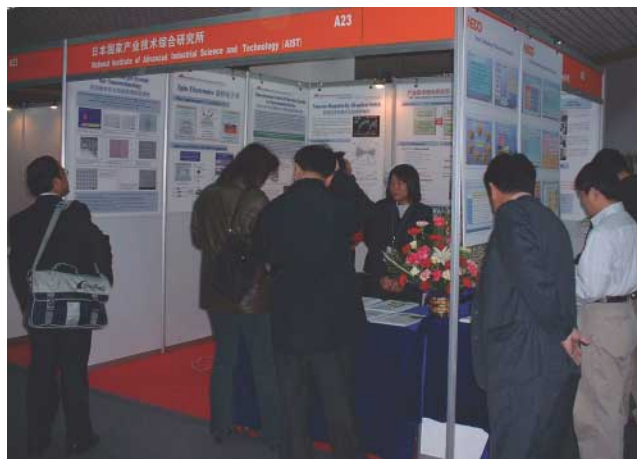


## China International Nanotechnology and New Materials Exhibition — the First Nanotechnology Forum in China, "the Factory of the World" —

On November 3—5, 2002, China International Nanotechnology and New Materials Exhibition (China Nanomat 2002), organized by nABACUS Ltd., was held in Beijing, People's Republic of China, under the auspices of Ministry of Science & Technology (MOST) and Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). It attracted a great amount of attention as the first forum on nanotechnology in China, "the Factory of the World", which has established its national strategy prioritizing nanotechnology.

At the Exhibition, lectures were given on nanotechnology strategy of various research organizations in the world, investment strategies for nanotechnology by venture capital firms, and other topics. There were exhibits of the research results by about 50 nanotechnology-related institutes such as universities and companies (all were from China, except AIST and National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS)). At AIST's exhibition booth, panels were displayed by Nanotechnology Research Institute (R.I.), Photonics R.I., Nanoelectronics R.I. and Synergy Materials Research Center, which were written both in English and in Chinese. In addition, there were panels and videos that describe the outline of AIST. Our booth, with these panels and Chinese-speaking staff, was highly appreciated by the visitors, and the 100 brochures that we had prepared were completely given away in the morning of the first day. Moreover, we had received some offers for commercialization by Chinese corporations.

The laboratory tours were organized as a part of the Exhibition, and we had a chance to visit nanotechnology-



related institutes, including CAS, Tsinghua University and Peking University. We deeply felt that the Chinese government is realizing its high priority on nanotechnology. [http://www.aist.go.jp/aist\\_j/event/ev2002/ev20021103/20021103.html](http://www.aist.go.jp/aist_j/event/ev2002/ev20021103/20021103.html)

## Korea/China/Japan High-Tech Business Forum 2002



"Korea/China/Japan High-Tech Business Forum" was held at the COEX and ASEM Convention Center in, Seoul on Wednesday October 16, 2002. This forum focused on the high technology such as life science, information communication technology and environmental technology among Korea, China and Japan. It had about 150 participants from the three countries. The forum was presented by the Korea Industrial Technology Foundation with the co-operation of AIST and China Association for Science and Technology. On behalf of AIST, six researchers headed by Dr. Hiroshi Miyamoto, Director of International Affairs Department, joined the forum as invited speakers. Furthermore, about 20 attendees were sent by Japanese high-tech related enterprises and universities. Following the opening remarks made by representatives of each country including Mr. Koon-Hwan Shin, the Korean Minister



of Commerce, Industry and Energy, simultaneous sessions took place on three subjects: IT, life science and environment technology for information exchange of the specialists of each field. It was also decided that the next forum in 2003 would be held in China. Exhibitions of high-tech products presented by about 100 companies mainly from Korea were held on the following day.

## The AIST Innovation Center for Start-ups has Inaugurated Its Marunouchi Office



The AIST Innovation Center for Start-ups has inaugurated its Marunouchi office on October 28<sup>th</sup> (Mon). The 300-square-meter office is located on the second floor of the Marunouchi Mitsui Building, 5 minutes walk from Tokyo Station, facing the greenery of the Imperial Palace. The office features are a research laboratory and meeting rooms.

The Innovation Center for Start-ups headquarters are in Tsukuba and Marunouchi, Tokyo. They engage in researches regarding Japanese public institutes methods and systems, which will bring new business is not a verb. To make a successful conclusion, as part of Encouraging development of strategic research centers, Special Coordination Funds for Promoting Science and Technology of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology are given. For this purpose, the center may be able to solve the problems of venture business by promoting creativity and technical activity. We will carry out for a new formulation of research development to extend achievements of research to industry by AIST, universities, and other public research institutions through this entrepreneurial venture.

[http://www.aist.go.jp/aist\\_j/topics/to2002/to20021029/to20021029.html](http://www.aist.go.jp/aist_j/topics/to2002/to20021029/to20021029.html)

## Conclusion of the Research Co-operation Agreement with the Mongolian Geological Investigation Center (GIC)



The Institute of Geoscience of AIST (Director: Hirokazu Kato) concluded the research co-operation agreement with the Mongolian geological research institute, Geological Investigation Center (Director: Mr. ShBaasandorj) in Ulan Bator, Mongolia on July 18, 2002.

The Geological Investigation Center (GIC) is one of the research institutes of geological survey affiliated with the Mineral Resources Authority of Mongolia.

AIST has been involved in a number of joint research projects with GIC through ITIT (Institute for Transfer of Industrial Technology) programs and JICA Technical Cooperation Projects from the former Agency of Industrial Science and Technology.

Based on this agreement, various programs will be conducted including the technological transfer of geological mapping by means of geological remote sensing, exchange of geological data and technological information, active interaction among researchers and graduate students, and preparation and implementation of joint research and development projects. It is hoped that these efforts will enhance the co-operative relations between the two institutions in research activities.



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