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MESSAGE FROM DEAN

Invitation to Life Science and Systems Engineering



Dean

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Graduate School of Life Science and Systems Engineering (LSSE) was established in 2000 at Kitakyushu Science and Research Park to promote advanced research based on superior biological functions and implement them into practical engineering technology. LSSE has succeeded in creating frontier technologies for meeting social needs in broad technical fields related to environment/energy, robot/artificial intelligence, medical application, etc.

Diversity in students is a big feature of LSSE. In addition to students from two undergraduate schools of Kyushu Institute of Technology, many students gather

from domestic universities and colleges of technology throughout Japan and from various overseas universities. Collaborative works among these students with different experiences and values generate fresh ideas leading to technical innovation as well as fostering communication ability with recognition of diversity.

LSSE has educational programs and research projects in collaboration with universities and companies within Kitakyushu Science and Research Park. Also, LSSE is offering study abroad programs with overseas partner universities, and conducting many international joint research projects with them. Through these programs and projects students can strongly enhance their global perspectives.

We invite you to LSSE to immerse yourself in a cutting-edge education and research environment and to launch your promising career on an international stage.

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GENERAL FEATURES

Distinctive Educational Objectives

The underlying goal is the development of new areas of advancement in the fields of mechanical, electronic, chemical engineering, information technologies and in life sciences along with other disciplines, through technological application of the superb structures and functions of many organisms. Education and training at this graduate school is directed toward the development

and mastery of the following areas. To achieve a high level of expertise and knowledge together with a strong awareness of their important roles as technocrats of life science and systems engineering.

- Understanding the role of each specialized area of life science and system engineering to meet the needs of society.
- 2 Capability and competence in the logical analysis and solution of problems and the attainment of objectives.
- 3. Skills and competence necessary for effective presentation and introduction of new technologies and innovations.
- Skills and competence in accurate communication based on logical thoughts.
- **5.** Capability for both independent and collaboration proposal consideration, and implementation of solutions to problems and tasks in fields of specialization.

Basic Content of Education and Research

Living organisms perform motor neuron control and movement together with their transformation of materials and energy. Elucidation of these processes requires systematic research into their structures, materials and energy transformation, sensing, motility, control, information processing, and other salient aspects, in addition to the existing techniques and methods of life science at the molecular and cellular level.

The underlying purpose and goal of the Graduate School of Life Science and Systems Engineering is to ensure students' knowledge and skills needed to achieve a technological understanding of these multifaceted functions of living organisms as comprehensive systems.

SPECIAL COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The following courses are special courses for international students, such as classes in English. Please check the website for details on each course.

Advanced Assistive Robotics (Global AAR) Course

This course is an international course operated by our institute since 2015, and consists of Japanese and international students in the Department of Human Intelligence and Systems Engineering (masters course) and the Department of Life Science and Systems Engineering. We have accepted students from diverse fields such as integrated circuits, control, sensing, nanosystems, artificial intelligence, LOT systems, behavioral science, and neuroscience.

The course is designed to accommodate international students by using English as the language for slide presentations and Q&A sessions. Besides, the course provides opportunities for English presentation and communication training through journal clubs where students read and understand the latest papers, AAR seminars with top-notch lecturers, and the practicum in Robot Operating System.







http://www.brain.kyutech.ac.jp/global_aar/

Global Green Energy and Electronics (G2E2) Course

This course provides advanced education and research, which demands for the realization of green, clean, and sustainable growth. One of the main aims of this course is to nurture global leaders, who can become a bridge between techno-scientific societies of Japan and abroad in the future. Education and research on green electronics will not only contribute to the development of peaceful, safe, and secure societies but also step forward towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Courses are conducted in English in order to cater to the need for the international students.

"G2E2 Seminar" provides state-of-the-art technologies and research topics. "Exercises on Measurement Control Systems" aims at cooperative and active learning opportunities between Japanese and foreign students.



http://www.life.kyutech.ac.jp/~g2e2/en/



Exercises on Measurement Control Systems

- Printable photovoltaic cells
- Functional materials and their electrochemical devices
- Organic electronic devices
- Highly efficient and flexible energy-conversion
- Motor-drive system
- Next-generation power semiconductor devices and their applications



G2E2 Seminar

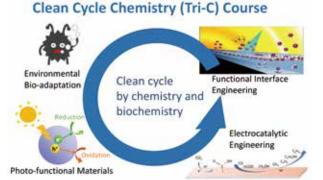
MAIN PROJECTS

Clean Cycle Chemistry (Tri-C) Course

In the Clean Cycle Chemistry (Tri-C) Course, we aim to develop engineers and researchers who contribute to a sustainable society by conducting education and research centered on chemical and biogeochemical cycles to make substances and elements into recyclable resources. Specifically, we conduct education and research related to chemical circulation in the research fields of "Interface Functional Engineering", "Photo-functional Materials engineering", "Electrocatalytic Engineering" and biological circulation of "Environmental Bio-adaptation Engineering". This course is for graduate students in the master's program.



