Promoting the Enhancement of Research Universities*. Both are placed under the leadership of the President, closely connected with each other.

● URAs & UEAs

University Research Administrators (URAs) analyze national and international trends of interdisciplinary research in the fields of science and technology. URAs also take part in expanding international networks for joint research. University Education Administrators (UEAs) engage in assessment of students' aptitude, curriculum development and teaching evaluation, academic and career support for students, and exploration of potential partnerships with academic institutions abroad.



Education reform

● Overseas Faculty Development Seminar

Newly appointed faculty at NAIST participated in the Overseas Faculty Development Seminar at the University of California, Davis, in October. The participants experienced how to incorporate active learning into their curriculum to meet students' diverse needs. Such pedagogical support is the groundwork for preparing a quality learning environment as the top-level graduate institution.

● Improved Japanese Language Proficiency of International Students

Japanese classes for 2015 at elementary and intermediate levels are under preparation. Language lessons are an integral part of successful student life for international students. Japanese language acquisition and communication skills are necessary for finding employment at Japanese companies in Japan or overseas.

● Improved English Language Proficiency of Japanese Students

The core competence expected of Japanese master's students includes acquiring skills to comprehend research articles published in English, as well as lectures and seminars delivered in English. Doctoral students are expected to present their research in English, and to acquire negotiation and trouble-shooting skills. TOEIC is used as a measure to evaluate and monitor students' English proficiency.

■ University's own indicators and targets

● Globalization concerning campus regulations

NAIST initiated use of English in internal conference reports (conference titles only) and notification letters at all three graduate schools in 2014. This change encourages attendance of international faculty members at meetings. English versions of campus standards and regulations are under preparation.

● International environment promotion

NAIST further facilitated globalization in the cafeteria area, having English menus and installing a HALAL food section in the union store for our international students and researchers from diverse backgrounds.



■ Featured initiatives based on the characteristics of the university

● Career support for international students in Japanese firms

The number of NAIST's international students (doctoral course) hired by Japanese enterprises exceeded 30%.

● Career support for international students returning home

The number of NAIST's international graduates (doctoral course) hired as faculty in their home countries exceeded 20%.



■ NAIST was featured in Science magazine

● NAIST was featured in the prestigious Science magazine showcasing the "Top Global University Project" to enhance globalization and international recognition. (magazine: March 27/ad banner: March 1-31)

