



A monthly newsletter featuring updates and highlights related to J-PEAKS.

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* Linked webpages are available in Japanese only unless otherwise noted.

EVENT

Coming This September: Niigata University J-PEAKS WEEK 2026!

For several issues of this newsletter, we have introduced Niigata University J-PEAKS WEEK 2026, which will finally take place next month. Throughout the event period, we have planned a variety of programs that will give participants a closer look at J-PEAKS initiatives and what makes them unique. With events open to both university members and the wider community, we hope many of you will take this opportunity to join us.

J-PEAKS WEEK 2026

~ A New Knowledge Ecosystem Powering Every Aspect of "Life" ~



J-PEAKS WEEK is Niigata University's flagship event showcasing progress under its J-PEAKS initiative. The event highlights achievements from multiple perspectives and promotes collaboration and co-creation through dialogue among university members and external stakeholders.



<https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/j-peaks/news/1216417/>



Main
Program

[Sep. 7 (Mon)] University Management Talent Summit 2026 @ Tokyo

Target Audience: Universities, industry, financial institutions, media organizations, business associations, and government officials

Event Overview: Participants will share advanced practices in university management and discuss new approaches to its enhancement. The event will also explore opportunities for co-creation with industry and local communities, while considering the future of university management.

Learn More: <https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/j-peaks/news/1190434/>

ELSI

[Sep. 16-17 (Wed-Thu)] International & Research Support Symposia @ Asahimachi Campus

Target Audience: Sep. 16: Experts from Japan and abroad
Sep. 17: University administrators, research managers, URAs, and administrative staff

Event Overview: The International Symposium on September 16 will discuss consent and rights protection in brain science, genomics, and AI. The Research Support Symposium on September 17 will explore sharing data, samples, and other research resources across institutions and facilities.

Learn More: Sep. 16 : <https://www.ird.niigata-u.ac.jp/news/12689/>

Sep. 17 : <https://www.ird.niigata-u.ac.jp/news/12728/>

CCRF

[Sep. 9 (Wed)] CCRF Asahimachi Open Lab 2026 @ Asahimachi Campus

Target Audience: Researchers, graduate students, technical staff, and others interested in shared research equipment

Event Overview: Tour shared research facilities at the Asahimachi Open Lab and see demonstrations using real samples. Advanced instruments, including cell sorters and laser microdissection systems, will be showcased, with opportunities to discuss their research applications.

Learn More: <https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/j-peaks/news/1231579/>

BDA

[Sep. 17 (Thu)] Data Science & AI Symposium 2026 @ Niigata City

Target Audience: Open to all

Event Overview: As AI continues to shape the way we work and live, the symposium will feature two talks on the latest developments in data science and AI, along with a BDA Research Center activity report and research poster presentations. The event will bring together participants from academia, industry, and government to share knowledge and strengthen collaboration.

Learn More: <https://www.eng.niigata-u.ac.jp/~bda/?p=1496>

Main
Program

[Sep. 18 (Fri)] J-PEAKS Leading Research Forum @ Ikarashi Campus

Target Audience: Open to all

Event Overview: Under Niigata University's J-PEAKS initiative, the Strategic Leap Program (SLP) will select 25 projects to support the further advancement of research and the generation of impactful outcomes. This forum will introduce the SLP and feature poster presentations by selected projects, providing opportunities for new research collaborations and future growth.

Learn More: <https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/j-peaks/news/1220670/>

Niigata University J-PEAKS Unveils Its New Logo!



iRICE

[Sep. 18 (Fri)] iRICE Sakura Science Program Report Session @ Ikarashi Campus

Target Audience: Researchers, faculty and staff, students, technical staff, URAs, and others interested in agriculture, the environment, international collaboration, regional co-creation, and social implementation

Event Overview: This session will present the outcomes of a three-week collaborative research program with faculty and students from Can Tho University in the Mekong Delta. Topics include climate-resilient rice cultivation, methane reduction from paddy fields, and iRICE initiatives that connect research with society, such as developing new sake and bread from upland rice. The event will also explore opportunities for creating new value through international collaboration.

Learn More: iRICE <https://irice.nu.niigata-u.ac.jp/>
Sakura Science Program <https://ssp.jst.go.jp/en/> (English available)

FHI

[Sep. 28 (Mon)] FHI·Gastronomy innovation NIIGATA @ Ikarashi Campus

Details will be announced on our website once finalized.

* Schedules are subject to change. Any updates will be announced on the university's J-PEAKS website.

EVENT

[Nov 3, 2026] Center for Food & Health Innovation and Social Co-Creation Forum 2026

The Center for Food & Health Innovation and Social Co-Creation will host its first Food & Health Innovation and Social Co-Creation Forum, an event exclusively for the Niigata University community.

The forum will bring together researchers and staff from across the university to explore new opportunities for collaboration and research in the fields of food and health.

Poster presenters are currently being invited. This is an excellent opportunity to share research and activities and connect with colleagues from diverse disciplines. The application deadline is September 11 (Thu).

The forum is particularly recommended for those who:

Are interested in developing future leaders in food and health

Want to learn more about the new facilities and shared research equipment established through J-PEAKS

Wish to broaden graduate students' perspectives through interdisciplinary collaboration

Learn More: [Internal Access Only](#) | [FHI Members Website](#)



● J-PEAKS Mini Column—Voices from the Field ●

As we enter the second year of the J-PEAKS initiative, September brings Niigata University J-PEAKS WEEK 2026, our flagship event showcasing the diverse initiatives and achievements being advanced through J-PEAKS. Through this event, we hope to share more about our activities and foster new connections and collaborations among researchers, students, companies, and local governments. Preparing for J-PEAKS WEEK has reminded us of the many outstanding research projects and initiatives across the university. We hope the event will deepen understanding of these efforts and create opportunities for new partnerships and exchange. We look forward to welcoming many of you to the event. [SA]

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Updates on J-PEAKS-related events and activities are available here.



○Niigata Univ. J-PEAKS Internal Website

<https://app.cais.niigata-u.ac.jp/shurl/fw/2PLWiy>

To support timely information sharing and ensure transparency, materials such as the program's overall design, budget allocations, and meeting documents are available to internal users. For more detailed information, please scan the QR code.