- Functional Interface Engineering
- Environmental Bio-adaptation
- Photo-functional Materials
- Electrocatalytic Engineering
- Collaborative Brainstorming on Clean Cycle Chemistry



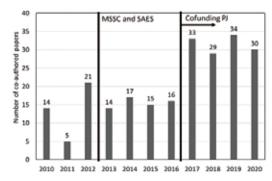
MSSC

Nine years have passed in 2021 since MSSC overseas education and research base was established. MSSC is operated jointly with University of Putra Malaysia (UPM). MSSC is an international center promoting education and research along with supporting various activities such as short-term study programs, research programs at UPM, corporate internships with Japanese companies in Malaysia, and alumni associations with Malaysian graduates. The most representative program between the two schools is SAES, which is held alternately every year at each university. The number of participants, which initially started in 2013, was about 100 but has grown to more than 500 in 2020 even though both countries under the COVID-19 pandemic.



Online symposium SAES2020

These our activities have also greatly spread on the outcome of the research of both schools. Compared with MSSC before established, the number of papers co-authored by the University and UPM is increasing as shown in the figure. The research fields of papers to be published are also expanding due to increase collaboration groups. The new joint research which is cofounded by both universities that began in 2017 seemed to significantly contribute to the results. And the double-degree program also started in 2020. Both universities expect to become more active in a wider range of fields.



The number of papers co-authored by the University and UPM



The Kyutech Home Service Robot team Hibikino-Musashi@Home (HMA) won the first prize two years in a row in Domestic Standard Platform League (DSPL) of Robo Cup 2017 and 2018, and Partner Robot Challenge (Real Space) in World Robot Summit 2018, HMA also won the first prize six times in Robo Cup Japan Open.



Achievements

RoboCup 2017 Nagoya, @Home DSPL first place.

RoboCup 2018 Montreal, @Home DSPL first place, P&G Dishwasher Challenge Award World Robot Challenge Service Robotics Category Partner Robot Challenge Real Space first place. METI Minister's Award. RSJ Special Award.

RoboCup 2019 Sydney, @Home DSPL third place.

RoboCup JapanOpen 2018, @Home Open Platform League (OPL) first place. JSAI Award.

RoboCup JapanOpen 2019, @Home OPL first place, DSPL first place.

RoboCup JapanOpen 2020, @Home OPL first place, DSPL first place, OPL Technical Challenge first place.



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Team introduction!

Team KUROSHIO, the allied team of 8 institutions including Kyutech, won the second place and 1 million US dollars in Shell Ocean Discovery XPRIZE, the international competition of autonomous ocean exploration technologies.





The Kyutech Underwater Team won in the AUV League of Underwater Robotics Competition in Okinawa URC in 2020. As the URC is held in the sea, AUVs are required to be highly autonomous and completeness.



Agricultural robots must work in the actual field and need AI, gentle mechanism to living things. Kyutech "Tometoers" join the Tomato-Harvesting-Robot competition and show good results (Winner in 2019, 3rd in 2020).



The Kyutech Robo Cup MSL team Hibikino-Musashi won the championship more than 10 times in Japan Open and one of veteran teams in World Cup. Each team joins with 5 soccer robots which act autonomously with mounted sensors only.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS ENGINEERING

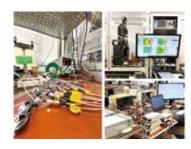
Graduate School of Life Science and System Engineering

Division Overview



The research and education in this department deals with the realization of materials, structures and energy conversion functionalities of nature/organisms along with their utilization in engineering. The main objective of this department lies in discovering solutions to social issues like the global environment and human health to promote the creation of new industries, by integrating the fields of the environment, energy, materials, and bioengineering. Apart from this, global education such as international internship has been performed at our international research bases.

Divisions



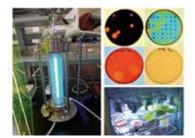
Division of Green Electronics

This division is devoted to the investigation of "green electronics technology," such as the fabrication and evaluation of printable solar cells, new functional materials, and their application to electrochemical devices, organic photo-electronic devices, construction of flexible and efficient power conversion and motor control systems, development of energy production systems utilizing renewable energies and environmentally friendly devices with carbon materials. The teaching curriculum is provided under the research themes outlined above.



Divsion of Biological Mechanics

The research and education in this division are conducted based on mechanical engineering such as the mechanics of materials, fluid and thermodynamics, the dynamics of machinery and micromachining, and the materials science of metals and ceramics. These activities contribute to the following area of industrial/medical applications: (i) the maintenance and recovery of bio-functions, (ii) medical and welfare support, (iii) development of biocompatible materials and medical devices, and (iv) design and development of biomimetic materials and intelligent machines.



Division of Environment Conscious Chemistry and Bioengineering

The goal of this division is to re-vitalize the engineering technologies responsible for the sustainable development of industries and society with environmental consciousness. The academic field of this division includes chemical and biological research and technologies that are learned from the highly efficient reactions of biological systems. Environmentally conscious chemistry and bioengineering may lead to innovations in chemical and biological technologies. This division strives to globalize our graduate program through the development of frontier research in environmentally conscious chemistry and bioengineering.

Department of Biological Functions Engineering

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Keywords

Power electronics

Hardware control

Environmentally

friendly control

power conversion

Motor control

High efficiency

Power Electronics

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Research Overview

Development of Human-friendly and environmentally friendly electrical power conversion systems and application for motor control systems.

