

Introduction to the National Institute of Informatics

The National Institute of Informatics (NII) was founded in April 2000 under the Ministry of Education (MEXT) to advance comprehensive research in the field of informatics and to develop a leading edge information infrastructure for the dissemination of scholarly information for research activities in universities across the country.

NII specializes in informatics, an interdisciplinary academic field that involves a wide range of research areas not only in information sciences, engineering and telecommunications, but encompassing broader natural sciences, humanities and social sciences. To further develop this discipline of informatics, over 80 researchers including professors, associate professors and assistant professors work in NII. They study the foundation of informatics, information system infrastructure, software, information media, knowledge processing and information and society research. Professors Satoh and Echizen are in charge of the Information and Communication Engineering Department's graduate school program for Tokyo University. In addition, NII runs its own postgraduate education. All together, approximately 130 graduate students are currently enrolled in NII. Students in the Information and Communication Engineering Department are progressing with their researches as they interact with NII research staff and students in other programs. The environment where graduate students have the opportunity to interact with students from various disciplines daily is a unique feature of NII as an educational institution. As a research institute, we are committed to providing state-of-art facilities. NII is also equipped with ultra high-speed communication links with other advanced research institutions in Japan and abroad.

NII is located within the National Center of Sciences Building at Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku.

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