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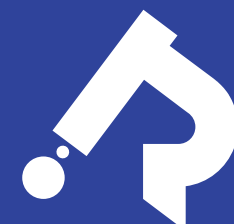
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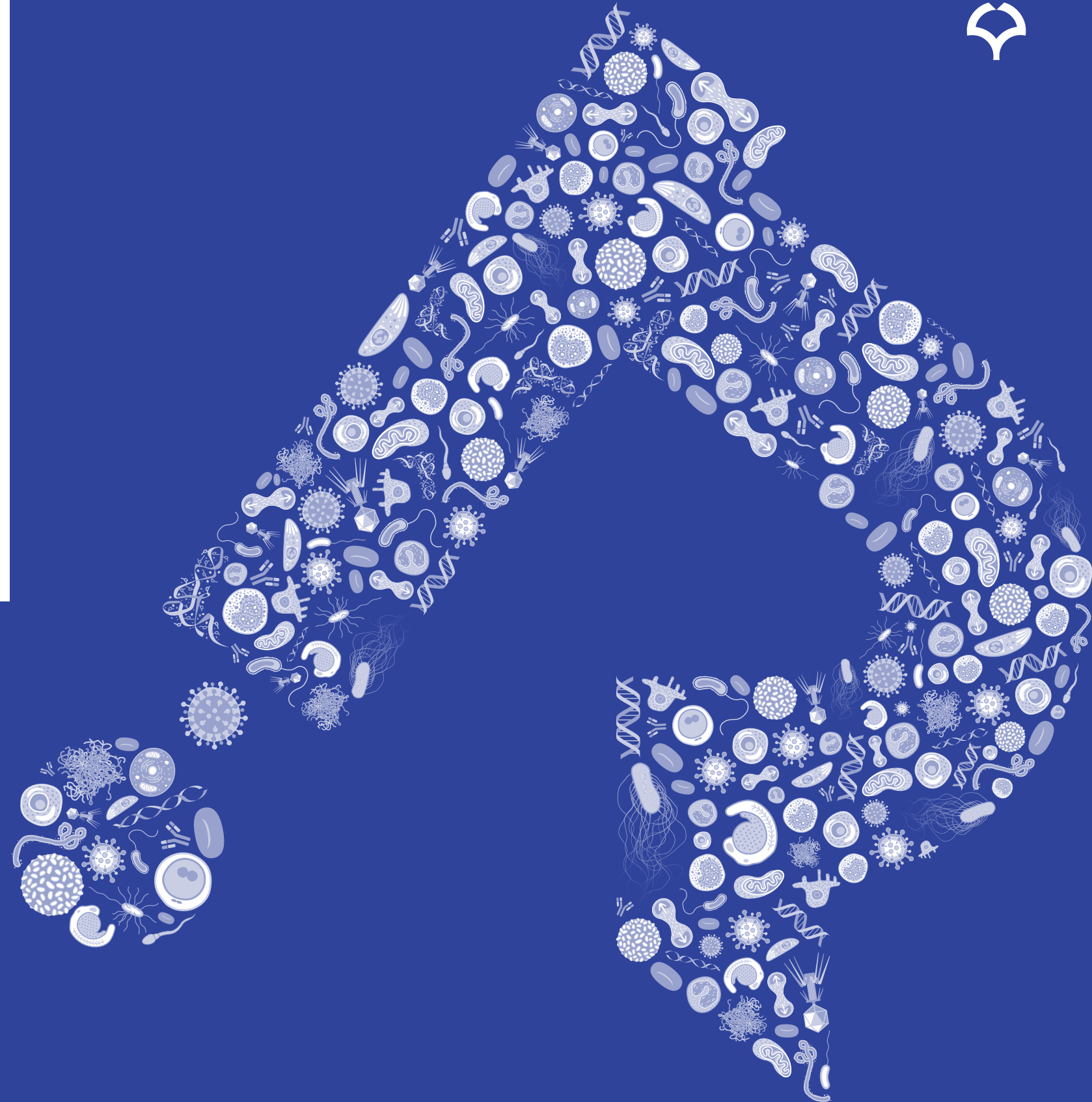
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RIMD
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2023-2024





The Research Institute for Microbial Diseases (RIMD) was established in 1934 to study microbial and infectious diseases, the immune system, and cancer. The RIMD of today is the result of the hard work and amazing achievements of many researchers over the years.

