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Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology
Yokohama National University

JAMSTEC and Yokohama National University to Agree on Comprehensive Cooperation for Marine Science and Technology

The Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC: Yasuhiro Kato, President) and Yokohama National University (Kunio Suzuki, President) will conclude an agreement on a comprehensive research and educational partnership for marine science and technology, as described below.

The agreement will utilize the geographical proximity of the two institutions. It provides a framework for mutual cooperation to promote joint study, educational program development, as well as the exchange and fostering of researchers, through leveraging research infrastructures and human resources which are unique to each institution. The partnership is expected to enhance scientific and educational initiatives, and contribute to the research and development of marine science and technology in Japan.

Description of the Agreement on comprehensive research and education partnership between the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology and Yokohama National University

Date of signing: Wednesday, January 27th, 2010

Scope of cooperation:

- Promotion of joint studies and projects as well as human resource exchange
- Cooperation in developing educational programs and instructions
- Development of human resources
- Exchange of academic information and knowledge
- Shared use of facilities and equipment

Signing ceremony:

Date and time: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 13:30 – 14:10

Venue: President's Office, Yokohama National University
79-1, Tokiwa-dai, Hodogaya Ward, Yokohama

Signed by:

JAMSTEC:

Yasuhiro Kato, President

Yokohama National University:

Kunio Suzuki, President

Expected effects

JAMSTEC has been engaged in integrated and fundamental ocean research and development. It also extends research cooperation to academic institutions in various fields of science. Yokohama National University has been providing comprehensive and interdisciplinary ocean studies since the establishment of the Center for Oceanic Studies and Integrated Education (COSIE) in June 2007. COSIE offers a broad spectrum of academic programs in the liberal arts and science disciplines, including the natural sciences, engineering, environmental studies, policies and law.

The two institutions have already worked together in research cruises and special projects. With the comprehensive partnership in place, the cooperation will further be enhanced in a wider spectrum of research fields, including, the Earth's evolution, global environmental change, marine biosphere, marine technology, as well as ocean policies. The geographical closeness will also benefit in the dispatch of tutors, the acceptance of students and the instruction of research techniques. This will help expand educational and research opportunities, and foster young scientists, thereby contributing to advancing the nation's marine science and technology. As a kick-off, the two parties will work together in academic programs at the university's graduate school.

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