

Through website, publications and events To know more about RCAST

RCAST uses a variety of methods to publicize its activities.



Open house

Once a year, RCAST opens the Komaba Research Campus in association with the Institute of Industrial Science. An event aimed at sharing its research activities with the general public, RCAST offers tours of the research institute, which is usually closed to the public, as well as presentations on cutting-edge topics, and holds classes in the natural sciences as outreach activities designed for elementary school students.



Website

www.rcast.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/

RCAST's website not only introduces its research activities by posting announcements for events and seminars, press releases, and interviews with researchers, but also presents events through podcast and streaming.



RCAST News (Japanese only)

RCAST News, issued quarterly, publishes reading material such as columns and essays written by RCAST researchers. This provides a glimpse of aspects of RCAST that are not reflected in research findings, such as the jumping-off point for research, as well as the social and personal backdrop behind it. Furthermore, one can download all of these articles directly from the website.

Seminars and Symposia

RCAST holds seminars and symposia on a non-regular basis. One example of this is the Intellectual Café, which has been held since its inception in the fall of 2006. The aim of this event is to create a venue for a highly intellectual exchange where people in a certain area of expertise within a number of different fields discuss a common theme in the same place without distinction between the speakers and the audience.



RCAST's Contributions to Society

"Science Workshop" and "Open house" for kids to deliver the latest in science "Komamidori Project" to bear the green with the community

RCAST conducts a number of different research-related events and activities to contribute to society.

First of all, RCAST holds a science workshop for kids designed primarily for elementary school students. We have planned four science workshops to be held at Open Campus 2009, including "Understanding how the body works," "Let's make a sound map," "Uncovering the secrets of optical communication," and "Let's take a look at air flows." RCAST also holds a "Workshop on insects" in various areas during summer vacation.

RCAST also accepts middle school students for field trips of facilities. Students with dreams of becoming scientists visit from schools not only in Tokyo metropolitan area but also from outside Tokyo and overseas to get a closer look at cutting-edge research laboratories. Furthermore, last year, for the first time RCAST held a course for the elderly on how to prevent falls. Designed for individuals between the ages of 65 and 80, the course first measured each person's

balance and then offered advice on simple exercises and stretching based on these results. As the number of applicants exceeded capacity, RCAST plans to hold another course this fall.

In March, 2009 we also began the Komamidori Project. The project began as a way for locals to enjoy the seasonal changes in the beautiful Komaba Campus area in the hope that they will continue to cherish and protect it. Together with all the participants in workshops, through the auspices of this project we also hope to interact with both the historical and the newly added greenery in the area and compile stories of Komaba greenery while enjoying the sensations of the changing seasons. (<http://komamidori.org>)



Appeal for Donations

Around three quarters of RCAST's research expenses is financed by contributions from external organizations

The Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST) of The University of Tokyo is soliciting contributions from the public in order to extend the scope of its science and technology research at the world's top level.

At present, researchers working at RCAST number about 400, with their annual budget amounting to 6 billion yen. Nearly three quarters of its research expenses is financed by contributions from external organizations, which support a high level of researches carried out by RCAST researchers. Donations to RCAST will go a long way toward recovering Japan's

competitiveness, for instance through the development of entirely original drugs and products by Japanese companies, eventually bringing about solutions to various environmental problems and medical challenges as a result of leading-edge scientific and technological researches.

Donations will be also used for fostering specialists in facilitating such researches. RCAST would be very grateful if you would provide support for further improving the level of Japan's most advanced research activities.

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