

Message

Global environmental issues facing humanity are among the most urgent and complex challenges of the 21st century. However, identifying these issues, understanding their underlying mechanisms, and formulating effective solutions remains challenging unfortunately. Addressing these issues requires an integrative perspective that considers both natural and social dimensions. Ecological science, which elucidates the relationships between organisms and their environments, is central to this integrative approach. Consequently, the societal importance of ecology has become increasingly evident in recent years.

The Center for Ecological Research (CER) at Kyoto University is dedicated to advancing ecological science to help address these global environmental challenges. CER researchers are experts in fields such as molecular biology, stable isotope analysis, and theoretical ecology, and they conduct collaborative research across a wide range of ecosystems. Their studies encompass a variety of organisms, including animals, plants, and microorganisms. Through interdisciplinary research, CER aims to reveal the mechanisms that sustain biodiversity and ecosystem functioning, while also developing the theoretical foundations for effective conservation. Through these efforts, CER actively promotes ecological research both in Japan and internationally. CER is also committed to contributing to the development of a sustainable relationship between humanity and nature by studying biodiversity and ecosystems and cultivating the next generation of researchers.

Director
Keisuke Koba



History

- Nov. 25th, 1914
Establishment of Hydrobiological Station, Faculty of Medicine, Kyoto Imperial University
- Apr. 1st, 1922
Reorganized as Otsu Hydrobiological Station (OHS), Faculty of Science, Kyoto Imperial University
- Apr. 1st, 1964
Establishment of Plant Ecological Research Station (PERS), Faculty of Science, Kyoto University
- Apr. 12th, 1991
Merger of OHS and PERS to form a new research institution, Center for Ecological Research (CER)
- Oct. 1st, 1998
Completion of and relocation to a new laboratory building at Seta, Otsu.
- Apr. 1st, 2001
Establishment of partnership with Research Institute for Humanity and Nature.
- Apr. 1st, 2004
Incorporation of Kyoto University as a national university corporation
- Apr. 1st, 2010
Designated as Joint Usage/Collaborative Research Center for Ecology and Biodiversity Sciences by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (-Mar. 31st 2016)
- Apr. 1st, 2016
Re-designated as Joint Usage/Collaborative Research Center for Ecology and Biodiversity Sciences by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (-Mar. 31st 2022)
- Apr. 1st, 2022
Re-designated as Joint Usage/Collaborative Research Center for Ecology and Biodiversity Sciences by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (-Mar. 31st 2028)

Joint Usage / Collaborative Research

We function as a nationally shared facility that promotes collaborative research in ecology. And we accept applications annually for collaborative research projects, research meetings, and workshops.



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- Local & Rapid train (17 minutes) → Seta Station
- New rapid train (17 minutes) → Minami-Kusatsu Station

From Seta Station (Teisan BUS 301 line)

- Bound for Daigaku Byoin (15 minutes)
- Get off at the last stop Daigaku byoin and 15 minutes walk

From Minami-Kusatsu Station (Ohmi Railway BUS stop no.5)

- Bound for Matsugaoka 5 Chome (20 minutes)
- Get off at the last stop Matsugaoka 5 Chome and 10 minutes walk
- Bound for Kenritsu Cho-jiu Shakai-Fukushi Center (20 minutes)
- Get off at Seitagaku Kenkyu Center (Center for Ecological Research)



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