

## Preface for the KURNS Progress Report 2023

It is our pleasure to announce that the KURNS Progress Report 2023 has been published. This report contains all of the accomplishments of research and related activities at the Institute for Integrated Radiation and Nuclear Science, Kyoto University (KURNS) during the fiscal year 2023 (hereafter called as FY2023). A large number of research subjects have been enrolled in FY2023, which covers various fields of nuclear science and technology, materials science, radiation life science and radiation medical science. It means that our institute continues to play a distinctive role as a Joint Usage/Research Center, promoting an extensive range of studies from fundamental to applied research with research reactors and accelerators.

In FY2023, the country was completely out of the COVID-19 pandemic, and research activities have largely returned to their pre-pandemic status. In FY 2023, KUR was operated for 904 hours and KUCA was for 0 hours. In total, we accepted 3464 man-day researchers and students for using research facilities and for attending scientific meetings.

We strive for safe and stable operations for nationwide use, making it our primary mission to provide scientists the opportunity to conduct research and education. We are happy to dedicate our support to enable users conduct significant interdisciplinary research at KURNS.

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