Organization



Director
Nobuyuki Takakura

Research Divisions

Division of Infectious Disease

Dept. of Molecular Bacteriology
Dept. of Viral Infections
Dept. of Molecular Virology
Dept. of Immunoparasitology

Division of Host Defense

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Dept. of Host Defense
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Dept. of Immune Response Dynamics
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Dept. of Signal Transduction
Dept. of Homeostatic regulation

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Dept. of Cellular Immunology

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Dept. of Molecular Protozoology
Dept. of Virology
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Lab. of Emerging Viral Diseases
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General Affairs Section • Accounting Section •
Research Cooperation Section
Office for Research Promotion

Division of Infectious Disease

Dept. of Molecular Bacteriology

Our research aims to elucidate the whole picture of bacterial infection and infectious diseases through understanding infection strategies, host specificity, and specific pathogenesis of pathogenic bacteria.

STAFF

Prof.: Yasuhiko Horiguchi
Asst. Prof.: Yukihiro Hiramatsu
Asst. Prof.: Takashi Nishida
Postdoc.: Dendi Krisna Nugraha



Dept. of Molecular Immunology

We focus on immunoreceptors such as C-type lectin family receptors and T cell receptors to elucidate the mechanisms underlying ligand recognition as well as their potential roles in immune disorders.

STAFF

Prof.: Sho Yamasaki
Asst. Prof.: Masamichi Nagae
Asst. Prof.: Eri Ishikawa
Postdoc.: Takashi Shimizu



Division of Host Defense

Dept. of Viral Infections

We are studying mosquito-borne viral diseases such as dengue and chikungunya virus infections. We are conducting epidemiological studies in Thailand and molecular studies in Osaka, Japan. Recently, we are working on SARS-CoV-2.

STAFF

Prof.: Tatsuo Shioda
Assoc. Prof.: Emi E. Nakayama
Asst. Prof.: Tadahiro Sasaki



Dept. of Molecular Virology

We focus on viruses that cause zoonotic diseases, such as influenza, COVID-19, and Ebola diseases, and elucidate the mechanism of host adaptation, replication, and pathogenicity of viruses.

STAFF

Prof.: Tokiko Watanabe
Asst. Prof.: Shintaro Shichinohe
Asst. Prof.: Itsuki Anzai
SA Asst. Prof.: Kosuke Takada



Dept. of Host Defense

We focus on the components of the innate immune response to gain a comprehensive understanding of the molecular mechanisms by which innate immunity induces various immune responses, including acquired immunity.

STAFF

SA Prof.: Shizuo Akira*
SA Assoc. Prof.: Kazuhiko Maeda*
SA Asst. Prof.: Kiyoharu Fukushima*



Dept. of Immunochemistry

We aim to understand the whole picture of the immune system evolved through the fight against pathogens focusing on immune receptors. We also focus on MHC class II molecules that trigger autoimmune diseases.

STAFF

Prof.: Hisashi Arase*
Asst. Prof.: Wataru Nakai
Asst. Prof.: Jin Hui



Dept. of Immunoparasitology

Our research goal is to elucidate the molecular mechanisms of host-pathogen interactions to explore host defense systems and pathogenesis using the parasite *Toxoplasma gondii* as a model.

STAFF

Prof.: Masahiro Yamamoto
Assoc. Prof.: Miwa Sasai
Asst. Prof.: Fumiaki Ihara
Postdoc.: Masaaki Okamoto



Dept. of Immune Response Dynamics

We are studying the interactions between the nervous and immune systems with a special focus on how neural inputs control immune cell trafficking. We are also developing novel therapeutic strategies for inflammatory diseases.

