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Access to Kumamoto



[To Kumamoto Airport by Air]

From Tokyo (Haneda) - 100 min
From Osaka (Itami) - 65 min

[From the airport]

To the Bus Terminal by limousine bus - 50 min
To the university by taxi - 40 min
From the Bus Terminal to "Kumamoto Daigaku Mae"
by Sanko bus line

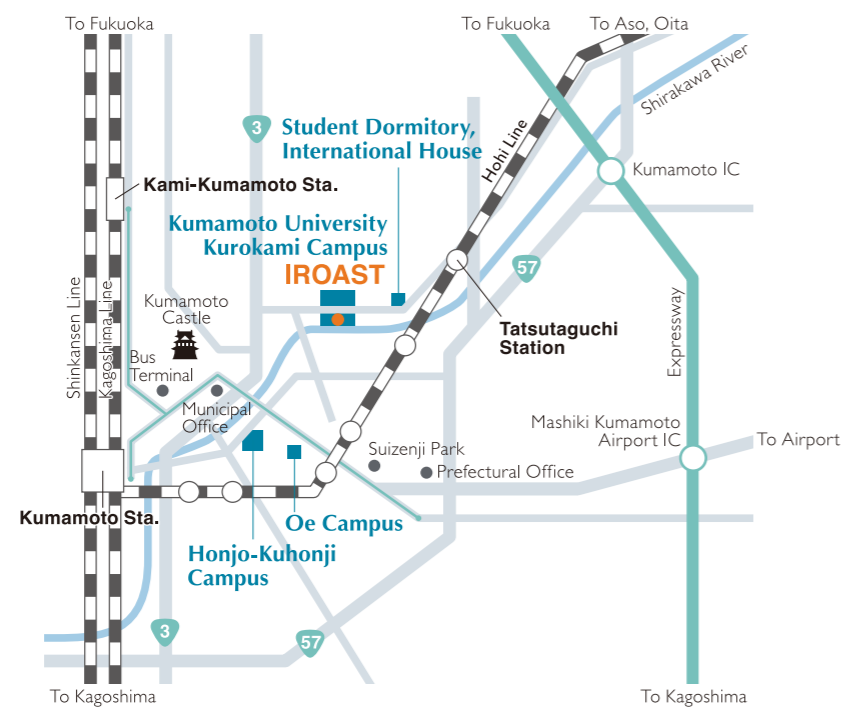
[From the station]

To the university by taxi - 20 min
To "Kumamoto Daigaku Mae" by Sanko bus line

[To JR Kumamoto Station by Bullet Train]

From Tokyo - 6 hrs
From Osaka - 3 hrs
From Fukuoka (Hakata) - 33 min

Area Map



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Message from Director



The International Research Organization for Advanced Science and Technology (IROAST), which opened in April of 2016, is one of the Centers of Excellence at Kumamoto University. The aims of IROAST are the further promotion of international collaboration to establish international research networks in the following four advanced areas of science and technology: Nano Material Science, Green Energy, Environmental Science and Advanced Green Bio, in parallel with the development of excellent young researchers, promotion of ongoing cutting-edge research projects, and initiation of innovative interdisciplinary research projects. To achieve these goals, we will promote international partnerships with overseas universities and institutions. Our ultimate goal is to act fully and globally as a hub of world-class, cutting-edge research networks through international intelligence circulation. IROAST is now in its fourth year, in 2019. As its director, it is my great pleasure to see what we have achieved in bringing significant innovation to Kumamoto University.

Dr. Takashi Hiyama

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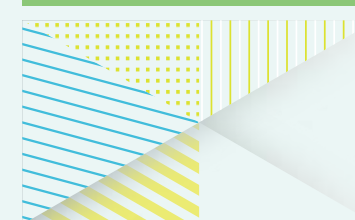
Overview

Creation of Strong International Joint Research Networks: We have set up a considerable number of research units targeting the configuration of international joint research networks to promote interdisciplinary and cutting-edge research collaboration. Currently, we have twelve units with world-class researchers including IROAST tenure-track professors, distinguished professors, visiting professors, their host professors, and additional international collaborators.

Development of Excellent Young Researchers: To import excellent minds, we have employed tenure-track and postdoc researchers from around the world. Successful tenure-track candidates will be promoted to tenured posts at our associated institutes, such as the Graduate School of Science and Technology and the Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology, after qualification there. In addition, we have sent excellent young faculty members to overseas universities and institutions to gain international recognition for them and to expand international joint research networks. Based on these research-supporting activities, we have established internationally collaborated research units consisting of excellent young researchers to develop and to initiate innovative and interdisciplinary research networks.

