



KEK estimates the construction of the ILC to start in some five years – an international team starting work in August

On June 26th, KEK (Japan's High Energy Accelerator Research Organization, in Tsukuba, Ibaraki) released its estimated schedule of the realization of the ILC to journalists. An international development team will begin work in August, and if things proceed smoothly with a preliminary organization, then they believe that in five years, we would see the forming of the organization that would run the ILC as well as the start to construction of the accelerator. They have begun their full-fledged preparations following the release of the next European strategy for particle physics in June, as it demonstrated a strong expectation for the realization of the ILC in Japan.

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Morioka #1 High School students win special prize at CERN contest for radiation research

A team of third-years from Morioka #1 High School in Morioka City – team

name “Moriokande” – were selected for a special prize at an international contest held by CERN in Switzerland. In order to correctly understand radiation, they used household objects to measure how each one lessened radioactive waves. They then put together their research in English. CERN is the model for the ILC that Iwate Prefecture is working to realize, and the researchers there praised the students, saying, “They will be a motivation for us in the future.”



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When You Wish Upon A Star~

Every year from July to August, Japan becomes alive with summer festivals of all different scales and sizes. The summer festivals of the Tohoku region (home to Iwate and the ILC candidate site) are some of the most dynamic and fun festivals you’ll find here, with many of them open for onlookers to participate. However, the vast majority of these festivals have been cancelled this year due to COVID-19.

That’s why I’d like to share with you a more “reserved” festival of the Tohoku region called the Sendai Tanabata Festival. Let’s wish upon a star for peace around the world.



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Michinoku Coastal Trail Northern Part: Spring, Summer, Fall



The trees of the forest awaken from their slumber. These are scenes from spring to fall, brimming with new life. Plants and trees grow lush with foliage, people join in passionate festivals and fields of grain are ready for harvest. As hikers move throughout the changing seasons, each person continues to weave the tapestry of their life, continuing on their journey on foot while cherishing Tohoku's scenery and people met along the way. (Filmed in areas between Kamaishi, Iwate Prefecture and Hachinohe, Aomori Prefecture.)

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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