

# *History of NIAES*

- 1893 National Agricultural Experimental Station (NAES) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce, a predecessor of the National Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences (NIAES), is founded.
- 1950 National Institute of Agricultural Sciences (NIAS) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is founded, succeeding NAES.
- 1980 NIAS main campus is relocated from Nishigahara, Tokyo, to Tsukuba, Ibaraki.
- 1983 National Institute of Agro-Environmental Sciences (NIAES) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries is founded from NIAS to conduct advanced and basic technological development pertaining to control, maintenance, and utilization of the agro-environment, including the biological environment.
- 2001 NIAES becomes a semi-autonomous agency on 1 April and begins its first research period (FY 2001 to FY 2005).
- 2006 NIAES becomes an autonomous agency on 1 April and begins its second research period (FY 2006 to FY 2010).
- 2011 NIAES begins its third research period (FY 2011 to FY 2015).



The main building of NIAES