

# Contributing to Society and Promoting a Gender-Equal Society

## Tohoku Women's Hurdling Project The "White Paper on Science" Symposium in Sendai



The Science Angel Program is one of Tohoku University's next-generation support programs. The female graduate students of the natural science division play the main role as Science Angels, participating in activities to encourage future female researchers.

In December 2006, Tohoku University co-sponsored the "White Paper on Science" Symposium in Sendai with Mainichi Newspapers Co.,Ltd. The symposium was held at the Kawauchi Campus. Many female high school students attended the Science Angel symposium where they exchanged opinions and had discussions with active female scientists.

## The Science Café Provides an Opportunity for Chats Between Researchers and Citizens

Tohoku University started the Science Café in August 2005, providing citizens with an opportunity to chat with researchers about scientific matters over a cup of coffee. These discussions take place in the evenings, once a month, and also on a weekday at Sendai Mediatheque.

Although the Science Café is broadcast on cable TV, on a Miyagi Prefecture network, everyone is welcome to attend the Science Café Program.



## The University Hospital Introduces a Sophisticated and Highly-Functional Medical Innovation The Advanced Medical Emergency Center, New Ward and Health Information Corner Have Opened

The Hospital's new building (East Ward and West Ward) was opened on the Seiry Campus. It has a 2 story basement and stands 18 stories high and has the capacity for 1,308 inpatients. The Advanced Medical Emergency Center was established in the East Ward with the support of Miyagi Prefecture and Sendai City. There is a heliport on the center's roof, which facilitates accepting emergency patients. "The Health Information Corner" was opened in the Clinics for Outpatients in order to help people to learn more about diseases. With these advanced facilities, Tohoku University Hospital assumes a more significant role in supporting the health and medical care needs of the community.



## An Open Lecture - "Challenge to Mitigate Disasters within the Community"

The Disaster Control Research Center of the Graduate School of Engineering, regularly holds a seminar on "Mitigating Disasters in the Community," which started as an academic seminar in 2002. The seminar was renewed in 2006 by taking on the style of an open lecture for local citizens, which was entitled the "Challenge to Mitigate Disasters within the Community." The lecture, held at L-Park Sendai, gave people an opportunity to discuss, with the specialists, how to secure and enhance safety within the community through collaboration between the "community" and its "schools."

### Topics

#### The 100th Anniversary Seminar of Tohoku University (Sendai)

As one of its 100th anniversary campaign events, Tohoku University held the "Sendai Seminar" in December 2006 at the Sendai International Center. It was co-sponsored by Kahoku Shimpō Publishing Co. and around 1,000 people attended the seminar, entitled the "Challenge of Advanced Science - To Achieve 'Long Life in Good Health'."

