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The 5th USM-RIKEN Centre of Ageing Science (URICAS) Workshop held at RIKEN Singapore Office

November 25-26, 2019 _ The 5th USM-RIKEN Centre of Ageing Science (URICAS) Workshop was held at RIKEN Singapore Office, Biopolis, Singapore on November 25-26, 2019.

USM-RIKEN Centre of Ageing Science (URICAS) was established in February 2015 as a collaborative program by Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and RIKEN, Japan, to undertake research on ageing and illnesses associated with the process of ageing as well as to strengthen personnel exchanges by using the fruits of their collaborations since 1993.

At this workshop, 23 researchers from RIKEN and USM presented their collaborative research works and discussed their research findings actively. In addition, 4 external reviewers were invited to join this workshop and assist to compile the final year's report of URICAS project. The project has got positive review by them.



Group photo of the participants



Workshop at RIKEN Singapore Office

Students from the University of Tokyo visited RIKEN Office

September 11, 2019_ Eight undergraduate students from The University of Tokyo visited RIKEN Office during their Overseas Experience Program in Singapore. RIKEN Singapore RO Director Tsuzawa talked about Singapore and RIKEN's R&D activities as well as his overseas work experience.



RIKEN booth at “Thailand National Science and Technology Fair 2019”

August 16-25, 2019_ From August 16 to 25, RIKEN participated in the “Thailand National Science and Technology Fair 2019”, the annual exhibition in Bangkok, the country’s largest science and technology fair of the year. According to the local media, more than 1 million people visited the fair, and most of them were Thai students. This year’s theme was “Science, Technology and Innovation: Inspiring Creativity for Better Living and Sustainability for the Nation”. RIKEN joined the fair as a part of Japan Pavilion for the third time. RIKEN booth featured introduction of RIKEN national science institute and programs for young researchers as well as RIKEN’s Brain Science research collaboration with Chulalongcorn University in Thailand, and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore. With the help of joint research collaborators from Chulalongcorn University at the booth, we explained and answered many inquiries from Thai visitors about our research activities.



Above photos from left: RIKEN Booth (front view) , RIKEN Booth(rear view), RIKEN RO Director Tsuzawa and RIKEN booth visitors (Thai students) , Japan Pavilion exhibitors group photo with Thai Dr. Weerapong Paesuan, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation at the Opening Ceremony



left photo:(From right to left) RIKEN RO Director Tsuzawa, RIKEN’s joint research collaborator Prof. Suchinda Malaivijitnond and Miss Kumpai from Primate Research Unit, Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.

Ms. Hiroko Kuno, Director, Business-Academia Cooperation Office, Japan’s Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries visited RIKEN Singapore Office



Photo: Ms. Kuno (2nd from right) and Dr. Sato(far left) from Japan’s Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries at RIKEN Singapore Office

July 12, 2019_ On June 25, 2019 Ms. Hiroko Kuno, Director and Dr. Takuya Sato, Researcher, Business-Academia Cooperation Office, Japan’s Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries visited RIKEN Singapore Office.

Ms. Kuno explained the “Industry-Academia-Government Cooperation Council” of the ministry, of which RIKEN’s five research centers are members. It aims at strong growth of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Food Industries by creating innovation with broad range of knowledge through networking and collaboration among various industries and fields. In return, Singapore Office Director Tsuzawa introduced about Singapore’s latest trend of R&D, especially

in the field of agricultural biotechnology. Mr. Suzuki and Ms. Nakamura from RIKEN International Affair Division, who stayed at Singapore office on the day, joined the meeting, too. Both the ministry and RIKEN promised to exchange relevant information in future.

RIKEN Executive Director attended the 6th STS forum ASEAN – JAPAN WORKSHOP in Singapore



RIKEN Executive Director Kotani is delivering her speech

April 23, 2019_ The 6th STS forum ASEAN – JAPAN WORKSHOP in Singapore, organized by Japan’s Science and Technology in Society Forum (STS Forum) and Singapore’s Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) , was held in Singapore on April 23, 2019.

