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# **RIKEN and Tokyo Institute of Technology Sign Coordination and Collaboration Agreement**

RIKEN and Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech) signed a basic agreement on coordination and collaboration between the two institutions. The agreement aims to generate a synergistic effect by making the most of their research and development capacity and human resources as well as promoting coordination and collaboration, and to serve to promote scholarly activities in science and technology in Japan.

Under the agreement, both parties will be able to mutually promote the effective use of the outstanding educational functions of Tokyo Tech and its potential, which includes the overall academic research capacity involved, and the scientific and technological research capacity, cutting-edge facilities, and flexible international research and administrative structure of RIKEN. Thus both parties aim not only to promote exchange of human resources and mutual use of facilities, but also to establish a new framework for coordination and collaboration based on mutual agreement, and thereby to open up new areas and fields of study in the natural sciences, where they can develop significant international competitiveness. Furthermore, through the process, both parties aim to foster human resources needed for the development and promotion of new areas of study for the future.

On the basis of this agreement, Tokyo Tech will accept outstanding candidates for Ph. D. from overseas, especially from universities in East Asian countries, and RIKEN and Tokyo Tech will jointly provide occasions for education and research for a degree from Tokyo Tech, by establishing the "RIKEN and Tokyo Institute of Technology International School" (tentative name). Furthermore, both parties aim to establish collaborative courses by the end of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, which will be hosted by researchers from RIKEN acting as collaborating professors and with the same role as a professor in research and education at Tokyo Tech.

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