STAFF

Prof.: Kazuhiro Suzuki*
Asst. Prof.: Akiko Nakai*



Lab. of Immunoglycobiology

GPI-anchored proteins have essential physiological functions in our body. Our research goal is to elucidate the biogenesis, transport, and remodeling of GPI-anchored proteins and understand their significance *in vivo*.

STAFF

SA Prof.: Taroh Kinoshita
SA Prof.: Yoshiko Murakami



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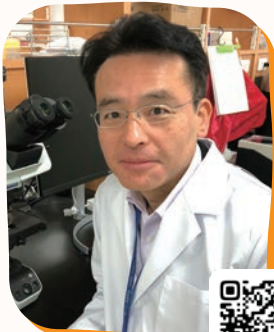
Division of Cellular and Molecular Biology

Dept. of Molecular Microbiology

We aim to elucidate the molecular mechanisms underlying cellular senescence in vivo to understand aging-associated diseases such as cancer and explore new possibilities for their control.

STAFF

Prof.: Eiji Hara
Asst. Prof.: Shimpei Kawamoto
Asst. Prof.: Tomonori Matsumoto
SA Asst. Prof.: Masahiro Wakita*



Dept. of Signal Transduction

We aim to elucidate the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying vascular formation (particularly those involving stem cells) and develop strategies to manage patients with vascular diseases.

STAFF

Prof.: Nobuyuki Takakura
Asst. Prof.: Fumitaka Muramatsu
SA Asst. Prof.: Bal Zeynep*
SA Asst. Prof.: Keigo Akuta



Dept. of Homeostatic Regulation

Our research goal is to elucidate the molecular mechanisms of intracellular interactions that regulate our homeostasis in development, regeneration, and aging, to overcome degenerative diseases.

STAFF

Prof.: Tohru Ishitani
Asst. Prof.: Yuki Akieda
Asst. Prof.: Masayuki Oginuma
SA Asst. Prof.: Shizuka Ishitani
SA Asst. Prof.: Kota Abe
JSPS Postdoc.: Kana Aoki



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Dept. of Experimental Genome Research

Our laboratory studies the mechanisms underlying mammalian reproductive systems through the genetic manipulation of animal models.

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Prof.: Masahito Ikawa
Assoc. Prof.: Haruhiko Miyata
Assoc. Prof.: Norikazu Yabuta*
Asst. Prof.: Keisuke Shimada*
Asst. Prof.: Chihiro Emori
Asst. Prof.: Maki Kamoshita*
SA Asst. Prof.: Julio Castaneda
SA Asst. Prof.: Yonggang Lu*
Postdoc.: Rie Iida
Postdoc.: Takehiro Hiraoka



Dept. of Genome Informatics

We are currently developing new methods for analysis of B/T cell repertoires and protein-nucleotide interactions using multiple sequence alignment (MSA), structural modeling, and machine learning.

STAFF

Prof.: Daron M. Standley
Assoc. Prof.: Kazutaka Katoh
Assoc. Prof.: Songling Li
SA Assoc. Prof.: Soyoung Park*



Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) Core Facility

We support researchers in analyzing big data obtained from NGS and DNA microarrays by combining bioinformatics approaches with large computing systems designed for big data.

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Assoc. Prof.: Shota Nakamura*
SA Assoc. Prof.: Daisuke Okuzaki*
Assoc. Prof.: Naohisa Goto
Asst. Prof.: Daisuke Motooka
SA Asst. Prof.: Yuki Matsumoto



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Genome Information Research Center

Dept. of Infection Metagenomics

In our project, specialists in bioinformatics, microbiology, and infectious diseases gather to research pathogens and infectious diseases using NGS-based genomic/metagenomic analysis.

STAFF

Assoc. Prof.: Shota Nakamura
Prof.: Tetsuya Iida*
Asst. Prof.: Daisuke Motooka*
SA Asst. Prof.: Yuki Matsumoto
Postdoc.: Hiroya Oki



Network Administrator's Office

The Network Administrator's Office manages, operates, and maintains information communication infrastructure such as servers and network equipment. We are also actively promoting the use of information and communication technology in research activities while protecting information security.