Prof. Motoko Kotani, RIKEN Executive Director in charge of International Corporations, attended as a speaker and one of panelists at this workshop’s “Session 1: Science and Technology Cooperation between ASEAN and Japan: human resource development and brain circulation”. STS forum was

founded by Mr. Koji Omi, former Finance Minister of Japan. STS forum ASEAN – JAPAN WORKSHOP has been an annual event since 2014. At this session, the panellists discussed about how to strengthen and deepen ASEAN members and Japan’s cooperation in science and technology, innovation and human resources development.

Students from Seifu Nankai High School visited RIKEN Office

March 15, 2019_ A group of students and teachers from Seifu Nankai Senior High School in Osaka, Japan visited RIKEN Office for their Overseas Fieldwork. This is the school’s third visit to our office. RIKEN S’pore RO Director Tsuzawa talked about RIKEN and Singapore’s scientific R&D activities and policies as well as his overseas experience.



RIKEN scientist awarded The Asia HPC Leadership Award at SupercomputingAsia 2019 (SCA19) in Singapore



Guest-of-Honour Mr Heng Swee Keat, Minister for Finance handed over “The Asia HPC Leadership Award” to Prof. Matsuoka. (Image courtesy of SuperComputing Asia 2019)

March 12-14, 2019 _ The theme for SCA19 is “HPC Futures – Hyperscalers, Exa, AI, Quantum and Beyond”. RIKEN has been attended this annual conference since its launch last year. RIKEN Center for Computational Science (R-CCS) Director Prof. Satoshi Matsuoka was awarded The Asia HPC Leadership Award on 12 March. The award recognises an outstanding individual with excellence in leadership within the HPC community.

Attending USM-RIKEN International Center for Ageing Science (URICAS) Symposium 2019 and International Conference on Ageing 2019, Penang, Malaysia

March 6-8, 2019_ URICAS Symposium 2019 was held at Universiti Sains Malaysia(USM), Penang, Malaysia on 6 March 2019. USM-RIKEN Centre of Ageing Science (URICAS) was established at USM in February 2015 as a joint laboratory of USM and RIKEN. Since then URICAS has held annual symposium and strengthen the research collaborations and nurture young researchers between the two research institutions. Researchers from RIKEN and USM including students from USM presented their research works and projects.

Following the symposium, International Conference on Ageing 2019 ageing with dignity was organized by USM on 7-8 March 2019. 21 RIKEN researchers and officials attended the international conference.



Conference

MOU renewal signing ceremony at USM (from left) RIKEN Dr. Hiroshi Ono, RIKEN Executive Director Dr. Motoko Kotani, USM Vice Chancer Datuk Prof. Asma Ismail and USM Prof. Shahrarum Shamsuddin



URICAS Symposium 2019, your researchers presented their research works



Keynote Speaker and Penang Chief Minister Mr. Chow Kon Yeow (third from left) and USM Prof. K. Sudesh Kumar (far right) at RIKEN booth at ICA 2019



(From right) USM Prof. Nazalan Najimudin, RIKEN Singapore RO Director Mr. Tsuzawa

Students from Hyogo Prefectural Akashi Josai Senior High School visited RIKEN Office

January 15, 2019_ A group of students and a teacher from Hyogo Prefectural Akashi Josai Senior High School in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan visited RIKEN Office for their Overseas Program. RIKEN S'pore RO Director Tsuzawa talked about his overseas experience and lectured about RIKEN and Singapore's scientific R&D activities.



PRESTO(Precursory Research for Embryonic Science and Technology) program researchers funded by Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) visited RIKEN Office



January 14, 2019_ PRESTO(Precursory Research for Embryonic Science and Technology) program researchers funded by Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) visited RIKEN Office before their workshop with NRF. Among members were Dr.Hiromi Arai, Privacy and Social System Team, RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project and RIKEN S'pore RO Director Tsuzawa talked about Singapore's scientific R&D landscape and exchanged ideas on the international collaboration.

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Students from Shizuoka Prefectural Mishima-Kita High School visited RIKEN Office

October 9, 2018_ The students and teachers from Shizuoka Prefectural Mishima-Kita High School, Japan, visited RIKEN Office and Biopolis area for their Study Trip to Singapore. RIKEN S'pore RO Director Tsuzawa talked about his overseas experience and lectured about RIKEN and Singapore's scientific R&D activities.



