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✦ 2025 Kids Science



On August 3, 21 elementary school students from Ichinoseki City and the Town of Hiraizumi participated in the "2025 Kids Science" hands-on science class hosted and held at the South Iwate Research Center of Technology.

The theme of the class was "Enjoy the Wonder of Crystals through Experiments," with Professor Mitsuru Nikaido of Ichinoseki National College of Technology as the lecturer. The students enjoyed demonstrations of cloud formation and flame reactions, observed the dissolution of rock salt, and experimented with crystal deposition of sodium acetate and ammonium chloride.

Exchange of Opinions with International Researchers ✦

Researchers involved in the ILC and officials from ILC candidate areas exchanged views in the city on July 5.

Researchers Maxim Titov, Steiner Stapnes, and Thomas Schörner, who were in Japan for the international conference "Linear Collider Workshop 2024" (July 8–11) at the University of Tokyo, as well as local officials (Vice Governor of Iwate Jun Sasaki, Mayor Yoshihito Sato of Ichinoseki City, Mayor Jun Kuranari of Oshu City and Mayor Shigeru Sugawara of Kesennuma City) were among the fifteen attendees of the meeting.

In the midst of developments in Europe, the U.S., and China, the researchers noted that cooperation between nations that share similar values is crucial and that the ILC project in Japan needs to be underway by the time the next European particle physics strategy is discussed.



✦ ILC Public Lecture



An ILC Public Lecture (hosted by the ILC Promotion Council) was held in Morioka on July 1st. The lecturers were Professor Hitoshi Murayama of the University of California, Berkeley, and Yukako Uchinaga, CEO of GRI Inc.

Murayama explained, "If Europe's next-generation large circular accelerator or the ILC is feasible, the U.S. will contribute to it,"

"If it becomes clear that Japan can build the ILC, I'm certain the U.S. will cooperate."

"The ILC will bring together many people from all over the world and will be a catalyst for changing ideas and various systems," stated Uchinaga. She also expressed her hope that Iwate Prefecture would promote "internal globalization" and the "IWATE Model," which encourages basic and applied research into cutting-edge technology and leads to practical application, ultimately resulting in Japan's revitalization.

