Explore KURENAI: Kyoto University's Open Science Platform

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Overview of Kyoto University

- A national university founded in 1897
- 8,020 staffs
- 22,600 students (undergraduate & graduate)
- 10 faculties and multiple graduate schools covering a wide range of disciplines
- Renowned for cutting-edge research in science, engineering, humanities, and social sciences

Open Science Policies at Kyoto University

- Kyoto University Open Access Policy (2015)
  https://www.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/content0/13092?lang=en
  - The first open access policy in Japan
  - The policy mandates faculty members to publicize in principle their academic articles on the Internet by depositing them in KURENAI

- Kyoto University Policy on Research Data Management and Sharing (2020)
  https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/research/research-policy/rdm
  - The first research data policy in Japan
  - "Kyoto University will promote the utilization of research data by sharing it to the greatest possible extent …"

Government Actions in Open Science

2015 : Report on The 5th Science and Technology Basic Plan

  2016-2020 "Promotion of open science"

2021 : Report on The 6th Science and Technology Basic Plan

  2021-2025 "Construction of new research systems (promotion of open science and data-driven research, etc.)"

2021 : Response to Issues on Scholarly Communication in Japan (Summary of deliberations)

  MEXT: Committee on Information Science and Technology, Council for Science and Technology

2022 : Fundamentals of the Management and Use of Research Data using Public Funds

  The Integrated Innovation Strategy Promotion Council

2022 : JST Launched Jxiv – National preprint server

2023 : G7 Hiroshima 2023, G7 S&T Sendai 2023

  The countries agreed to cooperate in expanding open science initiatives

2024 : Basic policy for realizing immediate open access to academic papers and research data

  The Integrated Innovation Strategy Promotion Council

2024 : Specific measures to be taken in implementing the basic policy for realizing immediate open access to academic papers and research data

Promoting Open Science

Measures for Implementing the Basic Policy

According to "Specific measures to be taken in implementing the basic policy for realizing immediate open access to academic papers and research data" revised 8th October 2024,

Researchers receiving competitive research grants from public funds must publish their **peer-reviewed academic papers** and **evidence data in institutional repositories** immediately after journal publication.

Target :

- Some competitive research funding, open for applications in 2025

- Peer-reviewed research articles published in electronic journals

- Evidence data required to be published in the publication rules

Overview of KURENAI

- KURENAI = Kyoto University Research Information Repository

- Launched in 2006

- Purpose: KURENAI *electronically collects and permanently stores research and educational achievements generated at Kyoto University, with the objective of assuring their free open access, to further research and public accountability*
  https://www.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/uploads/oa_KURENAI-policy_en.pdf

- Built on DSpace, an open-source platform for building and managing institutional repositories

Design: Top Page

Easy navigation to the KURENAI Deposit System (details to follow)
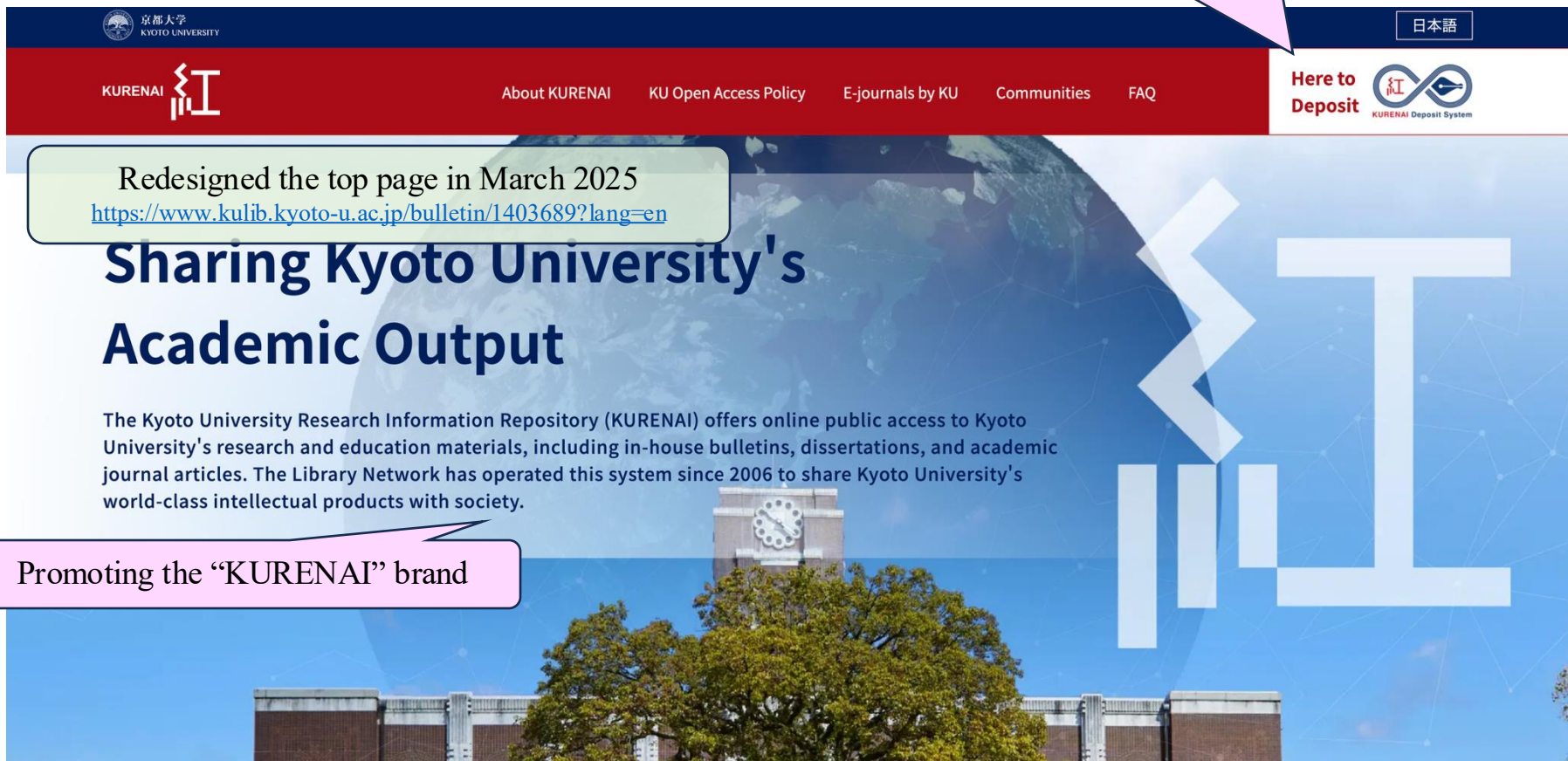
Redesigned the top page in March 2025
https://www.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/bulletin/1403689?lang=en