Students from The University of Tokyo visited RIKEN Office

September 13, 2018_ A group of students from The University of Tokyo visited RIKEN Office during their Overseas Experience Program in Singapore. RIKEN Singapore RO Director Tsuzawa lectured about Singapore and RIKEN's R&D activities. They had a lively discussion on various topics after the presentation.

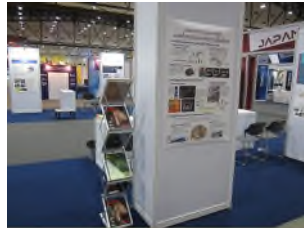


RIKEN booth at “Thailand National Science and Technology Fair 2018”

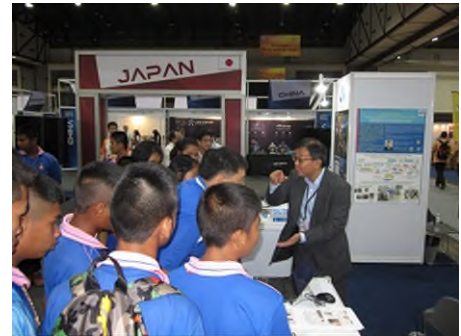
August 16-26, 2018_ From August 16 to 26, RIKEN participated in the “Thailand National Science and Technology Fair 2018” exhibition in Bangkok, the country’s largest science and technology fair of the year. It was visited by more than 1 million people; most of them were Thai students. RIKEN joined the fair as a part of Japan Pavilion. RIKEN booth featured introduction of RIKEN national science institute and programs for young researchers as well as RIKEN’s research collaboration with Chulalongcorn University in Thailand, and besides ordinary visitors, was visited by several VIPs from Thai science and research institutes and Japanese Embassy in Thailand.



RIKEN Booth (front view) ready to receive visitors



RIKEN Booth (rear view)



RIKEN RO Director Tsuzawa is talking to Thai students at RIKEN booth.



RIKEN booth visitor: (right) Mr. Shiro Sadoshima, Ambassador of Japan to Thailand



RIKEN booth visitors: (right) Dr. Pavadee Aungkavattana, Deputy Executive Director of National Nanotechnology



Deputy Governor, Thailand Institute of Scientific and Technological Research (TISTR) and other Japan Pavilion exhibitors



Left photo: Japan Pavilion exhibitors group photo with Thai Prime Minister Mr. Prayut Chan-o-cha (6th from left) and Thailand’s Minister of Science and Technology (MOST) Dr. Suvit

Students from Yokohama City Minami High School visited RIKEN Office

August 3, 2018_ A group of 10 Students and teachers from Yokohama City Minami High School, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, visited RIKEN Office for their Study Trip to Singapore. RIKEN S’pore



RO Director Tsuzawa talked about his overseas experience and lectured about RIKEN and Singapore’s scientific R&D activities.

Director Tsuzawa's lecture on RIKEN at Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology(SMART) BioSyM Seminar Series



July 30, 2018_ RIKEN Singapore Office Director Tsuzawa was invited to deliver a lecture on the overview of RIKEN to the young researchers from SMART at NUS CREATE campus on 30 July. There is a strong interest from the participants in RIKEN's diverse range of scientific disciplines as well as the programs for foreign researchers.

RIKEN booth at "innovfest unbound 2018"

July 4, 2018_ On June 5 and 6, RIKEN participated in the "innovfest unbound 2018" exhibition, an innovation festival which was said to be the largest in Southeast Asia and was held as part of the Smart Nation Innovations Week, at the Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre in Singapore. RIKEN's booth was part of the Japan Pavilion sponsored by Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO).

RIKEN's booth highlighted RIKEN's "Baton Zone" collaborative projects with industrial partners. One of the partners is euglena Co.,Ltd. which set up another booth next to RIKEN booth at this exhibition. During the two days, not only did we have researchers and personnel from Singapore and global companies visit our booth, but many representatives of Japanese companies located in Singapore came by. Many active discussions took place, including requests for information on collaborative research and technology transfer with RIKEN.

