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Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology

### **Public Open Day for R/V KAIREI and Mutsu Institute**

The Mutsu Institute for Oceanography (MIO) of the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC; Yasuhiro Kato, President) will hold an open house of its facility and the Deep Sea Research Vessel "KAIREI" as described below. The annual event is designed to introduce the institute's research activities extensively to the public, by offering them the opportunity to experience and explore the mysteries and wonders of the oceans.

The open house also commemorates the 50th anniversary of Mutsu City and the 5th anniversary of its amalgamation with neighboring municipalities.

#### **Open House Details**

1. Date and time: August 8 (Sat.), 2009, 10:00~16:00  
(Last admission 15:30)

\*Opening ceremony: 9:30 to 10:00

2. Venue: Mutsu Institute for Oceanography  
(MIO), JAMSTEC  
690 Kita-Sekine, Sekine, Mutsu City,  
Aomori Prefecture  
(approx. 20 minutes by car from  
Shimokita Station, JR Oominato Line)

\*Free shuttle buses available from  
Mutsu City [see leaflet](#) (in Japanese)

3. Admission: Free

4. Open house features :

- 1) Deep Sea Research Vessel(R/V)  
" KAIREI " ([about KAIREI](#))
- 2) Scientific exhibits from the  
research findings
- 3) Science experiments – "Exploring  
the Wonders of Science"-
- 4) Research facilities and exhibits of  
Triton Buoy and Argo Float
- 5) Treasure hunt using a small  
underwater robot

- 6) Stamp rally
- 7) Exhibition of award-winning works from the "Draw Your Dreams of the Ocean on a Postcard" contest
- 8) Complimentary personalized calendar featuring a photo of each visitor taken in front of R/V *KAIREI* (for the first 500 visitors)

5. Notes:

- 1) The event may be canceled due to inclement weather or other emergency situations.
- 2) For safety reasons, visitors who are wearing high-heels or sandals, or those under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed entry, due to the many levels and steps inside the ship.
- 3) Children aged 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- 4) For the prevention of the spread of the new influenza, visitors are subject to a brief temperature check with a non-contact thermometer before boarding the ship. Visitors with cold symptoms, such as coughing, sneezing or fever will unfortunately be refused entry.



[Leaflet \(in Japanese\)](#)[PDF:1MB]

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