

We are pleased that after the extended shutdown since 2014, KUCA restarted on 20th June 2017 and KUR on 29th August 2017. We thank our users for their patience.

Additionally, we began Joint Research 2018 under our new name – Institute for Integrated Radiation and Nuclear Science, Kyoto University (KURNS). Therefore, this is our last report as Research Reactor Institute. Since 1963, our users have comprehensively cultivated their research networks in conjunction with our history; their substantial passion for research has developed the Institute considerably. We will continue 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.

It was reassuring to note that the number of applications for Joint Research increased although the reactors had suspended operations for several years. We are proud since this demonstrates that researchers and students support our activity, which endorses our facilities as indispensable tools in their research activities with quantum beam and radioisotope.

Having cultivated a cross-academic community in our institute, we can provide scientists unexpected and unpredictable new fields and applications, thus engendering interdisciplinary research. KURNS' integrated innovation strategy seeks to promote new academic fields through human recourse in our field.

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

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