Education for Innovation   Education of students who will promote innovation

Social Innovation

Leader: Shuji Kondo   Professor, School of Knowledge Science

Activities

Establishment of an innovative human resource development program to promote regional innovation
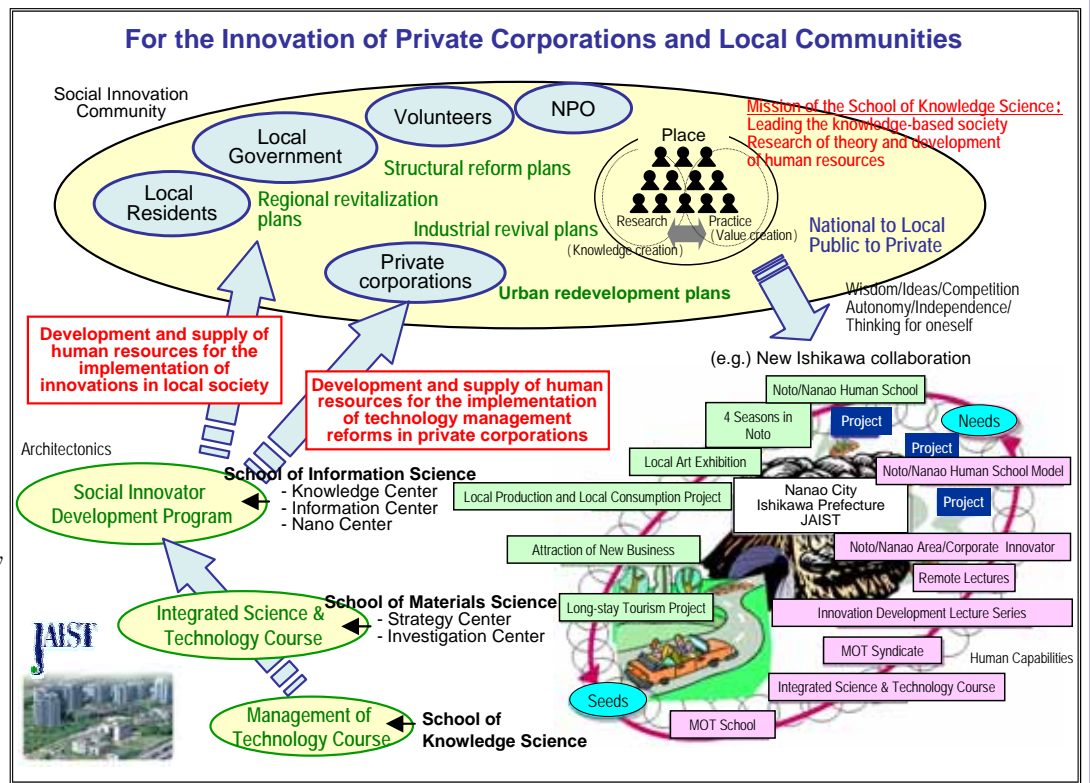
Sustainable regional development that is independent and self-reliant has been promoted in Japan, following the slogans *From National to Local* and *From Public to Private.* The government is hammering out policies, including "*Support and promotion of competition in wise and innovative ideas*" and "*Respect of independent discretion.*" Under such circumstances, the development of human resources that can promote innovation is a task to be solved quickly in regions. Therefore, we at the School of Knowledge Science, the world's first graduate school in this field, attempt to cooperate with regional society, actively work on finding tasks requiring innovation, on the solving of problems through *knowledge creation,* and on the development of programs that will nurture *social innovators* to produce the innovation we seek to encourage.

[Program Characteristics]

Care for value generation by knowledge creation

The blending of human capabilities and technical capabilities

Establishment of social innovation communities

Implementation of the idea that everybody is a leading player

Implementation of the 4-image thinking method – what I am, what I should be, what I want to be, and what I can be –

[**Plan for 2006,2007**]

Begin a series of lectures on *Regional Revitalization System Theory* (July – November.)

JAIST forum (November)

Implement collaboration projects with local governments

(Nomi City, Kaga City, Nanao City)

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