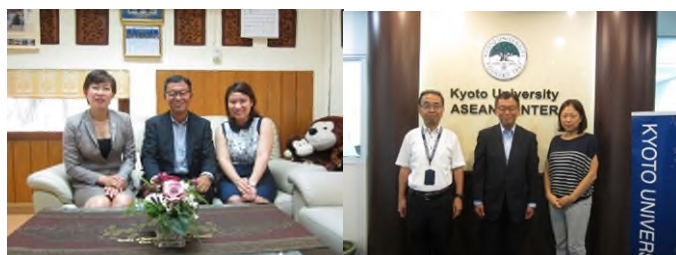


Above left photo: RIKEN booth

Above right photo: Japan Pavilion sponsored by JETRO

Visiting research related institutions in Bangkok, Thailand

June 19-20, 2018_ RIKEN Singapore RO Director Tsuzawa visited research related institutions in Bangkok: Chulalongkorn University, National Science and Technology Agency Development Agency/National Nanotechnology Center (NSTDA/NANOTEC) and Kyoto University ASEAN Center. They discussed further collaborations between RIKEN and the institutions.



Far left photo: (from left) Prof. Suchinda Malaivijitnond, Acting Director, Dept. of Biology, Chulalongkorn University; Mr.Tsuzawa; Dr.Srichan Bunlungsup, Postdoctorial student, Dept. of Biology, Chulalongkorn University

Left photo: (from left) Prof. Mamoru Shibayama, Director, Kyoto University ASEAN Center; Mr.Tsuzawa ;Dr. Ayako Fujieda, University Research Administrator (URA) for International Affairs Research Administration Office, Kyoto University



Far left photo: A meeting at NANOTEC

Left photo: Dr. Uracha Ruktanonchai, Deputy Executive Director, NANOTEC (3rd from the left); Dr. Varol Intasanta, Director, Functional Nanomaterials and Nanofrontier Research Unit (3rd from the right)

Students from Seifu Nankai High School visited RIKEN Office

March 19, 2018_A group of students and teachers from Seifu Nankai Senior High School in Osaka, Japan visited RIKEN Office for their Overseas Fieldwork. This is the school's second visit to our office. RIKEN S'pore RO Director Tsuzawa talked about RIKEN and Singapore's scientific R&D activities and policies as well as his overseas experience.



Prof. Masako Shinjo, Career Adviser to Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST), visited RIKEN Singapore Office



February 8, 2018_Prof. Masako Shinjo, Career Adviser to Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST) in Japan, visited RIKEN Singapore Office and had a discussion with Director Tsuzawa regarding RIKEN's activities in Singapore as well as how to drive exchange of researchers and students between South East Asian countries and Japan.

Science & Math Course Students from Shimane Prefectural Izumo Senior High School visited RIKEN Office



January 26, 2018_A group of Science & Math Course students and teachers from Izumo Senior High School in Shimane Prefecture, Japan visited RIKEN Office for their Study Trip in Singapore. RIKEN S'pore RO Director Tsuzawa talked about his overseas experience and lectured about RIKEN and Singapore's scientific R&D activities.

Students from Hyogo Prefectural Akashi Josai Senior High School visited RIKEN Office

January 16, 2018_ A group of students and a teacher from Hyogo Prefectural Akashi Josai Senior High School in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan visited RIKEN Office for their Overseas Program. RIKEN S'pore RO Director Tsuzawa talked about his overseas experience and lectured about RIKEN and Singapore's scientific R&D activities.



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Visiting Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and University of the Philippines Office of International Linkage, Manila, Philippines

November 9, 2017_ RIKEN Singapore RO Director Tsuzawa visited Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and University of the Philippines Office of International Linkage respectively to discuss future collaborations between RIKEN and the two institutions.



