

# Wajima Collaboration Project

## -Taking on the challenges of the future of *Wajima nuri*

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## Foreword

It is a great honor and pleasure for me to be able to present the Project Achievement Report of the “Wajima Collaboration Project.” Students enrolled in the Graduate Program in Cultural Resource Management, a leading graduate school program at the School of Humanities, College of Human and Social Sciences, Kanazawa University, participated in the planning and execution of this project.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology, the Program for Leading Graduate Schools was launched in 2012, primarily to nurture students who will contribute things of great value to society. For this reason, while these students are conducting their studies, it is also essential for them to accumulate experience by collaborating with diverse organizations and individuals in the real world. With the cooperation of Wajima City Hall and the indispensable assistance of Wajima Kirimoto, a major producer and marketer of *Wajima nuri* products, the Wajima Collaboration Project was created, giving our students the chance to take part in a unique experience. As the project was completed by graduate students who were also at the time fully engaged in their studies, it is not clear to what extent the results will be useful. Nevertheless, the experience gained by those who participated in this project will undoubtedly enhance their future research efforts.

This report describes the project’s results to date. We eagerly await your candid feedback, and we hope you will continue to extend your cooperation and support to our students in all their future endeavors.

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