



ChBRI

Center for Human Brain Resource Initiative

Building on Our Research Resources for Continued Growth

The Center for Human Brain Resource Initiative (ChBRI) advances internationally competitive research and innovation by leveraging brain resources.

In late March 2026, two divisions of the Brain Research Institute relocated to the new “Brain and Life” Innovation Hub (BIH), and brain bank specimens were successfully transferred with their quality fully maintained.

ChBRI will continue to develop its research activities.



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3rd–4th Floors, “Brain and Life” Innovation Hub (BIH)



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iRICE

International Rice Co-Creation Innovation Center for Climate and Environmental Resilience



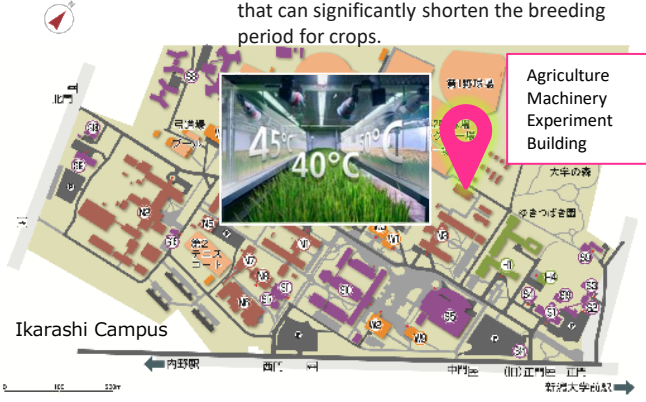
Solving Global Rice Challenges from Niigata

Rice sustains around five billion people worldwide, yet climate change is increasingly threatening stable production through stresses such as extreme heat, drought, and salinity. In response, Niigata University has established the International Rice Co-Creation Innovation Center for Climate and Environmental Resilience (iRICE) to advance research that supports Japan’s rice agriculture and global food security.

Four Key Features of iRICE

1. Addressing climate change and greenhouse gas reduction head-on
2. Tackling global challenges through international academia–industry–government collaboration
3. Advancing solutions for rice cultivation by bringing together global expertise
4. Moving beyond research to achieve real-world implementation

We are introducing speed breeding facilities that can significantly shorten the breeding period for crops.



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J-PEAKS Mini Column—Voices from the Field

Several months have passed since our move to BIH, and we still occasionally explain to visitors that the building was formerly known as Ikehara Hall. As BIH is increasingly used for meetings with researchers, these brief introductions often become starting points for dialogue.

Looking ahead, use of the space for engagement with companies will expand. We hope BIH will develop into a place where people and ideas naturally come together, serving as a hub that connects research on the brain and life with society. (TA)

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○Niigata Univ. J-PEAKS Website

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

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.

