

**2nd International Symposium
Space Science of High Quality Protein Crystallization Technology**

Greeting from Project Representative

Dear Guests,

I wish to extend a cordial invitation to you to attend the 2nd International Symposium on Space Science of High Quality Protein Crystallization Technology (SSPCT-2), which is held at the Seihoku Gallery of Yayoi Lecture Hall at the University of Tokyo on 21 October in 2016.

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 ten years and more 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 University of Tsukuba, The University of Tokyo, Osaka University, Kanagawa Academy of Science and Technology, and Confocal Science Inc., and cover a wide range of topics in space science of proteins, including: biomass, hydrogen fuel, and drug development for muscular dystrophy or influenza virus infection. We invite Ms. Naoko Yamazaki, a former JAXA Astronaut and an active member of the committee of National Space Policy, as a keynote lecturer; Prof. Vekilov Peter, University of Houston, Dr. Edward Snell, President & CEO Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, and Emeritus Prof. Katsuo Tsukamoto, Tohoku University Graduate School of Science, as specialists of protein crystallization; and 6 young Japanese scientists who have experienced protein crystallization in space.

We hope to discuss a wide range of topics at this 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.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of SSPCT-2