STAFF

Head, Prof.: Daron M. Standley*
Assoc. Prof.: Naohisa Goto*



Research Center for Infectious Disease Control

Dept. of Molecular Protozoology

Our research interest is 1) how malaria parasite modulates host immunity, 2) and how it regulates the gene expression specifically in each developmental stage. Using the obtained knowledge, we will explore the new vaccine and drug targets for preventing malaria.

STAFF

Prof.: Shiroh Iwanaga
Asst. Prof.: Akihito Sakoguchi
SA Asst. Prof.: Mai Nakashima



Lab. of Virus Control

We aim to elucidate the virus-host interactions and pathogenesis involved in viral infections to develop novel preventive and curative measures and overcome infectious diseases caused by viruses among humans.

STAFF

SA Prof.: Yoshiharu Matsuura*
SA Assoc.Prof.: Suhei Taguwa*
SA Assoc.Prof.: Chikako Ono*
SA Assoc.Prof.: Saya Nakagomi
SA Asst. Prof.: Kentaro Uemura*
SA Asst. Prof.: Junki Hirano
SA Asst. Prof.: Kazuma Okada*
Postdoc: Juan Vicente Bou Prados



Dept. of Bacterial Infections

Our goal is to understand how pathogenic bacteria cause diseases and develop new methods to identify novel pathogens using genomics to reveal the pathogenesis of unknown infectious diseases.

STAFF

Prof.: Tetsuya Iida
Assoc. Prof.: Shigeaki Matsuda
Asst. Prof.: Eiji Ishii
Postdoc.: Somboonthum Pranee
Postdoc.: Andre Pratama



Dept. of Virology

We study molecular mechanisms underlying *Reoviridae* virus replication and pathogenesis using original technology to generate recombinant *Reoviridae* viruses from cloned cDNAs.

STAFF

Prof.: Takeshi Kobayashi
Assoc. Prof.: Yuta Kanai
Asst. Prof.: Tomohiro Kotaki
Postdoc.: Shohei Minami



International Research Center for Infectious Diseases

Lab. of Emerging Viral Diseases

Our research focuses on deadly hemorrhagic fever-causing arenaviruses (HFAs), including Lassa virus. We aim to elucidate the molecular mechanisms underlying viral multiplication using reverse genetics systems and develop novel antivirals and vaccines against HFAs.

STAFF

SA Assoc. Prof.: Masaharu Iwasaki
JSPS Postdoc.: Mei Hashizume



Pathogenic Microbes Repository Unit

We collect and preserve pathogenic bacterial strains. These strains are distributed to investigators in and outside this country upon request. Our collection is listed on our website.

<http://www.biken.osaka-u.ac.jp/pmru/>

STAFF

Head, Prof.: Tetsuya Iida*



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Endowed Chair

Dept. of Malaria Vaccine Development

Malaria is one of the three major infectious diseases globally. We have been developing NPC-SE36 malaria vaccine candidates. To date, five clinical trials have successfully been completed in Japan and Africa. We aim to obtain regulatory approval through further clinical trials.

STAFF

Endowed Chair Prof.:
Toshihiro Horii
SA Prof.: Nirianne Marie
Querijero Palacpac



Dept. of Cellular Immunology

We are conducting basic research on adjuvants, antigen-presenting cells, and T cell epitopes, which are important for T cell immunity, and developing immunostimulatory anti-cancer drugs, novel anti-malarial drugs, and PDX mouse models.

STAFF

SA Assoc. Prof.: Taiki Aoshi
SA Assoc. Prof.: Takahiro Tougan
Endowed Chair Assoc. Prof.:
Shigeki Adachi



MEXT Joint Usage / Research Center

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology, or MEXT, Joint Usage / Research Center program enables domestic researchers to share research data and facilities. Designated as one of the centers in 2009, RIMD has provided our knowledge, technology, resources, and facilities for researching infectious diseases and biological responses. We promote advanced joint research and develop human resources to combat various infectious diseases with the program.

