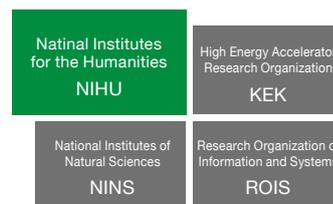


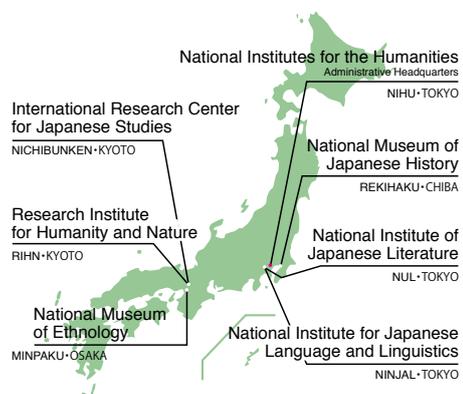
NIHU is one of the four Inter-University Research Institute Corporations. It consists of six Inter-University Research Institutes involved in research in humanities. While each one of the institutes is deeply involved in foundational research in their field as a core research center of Japan and as an international research center, six institutes interact in a complementary fashion and transcending the frameworks of previous scholarship. They also cooperate with research institutes in Japan and other countries in their attempt to identify and solve issues in contemporary society. To achieve a truly enriched human life, NIHU promotes research on the human sciences and aims to create new value.

Resource Sharing

In 2016, NIHU established two centers, Center for Transdisciplinary Innovation and Center for Information & Public Relations. The six member institutes, each serving as a center for nationwide research exchange, are kept accessible to the researcher community. At the same time, they engage in multifaceted joint research projects, publish information to the world proactively, and enhance and promote the development of the next generation of scholars.



Four Inter-University Research Institute Corporations, and six Inter-University Research Institutes in humanities.



Center for Transdisciplinary Innovation (CTI)

CTI promotes collaboration and cooperation of the six institutes with research institutes of universities or others in Japan and other countries and with local communities. It promotes the NIHU Transdisciplinary Project, an organizational joint research project that contributes to identifying contemporary issues, with the aim of creating a new value system for the human sciences.

Center for Information & Public Relations (CIP)

CIP digitalizes comprehensive academic research resources related to the human sciences to promote the widespread use of the resources by universities and scholars all over the world. At the same time, it encourage sharing of research outcomes for the common good by strengthening two-way collaboration with society.

NIHU Transdisciplinary Projects

Institute-based Projects

REKIHAKU: Constructing Integrated Studies of Cultural and Research Resources, and Renovating Sharing Infrastructures of Research Resources in Japanese History and Culture

NIJL: Project to Build an International Collaborative Research Network for Pre-modern Japanese Texts

NINJAL: Diverse Language Resources and the Consolidation of Japanese-language Studies

NICHIBUNKEN: Historical and International Research into Popular Culture to Pursue New Images of Japan

RIHN: Transformation towards Sustainable Futures in Complex Human-Nature Systems in Asia

MINPAKU: Info-Forum Museum for Cultural Resources of the World

Multidisciplinary Collaborative Projects

Change of Local Communities and Reconstruction of Community Cultures after Disasters in Japanese Archipelago

Rethinking Eco-health in Asia

Development of a Field of Comprehensive Bibliographical Studies from an Interdisciplinary Perspective

Network-based Projects

NIHU Area Studies
Northeast Asia Modern Middle East South Asia Contemporary China

Japan-related Documents and Artifacts Held Overseas: NIHU International Collaborative Research and Utilization

- The Archives of the Dutch Factory in Hirado
- Insights into Japan-Related Overseas Artifacts and Documents of the Nineteenth Century in Europe through Research and Use
- Research, Conservation and Utilization of the Marega Collection Preserved in the Vatican Library
- Survey, Study and Use of the Japan-related Documents and Artifacts in North America
- Coordination between projects to make effective use of research results

Public Information Activities

Resource Sharing

nihu INT <http://int.nihu.jp/>

A database on research in the human sciences for the integrated retrieval of information resources from inside and outside NIHU

Public Information

NIHU Repository and Researcher's achievements Database

Each institute publishes a repository for sharing research outcomes with the world. An integrated database of scholars, which provides information about scholars who belong to NIHU, is also operated.

English Resource Guide for Japanese studies and Humanities in Japan.

http://www.nihu.jp/sougou/kyoyuka/japan_links/

NIHU Magazine:

This magazine provides information about NIHU's latest research activities and findings to the world.

Collaborations with Society

NIHU Symposiums: Information about research activities and findings is made widely available.

26th: "The Middle East in Distress", Apr. 25, 2015

27th: "Siebold's Introduction of Japanese Culture: Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of His Death" Jan. 30, 2016

In FY 2016, the symposiums are to be held under the themes of "Yokai Monsters" in Jun, and "Food" in Nov.

Industry-Academia Collaborations

Promoting sharing of research outcomes for the common good by collaborating with industries such as the tourism industry



Graduate School Education

Four of the institutes have established five departments (doctoral programs) by taking advantage of the characteristics of each, as a foundational institute of the school of Cultural and Social Studies, Graduate University of Advanced Studies (SOKENDAI), thereby fostering scholars with a high level of expertise and a broad perspective. In addition, the six institutes of NIHU contribute to developing human resources as next-generation leaders, for example by accepting postgraduate students from other universities to support their research.

International Collaboration

NIHU has built connections for cooperation with institutions in other countries for research in the human sciences, invites scholars from other countries to study in Japan, helps arrange for Japanese scholars to study abroad, and actively promotes the mutual exchange of scholars, holding of international research symposiums, and deployment of lecturers.

Under an agreement with the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) of the United Kingdom, NIHU accepts graduate students and young researchers and give research guidance to them, for example, thereby contributing to the development of overseas researchers on Japan.



International Collaboration with Mongolian Academy of Sciences

NIHU Prize in Japanese Studies

The NIHU Prize in Japanese Studies recognizes the achievements of outstanding Japanese studies by scholars from overseas, with the support of YKK Corporation, in order to deepen understanding of Japan and encourage and promote Japanese studies overseas. It is presented to researchers residing outside Japan who have made outstanding achievements in scholarship on literature, language, history, ethnology, culture, the environment or other fields relating to Japan.

The 5th NIHU Prize, FY 2015, was presented to Professor Alexander Vovin
École des hautes études en sciences sociales, France



Left: Prof. Alexander Vovin
Right: TACHIMOTO Narifumi, President, NIHU

Collaborations with Society

NIHU has been holding symposiums for the public and press conferences to transmit to society the results of the research in humanities. In addition, in collaboration with the industries, we have been engaged in the activities to return to society for its benefit the results of the research in humanities.



Press Conference



The 26th NIHU Symposium "The Middle East in Distress"