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[Osaka University Immunology Frontier Research Center won the World Premier International Research Center\(WPI\) Initiative](#)

“Osaka University Immunology Frontier Research Center” project, to be directed by Dr. Shizuo AKIRA, Professor of Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, was selected by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), as one of the first five center projects to be founded under the World Premier International Research Center (WPI) Initiative among 33 applications submitted by Japanese universities and research institutions.

The aim of Osaka University Immunology Frontier Research Center is to unveil the whole picture of dynamic immune system by employing a variety of imaging techniques to visualize the immune cells within live animals.

Based on "3rd Science and Technology Basic Plan" (issued by Cabinet, March 28, 2006) and "Comprehensive Strategy for Creating Innovation" (issued by Council for Science and Technology Policy, June 14, 2006), the World Premier International Research Center (WPI) Initiative was established by the MEXT in FY2007.

The program provides priority support for projects aimed at creating top world-level research centers staffed at their core with the world's most leading researchers. By achieving a very high research standard and providing an excellent research environment, the centers should possess a level of "global visibility" that attracts top researchers from around the world.

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