Promoting the "KURENAI" brand

Design: Top Page

京都大学学術情報リポジトリ
KURENAI 紅
Kyoto University Research Information Repository
Total Items

243,313

Content icons to enhance clarity

| 136 | 74 | 27 | 3 | 128,354 | 44,618 | 31,023 |

Learning Material | Preprint | Technical Report | Software | Departmental Bulletin Paper | Journal Article | Thesis or Dissertation
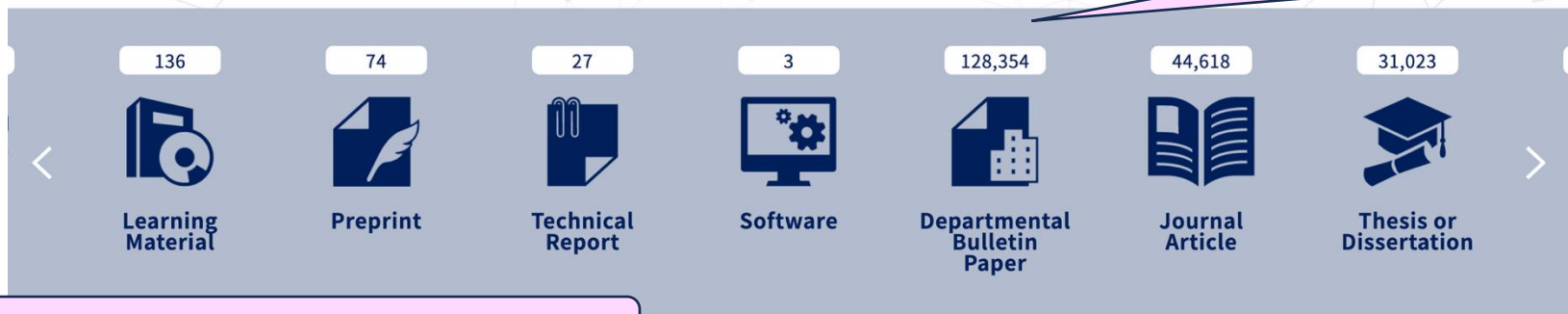
Search functions to facilitate content discovery

Search KURENAI

Title, Author, Keyword...   🔍 Search   ⌃ TOP

What's in KURENAI?

13% are **dissertations**, as doctoral dissertations must be available on an IR according to the Japanese degree regulation

More than half are **departmental bulletin papers** (see next slide ☺)

18% are **journal articles** made available via green open access
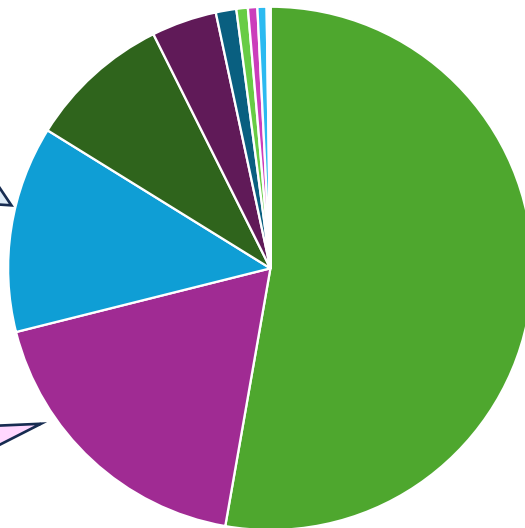
- departmental bulletin paper
- journal article
- dissertation
- other
- article
- research paper
- conference paper
- presentation
- book
- dataset
- learning material
- preprint
- technical report
- software

