

## UNESCO training project for FY 2011 (One-month lab revisit in summer)

\*\*\* Applications closed on 31 May 2011. \*\*\*

Dear UNESCO Alumni,

First of all, I would like to announce that I have assumed the director of ICBiotech on 1 April 2011, taking over from Professor Harashima. I appreciate your continued cooperation and support on ICBiotech activities.

We are pleased to announce a call for the participants in the one-month lab revisit in summer 2011. The Program is designed to provide researchers related to our UNESCO course with the opportunities to acquire advanced skills and knowledge and to exchange ideas of research at Japanese universities and also to create, sustain and/or strengthen collaborative linkages with Japanese researchers.

This program was once announced last December but canceled due to the policy change of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology – Japan (MEXT) by budget cut. We again proposed the developed program and were adopted as a UNESCO project supported by Japan's ODA. Now we are waiting a notification of the final decision.

Below please find the outline of the project.

If you wish to participate and meet the following eligibility, please reply to us with application form at the bottom of this mail by \*31 May 2011 (Tue)\* via email to \*unesco\_conference@icb.osaka-u.ac.jp.\*

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1. Project Title (tentative):

Building of Asian-core human capital network for development of the network of UNESCO Postgraduate Inter-university Courses

2. Purposes:

(1) To provide the opportunity for the alumni and related young researchers to visit laboratories at Japanese universities to be exposed to leading-edge research, to upgrade research skills, and to facilitate exchange of researchers.

(2) To rebuild up networks among researchers between Japan and Asian countries in the field of biotechnology.

(3) To strengthen the network among the alumni of our UNESCO courses beyond generations and countries.

### 3. Schedule:

Early Jun 2011 Selection of the participants

#### [Group A]

1 Aug 2011 Arrival in Osaka

2 Aug 2011 Orientation and lab tour at Osaka University

3 Aug 2011 Move to assigned Universities (Tohoku U., The U. of Tokyo, Kyoto U., Osaka U. and Kyushu U.)

4-26 Aug 2011 Research and Discussion at each U.

27 Aug 2011 Gather at Osaka U.

29 Aug 2011 Submission of the report, Lecture, Discussion on our previous/new UNESCO courses and Reception with Group B

30 Aug 2011 Return to home country

30 Sep 2011 Submission of the final report by Email

#### [Group B]

25 Aug 2011 Arrival in Osaka

26 Aug 2011 Orientation and lab tour at Osaka University

29 Aug 2011 Lecture, Discussion on our previous/new UNESCO courses and Reception with Group A

30 Aug 2011 Move to assigned Universities (Tohoku U., The U. of Tokyo, Kyoto U., Osaka U. and Kyushu U.)

1-20 Sep 2011 Research and Discussion at each U.

21 Sep 2011 Gather at Osaka U.

22 Sep 2011 Submission of the report

25 Sep 2011 Return to home country

25 Oct 2011 Submission of the final report by Email

4. Applicant eligibility:

Researchers who correspond to any of the following;

- (1) Alumni of the UNESCO International Post-Graduate University Course in Microbiology (1973-2003), at age under 50.
- (2) Alumni of the UNESCO Postgraduate Inter-University Course in Biotechnology (2004-2007), at age over 30.
- (3) Young researchers with PhD at age over 30 who belong to / graduated from laboratories supervised by the above alumni.
- (4) Graduate students who are being supervised by the above alumni.

5. Requirement:

- (1) The participant is highly recommended to revisit the laboratory where the participant finished his/her UNESCO training course under the policy of this project. Please see an attached list of host researchers who cooperate in this project.
- (2) The participant should be advised to discuss with his/her host researcher about his/her research objective, planning and so on during the stay in Japan, after your submission of the application form (see below).
- (3) The participant in Group A should be in Japan on 1 Aug to 30 Aug 2011. Namely, you have to arrive in Japan on 1 Aug 2011 or one day earlier.
- (4) The participant in Group B should be in Japan on 25 Aug to 25 Sep 2011. Namely, you have to arrive in Japan on 25 Aug 2011 or one day earlier.
- (5) The participant is requested to attend the discussion on our new UNESCO course held on 26 Aug.
- (6) The participant is requested to spread and transfer his/her experience from this program and our UNESCO course to his/her colleagues or related researchers in his/her country.

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[Application form]

The first deadline: 31 May 2011

Email to : unesco\_conference@icb.osaka-u.ac.jp

\* Name:

\* Affiliation:

\* Position:

\* Host lab who you wish to stay at:

\* Your planning at host lab who you wish to stay at:

\* Year of UNESCO training (if applicable):

\* Laboratory where you finished your UNESCO course:

\* Your research interest/field:

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Yours sincerely,

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