

Re-extension of Memorandum of Understanding on Comprehensive Research Cooperation with CSIRO of Australia and Workshop

On March 5-6, 2012, Vice-President Seto and 20 persons from AIST visited the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), the largest national institute in Australia with which AIST has concluded a memorandum of understanding on comprehensive research cooperation (MOU). A signing ceremony for the re-extension of the MOU and a workshop were held in Brisbane.

At the workshop, there was an exchange of opinions centered on the fields of environment and energy, geology, and life science, and in addition, information concerning the innovation promotion strategies and the public relations activities particular to each institution was exchanged.

Prior to the workshop, the AIST group visited the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute (GCCSI) in Canberra on March 2. There was an exchange of opinions regarding AIST joining GCCSI to promote further carbon capture and storage research of AIST.

(Reference) GCCSI: At the 2008 G8 Toyako Summit, the Australian Government led in establishing GCCSI, an international organization, to promote CO₂ capture and storage.



At the signing ceremony for re-extension of the MOU CSIRO Executive Director Bloom (left) and AIST Vice-President Seto (right)



Group photo at the workshop

Conclusion of Memoranda of Understanding on Comprehensive Research Cooperation with Chinese Academy of Sciences and with Shanghai Jiao Tong University

AIST has renewed the memorandum of understanding on comprehensive research cooperation (MOU) with Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and concluded a new MOU with Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) during the visit to China of AIST President Tamotsu Nomakuchi from June 3 to 6, 2012.

CAS was established in 1949 and has been conducting research generally classified into the following four major fields: basic sciences, life sciences and biotechnology, resources and environment, and high technology. With 112 research institutes at various locations in the country under it, CAS is China's top-level research institution. Since the conclusion of the MOU in 2004, five joint workshops were held and information and personnel exchanges have been carried out. These activities have led to the renewal of the MOU on this occasion.

SJTU was established in 1896 and is one of China's leading universities in the field of science and engineering. In recent years, it has been actively building networks through joint projects in multidisciplinary fields, including the establishment of a Japan-China joint research laboratory for glycomics with AIST.

AIST and each of these organizations will hold regular meetings in order to further develop the cooperative relationships.



AIST President Tamotsu Nomakuchi (2nd from the left) and CAS President Chunli Bai (3rd from the left)



AIST President Tamotsu Nomakuchi (left) and SJTU President Jie Zhang (right)

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