

The Fourth Annual Plan for OIST Promotion Corporation Fiscal Year 2008

The 2008 Annual Plan for the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Promotion Corporation (OIST PC) covers the period from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

1. Introduction

This year is the last year of the current Medium-Term Plan, and we will make efforts to carry out the items indicated in that Plan within the fiscal year in a steady manner. For items referred to in the IAI Reorganization and Rationalization Plan (approved by the Fukuda Administration on December 24, 2007) as “to be implemented by 2010,” we will work on them in a steady manner. In addition, a main task will be to formulate and write a new Medium-Term Plan to take us from April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2012. This will take account of some changes in the schedule of construction, some of which will also have an effect on our plan for the coming year.

2. Research and Educational Activities, and Recruitment of Researchers

We will continue to recruit researchers and will take into account the need for fairness, transparency, and clarity of recruitment standards.

Based on our last annual plan, we began recruitment for the Primate Neuroscience facility in the last part of 2007. We now think that the facility will be functional in January 2010 and we will continue to recruit, both Principal Investigators and Visiting Scientists in the coming year. We will establish a committee of international experts to help us.

We plan to start recruitment for Structural Biology, and during the year we will again appoint a group of international experts to help us.

The High Performance Computing infrastructure will be expanded during the coming year to take account of the increased work in Computational Neuroscience and the addition of research in large scale computational genomics.

We intend to explore the Environmental Sciences as a new area of focus for OIST PC by consultation with leading environmental scientists. This was approved by the Board of Governors (Board) at the meeting in January 2008. We plan to have a small consultative meeting in autumn 2008 to be followed later by a larger international workshop.

We will continue to develop our workshop and seminar program. In particular we will introduce a new Winter School series in addition to the existing Summer School. The Summer School will be in June-July and the Winter School in December. The number of workshops will be increased (in 2007 seven were held).

We plan to develop several new programs for the support our research and educational work by increasing opportunities for investigators and students to do research and training in OIST PC.

3. Dissemination of Research Results

We will publish papers describing research progress by the Principal Investigators and their research group. There will be a regular update of the OIST website links for publications, workshops/seminars and construction progress. The Annual Report will be issued in June and a quarterly newsletter will be published and widely distributed. We will try to increase the number of access to the website (in 2007 the average was about 18,000/month).

4. Preparation Work for the Foundation of the University

Throughout the period covered by the next Medium-Term Plan, we need to study and explore the possible structure for the graduate university, including research and educational organization, curricula, administrative operations, academic advisory committees and financial plans in order to proceed with necessary preparation for the opening of the graduate university.

We will compile a blueprint for the graduate university at the Board meeting in summer 2008 and through other means, after which we will explore concrete plans for the opening of the graduate university, which will be included in the next Medium-Term Plan.

We will complete a survey of Japanese and International Graduate Universities to find models to be considered for OIST. A planning meeting will be held with members of the Board and others to make recommendations about the structure and governance of the new University.

5. Construction of Facilities and Relocation

We will begin the construction of Laboratory 1 and the Center Building at the new campus. We will continue the construction of housing for visiting researchers at the Seaside Site. We will initiate a plan for the development of residential facilities in the village zone of the new campus. We will develop a plan for the relocation of some of the research groups from the Uruma site to the new campus.

6. Administrative & Financial Matters

In order to secure appropriate and effective administrative operations as an independent administrative institution, we will make efforts to enhance internal control and governance by continuing to strive to ensure compliance. In order to improve the efficiency of operations and financial control over spending, we will implement administrative changes by implementing new organizational regulations in April 2008.

Concerning contracts, we will set general competitive tendering as a general principle and implement measures stipulated in the "Review Plan on Contracts without Tenders" in a steady manner, and make public the status of measures taken. We will also make efforts to secure competitiveness and transparency in contracts by carrying out post-contract oversight and evaluation for tenders and contracts.

We will make efforts to secure research funding from external sources. In order to achieve this, we will establish administrative support for preparing and submitting external funding applications and establish goals for the number of applications and success rate.

We will make efforts to continue promoting a proper salary standard for administrative staff, and to make it available.

We will make efforts to continue examining the effective use of the Seaside House.

7. Review of Activities

We will conduct rigorous scientific review of research projects directed by Principal Investigators. These reviews will be completed by the end of the fourth year of the project and will be based on our mission and the process stipulated in our FY2006 annual plan. In FY2008, we will complete progress reviews of two Principal Investigators, and commence preparations for scientific reviews for other Principal Investigators in order to complete evaluations in a planned manner.

8. Matters relating to the Board of Governors

In order to include concrete plans in the next OISTPC PC Medium-Term Plan, the President will work closely with the co-chairs of the Board to achieve steady progress in the examination by the Board of preparation work for the graduate university.

In FY2008, we will organize two Board meetings, one of which one will be held in Okinawa.

Annual Budget

FY2008

(¥ mil)

Items	Amounts
Revenues	
Subsidy for Operation	4, 454
Subsidy for Equipment	170
Subsidy for Construction	14, 942
Entrusted Income	26
Others	—
total	19, 592
Expenses	
Operating Expenses	3, 779
General Administrative Operating Expenses (Excluding Personnel Expenses and Temporary staff)	362
Personnel Expenses	287
Temporary Staff Expenses	52
Equipment Expenses	170
Construction Expenses	14, 942
Others	—
total	19, 592

【Notes】

1. Due to rounding-off, a total amount and a sum of each item in the right column do not necessarily correspond to each other.

Estimated Income Statement

FY2008

(¥ mil)

Item	Amounts
Expenses	
Ordinary Expenses	4, 945
Operating Expenses	3, 184
General Administrative Expenses	362
Personnel Expenses	287
Temporary Staff Expenses	52
Depreciation	1, 060
Financial Charges	—
Extraordinary Items	—
Revenues	
Subsidy for Operation	3, 859
Entrusted Income	26
Business Income, etc.	—
Reversal of Assets Offsetting Operational Expense	647
Subsidy	
Reversals of Assets Offsetting Contributions	2
Reversals of Assets Offsetting Donated Assets	411
Extraordinary Items	0
Net Profit	0
Reversal of Reserve for Specific Objectives	—
Gross Profit	0

【Notes】

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2. OIST PC pays retirement allowance in accordance with “Officer Retirement Allowance Payment Regulations” and “Employee Retirement Allowance Payment Regulations.” OIST PC projects the entire amount for the retirement allowance is financed by the subsidy for Operation.

Estimated Cash Flow Statement

FY2008

(¥ mil)

Items	Amount
Cash Outflow	
Cash Outflow for Operation	3, 885
Cash Outflow for Investment	15, 707
Cash Outflow for Financing	—
Carry-over for the next period	—
Cash Inflow	
Cash Inflow from Operation	4, 480
Cash Inflow from Subsidy for Operation	4, 454
Cash Inflow from Entrusted Income	26
Business Income, etc.	—
Cash Inflow from Investment	15, 112
Cash Inflow from Subsidy for Construction	14, 942
Cash Inflow from other activities	170
Cash Inflow from Financing	—
Carry-over from the previous period	—

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