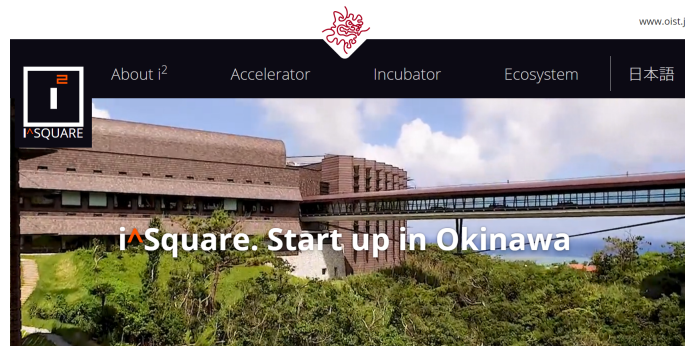


## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GRUSS

Earlier this month I met with Ministers Taro Kono and Shinjiro Koizumi of the Japanese House of Representatives to discuss OIST; our exceptional scientific contribution within the past decade; and the contributions we will continue to make to scientific research and innovation in Okinawa and Japan with continued government support.



Minister Kono, who studied comparative politics at Georgetown University in the US, is an eight-term Member of the House of Representatives of Japan and the current Minister for Administrative Reform and Regulatory Reform as well as the Minister of Okinawa and Northern Affairs. His aim is to promote our prefecture's economic growth as we near the expiration of the Law on Special Measures for the Promotion of Okinawa. Dovetailing this long-standing goal of industry, academia, and government working together to build a "high-tech Okinawa," our discussion focused on the value OIST adds to Okinawa as well as the importance of an increased emphasis on venture capital within Japan. I presented our North Campus plan—which will provide local economic stimulus through incubators, science entertainment, and more—and the support the Okinawa Prefectural Government (OPG) is providing by including our innovation ecosystem in the OPG promotion plan for the next decade. Going forward, Kono would like to pursue structural changes within the national budget that will support our continued research hiring and expansion.



Minister Koizumi, who studied political science at Columbia University in the US, has been a member of the House of Representatives since 2009 and is the current Minister of the Environment. Our conversation focused on OIST's contribution to Japan's ambitious renewable energy goals—which include the decision to achieve one hundred percent renewable energy for all ministry buildings in Japan—and how OIST can support this aim within Okinawa. Koizumi also stressed the continued importance of local and national awareness of OIST, which we hope to achieve in part through the promotion of our environmental research and its connection to the UN Sustainability Development Goals.



It is imperative that both the local and national bodies of government are deeply aware of and enthusiastic about what we're doing at OIST to ensure their continued support as we expand toward our goal of 300 research units. It is my pleasure to be your advocate to this end, and I'm happy to report both Ministers expressed an interest in visiting our campus to learn more.



**Peter Gruss**  
President and CEO

Office of the President



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**Researchers from OIST and the Misawa Home Institute of Research and Development Receiving the Young Talents Award of the Design Intelligence Award**

OIST (Kitano Unit), Misawa R&D and Sony CLS have won a Design Intelligence Award for *Sustainable Architecture in the Hot-Humid Region*, a stand-alone house that generates energy, collects rain water, and reduces the environmental burden. This structure utilizes some traditional building techniques, including the uses of Ryukyu Limestone, to ensure it has a strong resistance fo strong sunlight and typhoons. Members of the collaboration are now working toward providing this sustainable and comfortable living structure to other areas with similar climates such as Indonesia and the Pilippines. [Read more \(JA\)](#).

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## Essential Events



### Teams User Training

Wed., Oct. 28, 1:30pm

C209

The IT Division is excited to announce that Microsoft Teams user training will be held at OIST hosted by Microsoft Japan.

### Survival Japanese: Grocery Store

Wed., Oct. 28, 4pm

Zoom

Learn how to ask questions about ingredients and allergens, ask about price and quantity of goods, and pay for your purchases at the register, all in Japanese. No Japanese experience necessary!

### Mindfulness Practice Group

Fri., Oct. 30, 12:15pm

C210 & Zoom

Spatially and temporally resolved microscopy of traps in hybrid organic-inorganic perovskites

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Make your academic CV more compelling, well-organized, and tailored for academic positions by joining the QuickFix series webinar, "Optimizing Academic CV," on Tuesday, 27 October, 12pm-1pm.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register before 26 October:  
[groups.oist.jp/pcda/registrat...](https://groups.oist.jp/pcda/registrat...)

<p><b>Cover letter</b></p> <p>Thu, September 24 12:00 - 13:00</p>	<p><b>Interview</b></p> <p>Thu, December 10 12:00 - 13:00</p>
<p><b>Academic CV</b></p> <p>Tue, October 27 12:00 - 13:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive Zoom sessions</li> <li>• 16 participants max</li> </ul>	<p><b>Transferable skills</b></p> <p>Thu, January 28 13:00 - 16:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration is required</li> <li>• Everyone is welcome!</li> </ul>

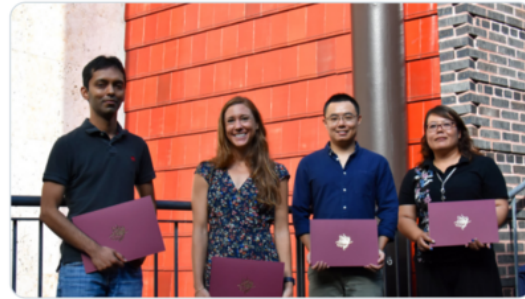


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Now accepting nominations for Awards for Excellence!

The annual awards are for OIST members who have accomplished truly exceptional work as admin, researcher, or student. Help the Student Council recognize the most deserving of 2020 before 1 November:

[groups.oist.jp/sac/student-co...](https://groups.oist.jp/sac/student-co...)



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In response to international travel developments, OIST must now submit a written oath to the Japanese government with the consent of new OIST members from abroad. Details about the oath: [oist.jp/covid-19/updat...](https://oist.jp/covid-19/updat...)



COVID-19 Guidance for Staff and Students