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The activities of the ICBiotech include:

1. Research and Education

The main area of research is industrial biotechnology rooted in microbial engineering, whilst centering on the sustainable use of agricultural and forest resources in bioresource-rich countries such as those in Southeast Asia. Research is underway in the field of cell engineering with the objectives of analyzing the cellular functions of bacteria, fungi and plants, and developing and using functions of these cells for management and rational use of biological resources that exist on our planet. ICBiotech covers three areas of Bio-technology:

1) Discovery of new functions from biological resources.
2) Bio-conversion and process engineering of biological resources.
3) Conservation of biological resources.

For undergraduate and post graduate courses, ICBiotech is involved in the education activities of Department of Biotechnology, Graduate School of Engineering as collabo-rating laboratories and currently covers several fields of biotechnology in education and research: Applied Microbiology Laboratory chaired by Prof. FUJIYAMA Kazuhito and

Molecular Microbiology laboratory chaired by Prof. HONDA Kohsuke.

2. Participating in FrontierLab@OsakaU 'Scientific Empowerment Program for International Students' which was created for international students to conduct thematic studies and achieve results under the guidance of supervisors while acquiring skills necessary for continuing research in one of The University of Osaka's internationally renowned science and technology laboratories for a period of up to 12 months.
3. Acting as collaborating laboratories with Department of Biotechnology, Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Osaka for 'Biotechnology' and 'Industry-University Co-Creation'. The aim of this program is to expose graduate students (privately financed as well as the Japanese Government Scholarship students) to state-of-the-art research skills and in-depth knowledge of advanced biology to harness the potential of biotechnology.
4. Promoting international cooperative researches in biotechnology with the Southeast Asian countries related to biotechnology. In addition, ICBiotech cooperates in developing international organization and conducting academic seminars related to biotechnology.
5. Implementing Student Exchange Program with the support of JASSO. Under the program, graduate students of The University of Osaka are sent to Thai four universities for a field study program named "Global Leadership Development Program for Driving the Bioeconomy", and graduate students of Thailand and ASEAN countries are invited to The University of Osaka for lab study programs named "Japan-ASEAN Program for Developing Bridge-Building Talent in Bio-Manufacturing", all for about 5 weeks.
6. Inviting Asian students through Sakura Science Plan (SAKURA SCIENCE Exchange Program) of JST to introduce and offer experiences in Japanese science and technology. By exchanging ideas among the participants, the Plan aims to support the development of talented people overseas who have the potential to contribute to innovation in science and technology and support continuous interaction between Japan and other countries; to promote globalization of Japanese education and research institutes; to strengthen good relationship between Japan and other countries.
7. Implementation of international collaborative research with RWTH Aachen, Germany, supported by the JSPS International Leading Research Program. Implementation of student exchange programs with Bielefeld University, Germany, supported by the Erasmus+ Program.
8. Implementing Plant Biotech Program with the University of California, Davis, that enhances cooperation between the two universities to promote healthy and sustainable planet by exploring the intersectionality of biology and engineering.
9. Promoting ASEAN Campus Project organized by The University of Osaka that aims at contributing to "Quality Growth" and the development of high-level global human resources for the next generation in ASEAN countries and Japan.
10. Periodical publishing of Annual Reports of ICBiotech.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Chairman	Prof. FUJIYAMA Kazuhito (Director of ICBiotech)
Committee Members	Prof. HONDA Kohsuke (International Center for Biotechnology)
	Prof. ARAI Masayoshi (Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
	Prof. FUKUSAKI Eiichiro (Graduate School of Engineering)
	Prof. WATANABE Hajime (Graduate School of Engineering)
	Prof. TOBISU Mamoru (Graduate School of Engineering)
	Prof. UMAKOSHI Hiroshi (Graduate School of Engineering Science)
	Prof. IIDA Tetsuya (Research Institute for Microbial Diseases)
	Prof. KURISU Genji (Institute for Protein Research)

STAFF

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	Dr. Raymond L. RODRIGUEZ (University of California-Davis, USA)
	Dr. Choowong AUESUKAREE (Mahidol University, Thailand)
	Dr. Jochen BUECHS (Former Professor for Biochemical Engineering, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, RWTH Aachen University, Germany)
Guest Professor	Dr. SEKI Tatsuji (Prof. Emer., The University of Osaka)
	Dr. ISHINO Yoshizumi (Kyushu University)
	Dr. TAKEGAWA Kaoru (Kyushu University)
	Mr. ASAI Hiroaki (President & CEO, GlyTech, Inc.)
	Dr. KITANI Shigeru (Aoyamagakuin University)
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	Dr. OHASHI Takao (Setsunan University
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I. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH STATION (CRS) IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

