

## **University of Tsukuba**

- Mission-based Research and its Assessment -

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## **Unique History of 46+101 Years**

## 147 Years of History and Tradition

Founded as Higher Normal School (1872)  $\rightarrow$  Tokyo University of Education (1949)  $\rightarrow$  University of Tsukuba (1973)

### **3** Nobel Laureates

Dr. Sin-Ichiro Tomonaga (Physics, 1965) Dr. Leona Esaki (Physics, 1973) Dr. Hideki Shirakawa (Chemistry, 2000)

### 110 Olympic + Paralympic Medals (as of 2018)







University of Tsukubi





Medalists at Rio de Janeiro Olympic + Paralympic 2016

# **Three Key Features**

## **Tsukuba Science City**

## Legacy of Higher Normal School

# **Trans-border University**

- Trans-disciplinary research & education
- Open to the global society







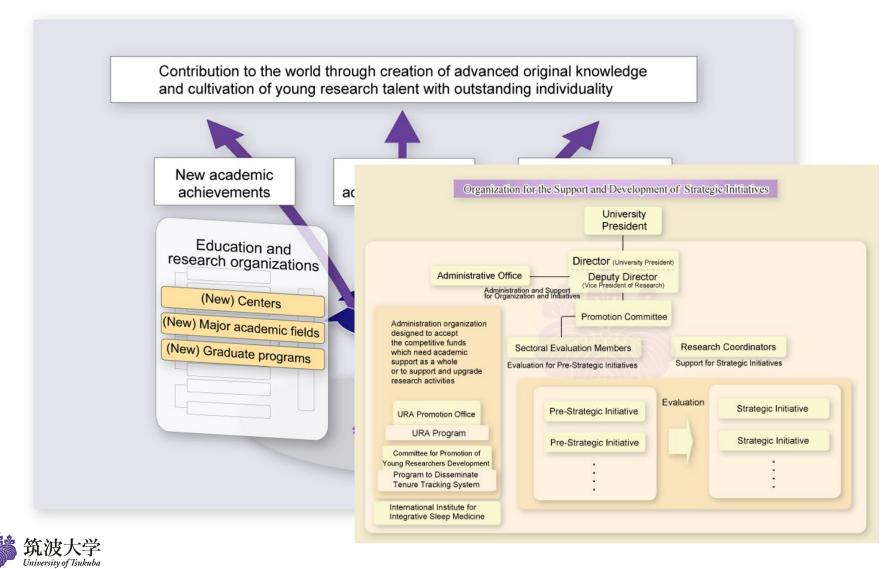
# **Our mission**

- Creating knowledge that can contribute to the resolution of the global issues we face today
- Developing global human capital that can help lead efforts to the resolution of these issues





## Organization for the Support and Development of Strategic Initiatives



## Tsukuba Science City Center of Research and Development

### **Tsukuba International Strategic Zone**

Achievement of Dovideopment of Jeneop	Green Innovation	Project 1 Development and implementation of BNCT	Project 6 Domestic production of medical radioisotope (technetium-99m) in Japan
New Generation of Cancer Radiotherapy (auction)	low carbon society	Project 2	Project Creation of the global hub of innovative
(BNCT) Creation (BNCT) Creation New Industry- New Industry- Media	ess	Personal Care Robots	medical robots and medical devices
Drug Discovery Drug Discovery System of Cooperative System	Algal Biomass Energy	Project 3 Practical use of algal biomass energy	Project 8 Practical development of a recycling system for strategic urban mines
medical radioisotope (technetium-99m) in Japan         Image: Creation of the global hub of innovative medical robots and medical devices         Image: Commercialization of Functional Components	Practical development of a recycling system for strategic urban mines	Project 4	Project 9
Production Systems Using Plant		A platform for open innovation	ponents Production Systems Using Plant
Rapid decline of birth rate and aging society Increasing cancer patients and lifestyle caused diseases Medical and nursing care expenses increment	Reviewing governmental energy policy Expectation for recyclable energy source	Project ) Drug Discovery	Tsukuba International Strategic Zone つくば国際戦略総合特区