Division of Green Electronics



Power Electronics Power Semiconductors

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Keywords

- Power Erectonics
- Power semiconductors
- Digital System
- Reliability
- Condition monitoring

Research Overview

Development of ultimate power semiconductor devices aimed at achieving extreme energy conservation, Development of integrated power electronics to realize micro-miniaturization. for green electronics research to enable the effective use of electrical energy with to realize a highly electrified society.

Division of Green Electronics



Nanomaterials, solar cells, Metal ion batteries

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Keywords

- Design and synhthesis of Nano material
- Li ion battery
- Na ion Battery
- Metal ion battery
- Perovskite solar cell High performance
- Low cost
- Application

Research Overview

Design and synthesis of nanomaterials and their characterization. Development of new materials for stable perovskite solar cells. Developing electrode materials with high performance and low-cost for application in Li-ion batteries and Na-ion batteries, as well as metal-air batteries.

Division of Green Electronics



Functional Materials and Devices

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Keywords

- Molecular design
- Solar cells
- Organic semiconductors Organic devices
- Photo-functional materials

Research Overview

Design and development of photo-functional materials for energy harvesting and organic electronic devices.

Division of Green Electronics



Power semiconductor, Semiconductoer material

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Development of diamond power devices to realize the next generation power society

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Keywords

- Power semiconductor
- Ultra high voltage power device

Diamond device

Research Overview

Realizing high-performance power devices that take advantage of the material properties unique to diamond Diamond device fabrication process, Power device evaluation, Study of new features of diamonds, etc.

Division of Biological Mechanics



Biofluid Engineering

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Keywords

- CFD
 Flow visualization
 Blood flows
 Hemolysis and Thrombus formation
 Shock wave drug delivery systems
 Micromachine with
 concentration Marangoni
- arterials

 Biomechanical Analysis of Brain Injury by Fall

Research Overview

1.Computational and experimental studies of Hemolysis and Thrombus formation in blood flows 2. Application of Shock Waves and Ultrasonic to Drug Delivery Systems, Water treatment, Tissue Engineering, (3)Development of the driving force of micromachines by investigating chemotaxis of neutrophile, Keyword: Bio-fluid dynamics, Biomedical Engineering, CFD, Shock Wave

Division of Biological Mechanics



Micromachine MEMS(Micro Electro

Mechanical Systems)

Micro-nanofabrication

Surface modification

Keywords

 Cell culture Cell analysis

Biosensing Microliquid handling

Bio-microdevices

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Study on Bio-microdevices for Medical **Research and Drug Development**

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Research Overview

Using microfabrication and surface modification, we are developing biomedical microdevices such as microfluidic devices for single-cell analysis, microelectrode array devices for extracellular potential measurement, microhole array devices for production/ separation of extracellular vesicles, etc.

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Biomechanics

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Keywords

- Biomedical engineering Microbiomechanics
- Mechanical testing Finite element method
- Human tissues Vascular diseases
- Endodontic instruments

Medical diagnosis assistance and prevention of diseases and injuries through measurement-device development, mechanical testing, constitutive modeling and computational analysis, focusing on mechanics of diseased arteries, endodontic treatments, prevention of pressure injury

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Keywords

- Biomaterial
- Biocompatible material
- Ceramics
- Hybrid material
- Artificial bone
- Artificial joint Cancer treatment

Research Overview

Development of biocompatible materials for repair and regeneration of bone, tooth and nerve Development of ceramic processing with low energy consumption inspired by the biological system Development of microparticles for cancer treatment.

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Intelligent machine

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Keywords

- Smart soft materials
- Soft actuator
- Endovascular treatment
- Tactile sensor
- Surgical simulator Stiffness control
- Riomimetics
- Biotribology

Research Overview

Applications of shape-memory materials and artificial muscle to a human-interactive robot. Development of soft tactile sensor. Development of device placement simulator for endovascular treatment.

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Biomedical Robotics

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Keywords

- Ultra-High-Speed Robotics
- BioMedical Robotics
- Al RoboticsBiomechatronics
- Micro-Nano Fabrication
- Bionic Design
- Sensing and Control
- Microsurgical Devices

Research Overview

Dynamic sensing and control for investigation of mechanical characteristics of body, organ, tissue and cell by utilizing Ultra-High-Speed Robotics. It contributes discovery of unknown mechanisms of living organisms and development of next generation biomedical and robotic systems.

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MEMS-based biomedical engineering

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MEMS, Microchip technology for oncological studies

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Keywords

- MEMS
- Micro Total Analysis Systems
- MicromachiningMechanical characterization
- Real-time measurement
- DNA
- Tumor cell
- On-chip analysis

Research Overview

Applying MEMS (Micro Electro-Mechanical Systems) technology to biological research at the molecular, cellular, and tissue level. Development and characterization of novel micro-devices for mechanical, chemical, and genetic assays for oncological studies. Research into in vitro tissue modeling for tumor tissue analysis.

Division of Environment Conscious Chemistry and Bioengineering



Biochemical Zero-Emission

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Keywords

- Biomass
- Zero Emission
- Poly-lactate Chemical Recycling
- Malaysia
- Palm Oil Industry
- Global Warming Gas Innovative Development in the Local Area

We are studying widely and aiming to create a sustainable society in the 21st Century by creating effective utilization of biomass and their recycling, resulting in establishing the lower carbon society and avoiding global warming issues.

