

**1st International Symposium**  
**Space Science of High Quality Protein Crystallization Technology**

Dear Guests,

I wish to extend a cordial invitation to you to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Space Science of High Quality Protein Crystallization Technology (SSPCT-1), which will be held at the Yayoi Lecture Hall at the University of Tokyo on 26 October 2015.

This Symposium is hosted by the “Research Base Formation of Space Science of High Quality Protein Crystallization Technology Project,” a University of Tsukuba project funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

The Project aims to construct the research base to transfer high quality protein crystallization technology, which Japan has spent nearly ten years creating by using microgravity environment at the International Space Station, to the next generation, and to expand the community of researchers through technology diffusion. The Project members include the University of Tsukuba, the University of Tokyo, the Osaka University, the Kanagawa Academy of Science and Technology, the University of Hyogo, and the Confocal Science Inc., and covers a wide range of topics in space science of proteins, including: biomass, hydrogen fuel, and muscular dystrophy and influenza virus drug development.

We hope to discuss a wide range of topics at the Symposium in order to allow us to share what the space science of protein community has accomplished together so far.

Your participation will definitely enrich the symposium and ensure its success.

We truly look forward to welcoming you to Tokyo this Fall.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of SSPCT-1

