

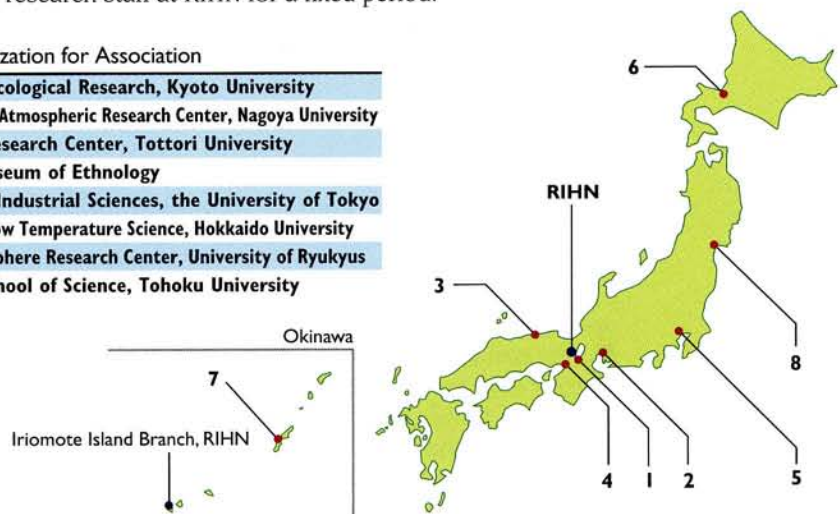
Research Cooperation in Japan and Abroad

Partner Organizations for Fluid Association

RIHN has promoted research in collaboration with the following eight domestic institutions, including university research institutes. We receive more than one teaching staff member from each of these research institutes in accordance with our agreement. They work as teaching and research staff at RIHN for a fixed period.

Partner Organization for Association

1. Center for Ecological Research, Kyoto University
2. Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Research Center, Nagoya University
3. Arid Land Research Center, Tottori University
4. National Museum of Ethnology
5. Institute of Industrial Sciences, the University of Tokyo
6. Institute of Low Temperature Science, Hokkaido University
7. Tropical Biosphere Research Center, University of Ryukyus
8. Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University

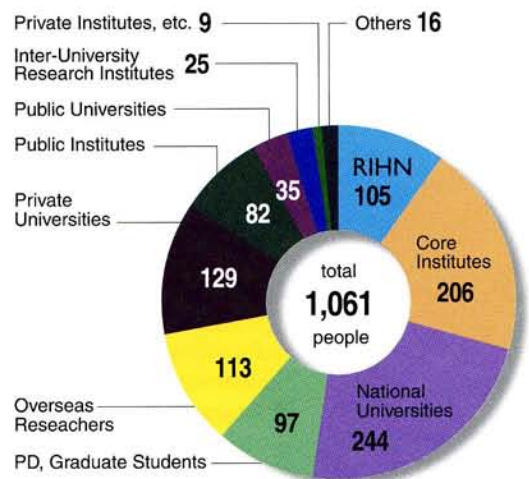


Memoranda and Research Cooperation Agreements

RIHN has signed memoranda with overseas research institutes such as Nankai University, Hohai University, the Cold and Arid Regions Environmental and Engineering Research Institute (Chinese Academy of Sciences), Institute of National Studies (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), and the Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences as well as leading research organizations from these and other countries. Furthermore, research cooperation agreements have been signed at project leader level with many research institutes and organizations such as La Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Yunnan University, the Ministry of Public Health (Lao People's Democratic Republic), and Chiang Mai University. RIHN also signed agreements with the University of the Punjab in October 2006, Zambia Agricultural Research Institute, the Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives of Zambia in March 2007, and CARDI of Cambodia in June 2007.

External Research Collaboration

As an Inter-University Research Institute, RIHN promotes integrative and cross-disciplinary joint research in the field of global studies. For this goal, RIHN intends to collaborate not only with universities, national agencies, public organizations, and the private sector in Japan, but also relevant overseas institutions.



* As of April 9, 2007, researchers from the core institutes on joint research projects account for the largest part of the staff working on projects. (Core institutes include our partner organizations).

Activities of the Research Promotion Center

The Research Promotion Center, in accordance with the principles of the Institute, was established to build the basis for finding a new research perspective beyond the scope of the existing disciplinary framework.

The Medium-term Action Program of the National Institutes for the Humanities stipulates that it is “to consolidate the Research Promotion Center for activities including information collection and processing, science communication, and relevant basic research, in relation to global environment studies.”

The Research Promotion Center plans science communication, and provides information and processing tools as concrete activities for the sake of RIHN and global environmental studies.

■ Dissemination

The Center develops programs for widely disseminating the results and significance of research activities conducted at RIHN. It plans and organizes the RIHN Forum, RIHN Public Seminars, Publications of RIHN Series and RIHN Library. Last fiscal year, the Center began publishing RIHN’s “Humanity & Nature Newsletter” and has published it every other month up to volume 6.

■ Information Processing

The Center provides databases and other information required for studies to RIHN research projects and other bodies within and outside RIHN. At the same time the Center collects a variety of information.

■ Facilitates for Research

The purposes of this activity are to provide observation and analysis systems and to enable their advanced use. The Center is also in charge of running laboratories.



RPC (Research Promotion Center) Research Projects

The Center has undertaken the RPC Research Projects shown below as joint studies conducted with RIHN’s research projects and researchers within and outside the Institute, in order to enhance the above-mentioned activities.

■ Development of Methodology to Archive and Reuse the Results of Interdisciplinary Studies

The RPC established a methodology to archive research methods and results of interdisciplinary environment-related studies for the next generation, in order to make the most of them in producing inspiration and formulating research programs. Furthermore, the Center examines various problems associated with interdisciplinary research methods to form a basis for implementing the established methodology, and verifies its applicable scope and validity.

■ Research for Dissemination Measures

The RPC explores how it is possible to communicate the significance of RIHN’s studies and the results of its research to the public as well as to scholars in Japan and abroad for increased understanding. The RPC hopes to present detailed communication programs and strategies after reviewing available dissemination measures.