Call for joint research projects

Calling for both general and specific projects, RIMD conducts approximately 40 joint research every year. General projects are concerned with biological responses and host factors, while projects are focused on infections and pathogens. We are also encouraging joint programs with female researchers, young talents, and overseas.

Joint Base Projects

RIMD is collaborating with three institutions: Hokkaido University Research Center for Zoonosis Control, the Institute for Medical Science, the University of Tokyo the Institute of Tropical Medicine Nagasaki University, National Research Center for Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases Nagasaki University, and Center for Infectious Disease Education and Research. We conduct 'All-Japan' research and develop human resources to fight against infectious diseases through collaboration.



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Nagasaki University



National Research Center
for Control and Prevention
of Infectious Diseases
Nagasaki University



Center for Infectious
Disease Education
and Research

Research Support

RIMD has unique research equipment and facilities such as the Animal Resource Center for Infectious Diseases and the Central Laboratory for Biological Hazardous Microbes, where researchers can conduct high-level experiments in BSL2 and BSL3 environments, and these facilities are available to researchers. We also offer them advanced research technologies and resources, including genome analysis, generating genetically modified animals, and providing pathogenic bacteria.

For detail, please
visit our website. →



Animal Resource Center for Infectious Diseases



The Center is equipped with facilities to safely and appropriately conduct infectious animal experiments and develop research support for genetically modified animal production technology.



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Asst. Prof.: Maki Kamoshita
SA Asst. Prof.: Yonggang Lu*
Educational Support Staff:
Kazuhiro Kaseda
Technical Staff: Ryuta Inoue
Technical Staff: Natsuki Furuta

Central Instrumentation Laboratory



A variety of precision and high-performance research instruments are installed, managed by professional staff, and are always ready for use. We also provide analysis services such as mass spectrometry and electron microscopy.

STAFF

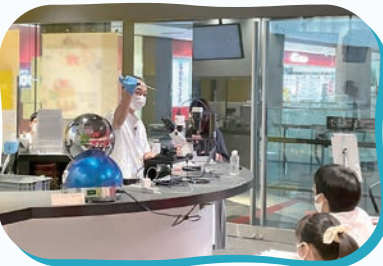
Head, Prof.: Tohru Ishitani*
Assoc. Prof.: Shinji Higashiyama
Assist. Prof.: Fuminori Sugihara
SA Researcher: Akinori Ninomiya
Technical Staff: Yuko Kabumoto



Office for Research Promotion



As a research support office, we aim to contribute to human resource development and the promotion of research in the institute. We are also engaged in the public engagement of science.



STAFF

Head, Prof.: Masato Ikawa*
Assoc. Prof.: Ryo Iwamoto
SA Assoc. Prof.: Saya Nakagomi*
SA Academic Policy
Researcher: Kaori Nagato

Central Laboratory for Biological Hazardous Microbes



The facilities are designed to protect researchers from pathogenic infection and to prevent the spread of biohazardous pathogens outside the building. A wide variety of pathogens including viruses and scrapie pathogens can be handled in the facility.



STAFF

Head, Prof.: Tatsuo Shioda*



Radioisotope Laboratory

established in 1967 and was designed for biomedical experiments involving RIs. Access to the controlled area and records of the use of radioisotopes are centrally controlled to maintain safety.

STAFF

Head, Prof.: Tohru Ishitani*



Administrative office

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Research Co-op Section

Thailand-Japan Research Collaboration Center



The new coronavirus pandemic has wreaked havoc on the world's societies and economies. Infectious diseases can easily cross national borders and spread rapidly in a globalized society. It is difficult for a single country to control them on its own. In cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Thailand, we are engaged in infectious disease research and human resource development in Japan and Thailand. The research center is open to all universities and research institutes and can be used as a joint frontline base to control infectious diseases worldwide.

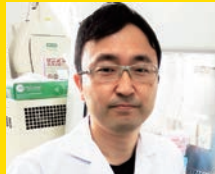
Section of Bacterial Infections



We are developing practical diagnostic tools to detect bacterial pathogens and devise measures to prevent enteric infections, including those mediated by *Vibrio cholerae*.

