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#### Research

Support, Management, and Effective Use of Intellectual Property

## **Intellectual Property, IP Strategy**

#### Intellectual Property and Licensing Section

Promotes the protection, management, and effective use of intellectual property created by the university's researchers in collaboration with the Kansai Technology Licensing Organization Co., Ltd. (Kansai TLO). The section facilitates close communication between researchers and companies. and provides support for the creation of intellectual property rights. It also provides IP-related support to researchers participating in national projects and joint research with companies.

## Licensing

Marketing and Licensing

#### Kansai Technology Licensing Organization Co., Ltd. (Kansai TLO)

Kansai TLO was established in 1998, based on the Japanese government's Act on the Promotion of Technology Transfer from Universities to Private Business Operators. The organization serves as a bridge between academia and industry by making proposals for the commercialization of university research achievements to companies and other enterprises, thereby facilitating technology transfer and bringing the benefits of research to society. In 2015, it became a subsidiary of Kyoto University, and promotes the further enhancement of the university's intellectual property marketing and licensing activities. The organization seeks to provide an optimal environment for the development of new inventions, and to promote their commercialization in collaboration with researchers.

Investment

Discovery of New **Business Opportunities** 

**Establishment of New Companies** 

### Kyoto University Innovation Capital Co., Ltd.

Kvoto University Innovation Capital Co., Ltd. (KUiCAP) is the first wholly-owned subsidiary of Kyoto University. It invests in startup companies that endeavour to make practical use of the university's research achievements for the benefit of society. In doing so, it aims to enhance Japan's industrial competitiveness and contribute to the development of new technology and research fields through industry-academia collaboration.

Non-Disclosure Agreements

Bridging the Different Cultures of the Industrial Government, and **Academic Sectors** 

#### **Legal Affairs Section**

The Legal Affairs Section at the SACI serves as an on-campus and in-house legal resource for knowledge and technology transfer by Kyoto University. It supports and advances the university's overarching mission and vision by providing professional and knowledgeable legal support and services in the course of the SACI's operations. The knowledge and expertise provided by the Legal Affairs Section facilitates and encourages fruitful, long-term, and balanced collaboration among the industrial, government, and academic sectors, with a view to driving innovation for the benefit of the general public and society.

Collaborative Research Agreements

Comprehensive Collaboration

IP License Agreements The primary roles of the Legal Affairs Section include:

Investing in the

**Practical Application** 

of Research

Outcomes

and Commercialization

- (i) Assisting with the development of the university's policies and regulations for knowledge and technology transfer and with decision-making on related matters.
- (ii) Providing legal advice and consultation in the course of the SACI's operations, including drafting, reviewing, and negotiating knowledge and technology transfer agreements (such as non-disclosure agreements, IP license agreements, and collaborative research agreements) and helping to design and develop frameworks for collaboration for innovation, including seed fund management for university research-based startups.
- (iii) Conducting practical investigations on the issues and best legal practices relating to knowledge and technology transfer by universities, including those relating to intellectual property protection and seed fund management for university research-based startups.

The Legal Affairs Section prides itself on being an outstanding team of legal professionals, developing and providing innovative and creative solutions for the advancement of industry-government-academia collaboration.

#### Joint Research Section

The Joint Research Section carries out surveys, data collection, and analyses of the university's research achievements in collaboration with the Research Administration Office (KURA) and other departments. In addition to actively publicising research achievements through

Comprehensive Collaboration to Promote Strategic Partnerships with Companies

presentations and exhibitions of new research developments with commercial potential, the Joint Research Section also responds to inquiries and requests for technical consultation from companies. Information gained in the process of providing such assistance is then "fed back" to researchers via KURA and other channels. The SACI also operates joint research projects with industrial partners in which the business strategy is co-developed by both the university and the partner company.

Maximize Kvoto University's Contribution to Addressing National Issues

#### **National Project Section**

The National Project Section promotes Kyoto University's research-based contribution to new large-scale national projects in collaboration with innovative companies. Analyzing national issues and social needs, it assists with the design of research projects that fully utilize the university's research capabilities, collaborating with government ministries to propose projects in the initial stages of national policy-making. The section also provides follow-up support to projects in progress in response to changing policy trends. Current major national projects in which the SACI is involved include the Center of Innovation Science and Technology based Radical Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program (COI STREAM), supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), and the Research & Development Initiative for Scientific Innovation of New Generation Batteries (RISING) by the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO).

Developing the Know-How to Foster Entrepreneurs

#### **Innovation Management Science**

The SACI offers science and technology-based training programs for entrepreneurs that aim to cultivate human resources capable of rising to the challenges presented by new business opportunities. Imbued with Kyoto City's longstanding sprit of entrepreneurship, which has produced numerous leading global companies in manufacturing and other areas, the SACI's programs foster high-caliber talent with advanced specialist knowledge, business drive, and an entrepreneurial mindset.

Resource Motivation Opportunities Management Practice Technology Simulation Strategy Theory **Finance Theory** Marketing Theory Application Fundament

Support for the Establishment of Startups Based on University Research