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Functional Interface Engineering

Professor, Ph.D. Tetsuya HARUYAMA

Establishing technology from elucidation of interface functions: leading to solutions to social issues

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Research Overview

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Keywords

- Functional interface
- New energy
- CO₂ fixation
- Radical chemical process Phases and Interfaces

We are developing research to realize various functional interfaces (reaction fields) by elucidating the functions of heterogeneous interfaces. "Chemical resource conversion of nitrogen, oxygen, and water (phase interface reaction technology)", "interface that converts CO2 into resources", "process technology with low environmental load", "safe decomposition of

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Biopolymers, Structure and Function

Design, synthesis, and conformational analysis

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Keywords

- Peptide Protein
- Enzyme Amino acids
- Molecular design Organic Synthesis

of functional biomolecules

Design, synthesis, and conformational analysis of peptide-based artificial functional molecules (Peptide nanostructures, peptide-based drug design, etc).

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Biological Recycling

Sustainable Utilization of Biomass

harmful substances", etc.

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Keywords

 Sustainability Recycle

Research Overview

Research interests are on biomass resources and waste utilization towards sustainable circular economy. Ongoing topics are bioenergy production from microalgae, composites using nano/microfiber from plant biomass such as bamboo, and upgrade recycling of waste plastics.

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Environmental Bio-Adaptation

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Advanced Biotechnologies using Unique Microbial Functions

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Keywords

- Metabolic Engineering
- Protein Engineering Genetic Engineering
- Environmental Biotechnology
- White Biotechnology
- Bioremediation
- Environmental Bio-adaptation
- Bacterial interaction

Research Overview

Unique microbial functions can be elucidated and improved using biotechnologically-engineered approaches to construct an innovative technology which should be useful to the environment and human society.

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Photo-functional nanomaterials

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Keywords

- PhotocatalystPhotoacoustic spectroscopy
- Nanomaterial

Research Overview

Analysis of photo functional material using photoacoustic spectroscopy, Development of photocatalytic system for light-energy conversion.

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Biomolecular Engineering

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Development and application of functionalized nanomaterials using biomolecular

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Keywords

- Functionalized peptide
- Bioprocess
- Genetic engineering Recombinat protein
- Biopesticide
- Drug screening Biosensor
- Nanoparticle

Research Overview

I have been studying the development of functionalized nanomaterial combined with biomolecule and nanoparticle, and application of functionalized biomolecular to bioprocess such as the production of recombinant protein.

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Catalyst Electrolytic Engineering

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Efficient and selective electrochemical conversion of substances

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Keywords

- Catalytic metal electrode
- Plating technology CO. fixation
- Energy and environment
- Electrochemistry

Research Overview

produced substance.

Our research has committed to solving environmental and energy problems with the catalytic a metal electrode that can produce the efficiency substance. The catalytic metal electrodes have been developing and also analyzing the reaction mechanism and the

Division of Green Technology



■ Functional Thin Film

Vapor Deposition

Magnetic Material

Solid Lubrication Bearing

Research Micro-Technology

Professor, Ph.D. Iwao SASAKI

The research on the upgrading of the materials for Mechatoronics equipments

Research on functional materials utilizing the

unique phenomena, which are prominent in a micro/

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Research Overview

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Mechatronics

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Mechatronics Control to fit in human society

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Keywords

- Mechatronics
- Control Theory Motion Contro

Research Overview

As robots are good examples, mechatronic devices are now used in various fields as well as in the industry. Therefore, in addition to research on the high-speed and high-accuracy performance required by the industry, we also study mechatronics technology that is kind to people and supports them.

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ch Energy

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Solid Oxide Fuel Cell technologiy and hydrogen production technology by high temperature steam electrolysis

Keywords

- Hydrogen production
- High temperature steam electrolysis
- Electrochemistry Ceramics

Research Overview

Study of the electrochemistry energy systems such as the solid oxide fuel cell, the high-temperature steam electrolysis cell.

Division of Plant Life-cycle Engineering



Plant Life Cycle Engineering

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Keywords

- Plant Life Cycle
- Robot welding
- Thermal elasto-plastic analysis
- Equipment diagnosis
- Welding repair

Research Overview

Plant Life Cycle Engineering (Research on autonomously controlled robot welding, and Research on thermal elasto-plastic analysis of welds and optimization of welding order)

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Organization for Promotion of Research and Innovation

Environmental-Benign Functional Materials

Associate Prof, Ph.D. in **Yoshito ANDO Engineering**

Design and evaluation of functional materials based on biomass and/or waste with a highadded value forward to sustainable society

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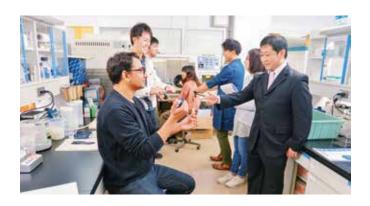
Research Overview

We aim to realize a material cyclical society based on both environmental preservation and economy. Highly value-added functional materials based on characteristics of waste and biomass are established

 Additional value
 Material Recycling
 Malaysia
 Global Issue Polymer MaterialsOrganic Synthesis

Keywords BiomassSustainable Society

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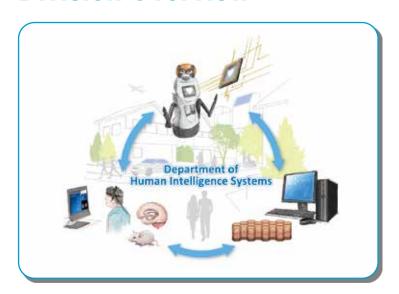




DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS

Graduate School of Life Science and System Engineering

Division Overview



Department of Human Intelligence Systems aims to incorporate the principles of human intelligence into intelligent information processing platforms and artificial intelligent systems, as well as to actively contribute to the development in the industry.

