

Welcome Remarks

It is an honour and our great pleasure to have such distinguished guest participants in this First International Workshop on Integrated Field Science in Terrestrial–Marine Ecosystems. This project for integrating terrestrial field science and marine one from the perspective of ecology seems to be a very ambitious and pioneering scientific attempt. And, such a pioneer spirit in science is one of the main principles our University has adopted since its establishment.

Tohoku University was founded in 1907 as third imperial university, and from the start the University has maintained uniqueness within Japan. The University has always conceived strong loyalty to science while other former imperial universities have tried to meet the governmental needs. So, pioneering scientific research has been always our principal mission.

Our University has also placed great emphasis on an "open-door" policy. Actually, we have had constant influx of large numbers of international students and scholars from every corner of the world. Therefore, I believe, this workshop shall not merely make a great contribution to the progress in science but also have a clear mark in the history of our University. So, I really thanks guest participants for joining this new and traditional scientific adventure.

I wish the Workshop with a great success.

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