

5. FY2017 Progress

【奈良先端科学技術大学院大学】

■ Common indicators and targets

Internationalization

○ NAIST Indonesia Office

To place permanent staff member at the NAIST Indonesia Office, NAIST contracted the Indonesian NAIST Alumni Association to place a NAIST Alumni at the office, allowing for PR activities to be performed locally at recruiting fairs, etc. in Indonesian.

○ NAIST Thailand Office

NAIST joined the Japanese Universities' Network in Thailand (JUNThai) to expand our network with education and research institutions, while holding a NAIST Thailand Office inaugural symposium in September as part of the TGU Project to improve our education and research presence. Also, through collaboration with Thai Alumni NAIST concluded an academic agreement with another top-level Thai university. (Chiang Mai University)

○ Diverse Faculty and International Students

NAIST diverse faculty has been achieved through international recruitment, domestic recruitment stressing education and research experience abroad and the continuing long-term faculty dispatchment program. Also, NAIST participates in study abroad fairs and actively recruits students at partner institutions, so that our international population is, while centered around Southeast Asia, geographically diverse. We currently have students from 33 countries and regions around the globe.

University Reform

○ Faculty Development (FD) Program

The FD program was held abroad with participants observing classes and meeting with professors and TAs to learn about PBL, active learning, and roles of TAs, to further promote student-focused education. An on-campus debriefing meeting and graduate school training sessions were held to spread the knowledge they gained throughout NAIST to improve teaching methodology.

○ Staff Development (SD) Activities

Through English training and overseas SD training the number of full-time staff (37 as of March 2018) that passed the foreign language requirement (TOEIC 750+ points) met the goals previously set, and NAIST was able to have a qualified English-speaking staff member at each administrative division/office. This was highly assessed in the 2017 TGU Project evaluations. Also, through the continuously held English training that is redesigned each year, the average staff TOEIC score has risen.

Educational Reform

○ Transition to a Single Graduate School

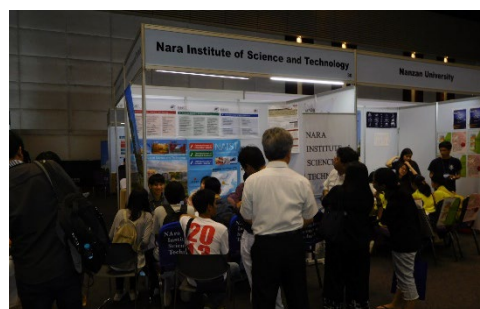
To establish a structure for the flexible and expedient organization of interdisciplinary educational curriculum of the 3 current fields and with the current graduate school curriculum, NAIST resolved to create a 1 graduate school, 1 department structure in 2018. In it, 7 education programs foster globally active human resources with broad and highly specialized knowledge of advanced science and technology, with internationally focused faculty gathering from different fields to educate to develop the specialized skills and knowledge and the broad understanding demanded by society and for interdisciplinary research collaboration and education.



〈 NAIST Indonesian Staff PR Activities 〉



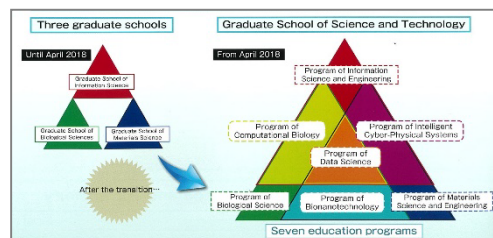
〈 NAIST Thailand Office Inaugural Symposium 〉



〈 NAIST Booth at Japan Education Fair 〉



〈 NAIST Overseas SD Debriefing Session 〉



〈 Transition to a Single Graduate School 〉

■ University's Own Indicators and Targets

○ Improved International Student and Scholar Support

The Center for International Students and Scholars (CISS) was re-organized and campus announcements led to an increase in cases handled (762 in total). Also, the Partner Opportunities Program (POP) planned in the TGU Project to promote recruiting of international faculty and the NAIST International Student Ambassador Program were set up, allowing for expanded support for international students and researchers, including increased dissemination of related information in English and Japanese.



〈Center for International Students and Scholars (CISS)〉

○ A Global Campus Connecting with the community

NAIST Tea Time was held twice as Global Campus Events where NAIST faculty, staff and students, and members of the community gathered together to learn about other cultures and build ties. Also, the International Friendship Meeting was held in January, with a record attendance of 321 from within NAIST and other organizations, both private and municipal, that offer support for our international students, to promote understanding and further expand NAIST's international community.



〈 NAIST Global Campus Event 〉

■ Featured Initiatives based on University Characteristics

○ Furthering Double Degree Program Measures

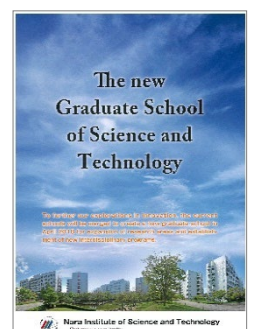
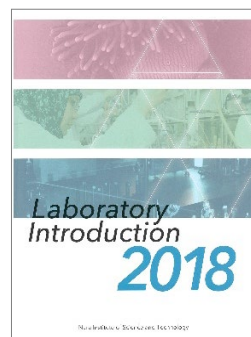
In February 2018 NAIST's Double Degree Guidelines were formulated to assure high educational standards, while in the same school year the first double degree program graduates received their doctoral degrees. Especially, the 2 students NAIST sent to Paul Sabatier University who completed the double degree program under international collaborative supervision were both chosen for the Outstanding Student award. Additionally, to further develop the double degree program, NAIST signed a Double Degree Program Agreement with the University of Ulm (Germany) in July, 2017, while also being able to sign an agreement with University of Paris-Saclay during a courtesy visit to their campus in March 2018.



〈 NAIST 2018 Graduation Ceremony (March) 〉

○ Publicizing the Creation of the New Graduate School

Necessary revisions to the NAIST Laboratory Introduction 2018 and the 2018 NAIST Guidebook were made reflecting the new single graduate school structure. In December an English leaflet based on the Japanese one explaining the single graduate school transition was produced and distributed to overseas institutions and offices to introduce the new education system to international students. Also, access to information for international students, current and prospective, was made easier through a special site explaining the graduate school transition and preparations for renewal of the English website in April in accordance with the new graduate school were undertaken.



〈 English Lab Introduction 〉 〈 Graduate School Leaflet 〉

○ International Student Career Planning Support

With Japanese corporations requiring advanced Japanese skills, an N1, N2 Japanese Proficiency Exam preparation course was held for those students wishing to work in Japan. A job fair was held on campus to assist international students in meeting with suitable Japanese corporations. Various career planning support was offered including business start-up seminars for those students who are interested in starting their own venture business.



〈 New Graduate School Special Website 〉