The research and education in this department covers but is not limited to (i) advanced development of mechanical systems and devices such as intelligent autonomous robots, (ii) intelligent information system development and artificial intelligence algorithms design that incorporates the principles of human reasoning, (iii) scientific analysis of social activities and human intelligence by using mathematical modeling, brain science and cognitive science in general.

Divisions



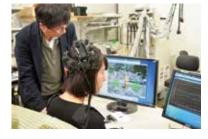
Division of Human Intelligence and Machines

Division of Human Intelligence and Machines is teaching and researching in the fields of robotics and devices, which could realize human-like intelligence by utilizing rational and significant structures as well as functions of biological organisms to achieve low-energy consumption, harmony with the environment, and human-friendly behavior. Through the teaching and research, we will bring students up to be persons and professionals who are actively involved in the global world with to create new public services, new business, and new social value.



Division of Intelligence Systems and Emergent Design

The division is engaged in the design of new technologies and theories that are inspired by human intelligence. It is a form of societal engineering focusing not only on cognitive functions of recognition, learning, and reasoning, but also on social abilities with emotions, Kansei, and communications. This field requires the study of mathematical modeling, informatics, and systems engineering toward a comprehensive understanding of computation in brain-body-environment interaction and an advanced development of intelligent partners and platforms.



Division of Human Interaction and Brain Functions

It is important to study the relationship between the function of the brain, and the nature of society made by humans to clarify human intelligence. In this division, we study the characteristics of neurons of which the brain consists, the information processing in which many neurons are involved, behaviors as results of the processing, and the communication mechanism of humans in a society.

Cooperative Divisions

The Division of Human Behavioral Sciences specializes in teaching and researches for explicating emergent mechanisms and building explanatory models of interactions between cognitions/emotions and actions, of innateness and constraints, in sports activities and of language, both rule-based cognitive behaviors unique to humans.

Department of Human Intelligence Systems

Division of Human Intelligence and Machines



Brain-like Integrated Systems

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Design and development of integrated circuits, devices and systems for brain-like artificial intelligence

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Keywords

- Brain-like artificial intelligence
- Vision and image recognition
- Integrated circuits and systems for robots
 Integrated circuits for nonlinea dynamical systems
- Analog/digital integrated circuits and system design
- Nano-structure device design

Research Overview

Research and development of brain-like processing models, nanodevice and digital/analog integrated circuit (VLSI) design toward brain-like artificial intelligence.

Division of Human Intelligence and Machines



Field Robotics

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R&D of Field Robots and Its Social Implementation

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Keywords

- Field robot
- Underwater robots
- RoboCup soccer
- Agricultural robot
- Image proessing
- Acoustic communication

Research Overview

Development of field robots, e.g., underwater robot, sewer pipe inspection robot, agricultural robot, RoboCupf soccer robot, and related robotic technologies such as image processing, Artificial Intelligence, simulation-based optimization, etc.

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Research Intelligence Emerging Nanosystems

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Intelligent information processing nanodevices

Keywords

- Artificial intelligence nanodevices Neuromorphic nanodevices
- Integrated circuits for nonlinear dynamical nanosystems and nanostructure device design

Research Overview

Research and development of electric nanodevices for artificial intelligence hardware, whose target is to generate new electrical functionalities by using the circuit of the nanodevices.

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Research Human function substitution systems

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Research on developing functional substitution system for the disabled/the elderly people based on human sensory/motor characteristics

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Keywords

- Human interface
- Assistive technology
- Functional substitution Biological information
- Biological data
 massurement
- Rehabilitation engineering

Research Overview

Research on developing human-friendly assistive device/substitution system for the disabled/the elderly people based on psychophysical analysis of human sensory-motor systems.

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Brain-like Computer System

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Realization of a brain-like computer system and its application to human-friendly systems

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Keywords

- Brain-like computer
- Softcomputing
- hw/sw complex system
- Digital hardware design Home service robotics

Research Overview

A brain-like computer system laboratory aims to realize a brain-like computer based on a hardware/ software complex system and its application to embedded systems on home-service robots.

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Brain-Like Intelligent Machines

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Research Overview

Learning by watching

 Skill acquisition Motor learning

Keywords

- Autonomous robots
- mage processing Neural network

Development of learning by watching robot, skill acquisition robot, motor learning robot, welfare robot.

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Research Field Robotics

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Development of living creature observation/ manipulation technique using robot, Development of Bio-inspired robot and embedded system, Trials of

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Research Field Robotics **Associate**

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Development of control system and technology for field robot

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Keywords

Autonomous underwater robot

Motion analysis

Research Overview

To reliably accomplish the mission, our laboratory develops robot that robustly navigates in actual environment, and its elemental technology. We survey actual environment using developed robot and system to benefit society.