STAFF

Prof.: Tetsuya Iida*
SA Assoc. Prof.: Kazuhisa Okada



Section of Viral Infections



We are researching viral enteric infections and mosquito-borne infections that have been repeatedly transmitted in Thailand and other Asian countries, including Japan.

STAFF

Prof.: Takeshi Kobayashi*
SA Assoc. Prof.: Hiroto Mizushima
SA Assoc. Prof.: Atsushi Yamanaka



Section of Bacterial Drug Resistance Research

Section of Antiviral Research

Mahidol-Osaka Center for Infectious Diseases

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International Partnership

We have concluded international academic agreements with research institutions and are actively engaged in research activities and personnel exchanges.

| Country | Institution |
|------------|---|
| Thailand | Bamrasnaradura Infectious Diseases Institute |
| Thailand | Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University |
| Bangladesh | Evercare Hospital Dhaka |
| Indonesia | Faculty of Medicine, Airlangga University |
| Indonesia | Institut Teknologi Bandung |
| Vietnam | National Hospital for Tropical Diseases in Hanoi |
| US | Center for Drug Discovery, Baylor College of Medicine |
| Lithuania | Vilnius University |
| Germany | Immunosensation Cluster of Excellence, The Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University of Bonn |
| Australia | The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research |

Clinical Training Course on Tropical Infectious Diseases in Thailand



We have been offering a clinical training course in the Thailand-Myanmar border region. Supported by local hospitals in Thailand, the course provides Japanese medical doctors with clinical training on diagnosing and treating tropical infections.



Taniguchi Scholarship: International Students Scholarship Program

We established a scholarship program for students from ASEAN countries to study at RIMD as graduate students and provide leadership and support to become independent researchers.



The Research Institute for Microbial Diseases and the BIKEN Foundation were established in 1934 and have built a research system to improve public health and develop infectious diseases and immunology. Since its establishment, the RIMD and the BIKEN Foundation have contributed to preventing infectious diseases by developing vaccines such as the measles vaccine and varicella vaccine.



BIKEN Foundation Headquarters



Kanonji Institute Seto Center

Vaccines Developed in RIMD

Measles vaccine: Dr. Yoshiomi Okuno

Dr. Okuno isolated the measles virus and produced a vaccine using SPF (Specific Pathogen Free) eggs from chickens.



Varicella vaccine: Dr. Michiaki Takahashi

Dr. Takahashi isolated the Oka strain, still used in vaccine production today.



BIKEN Innovative Vaccine Research Alliance Laboratories



The BIKEN Collaborative Research Institute for Next-Generation Vaccines develops essential technologies. To develop next-generation vaccines based on new ideas that are not bound by conventional concepts and promote research activities with the Research Institute for Microbial Diseases and other universities and research institutes.

Vaccine Creation Group

We aim to develop antigen delivery carriers and adjuvants that can effectively induce immune responses in our laboratory.

STAFF

SA Prof.: Yasuo Yoshioka*
SA Assoc. Prof.: Toshiro Hirai*
SA Assoc. Prof.: Taro Shimizu*



Virus Vaccine Group

We encourage research to develop vaccines that target infectious diseases that are difficult to develop for various reasons.

STAFF

SA Assoc. Prof.: Hirotaka Ebina*



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RIMD History

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RIMD buildings in 1934

RIMD History

HISTORY

1934

Research Institute for Microbial Diseases opened

RIMD was founded through a merger of the Research Center for Communicable Diseases (Osaka Medical School), the Takeo Tuberculosis Institute (donated by Mr. Jiemon Takeo), and the Osaka Leprosy Institute (donated by an anonymous benefactor).