## **Research Centers for Innovation**

#### **Research centers**

- Center for Computational Sciences
- Life Science Center of Survival Dynamics (TARA)
- Tsukuba Plant Innovation Research Center (T-PIRC)
- Shimoda Marine Research Center
- Plasma Research Center
- Alliance for Research on Mediterranean and North Africa
- Center for Cybernics Research
- Center for Isotopes and Environmental Dynamics (CRiED)
- Proton Medical Research Center
- Microbiology Research Center for Sustainability
- ... and others

#### **Research core**

 International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (IIIS)

#### **R&D** centers

- R&D Center for Algal Biomass and Energy System
- R&D Center for Precision Medicine
- R&D Center for Sport Innovation
- R&D Center for Engineering Future Society
- R&D Center for Health Services
- R&D Center for Tailor-Made QOL
- R&D Center for Frontiers of MIRAI in Policy and Technology

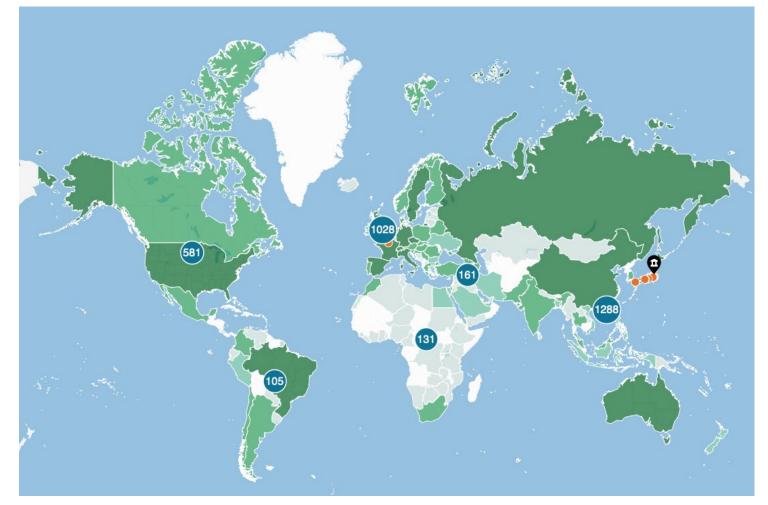


## Classification and Assessment of Research Centers

Advanced Research Centers	R&D Centers	Research Support Centers	Education and Student Support Service Centers
R1: World-level research centers R2: National-level research centers R3: Priority development research centers R4: Training research units	Research	Centers engaged in managing research facilities and infrastructure • Not subjected to research performance evaluation	Centers engaged in education and training of students, faculty and staff and specific missions such as health care and admission
<ul> <li>Research performance is evaluated every 5 years.</li> <li>Can be subjected to promotion or demotion according to research performance.</li> </ul>			

## **International Research Collaboration**

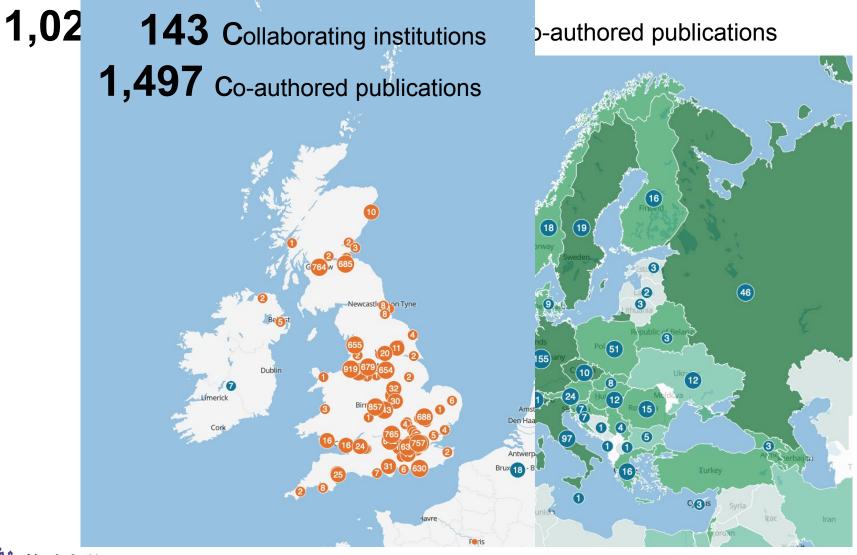
3,294 Collaborating institutions 15,008 Co-authored publications



