Introduction

The University of Toyama is located in Toyama City and Takaoka City in Toyama Prefecture, which is located on the West coast, in the center of Japan. Toyama Prefecture is a local district with changes of the seasons where the Tateyama mountain range is in the south and Toyama Bay, on the Sea of Japan, to the north.

The University of Toyama is comprised of 3 former national universities; Toyama University (founded in 1949), Toyama Medical and Pharmaceutical University (founded in 1975) and Takaoka National College (founded in 1983), which were integrated in October 2005. We have 9 faculties, including Humanities, Human Development, Economics, Science, Engineering and Sustainable Design (Gofuku Campus), Medicine, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (Sugitani Campus) and Art and Design (Takaoka Campus), as well as the Institute of Natural Medicine and the University Hospital.

Major Activities

International Cooperative Center on Natural Medicine

On the basis of successful outcomes of the JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)-NRCT Core University Program (2001-2010), we had established an ICC (International Cooperative Center) Office in each Core University: Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chulalongkorn University and Institute of Natural Medicine, University of Toyama in 2010. We co-hosted the JSPS-NRCT Follow-up Seminar 2015 in Chulalongkorn University.

As the international hubs in each country, we sustainably promote research cooperation and exchange toward the goals: utilizing Southeast Asia’s medicinal resources to search for medicinal plants useful for preventing and treating refractory diseases such as dementia and lifestyle diseases, and developing drugs from these plants that are effective for preventing and treating these diseases.