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Instrument Center was organized in April of 2007 by integrating the general-purpose and state-of-the-art facilities of Research Center for Molecular Scale Nanoscience and Laser Research Center for Molecular Science. The mission of Instrument Center is to support the in-house and external researchers in the field of molecular science, who intend to conduct their researches by utilizing general-purpose and state-of-the-art instruments. The staffs of Instrument Center maintain the best conditions of the machines, and provide consultation for how to use them. The main instruments the Center now maintains in Yamate campus are: Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometers (JNM-ECA 600 for solutions, JNM-ECS400 for solutions and Bruker AVANCE800 Cryoprobe for solutions), matrix assisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight (MALDI TOF) mass spectrometer (Voyager DESTRA), powder X-ray diffractometer (Rigaku RINT-Ultima III), circular dichroism (CD) spectrometer (JASCO JW-720WI), differential scanning calorimeter (MicroCal VP-DSC), and isothermal titration calorimeter (MicroCal iTC200), scanning electron microscope (SEM; JEOL JEM-6700F), focused ion beam (FIB) processing machine (JEOL JEM-9310FIB), and elemental analyzer (J-Science Lab Micro Corder JM10). In the Myodaiji campus, the following instruments are installed: Electron spin resonance (ESR) spectrometers (Bruker E680, E500, EMX Plus), NMR spectrometer (Bruker AVANCE600 for solids), superconducting quantum interference devices (SQUID; Quantum Design MPMS-7 and MPMS-XL7), solution X-ray diffractometer (Rigaku NANO-Viewer), single-crystal X-ray diffractometers (Rigaku Mercury CCD-1, CCD-2, RAXIS IV, and 4176F07), thermal analysis instruments

(TA TGA2950, DSC2920, and SDT2960), fluorescence spectrometer (SPEX Fluorolog2), X-ray fluorescence spectrometer (JEOL JSX-3400RII), UV-VIS-NIR spectrometer (Hitachi U-3500), Raman microscope (Renishaw INVIA REFLEX 532), nanosecond excimer/dye laser system (Lambda Physics LPX105i/LPD3002), Nd:YAG pumped OPO laser (Spectra Physics GCR-250/Lambda Physics Scanmate OPPO), fluorinated excimer laser (Lambda Physics Complex 110F), picosecond tunable laser system (Spectra Physics Tsunami/Quantronix Titan/Light Conversion TOPAS), low vacuum analytical SEM (Hitachi SU6600), electron spectrometers for chemical analysis (ESCA) (Omicron EA-125), angle resolved ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy (ARUPS) for functional band structures (VG-Scienta DA30), and FTIR spectrometer (Bruker IFS 66v/S). In the fiscal year of 2016, Instrument Center accepted 105 applications from institutions outside IMS and the total user time including in-house use amounted 2,926 days/36 equipments. Instrument Center also maintains helium liquefiers in the both campus and provides liquid helium to users (62,320 L/year). Liquid nitrogen is also provided as general coolants used in many laboratories in the Institute (41,434 L/year). The staffs of Instrument Center provide consultation for how to treat liquid helium, and provide various parts necessary for low-temperature experiments.

Instrument Center organizes the Inter-University Network for Common Utilization of Research Equipments and the Molecule and Material Synthesis Platform in the Nanotechnology Platform Program supported by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. These special programs are described in the other chapter of the booklet.