Far left photo: Dr. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara, Undersecretary, DOST (center)
Left photo: Dr Gil S.Jacinto, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (Internationalization)/ Director, Office of International Linkage UP (right)

The 1st NIP-RIKEN Joint Research Workshop

November 10, 2017_ The 1st NIP-RIKEN Joint Research Workshop was held at National Institute of Physics (NIP) University of the Philippines Diliman (UPD), Quezon City, Philippines on 10-11 November. Both scientists at UPD and RIKEN have had close relationships for a long time, and in September 2016 both institutions signed an Agreement to establish the International Joint Graduate School Program, which aims to identify and foster talented young scientists capable of contributing to future research collaboration, not only between UPD and RIKEN, but also between the Philippines and Japan in the field of science and technology, At this symposium, 16 researchers from RIKEN and NIP presented their research works, This 1st workshop's success promises to strength the future collaborations and exchanges between RIKEN and NIP-UPD.



Above left photo: RIKEN Singapore RO Director Tsuzawa making opening speech at the workshop
 Above right photo: Group photo at the workshop

Director of Finland City of Jyväskylä visited RIKEN Singapore Office



November 15, 2017_ Dr. Harri Hyvönen, Director of Strategy and Development, City of Jyväskylä in Finland, and Mr. Beng Tong Neo of Jyväskylä University School of Business and Economics visited RIKEN Singapore RO and had a discussion with Director Tsuzawa regarding RIKEN’s activities in Singapore as well as Singapore’s digitization.

Students from Okinawa Prefectural Kaiho Senior High School visited RIKEN Office



November 8, 2017_ A group of students and teachers from Okinawa Prefectural Kaiho Senior High School in Okinawa, Japan visited RIKEN Office for their Overseas Program. RIKEN S’pore RO Director Tsuzawa talked about his overseas experience and lectured about RIKEN and Singapore’s scientific R&D activities.

The 13th RIKEN Alumni Singapore meeting



September 18, 2017_The 13th RIKEN Alumni Singapore Meeting was held at Biopolis on 15 September 2017.

Students from The University of Tokyo visited RIKEN Office



September 12, 2017_A group of students from The University of Tokyo visited RIKEN Office during their Overseas Experience Program in Singapore. RIKEN Singapore RO Director Tsuzawa lectured about Singapore and RIKEN's R&D activities.

Visiting Thailand Institute of Scientific and Technological Research (TISTR) in Bangkok, Thailand

September 8, 2017_ RIKEN Singapore RO Director Tsuzawa visited Thailand Institute of Scientific and Technological Research (TISTR) and discussed on future research collaborations between RIKEN and TISTR.



RIKEN attended Thailand-Japan Research Seminar on Nanomaterials and Nanocomposites in Bangkok, Thailand



September 7, 2017_To mark the 130th Anniversary of Thailand-Japan Diplomatic Relations, Thailand's National Nanotechnology Center (NANOTEC) and the Embassy of Japan in Thailand organized a joint Thailand-Japan Research Seminar on Nanomaterials and Nanocomposites on 6-7 September 2017. Dr. Hideki Abe from RIKEN Center for Sustainable Resource Science was one of invited speakers of this seminar. RIKEN Singapore RO Director Tsuzawa also attended this meeting as an invited guest.

MP of Japan and former Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Mr. Tokai's visit to RIKEN Office

August 17, 2017_On August 10, Mr. Kisaburo TOKAI, Member of Japan's House of Representatives and former Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), accompanied by the Embassy of Japan officials, visited RIKEN Office and held a meeting with Singapore office representatives from RIKEN, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED). The

representatives from 3 national research agencies made presentations about Singapore’s R&D landscape as well as their activities in Singapore.



Photo: (4th from left) Mr. Kisaburo TOKAI, Member of Japan’s House of Representatives and former Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology(MEXT)

Attending the inaugural Science and Technology Organisations (STO) Summit in Singapore

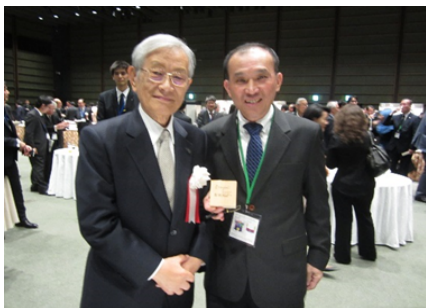
June 5, 2017_ On May 31 and 1 June, the inaugural Science and Technology Organisations (STO) Summit, co-organized by A*STAR in Singapore and VTT in Finland, was held at The St. Regis in Singapore. There were participants from 43 different organizations from around the world to aims to bring together global leaders from different countries to share insights and ideas on global socio-economic technology shifts, new and emerging areas of opportunities, and their thoughts on research strategies and policies.