The ICBiotech, The University of Osaka launched out the Cooperative Research Station (CRS) in Southeast Asia at Chalermprakiat Building, Faculty of Science, Mahidol University in 2002 through the generous support by Mahidol University. The CRS's space and equipments are made available for Southeast Asian and Japanese researchers to undertake cooperative onsite researches on the development of the abundant natural biological and genetic resources and their sustainable utilization in Southeast Asian countries through JSPS core university program (ended in 2005), JST Special Coordination Funds for Promoting Science and Technology (2006-2009) and JSPS Asian CORE Program (2009-2014). The CRS also functioned as a lecturing and research station of the UNESCO International Post-graduate Inter-University program, which The University of Osaka operated in coordination with Thai universities. The CRS is considering support to the alumni of The University of Osaka and provision of university information for recruitment of students for study in The University of Osaka. Moreover, the CRS has become the base for the research at the DDP program with Mahidol University.

Mahidol University (MU) and The University of Osaka together established the Mahidol University-Osaka University Collaborative Research Center (MU-OU:CRC) for Bioscience and Biotechnology at Faculty of Science, Mahidol University in 2002, to strengthen the research cooperation in these fields which are amongst the most active fields of study and research in both universities.

Currently, MU-OU:CRC has coordinated a research projects under the jointly support of National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT), National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC) and The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). Researchers from Mahidol University, Chulalongkorn University, Kasetsart University, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi and BIOTEC participate in this project.

CRS is conducting researches on:

1. Identification and characterization of unique enzymes.
2. Screening for bioactive compounds from actinomycetes and related microorganisms, and elucidation of their biosynthetic pathways.
3. Adapting Laboratory Evolution of industrially useful microorganisms.

In addition to above, CRS has been taking care of graduate students of The University of Osaka sent to Thai universities and Thai graduate students sent to The University of Osaka under the JASSO Student Exchange Support Program (details in Chapter III) from FY2011. (For FY2020 and FY2021, this program was cancelled due to COVID-19).

II. JASSO STUDENT EXCHANGE SUPPORT PROGRAM
Scholarship for Short Stay/ Short Visit Program (SSSV)

This is a field study program jointly operated with several universities in Thailand and 3 ASEAN countries. In 2024, 24 first year students of the master's course of The University of Osaka was supposed to visit 4 universities in Thailand between August 8 and September 13, and 6 postgraduate students from Thailand, Philippines, and Indonesia was supposed to visit The University of Osaka between September 26 and October 28, 2024, and 5 postgraduate students from Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam was supposed to visit The University of Osaka between November 15 and December 17, 2024 which enhanced mutual interactions.

III. JST JAPAN-ASIA YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN SCIENCE
(SAKURA Exchange Program in Science)

Purpose of the Program: Promoting science and technology is a key engine to materialize a bright future of Asia and it is vitally important to enhance the exchange of youths in Asian countries and Japan who will play a crucial role in the field of science and technology. Based on this concept, “Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science” (SAKURA Exchange Program in Science) is the program for enhancing exchanges between Asia and Japan of the youths who will play a crucial role in the future field of science and technology through the close collaboration of industry-academia-government by facilitating short-term visits of competent Asian youths to Japan. This program aims at raising the interest of Asian youths toward the leading Japanese science and technologies at Japanese universities, research institutions and private companies.

List of Participants (Period: January 26, 2025 – February 1, 2025)

Country	University
Philippines	University of The Philippines Los Banos
Philippines	University of The Philippines Los Banos
Philippines	University of The Philippines Los Banos
Indonesia	Universitas Gadjah Mada, Faculty of Agriculture
Malaysia	University of Malaya, Faculty of Science (Biotechnology)
Mongolia	National University of Mongolia School of Arts and Sciences
Taiwan	National Cheng Kung University Department of Biotechnology and Bioindustry Sciences

IV. SCIENTIST EXCHANGES

Record of Scientist Exchange (FY2024)

From ICBiotech to counterpart countries / From Counterpart countries to ICBiote

* Please contact us for more information.

