

Common-use Facilities

Information Science and Technology Center

The Information Science and Technology Center (ISTC) of Kobe University was established in April 2003 to provide computational services and network infrastructure for university members and to conduct research in computer science and technology, including computer education, high performance computing, and computer networks. The facilities of ISTC include (1) a high performance computer system with 16 CPUs, (2) 1,215 computer terminals for education, (3) a gigabit network system, (4) high performance network servers, and (5) a firewall system and antivirus software to cope with the network security.

<http://www.istc.kobe-u.ac.jp/>



Office of Collaborative Research and Technology Development

Kobe University values its partnership with industry and government. The Kobe University Office of Collaborative Research and Technology Development (CREATE) was established on October 1, 2005 as a central organization to facilitate the transfer of knowledge to benefit society, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. In its aim to serve as a catalyst bridging the laboratory to the industry, the CREATE provides a one-stop shop of knowledge management tools and solutions to advance the development of promising new technologies by fostering strategic collaboration with industry through licensing, sponsored research and new venture agreement.

<http://www.innov.kobe-u.ac.jp/>

Institute for Promotion of Higher Education

Institute for Promotion of Higher Education was established in July 2005 as a part of the Liberal Education Reform at Kobe University. Its main responsibility is to manage and offer New General Education courses to all undergraduate students and to engage in research and development in higher education.

<http://www.iphe.kobe-u.ac.jp/en.htm>



International Student Center

The International Student Center is one of university wide research/teaching facilities established in April 1993. This Center provides international students with education in Japanese language and Japanese studies. It also offers consultations on problems encountered in studying or living in Japan.

In its aim to promote international academic exchange programs, the Center supports overseas study for Japanese students studying at Kobe University. The local community is very important for the International Student Center; therefore, it is actively promoting projects to strengthen ties between international students and local organizations, as well as programs to help international students improve their Japanese language abilities.

http://www.kisc.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/i_topics.html

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School of Languages and Communication

The School of Languages and Communication (SOLAC) was established in October 2003 in response to a call for more international communication at Kobe University. SOLAC aims to provide language-related support to the greater University community by introducing self-access rooms and CALL facilities for independent study, as well as developing more effective curricula, methodologies and teaching materials for language courses. SOLAC, in addition, plays an active role in promoting research and education at post-graduate levels in the fields of language, culture, and communication.

<http://solac.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/index-e.html>



Center for Supports to Research and Education Activities

The Center was reorganized in 2004 by unifying the former three independent centers, Radioisotope Research Center, Center for Instrumental Analysis and Cryogenic Center. The Center consists of three divisions, Radioisotope Division(RD), Instrumental Analysis Division(IAD), and Cryogenic Division(CD). The aim of the Center is to play an essential role in supporting research and educational activities in the various fields of science and technology. The first division(RD) supports research and educational activities involving the use of various types of radioisotopes. The second division(IAD) provides with technical assistance to research and education on analytical technology. The last division(CD) supplies with liquid helium and liquid nitrogen and gives general services concerning low temperature technology.

<http://www.csrea.kobe-u.ac.jp/>

Center for Environmental Management

The Center is responsible for the waste treatment and environmental management of the University. For instance, wastewater containing harmful chemical substances (i.e. heavy metals such as mercury) from research activities is carefully treated to avoid damage to the environment.

In the 21st century, the Center is expected to play a significant role in Kobe University's total environmental activities, including staff education concerning pollutant release, transfer and register (PRTR). Energy saving and reductional solid wastes are also expected to be managed according to the assistance of the Center.

<http://www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/cema/>



Medical Center for Student Health



The Medical Center for Student Health was established in April 1970. Services provided by the Center include annual medical checkup for all students and staff, special checkups for X-ray and/or radioisotope users, as well as new overseas students. Emergency medical treatment is also available. There are doctors and nurses as well as counselors to provide consultation or advisory service on physical and mental problems.

The Medical Center for Student Health is also playing an important part in developing safe and hygienic educational environment, through "Health and Safety" activities by qualified doctors.

<http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/medicalc/index-j.html>