Agricultural robot Sensory-motor control Embedded system

Bio-inspired system

Underwater robot

Visual information processing

loT system

Keywords

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Research Nanomaterial Intelligence

Assistant Yuki USAMI Professor, Dr. Sci.

Creation for brain-inspired information processing system by nanomaterial

Keywords

- Nanomaterial
- Hybrid material
- Mesoscopic physics
- Neuromorphic computing
- Molecular electronics

Nanostructure analysis

Research Overview

Research and development nanoscale various basic physical properties of organic/inorganic materials for extracting flexible bio-inspired function. Creation of unconventional nanodevices by circuitization and deviceization from nanomaterial function.

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Brain-Like Intelligent Machines

Specially Appointed Professor

Tomotsugu RIKITAKE

Development of brain-like intelligent machines based on computational neuroscience, with emphasis on construction of self-learning robots.

Keywords

- Motion learning robot
- Autonomous mobile robot
- Image processing
 Image recognition
- Engine control Automatic driving

Research Overview

Research and development of high-precision capital directional movement mechanisms for industrial and medical applications.

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Research Brain-like Integrated Circuit, and Nonlinear Dynamical Systems

Assistant Seiji UENOHARA Professor, Dr.Eng.

Design and development of integrated circuits, devices and systems for brain-like artificial intelligence

Keywords

- Brain-like artificial intelligence
- Integrated circuits for nonlinear dynamical syster
- Mixed signal integrated circuits
- Nonlinear time-series data analysis

Research Overview

Research of brain-like processing models, integrated circuit (VLSI) design toward brain-like artificial intelligence and its social implementation.

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Research Learning theory of brain-like artificial intelligence

Professor, Ph.D. **Tetsuo FURUKAWA**

Learning theories of brain-like artificial intelligence and mathematical modeling of behavior development

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Keywords

- Brain-like artificial intelligence
- Self-organizing systems
- Neural networks Machine learning
- Behavior development

Research Overview

Our destination is to develop the learning theory and its algorithms, which enable us to discover general rules and intrinsic information underlying the given datasets. Typical themes are higher-order modeling through meta-learning and multi-task learning. Besides, we also challenge to model children's

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Human and Social Intelligence Systems

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Understanding and assisting humans and societies from the view point of adaptive systems

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Keywords

- Intelligent roboticsArtificial intelligence
- Biomechanics
- Biological signal processing
- Brain science Medical welfare
- Low-cost signal monitoring equipment Control
- Research Overview

With the primary purpose of application to medical welfare, human-centered Al/robot research, and lowcost biological signal/behavior monitoring, and further system research to demonstration experiments are conducted by using the multidisciplinary knowledge such as intelligent robotics, artificial intelligence biomechanics, biological signal processing, and brain science.

Division of Intelligence Systems and Emergent Design Research Area Intelligent Information Processing Systems



behavior and development.

Professor, Ph.D. Keiichi HORIO

Development of fundamental technology of intelligent information processing system aiming at modeling and analyzing behavior of human beings

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Keywords

- Behavior analysis
- Communication analysis
- Estimation of personality
- Intelligent image processing Learning system
- Intelligent data analysis

Research Overview

The Research aimed at estimating and classifying individual characteristics by measuring and analyzing human behavior. Besides, we pursue optimization of the intervention method based on analysis results and aim to apply it to real-world society, especially data analysis involving humans

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nan Activity Recognition

Application of Machine Learning

Application for Healthcare/ Nursing

Research IoT / Big Data

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Human Activity Recognition and Future Disease Prevention

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Research Overview

We develop human activity recognition from smartphones and sensors, and their services. We also cultivate AI by collecting medical and nursing care big

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Research Kansei Information Processing, Soft Computing

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Keywords

- Kansei Information Processing
- Human-Computer Interaction Soft Computing
- Cognitive Psychology Intelligent Image Processing Information System Design

We study on Kansei Information Processing as one of Human-Computer Interaction research. The research aims to design appropriate information system based on psychological, social, and technical analysis. Research topics include human-centered design, soft computing, usability, and affordances, conceptual models and interface metaphors, human cognitive models, information, and interactivity structures.

Behavior Change

Web / Ubiquitous

Keywords

Big Data

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Research Brain-Inspired Robotics and Intelligence Dynamics

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Investigating principles of neural dynamics, body kinetics/morphology and societal abilities to understand biological intelligence

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Keywords

Nonlinear dynamics

Emergent intelligence

Episodic memory and emotion

Societal robot

Computational neuroscience

 Neuroinformatics Sport biomechanics

Rehabilitation support

Research Overview

We explore systems design inspired by biological emergent intelligence, through an understanding of what makes us human (intelligence), how we are embodied in the environment (body kinetics/ morphology), why emotional and social aspects are so important to us (sociality). Our mathematical modeling and investigation are applied to the design of an artificial intelligence, robot development, and rehabilitation tools.

Research Area Intelligent Behavioral Learning Systems Associate Professor, Takayuki OSA

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Research Overview

Keywords

Robot learning

Motion planning

Control

Machine learning

 Reinforcement learning Imitation learning

We work on robot learning, including reinforcement learning and imitation learning, for autonomous exploration and acquisition of skills in intelligent systems. We aim for solving problems in the real world through collaboration with industrial partners.

