

## **" The 24th East Asia Joint Symposium "**

The 24th East Asia Joint Symposium was held at Otsu, Japan from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Institute for Frontier Life and Medical Sciences, Kyoto University (INFRONT).

This symposium was launched about 20 years ago, and aims to exchange information and foster good relationships between top East Asian life science researchers. Participating institutes host it in rotation.

8 institutions in total participated:

Department of Life Science, National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU)

Institute for Frontier Life and Medical Sciences, Kyoto University (INFRONT)

Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, National Taiwan University (NTU)

The Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo (IMSUT)

Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Seoul National University (SNU)

Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST)

Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology,

Chinese Academy of Sciences (SIBCB, CAS)

Soonchunhyang Institute of Medi-bio Science, Soonchunhyang University (SIMS)

A total of 7 researchers took part from IMSUT. The senior researchers gave oral presentations of 15 minutes, while the young researchers supplemented their posters with 5-minute short talks.

The presentations and short talks were short, but the time of the poster review sessions was longer, so the young researchers could discuss issues with participants as much as they wanted.

Next year, the symposium will be hosted by Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (SIBCB, CAS).



## " The 23rd East Asia Joint Symposium "

The 23rd East Asia Joint Symposium was held in Taiwan from October 18th to 20th, hosted by National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU).

This symposium was launched about 20 years ago, and aims to exchange information and foster good relationships between top East Asian life science researchers. Participating institutes host it in rotation.

A total of 12 researchers took part from IMSUT. The senior researchers gave oral presentations of 15 minutes, while the young researchers supplemented their posters with 5-minute short talks.

The presentations and short talks were all shorter than last time, on the other hand, the time of the poster review sessions was longer, so the young researchers could discuss issues with participants as much as they wanted.

Mr. Sadanori Miyoshi won the award for best poster presentation by a member of IMSUT.

Next year, the symposium will be hosted by the Institute for Frontier Life and Medical Sciences, Kyoto University (IFLMS).



## " The 22nd East Asia Joint Symposium "

The 22nd East Asia Joint Symposium was held in Okinawa from November 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST). This symposium was launched about 20 years ago, and aims to foster good relationships between top Asian life science researchers. Participating institutes host it in rotation. From this year, the Soonchunhyang University has joined, and so 8 institutions in total were participated.

A total of 13 researchers took part from IMSUT. The senior researchers gave oral presentations of 25 minutes including Q&A, while the young researchers supplemented their posters with 10-minute short talks.

As the presentations and short talks were all 5 minutes longer, and one more institution participated compared to last time, the program was quite intense. Nonetheless, the participants discussed issues enthusiastically during the sessions with unflagging energy, demonstrating their engagement.

On the other hand, dinner, the campus tour, and the visit to Shuri Castle were very relaxed in the restful atmosphere special to Okinawa. There, they deepened their friendships.

We will continue to promote international exchange and look forward to the further expansion of friendly and cooperative ties among Asian countries.

Next year, the symposium will be hosted by Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, National Taiwan University, College of Medicine (IBMB).

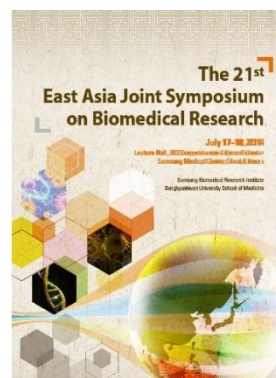


## " The 21st East Asia Joint Symposium "

The 21st East Asia Joint Symposium was held at the SAMSUNG Medical Center in Seoul from July 17th-18th, hosted by the Samsung Biomedical Research Institute, Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine. A total of 7 institutes participated. Aside from Sungkyunkwan University and IMSUT, the Institute for Virus Research of Kyoto University, the Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of National Taiwan University, the Institute of Molecular Biology & Genetics of Seoul National University, and Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University also participated. This symposium started 20 years ago with the aim of strengthening exchanges among top Asian life science researchers, and the participating institutes rotate hosting duties.

A total of 4 PIs and 4 young researchers took part from IMSUT, and the PIs gave oral presentations of 20 minutes including Q&A, while the young researchers supplemented their posters with 5-minute short talks and poster presentations. The level of the presentations were very high, and we reacknowledged the superb level of Asian research institutes. As always, the atmosphere was very friendly and peaceful. We hope that this symposium triggers opportunities for collaborative research.

On Saturday, 19th July, the participants made further exchange by visiting the Dongdaemun Design Plaza and Seoul N Tower. This year again, the symposium drew to a close with great success. Next year, the symposium will be hosted by the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University.



## " The 20th East Asia Joint Symposium "

The 20th East Asia Joint Symposium On Global Medical Science for the 22nd Century was held at Ito International Research Center Symposium, Hongo Campus, The University of Tokyo from November 6th-8th, 2013, hosted by IMSUT, as a joint event with Ito International Research Center Symposium, The University of Tokyo.

A total of 9 institutes participated.

Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, National Taiwan University,  
College of Medicine (IBMB)

Samsung Biomedical Research Institute

Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine (SBRI)

Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Shanghai

Institute for Biological Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences (SIBCB)

Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Seoul National University (IMBG)

Institute for Virus Research, Kyoto University (IVR)

Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo (IMSUT)

Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, Graduate University (OIST)

To celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the symposium, we had 1-day Special Symposium where we had 10 prominent researchers from East Asian countries in addition to the regular 2-days East Asia Joint Symposium.



## " The 19th East Asia Joint Symposium "

The 19th East Asia Joint Symposium was held at Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Seoul National University (IMBG) in Seoul from August 23rd-24th, 2012, hosted by IMBG. A total of 6 institutes participated.

Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, National Taiwan University,  
College of Medicine (IBMB)

Samsung Biomedical Research Institute,  
Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine (SBRI)

Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Shanghai Institute for Biological Sciences,  
Chinese Academy of Sciences (SIBCB)

Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Seoul National University (IMBG)

Institute for Virus Research, Kyoto University (IVR)

Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo (IMSUT)

Dr. Yosuke Kurashima, a young scientist of IMSUT, received the "Outstanding Young Scientist 1st Place TOMY Award"

Title: Acceleration of Intestinal Inflammatory Responses by Extracellular Nucleotides-mediated Mast Cell Activation.



## " The 18th East Asia Joint Symposium "

The 18th East Asia Joint Symposium was held at Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Shanghai Institute for Biological Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences(SIBCB) in Shanghai from December 7th-9th, 2011, hosted by SIBCB. A total of 6 institutes participated.

Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, National Taiwan University,  
College of Medicine (IBMB)

Samsung Biomedical Research Institute,

Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine (SBRI)

Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Shanghai Institute for Biological Sciences,  
Chinese Academy of Sciences (SIBCB)

Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Seoul National University (IMBG)

Institute for Virus Research, Kyoto University (IVR)

Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo (IMSUT)

4 faculty members and 4 Posdocs or Graduate students were participated from IMSUT.



## **" The 17th East Asia Joint Symposium "**

Involving six East Asian biomedical research institutes, the 17<sup>th</sup> East Asia Joint Symposium on Biomedical Research was held July 1 ~ 2, 2010 in Taipei, hosted this year by the Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, National Taiwan University (IBMB, Taiwan).

The two major aims of the symposium are to foster communication and cooperation among medical scientists in East Asia, and to encourage and train young scientists in presenting their research to international audiences. The five other participating institutes were (1) the Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IBCB, China), (2) the Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Seoul National University (IMBG, Korea), (3) the Institute for Virus Research, Kyoto University (IVR, Japan), (4) the Samsung Biomedical Research Institute, Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine (SBRI, Korea), and (5) the Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo (IMSUT, Japan).

IMSUT sent five principal investigators (PIs), four young researchers, and one supporting professor. The PIs each gave 20-minute presentations on their research, while the young researchers (all graduate students in doctoral courses this time) each presented a poster of their research results. The five IMSUT PIs were Professor and Vice-Dean Hiroshi Kiyono, Assoc. Prof. Koichi Matsuda, Assoc. Prof. Susumu Nakae, Assoc. Prof. Osamu Higuchi and Assoc. Prof. Tsuneo Ikenoue. The four graduate students sent were Suyoun Chung, Kentaro Ito, Tomoki Katayose and Yusuke Mori.

Once again, TOMY Digital Biology Co., Ltd. generously sponsored the traditional TOMY awards for the top three young scientist presenters, and this year three additional Young Scientist Awards were also handed out.

We congratulate Mr. Kentaro Ito for receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> place TOMY award, as well as Mr. Yusuke Mori for receiving a Young Scientist Award.



## " The 16th East Asia Joint Symposium "

The 16<sup>th</sup> East Asia Joint Conference was held at Shiran Hall of the Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of September hosted by the Institute for Virus Research of Kyoto University. It was originally planned for late June but postponed until September due to circumstances caused by the emergence of H1N1 influenza.

This symposium started 15 years ago with the aim of deepening exchanges among top Asian biomedical scientists, and the participating institutes rotate hosting duties. Altogether 6 institutes participated. Aside from the Institute for Virus Research of Kyoto University and IMSUT, Samsung Biomedical Research Institute, Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine, Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of National Taiwan University and the Institute of Molecular Biology & Genetics of Seoul National University also sent delegations. Four faculty members and 5 graduate students or postdoctoral researchers from each institute took part.

The symposium consisted of 20-minute oral presentations including Q&A by the faculty members and 5-minute poster talks by students and postdoctoral researchers. All attendees presented their work, and so everybody benefited by being able to understand each other's most recent research in a variety of medical fields. The presentations were very high-level and displayed abundant ingenuity, providing great stimulation. TOMY SEIKO CO., LTD. contributes generous funds each year to this symposium and also provides prizes to excellent student/postdoc speakers. This year, young scientists from the Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Institute for Virus Research of Kyoto University and the Samsung Biomedical Research Institute, Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine received the poster presentation awards.

After the sessions, we carried on with convivial cross-border exchanges of opinions at a get-together. Understanding of each other's research might be one of the factors that made us warm to the discussions. The curtain descended on this symposium with a tour of Kyoto City on the last day, promoting deeper mutual exchanges. Next year's host of this symposium series will be the Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of National Taiwan University.



## " The 15th East Asia Joint Symposium "

The 15th East Asia Joint Conference was held at the SAMSUNG Medical Center in Seoul from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July hosted by the Samsung Biomedical Research Institute, Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine. Altogether 6 institutes participated. Aside from Sungkyunkwan University and IMSUT, these were the Institute for Virus Research of Kyoto University, the Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of National Taiwan University and the Institute of Molecular Biology & Genetics of Seoul National University. This symposium started 14 years ago with the aim of deepening exchanges among top Asian biomedical scientists, and the participating institutes rotate hosting duties.

Four faculty members and 5 graduate students or postdoctoral students from each institute took part and the faculty members gave oral presentations of 20 minutes including Q&A, while the students supplemented their posters with 5-minute poster talks. The presentations were very high-level, and we felt strongly that Asia is becoming a front runner in the biomedical field. TOMY DIGITAL BIOLOGY CO., LTD. contributes generous funds each year to this symposium and also provides prizes to excellent speakers. This year, young scientists from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Kyoto University and Seoul National University got the poster presentation awards.

The curtain descended on this symposium with a tour of Seoul on the last day. Next to host this symposium series will be the Institute for Virus Research at Kyoto University.