Far left photo : At STO Summit. Yuji KAMIYA, RIKEN Horary Scientist, and RIKEN Singapore Office Director and Deputy Director were invited and attended this summit followed by his visit to RIKEN Singapore Office. Left photo : Dr. Kamiya at RIKEN Singapore Office (centre)

Celebrating RIKEN’s 100th birthday with international research partners

May 11, 2017_ On April 26, more than 600 guests, including Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress, celebrated RIKEN’s centennial at a ceremony held at the Tokyo International Forum in downtown Tokyo, Japan. RIKEN Singapore Office’s Director Tsuzawa and Deputy Director Ohata attended the ceremony. There were invited guests from around of the world, including VIPs of South East Asia’s leading research institutes and universities.

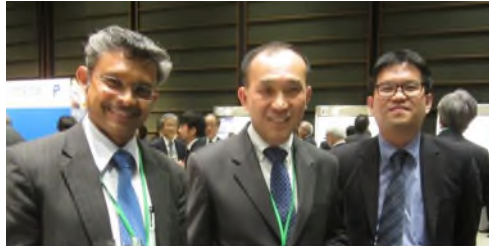


(Above from left) RIKEN President Dr Matsumoto and Mr. Lim, Chairman, A*STAR, Singapore

(Center) Deputy President Prof. Lam, NTU, Singapore



(left) Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof. Rohana, University of Malaya, Malaysia



(left) Prof. Sudesh, School of Biological Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia

Students from Seifu Nankai High School visited RIKEN Office



March 21, 2017_ A group of students and teachers from Seifu Nankai Senior High School in Osaka, Japan visited RIKEN Office for their Overseas Fieldwork. RIKEN S'pore RO Director Tsuzawa lectured about RIKEN and Singapore's Scientific R&D landscape.

Joint Press Release

March 9, 2017_ RIKEN and NTU Singapore collaborate in human biology research to develop innovative healthcare solutions

For the entire press release, please refer to : https://www.sg.riken.jp/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017_03_09_Press_Release_Final.pdf.

RIKEN Researchers' visit to RIKEN Office



March 3, 2017_ Dr. Masayo TAKAHASHI, Project Leader, Laboratory for Retinal Regeneration, RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology, whose work led the world first clinical trial to use induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells in humans visited RIKEN Singapore with other researchers after their attendance at symposium in Singapore.

USM-RIKEN Centre of Ageing Science (URICAS) Symposium 2017

February 27-28, 2017_ URICAS Symposium 2017 was held at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Penang, Malaysia. USM-RIKEN Centre of Ageing Science (URICAS) was established at USM in February 2015 as a joint laboratory of USM and RIKEN to use the fruits of their collaborations since 1993 to solve the problems facing humanity as well as to strengthen joint research and personnel exchanges. At this symposium, 23 researchers from RIKEN and USM presented their

research works, and USM students also participated by briefing and poster presentations of their projects.



One of Symposium presentations



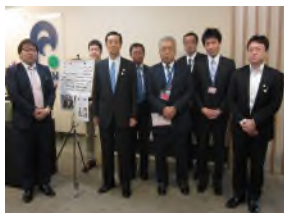
USM young researchers

Students from Ochanomizu University visited RIKEN Office



February 23, 2017_ A group of 35 students and teachers from Ochanomizu University visited JST and RIKEN Singapore during their Singapore Science Program. Our Director Tsuzawa and Deputy Director Ohata lectured about Singapore Office and RIKEN's R&D activities.

Ambassador's visit to RIKEN Office



January 31, 2017_ Mr. Kenji Shinoda, Ambassador of Japan to Singapore, accompanied by the Embassy officials visited RIKEN Office. They were welcomed by RIKEN and other Japanese research institutes' representatives, and received presentations about their activities at Biopolis, followed by research facility visits.