

# ICR News 2024

## 20th Anniversary Symposium of the International Research Center for Elements Science and Commemorative Lecture by Professor Emeritus Kohei Tamao, on the Occasion of his Receiving the Order of Culture

International Research Center for Elements Science in the Institute for Chemical Research has celebrated its 20th anniversary and organized the 20th Anniversary Symposium. Before the symposium, a memorial luncheon was held at Hekisuisha for Kohei Tamao, Professor Emeritus and the first Director of the Center, who received the Order of Culture in 2023. A display was set up at Hekisuisha to commemorate Professor Emeritus Kohei Tamao's receipt of the Order of Culture, and replicas of the Order of Culture was on public display. In the Symposium, after the opening address by Center Director Yuichi Shimakawa, an introductory lecture entitled "The 20-year history of the International Research Center for Elements Science and perspective for the future" was given. Then, Professor Emeritus Kohei Tamao gave a commemorative lecture on receiving the Order of Culture, entitled "Looking back on 80 years of a life full of good encounters: The birth of 'Element Science' at the Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University". More than 150 attendants, including current and past associates of the Center, enjoyed the event.

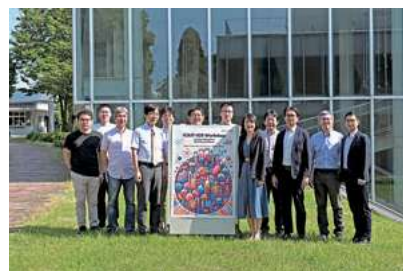


## Five New Memorandum of Understandings to Deepen Collaborations

ICR currently holds a total of 71 Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with a wide range of institutions around the world. In 2023–2024, ICR signed MOUs with five new institutions; Tara OceanS, the Department of Chemical Sciences (University of Naples Federico II), the i-Center for Advanced Science and Technology (National Chung Hsing University), the Department of Chemistry and Industrial Chemistry (University of Pisa) and the Education & Research Center for Advanced Materials toward Carbon Neutrality (Hanyang University).

Based on these MOUs, it is expected that ICR, which promotes international, interdisciplinary and cutting-edge research, and the international organizations recognized for their unique research and high world standards, will facilitate student, faculty, and researcher exchange and promote interdisciplinary joint research. Furthermore, these partnerships aim to create synergetic benefits of international research advancement by fostering young researchers capable of excelling on the global stage and by facilitating the exchange of diverse materials and information.

Memorandum of Understanding for Collaboration  
(1984–2024)



# The “ICR Weeks” (ICR International Conference Weeks) were Held Successfully

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The ICR Weeks were held from Thursday, November 7 to Friday, November 29, 2024, as part of our efforts to strengthen the global research network of ICR, in line with the departmental action plans and annual plans for the 4th phase of the Medium-Term Goals and Plans of Kyoto University. The event was organized in collaboration with the ICR International Joint Usage/Research Center. Over the course of three weeks, seven events were held, including international symposiums and public lectures. More than 500 participants, including attendees from Asia and Western countries, took part in the events. Numerous achievements, ranging from fundamental research to applied research in various chemistry-related fields such as organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, and biochemistry, were presented, with lively discussions taking place. This event provided a valuable opportunity to build collaborative networks between ICR and domestic and international research institutions and to significantly contribute to the development of talented young researchers who will shape the global future.

More detail



14th International Conference of Electroluminescence and Optoelectronic Devices



Japan-Taiwan Initiatives for Quantum Matters and Carbon Neutral



ICR, Kyoto University Young Researchers Seminar

## ICR Held “Kyoto University Chemistry Talent-Spot Jakarta 2024”

ICR held “Kyoto University Chemistry Talent-Spot Jakarta 2024” on January 21st, 2024. This was the 9th event (including online), which ICR has been hosting around Asia since 2017. The Embassy of Japan in Indonesia and the Kyoto University alumni association in Jakarta cooperated to promote the event, and a total of 39 applications were received. From among these, 14 shortlisted students from top Indonesian universities, including University of Indonesia, Bandung Institute of Technology and IPB University, were invited to attend one-on-one interviews with seven professors. One of the top-performing students, Fadhila Redhafi, has joined a laboratory as a MEXT scholar and pursue a Master’s degree from Kyoto University.