RIMD buildings in 1934



The Takeo Tuberculosis research Center



The main RIMD building at Dojima in 1934



The Osaka Leprosy Institute

1967

RIMD moved to the Suita Campus

RIMD buildings in 1967



The Suita Campus, Osaka University

1993

RIMD Hospital was merged with Osaka University Hospital

2003

Selected for funding by the 21st Century COE programs on the theme of "Combined program on microbiology and immunology"

2007

Immunology Frontier Research Center (IFReC) was founded

2010

Approved as a Joint Usage / Research Center by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

KEY PERSON

1950s

Discovered *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*



Tsunesaburo Fujino

1960s

Discovered cell fusion



Yoshio Okada

Developed a measles vaccine



Yoshiomi Okuno

1970s

Discovered a viral oncogene



Kumao Toyoshima

1980s

Developed a chickenpox vaccine

Michiaki Takahashi



2000s

Elucidation of the Innate Immune System

Shizuo Akira

2005

Three centers for specialized research on infectious disease and genome information launched. The Research Collaboration Center on Emerging and Re-emerging Infections in Thailand was founded

2008

Selected for funding by the Global COE programs on the theme of "Frontier Biomedical Science Underlying Organelle Network Biology"

2015

BIKEN Innovative Vaccine Research Alliance Laboratories was launched

The Epochs in Biology

HISTORY

1870-1880

Establishment of the germ theory of disease
L. Pasteur, R. Koch

1928

Discovery of Penicillin (The first antibiotics)
A. Fleming

1957

Clonal selection theory in immunology
F.M. Burnet

1975

Production of monoclonal antibodies using cell fusion technique.
C. Milstein

1979

Discovery of oncogene, c-Src
J.M. Bishop, H.E. Varmus

1981

Establishment of Embryonic Stem Cells (ES cells)
M. Evans, M. Kaufman

2003

Human Genome Project completed

1798

Development of Smallpox vaccine (The first successful vaccine developed)
E. Jenner

1919

Proved chemical carcinogenesis
K. Yamagiwa

1953

Discovery of the DNA structure
J. Watson, F. Crick

1965

Revealed Genetic code
H. Khorana

1977

Discovery of the genetic mechanism to produce antibody diversity
S. Tonegawa

1980

Eradication of smallpox was declared by WHO

1996

Dolly the sheep was born (The first cloned mammal)

2006

Establishment of Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPS cells)
S. Yamanaka

KEY PERSON

Tenji Taniguchi



Professor of Bacteriology at the Osaka Medical school. He played a huge role in the foundation of RIMD as he emphasized the need for a research institute in the KANSAI area that focused on microbial or infectious diseases.

Gendo Yamaguchi



A successful businessman in the KANSAI area. He gave back to the community by offering his property for public benefit services and temples. He donated 200,000 yen to establish RIMD.

Join us!



We welcome motivated grad-students and researchers to study basic medical science, including microbiology, immunology and oncology.
The Orientation and lab tour would be held in May every year.
Please check our website for detail.

Message from International Researchers at RIMD

01

Dianita Susilo Saputri
(Department of Genome Informatics D4)



02

Dendi Krisna Nugraha
(Department of Molecular Bacteriology Postdoc)



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Osaka University website for Global Affairs
<https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international>

Study Abroad at Osaka University
<https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/sp/why/you/>

Student Support
Center for International Education and Exchange(CIEE)
<http://ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/>

Support Office for International Students and Scholars
<https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/>

International Students Groups
Osaka University International Students Association (OUIA)
<http://ouisa.info/>

Osaka University Brothers and Sisters Program (BSP)
<https://www.facebook.com/BSPOsakaUniversity>

Work at Osaka University
IFReC Website for Overseas Researchers
<http://www.ifrec.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/liaison/>

Scholarship

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
<https://www.studyin-japan.go.jp/en/>

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Students
<https://www.studyin-japan.go.jp/en/planning/scholarship/>

Municipal Groups for International Exchange

Suita International Friendship Association
<https://suita-sifa.org/en/>

Minoh Association For Global Awareness
<https://mafga.or.jp/en/>

Association for Toyonaka Multicultural Symbiosis
<https://www.a-atoms.info/information-for-foreigners/>

Osaka Foundation of International Exchange, Planning and Promotion Group
<https://www.ofix.or.jp/english/>

