



At a meeting of the FDMILC, MEXT official states they will make their position clear on March 7th

The international group of scientists spearheading the ILC will be having a meeting on March 7th, and have set that as the deadline for the Japanese government to make an Expression of Intent (EOI) for the ILC. On February 21st, the Federation of Diet Members for the ILC (130 members, chair: Hon. Takeo Kawamura) held a general meeting. There, Keisuke Isogai, the head of the Research Promotion Bureau at the Ministry of Science (MEXT), stated that he would attend the March 7th meeting to announce the national government's position on the ILC.



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Council members from 11 city councils visit the FDMILC and MEXT in Tokyo to petition for the ILC

On February 13th, council members from 11 city councils in southern Iwate and northern Miyagi visited with the non-partisan Federation of Diet Members for the ILC (FDMILC) and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) to petition for the ILC.

Fifteen council members from Ichinoseki, Oshu, Ofunato, Rikuzentakata, Sumita, Kanegasaki, Hiraizumi, Kesenuma, Tome, Kurihara, and Minami Sanriku traveled to Tokyo. At the FDMILC, they met with Chair Hon. Takeo Kawamura and Hon. Takashi Fujiwara (House of Representatives, Tohoku proportional representative). At their talk, Takashi Tsukiyama of the Ichinoseki council said, “The ILC will lead to the accumulation of accelerator-related industry in the Tohoku region. As an international hub for scientific research, the ILC will greatly contribute to the world, and lead to new developments of the region.”



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Alliance of LDP politicians from Tohoku and Hokkaido travel to the national government to urge them to make a decision on the ILC

The alliance of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP, Japan's ruling party) politicians from Hokkaido and all the prefectures of Tohoku visited the national government on February 8th to make a petition for the ILC. The international organization of scientists spearheading the ILC have set March 7th as a deadline for Japan to express an intent in the project, so initiatives are being ramped up by related organizations to encourage the government to make its decision.

政府へ建設実現要望

自民・東北各県連と北海道連



【東京支社】自民党の北海道連と東北各県連は8日、連名で政府へ国際リニアアコライダー(ILC)の建設実現を要望した。国際研究者組織が日本政府に求める意思表明の期限「3月7日」が迫る中、関係者は誘致活動を活発化させている。

本県の鈴木俊一常任顧問(衆院岩手2区)、千葉伝会長、岩崎友一幹事長らが官邸を訪れ、菅義偉官房長官に要望書を手渡した。

内容は▽速やかにILC計画への前向きな関心を表明し、国際協議を開始する▽ILCについて、わが国の科学技術の発展、地方創生、東日本大震災からの復興、国土強靱化などの柱として国家プロジェクトに位

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The Oni Museum of Kitakami

An oni is a figure in Japanese folklore that resembles a supernatural ogre or demon. Legends of these human-like hulks abound throughout the country, and each region has their own kinds of oni and oni legends. Typically, oni are depicted as angry red ogres with horns on their heads (and maybe a loincloth with tiger stripes). These demons come from the underworld to torment humans, along with other Japanese folk monsters like yokai and mamono.



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Spring Beauty in Tohoku, Japan



With its extended geographical length from south to north, Tohoku allows visitors to enjoy cherry blossoms from early April all the way to early May. Abounding with water from the melted snow, mountain hamlets burst with scenes of blooming flowers as pretty as a painting. Many visitors time their trips to coincide with the cherry blossom season, which usually lasts from mid-April to early May.

About Tohoku ILC Promotion Council

This conference, consisting of industry, academic, and government representatives, has been established to promote basic scientific research and to deepen the understanding of the International Linear Collider, as well as to research and maintain the environment during ILC installation.

<http://www.tohoku-ilc.jp/en>

That's the news for this month! As always, feel free to send us any questions about local activities for the ILC, life in the region, or about working in Japan.

Best wishes,

The Tohoku ILC Promotion Council



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