Current Status of Research Activities: We have established a certain number of indices, both to indicate and to evaluate our research activities and their results. The numerical targets of those indices are indicated in parentheses.

Organization



The figure below illustrates the basic configuration of IROAST and its four major research areas:

Nano Material Science covers a wide area including the development of organic functional materials such as graphene oxide nano-sheets, catalysts and metal materials. It also includes the development of innovative materials under extreme conditions.

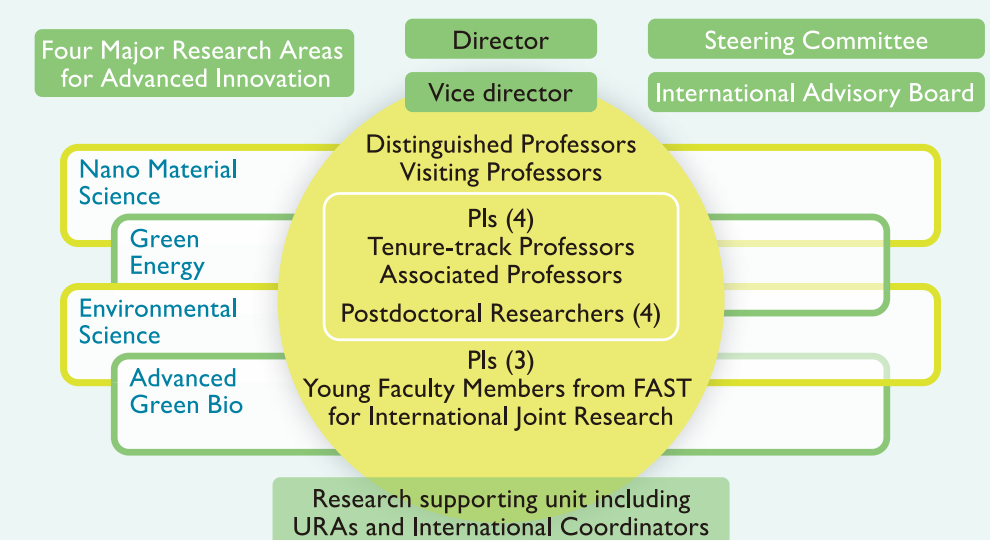
Green Energy includes the development and utilization of renewable resources such as geo-thermal, water, and bio-mass.

Environmental Science covers a wide area including the protection and evaluation of hydrospheric and atmospheric environments, analysis of climate change, and the protection of underground water and shallow sea areas.

Advanced Green Bio covers a wide area for interdisciplinary life sciences relating to chemical biology, molecular biology, medicine, pharmacy, agriculture (such as the development of drug delivery systems), micro-CT applications, informatics applications, and so on.

Other research area that have potentials as new IROAST's major research areas in its next phase, such as machine learning, AI and big data.

Organization of IROAST



Distinguished Professors

We employ a certain number of excellent professors from overseas universities and institutions.

Tenure-track Professors and Associate Professors

They perform research as principal investigators.

Postdoctoral Researchers

They assist research performed by the principal investigators.

Steering Committee Members

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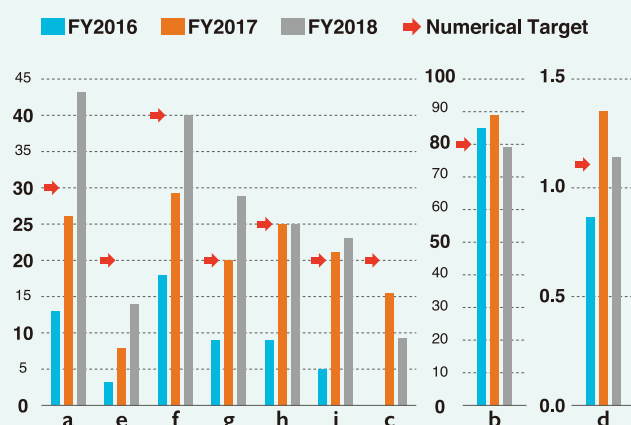
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- a. Number of papers: 43 (30)
- b. Rate of international joint papers: 79.1% (80)
- c. Rate of top 10% papers: 9.3% (20)
- d. Category Normalized Citation Impact (CNCI): 1.13 (1.1)
- e. Number of concluded MOUs et al.: 14 (20)
- f. Number of IROAST visiting professors et al.: 40 (40)
- g. Number of IROAST international symposia et al.: 28 (20)
- h. Number of invited foreign researchers, incl. IROAST visiting professors: 25 (25)
- i. Number of trips overseas by young faculty members for international joint research: 23 (20)