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Bioinspired Intelligence Systems

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Robots/Algorithms inspired from biological systems

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Keywords

- Bioinspired robot
- Bioinspired algorithm
- Learning control
- Stochastic resonance

Research Overview

Behind sophisticated abilities of living organisms are the mechanisms that exploit demerits, e.g., complexity/flexibility of body and unignorable noise, as merits. Toward understanding and applying the mechanisms, academic studies about biologically inspired systems based on robotics have been conducted.

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Statistical learning theory

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Learning theory of information geometrical hierachical-modeling

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Keywords

- Hierarchical-modeling
- Multi-task learning Meta-learning
- Bayesian inference
- Machine learning
- Stocastic process
- PAC learnin Information geometry

Research Overview

Our research aims is to develop the learning theory and its algorithms for hierarchical-modeling, which enables to discover meta-knowledge by modeling a set of knowledge or models. The proposed framework is applied to cognitive science and robotics.

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Research Area Neuronal rhythm and Brain Machine Interface (BMI)

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The relationship between the generation of neuronal rhythm and memory process

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Keywords

- Neuronal rhythm
- EEG
- Theta rhythm Circadian rhythm
- Hippocampal slicesBrain machine interface
- L2 English learning Video Gam

Research Overview

We study experimentally on the generation of neuronal rhythm and compute the rhythm on the computer. We also developed the e-learning system for Japanese English learners using BMI technology.

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Team Management

Professor, Ph.D. Doosub JAHNG

A Story of diverse individuals becoming one as a team

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Keywords

Research Overview

- Occupational Health Marketing
 Key Words Meeting
- Versatile Educational Tools

Comprehensive Health Resources Integrated Solution

Team Communication

For diverse individuals to agree with each other and become one as a team, innate needs, learned knowledge/skills acquired needs from personal/ environmental circumstances, self-action, health resources and communication become essential. We conduct research on the factors above by utilizing both people's conceptual needs and experimental/ statistical designs to further our study on team

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Mathematical Neural Network

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Katsumi TATENO

Neural coding and Neurodynamics

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Keywords

Neural coding Hippocampus

Medial entorhinal cortex

Memory Learning Glass catfish Electroreceptor

Our interests are complex behavior of neural activity and theoretical investigation on neural coding in the brain. Specifically, we are currently researching neural network models of the medial temporal lobe.

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Research Neuroscience

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Keywords

Ca²⁺-imaging
 Immunohistochemistry

Single cell RT-PCR

 Action potentials Confocal laser microscope Signal transduction

We investigate the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying the signal processing occurred in mammalian taste buds and we contribute to develop a new signal processing based on features of taste

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Research Area Visual Motor Control

Visiting Associate Makoto KATO Professor, Dr. Med.

Research on visually guided motor control mechanisms

Keywords

- Visual information processing
- Motor control Functional MRI
- Non-invasive brain function Measurements

Research Overview

The ocular movement is controlled so that the visual information, such as a position, size, the form of the object is provided as an image on the retina appropriately. About such an oculomotor control, the information processing mechanism is elucidated from the viewpoints of visual information processing and brain control system for movement.

Division of Human Technology



Research Area Systems Intelligence

Visiting Professor, Hiroshi NAKAJIMA

Basic and applied research on intelligent system development

Keywords

- Intelligent system
- Soft computing Computational intelligence
- Causal analysis
- Social intelligence
- Systems healthcare
- Health management

Research Overview

Research and development on algorithms of intelligent systems by studying soft computing, statistical analysis, and social intelligence in human-machine collaboration systems with application studies.

Division of Human Technology



Vision Sensing

Visiting Professor, Ph.D.

Masaki SUWA

Basic and applied research on intelligent vision system

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Research Area Biomimetic Robot System

Visiting Associate Professor,

Takayuki MATSUO

Development of Robot Systems based on motion control and information processing system of animals

Keywords

- Vision Sensing
- 3D Sensing
- Physics-based Vision Pattern Recognition

Research Overview

Research and development on vision sensing technologies such as object detection, 3D surface reconstruction and reflectance property analysis, for applications in factory automation or society's infrastructure.

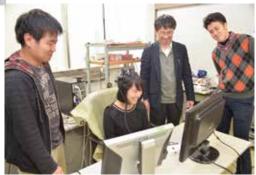
- Biomimetic robot
- Adaptive control
- Neural network

Research Overview

Development of mobile robot systems inspired by mechanisms of animals for irregular terrain, underwater and so on.



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INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

List of overseas dispatched students in FY2019 (by country)



The tuition and other fees are shown below. Only a limited number of students can get exemption of full or half of fees through a selection procedure. Tuition and other fees, **Application fee: ¥30,000** and exemption **Enrollment fee: ¥282,000** Tuition fee: ¥267,900 per half year Students can apply for various scholarships financed by our university and other foundations. The monthly stipend is from ¥20,000 to ¥140,000. Scholarship, research assistant and Doctoral course students can get about ¥45,000 per month as a professor's assistant. living cost The monthly cost of living in Kitakyushu city is approximately from ¥60,000 to ¥80,000 including house rent and utilities. Students can apply to stay in the international student housing (Sakura House) in Wakamatsu campus. However, as we have limited rooms available, not all students will be Accommodation able to stay at Sakura House. The rent of Sakura House is ¥12,000 per month. If you have to rent an apartment on your own, the university can be your guarantor. A tutor, who is current student in the laboratory, can help you with your study and daily life in **Tutor** Japan. This tutor system is available for the first three months after enrollment. Japanese language class Students can take the appropriate Japanese language class.

