Established in October, 1971, the National Institute of Special Needs Education celebrated the 40th anniversary in 2011.

During these years, it became an Independent Administrative Institution from a governmental institution, also renamed from the National Institute of Special Education to the National Institute of Special Needs Education. The Institute always played the role of the only national institute in Japan that deals with education for children with disabilities.

We have compiled the results of our activities, including research, training and educational consultations, conducted as part of our responsibilities, in a form of publications such as journals and annual reports on educational consultations. Upon reaching the third mid-term goal period as an independent administrative institution, we decided to integrate these publications starting from FY 2011 and to launch “NISE Bulletin”.

The entire journal will be published on the NISE website, taking into account the recent advancement in information technologies. We aim at making this new journal, literally, the face of NISE for transmitting information, by devising a good way to make the most of this method of online presentation.

We strongly hope that this new journal will be used as much as previous NISE publications. We appreciate your opinions to improve the content and make the journal contribute to the advancement of special needs education in Japan.

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