Ⅴ. GUESTS/VISITORS

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SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

Date	Title	Lecturer/University
May 9-10, 2024	MCLS Molecular, Cellular, and Life Sciences 2024 "Bio-Molecule Engineering in Life and Natural Sciences for Supporting Sustainable Bio-circular Green Technology"	The University of Osaka, Universitas Airlangga (Indonesia) and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (Malaysia).
May 31, 2024	Yeast Community in Mangrove Forest and Their Ability to Degrade Bioplastics	Dr. Pannida Khunnamwong Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science, Kasetsart University, Thailand
Jul 18, 2024	Biotechnological Potential of Actinomycetota in Agricultural and Medical Perspectives	Dr. Intra Bungonsiri Lecturer, Department of Biotechnology, Faculty of Science, Mahidol University, Thailand
Oct 29, 2024	Cocoa Biotechnology: Past, Present and Future （First half） Cocoa Biotechnology: Microbiome and Cocobiota（Second half）	Dr. Tawatchai Sumpradit Assoc. Prof., Head of Department of Microbiology and Parasitology, Faculty of Medical Science, Naresuan University, Thailand
Dec 4, 2024	Glycan-mediated molecular interactions of microorganisms	Professor TAKEGAWA Kaoru Kyushu University, Guest Professor of ICBiotech
Jan 20, 2025	History of CRISPR Research and Discovery of Novel CRISPR-Cas from Environmental DNA	Professor Emeritus ISHINO Yoshizumi Kyushu University, Guest Professor of ICBiotech
Jan 24, 2025	Development of DNA methylation control technology for endogenous plant genes - Aiming to increase production of useful plant secondary metabolites (Japanese only)	Dr. FUKUZAWA Noriho National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Tecnology (AIST) Hokkaido, Guest Associate Prof. of ICBitotech
Feb 21, 2025	NSTDA-OSAKA University Collaborative Research on Microbial Products for Industry, Energy and Environment	ENTEC, BIOTEC (NSTDA, Thailand)

VII. STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 2024

Steering Committee Meetings of ICBiotech were convened as follows:

・April 10, 2024: Discussion on:
*Renewal of a contract of Specially Appointed Professor
Dr. MIYAZAKI Kentaro

・October 7, 2024: Discussion on:
*Selection of New Director of ICBiotech
Dr. HONDA Kohsuke (April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2027)

・January 23, 2025: Report on:
*Exchange of professors and students
*Organization of ICBiotech
*Approval of New Director of ICBiotech
Dr. HONDA Kohsuke (April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2027)
*Adjunct professors

Discussion on:
*Replacement of an Evaluation Committee member from
Prof. FUKUSAKI Eiichiro to Prof. OMASA Takeshi
(April 01, 2025 – March 31, 2027)
*Concluding MOU:
・RWTH Aachen University, Germany
・Fac. of Forestry and Environment, IPB University, Indonesia
・School of Chemistry and Life Science, Hanoi Univ. Science and Technology, Vietnam
・Erasmus Program, Bielefeld University, Germany
*Updating MOU:
・Thai Academic Consortium
*Concluding a cross appointment agreement to employ a full-time specially appointed Assistant Professor
Dr. Kamarisima (April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026)
*Concluding a cross appointment agreement to employ a full-time specially appointed Lecturer
Dr. Chutima Kaewkrajay (April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026)
*Conferring the title of Collaborative Professors from abroad for FY2025
Prof. Irfan Dwidya PRIJAMBADA
Prof. Choowong AUESUKAREE
Former Prof. Jochen BUECHS
*Inviting Visiting Professors for FY2025
Emer. Prof. SEKI Tatsuji
Prof. ONAKA Hiroyasu
Mr. ASAI Hiroaki
Prof. KITANI Shigeru
Assoc. Prof. KATO Toshihiko
Assoc. Prof. FUKUZAWA Noriho

Assoc. Prof. Suchada Chanprateep NAPATHORN
Assoc. Prof. NGUYEN Thanh Hoa
Assoc. Prof. OHASHI Takao
*Inviting Visiting Researcher for FY2025
Assit. Prof. Pannida KHUNNAMWONG
*Renewal of a contract of Specially Appointed Professor
Dr. MIYAZAKI Kentaro

・March 4, 2025: Discussion on:
*Approval of Research Assistant remuneration