

## Preface

This annual report summarizes the activities of education and research at the Graduate School/Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto University, in the school year 2007, as a part of self-inspection and self-evaluation. The Graduate School/Faculty comprises of 7 divisions (Agronomy and Horticultural Science, Forest and Biomaterials Science, Applied Life Sciences, Applied Biosciences, Environmental Science and Technology, Natural Resource Economics, and Food Science and Biotechnology), 6 departments (Bioresource Sciences, Applied Life Sciences, Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, Food and Environmental Economics, Forest and Biomaterials Science, and Food Science and Biotechnology), Experimental Farm, and Livestock Farm. After partial privatization of Kyoto University as National University Corporation, we have been striving for the achievement of the medium-term goals set by the Graduate School / Faculty of Agriculture, such as “improving an English and Japanese homepages of the Graduate School / Faculty of Agriculture”, “activation of FD (faculty development)”, “making good use an education and research fund”, in addition to educational and research activities. This is the third year of a full-scale renovation of the main building of the Graduate School of Agriculture by a PFI (Private Finance Initiative) project, and two thirds of the entire renovation has been completed. I feel greatly rewarded if this annual report should prove helpful in your task of fulfilling the goals of education and research at the partially privatized Graduate School/Faculty of Agriculture.

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