English Information for international students in our web site is as follows.

http://www.kyutech.ac.jp/english/



Department of Biological Functions Engineering Mivazaki Lab.

Mr. Simon HOCQUAUX

Research

There are some existing materials called injective filler that can help bone regeneration. However, these gel-like materials are very soft. My research is focused on the development of composite materials with natural reinforcement to make those gels stronger. This could lead to new treatment methods for elderly people suffering from osteoporosis.

I always wanted to go to Japan! And I had the chance by going to Kyutech
Going to Japan has been my dream since long ago. After my colleague who was already studying in Kyutech recommended it to me, I found a laboratory related to my major and interests, then started studying here (Pr. Miyazaki's Laboratory). By presenting my research results to both Kyutech and the University of Lorraine (ÉEIĞM) I can graduate from a Double Degree Program.

Best point of Kyutech

The exchanges between local students, international students and the tutor supporting system is so enriching!

recommended place from Kyutech

The gymnasium!

What surprised me most in Japan

People are very kind even when you meet them for the first time. They might not speak English or not even know some of the places you are asking for the information about, but somehow they will find a way to help you! This is quite different in

I love Japanese Culture!

Fan of Japanese style, I even chose a flat with tatami on the floor.

It's been a few months since I came to Japan, but I still enjoy eating new food and visiting new places (^^).

Mv future dream

I want to pursue research and development in the Biomedical field, in Japan, France, or Europe.



Mr. Salvador BLANCO NEGRETE



Dr. Shibata, whom I met in Mexico, attracted me to Kyutech.I chose the Professor more than the University. When I met Dr. Shibata at the National University of Technology of Mexico where I studied, I was fascinated by his energy and passion. This is why I decided to go to Kyushu Institute of Technology.

Best point of Kyutech

The Wakamatsu campus, located in the Hibikino Science Park, is an ideal location if you want to devote yourself to research. There are many opportunities of interaction between the international students' community and researchers from different backgrounds.

My recommended place from Kyutech

There is a common room on the second floor! A nice place to have a break between studies.

What surprised me most in Japan

A plane full of businessmen is quieter than a Mexican library ...

I live in a flat. I like training, but Japanese food is so healthy and small in quantity that I lost weight for the first time! This is why I started home cooking.

My future dream

Entrepreneur - Politician

I am currently developing a detecting device for a 3D motion of animals using artificial intelligence. Computers can read movement changes at a level unnoticeable to the human eye, helping to develop treatments for diseases such as Parkinson's.



Wakamatsu Campus in Kitakyushu Science and Research Park



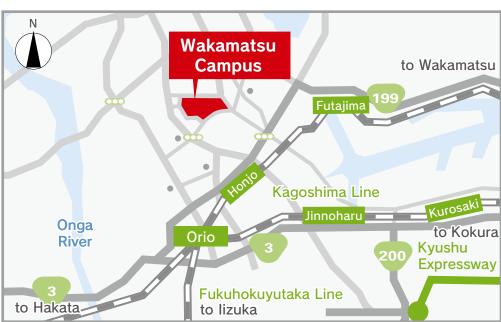
Graduate School of Life Science and Systems Engineering



Cafeteria



Kitakyushu Science and Research Park





Commute Time From Major Cities

Tokyo — Kokura ·····	About 4H45M
Shin Osaka — Kokura	About 2H
Hakata — Kokura ·····	About 17M

 Tokyo — Kitakyushu
 About 1H35M

 Tokyo — Fukuoka
 About 1H40M

 Seoul — Fukuoka
 About 1H10M

 Beijin — Fukuoka
 About 2H15M

 HongKong — Fukuoka
 About 2H50M

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From Fukuoka Airport About 70M
From Kukuoka Airport About 70M
From Kokura Station About 35M
From Orio Station About 10M

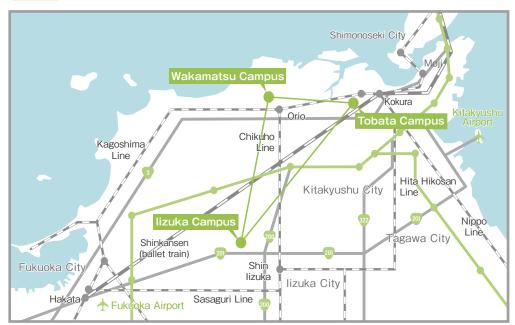
Other Campuses of Kyushu Institute of Technology



Tobata Campus



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ADMISSIONS

	Examination Date	Application period
The 1st selection	July 3, 2021	June 1 – 10, 2021
The 2nd selection	August 28, 2021	July 26 - August 6, 2021
The 3rd selection	October 9, 2021	September 8 - 22, 2021
The 4th selection	February 5, 2022	December 31 - January 13, 2022

[%] For interview and oral examinations may be conducted through the Internet.

How to apply

Find a laboratory in your desired field and contact the faculty member.







Online Registration Website

Admission Application Guidance