Staff



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Distinguished Professor
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Visiting Professors



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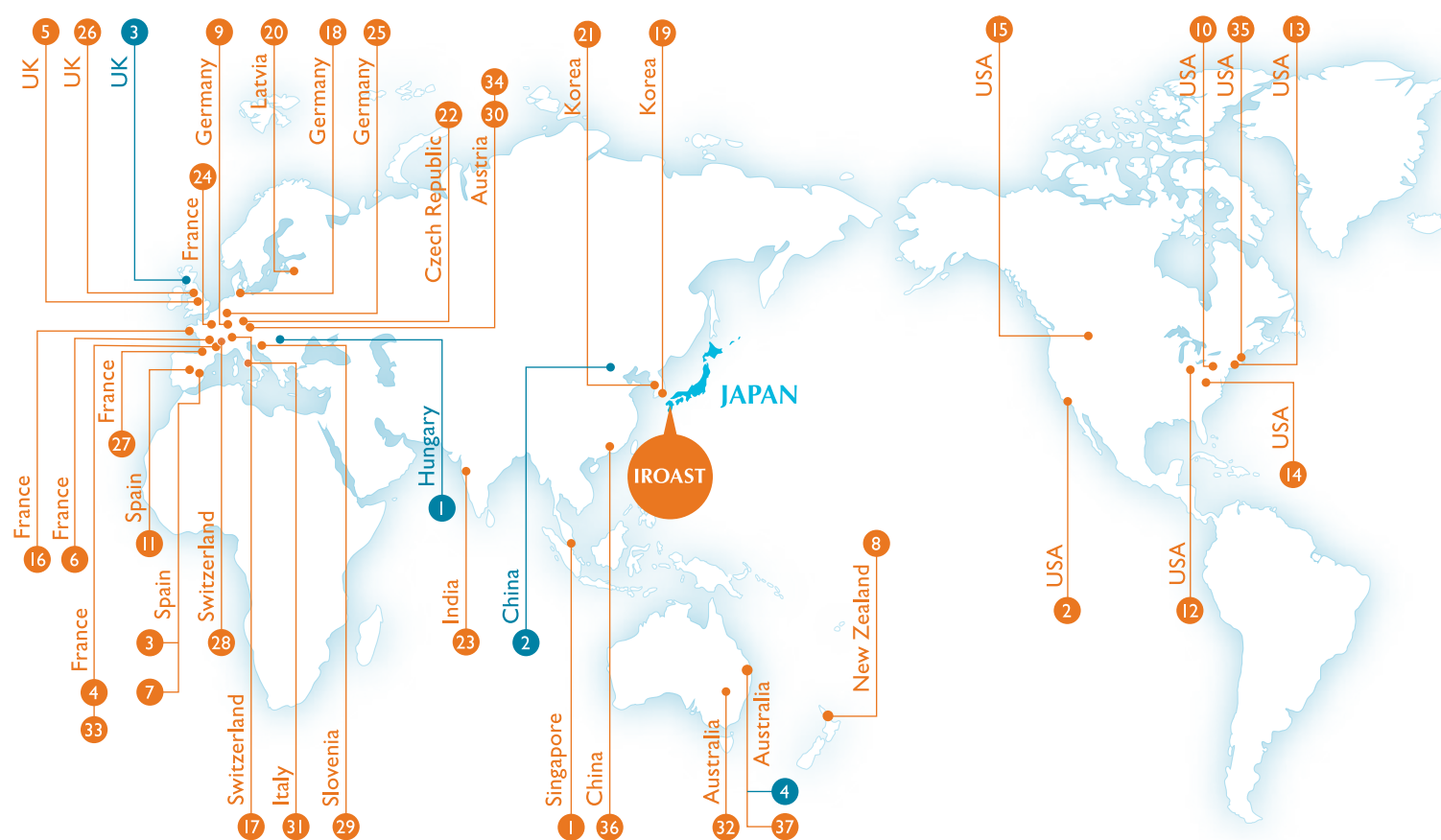


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