**The 13th National Taiwan University, Kyoto University, and University of Tsukuba Joint Mini-Symposium 2014**

We are delighted to announce the 13th National Taiwan University, Kyoto University, and University of Tsukuba Joint Mini-Symposium 2014. This year, our mini-symposium will be held on September 26th and 27th at the University of Tsukuba. One of the main sessions in this mini-symposium will be for students to make presentations about their researches in the life sciences.

This mini-symposium is designed as a part of our joint lecture series known as the “Long Distance Course” through a TV meeting system. The Long Distance Course provides a significantly valuable opportunity for students to study in English and exchange ideas in a global atmosphere. The topics of the course this year are i) Molecular and Cellular Biology and ii) Cancer Biology. This course was first established between Kyoto University and National Taiwan University in 2005, under the direction of Professor Kunio Takeyasu. The University of Tsukuba later joined the symposium in 2010. Professor Takeyasu retired from Kyoto University in April 2014 and now is the director of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, in London. In this mini-symposium, Professor Takeyasu will kindly give a special lecture on September 26th.

We welcome your attendance.

**Venue**: Room 105 and 8th floor of Health and Medical Science Innovation Laboratory, Medical Area, Tsukuba Campus, University of Tsukuba, 1-1-1 Tennodai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-8575, Japan

**Date**: Sep 26 and 27, 2014

**Schedule - Core Program (See also the separated schedule file)**

Sep 26

10:00 – 12:30 Special Lecture by Dr. Kunio Takeyasu in LD course (room 105)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 13:50 Opening Ceremony (8th floor)

13:50 – 16:20 Student Oral Presentation (20 min x 6 + break) (8th floor)

16:20 – 16:30 Photo Session (8th floor)

16:30 – 18:00 Poster Presentation (8th floor)

18:00 – 20:00 Banquet (8th floor)

Sep 27

9:30 – 12:00 Student Oral Presentation (20 min x 6 + break) (8th floor)

12:15 – 12:30 Closing Ceremony (with award ceremony) (8th floor)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – (16:00?) Tsukuba Science Tour (JAXA (exhibition and the space medicine laboratory) hosted by Dr. Toshiko Ohta)

**Call for Abstract** (Submission deadline: **Aug 31**)

Topics

* Any research topic in life sciences

 Expected Applicants

* Students

Presentation style (and expected number of applicants)

* Oral Presentation: 15 min talk with power point slides + 5 min discussion (4 students from each university)
* Poster Presentation: 1-3 min talk on each poster. Poster size should be in 90 cm (width) x 180 cm (height) (Number of participants is not limited)

Abstract Submission

* Submit your abstract to both Hiroshi Hasegawa: h.hasegawa@md.tsukuba.ac.jp and Ryosuke Ohniwa: ohniwa@md.tsukuba.ac.jp. Please use the attached abstract template found on the next page. We would appreciate it if you could collect and select the abstracts in your university and then submit them together.

 Awards

* Several excellent presenters will receive an award.

 For more information, please contact Ryosuke Ohniwa, Faculty of Medicine, University of Tsukuba

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Chairman of the mini-symposium organizing committee

Professor Kenji Irie

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Provost of the Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences,

Professor Yasunori Kanaho

(Faculty of Medicine, University of Tsukuba)

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