Departmental Bulletin

- Departmental Bulletin is a journal issued by a specific department within an organization such as a university

- It serves as a medium for sharing information, research, events, and other relevant content with its stakeholders

- It usually does not cost for publishing and reading
  ⇨ Considered as a Diamond Open Access Journal 💎

Departmental Bulletins on KURENAI

270 departmental bulletins (including inactive) are available on KURENAI

list of 270 departmental bulletins on KURENAI
https://repository.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/bulletin/index.html

Example of a departmental bulletin on KURENAI
http://hdl.handle.net/2433/262731

Users can browse by volumes

💎 KURENAI functions as a "diamond open access journal platform" 💎

How to Collect Research Outputs: KURENAI Deposit System

- A system for faculty members to deposit articles and datasets in KURENAI

- Renewed in February 2025
  https://www.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/bulletin/1403261?lang=en

- Automatically retrieves his/her article metadata from *Web of Science* and *researchmap* to facilitate deposits

- User Guide: https://www.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/content0/1370229?lang=en

How to Collect Research Outputs: KURENAI Deposit System

The list of articles required to be deposited, extracted from Web of Science and researchmap

Click the "Deposit into KURENAI" button, check the metadata, and upload the file

Contributions:
- It helps users easily understand what they need to deposit
- There is no need to manually enter article metadata.

researchmap

□ **A researcher information database in Japan**, operated by the **Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)**

□ Most researchers **have their own profile page**, which they **manage themselves**

□ Covers a wide range of research activities, including publications, grants, and teaching and outreach experiences

□ Frequently used for **personnel evaluation**, and **grant reviews**

□ Many **Current Research Information Systems** (CRISs) rely on researchmap

□ Thus, keeping their profiles **accurate and up-to-date** is essential for visibility and credibility

How to Collect Research Outputs: KURENAI Deposit System

If we want to deposit a record that is not included in the list...

Users can deposit any types of resources (up to 5 GB)

How to Disseminate Research Outputs

Connection to external bibliographic databases

OAI-PMH

IRDB 学術機関リポジトリデータベース
Institutional Repositories DataBase

Aggregator of Japanese
institutional repositories

CiNii Research
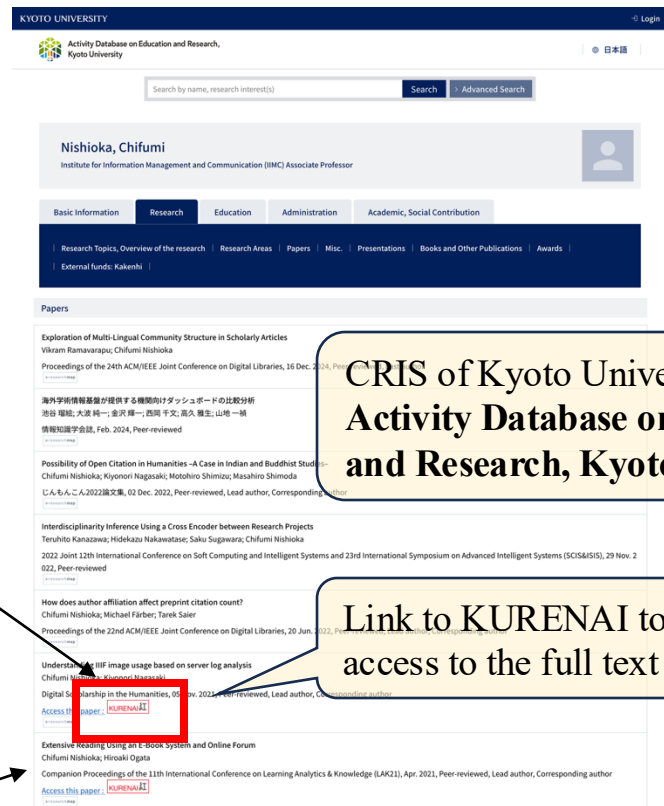
Japanese national
discovery platform

Google Scholar

How to Disseminate Research Outputs

Connection to internal CRIS

CRIS of Kyoto Univeristy:
Activity Database on Education and Research, Kyoto University

Link to KURENAI to enable easy access to the full text

Conclusion

- Kyoto University and the Japanese government promote open science
- KURENAI (Kyoto University Research Information Repository) contributes to collect and disseminate research outputs by Kyoto University
  - Publish a lot of **departmental bulletins** (Diamond Open Access 💎)
  - Facilitate researchers to deposit by **KURENAI Deposit System**
  - Disseminate records to domestic and international bibliographic databases and CRIS