(2013~、Data From SciVal)



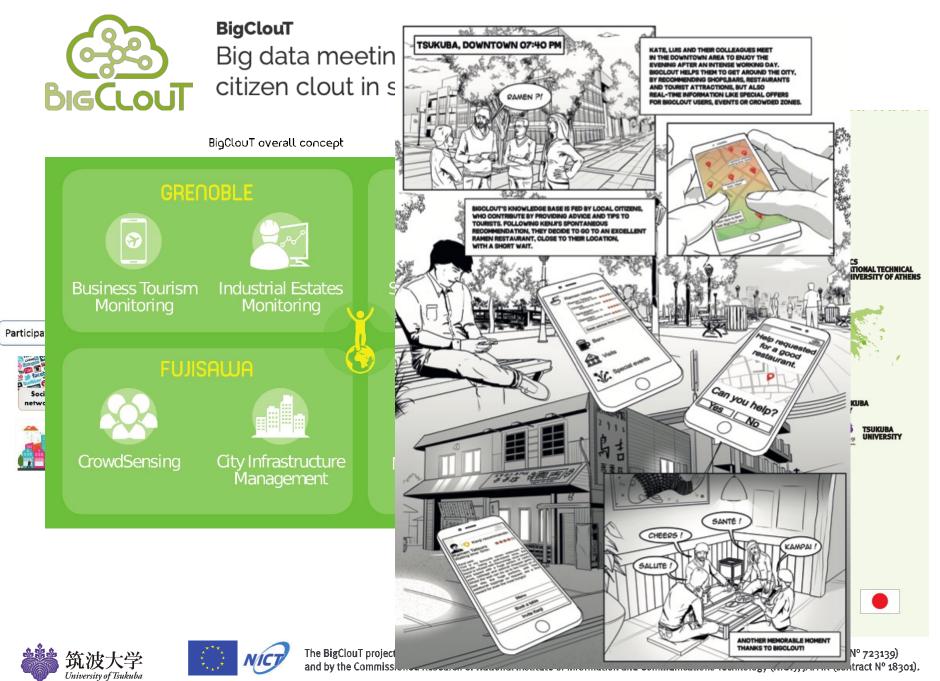
## **International Research Collaboration**



**筑波大学** University of Tsukuba

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#### IMAGINE THE FUTURE.



# **Our mission (again)**

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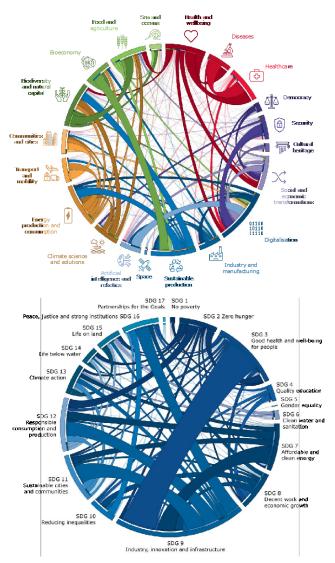






## **Trends in EU Mission-Oriented Research**







European Commission 2018, Analysis Report Responses to the call for feedback on "Mission-Oriented Research & Innovation in the European Union" by Mariana Mazzucato

## Towards Society 5.0 & e-Wellness and Smart Wellness City







## **Perspectives of Research Collaboration**

- **Backcasting**: Imagine a desirable future and work backwards to identify and implement all-encompassing projects necessary.
- **Open Science and Innovation**: Share and work together beyond borders (countries, regions, institutions, disciplines, sectors...).
- Involving New Insights: Participation of young researchers, entrepreneurs and social leaders.





# **Tsukuba Conference** For Future Shapers

October 2–4, 2019 Tsukuba International Congress Center, Japan

Keynote Topic: How science, technology and innovation can contribute to solving various social issues – in the context of Society 5.0 and SDGs

Expected keynote speakers Representatives from the World Economic Forum Representatives from the World Cultural Council Nobel laureates Presidents from world-renowned universities



## TOKYO **2020**

Tsukuba is only 45 min from Tokyo. Why don't you visit Tsukuba during the Tokyo 2020 Olympics? Please mark your calendars, thank you.

