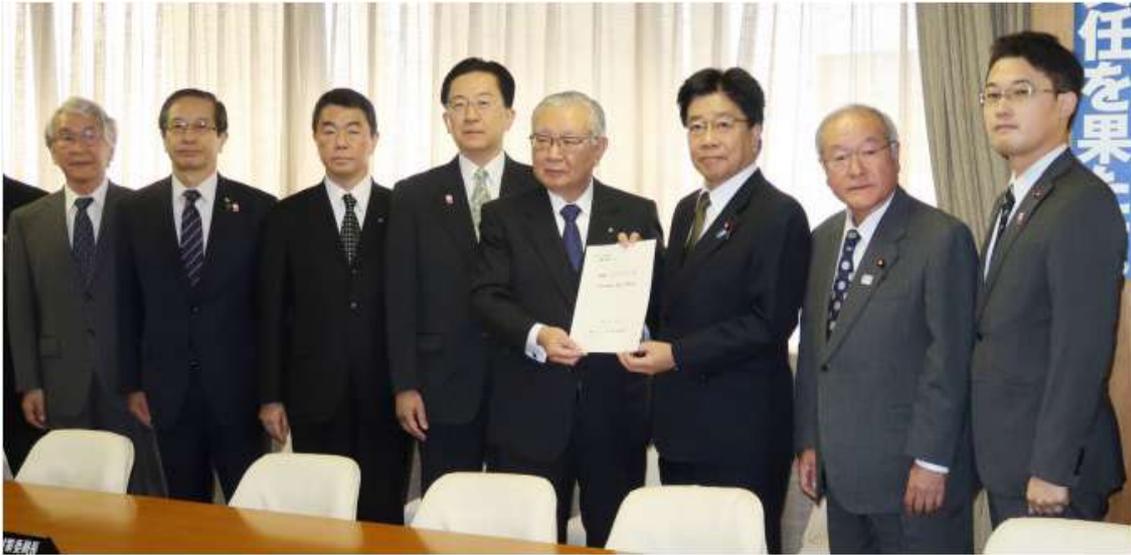




## **The Tohoku ILC Promotion Council visits with the national government to urge them to build the ILC**

On December 21st, the Tohoku ILC Promotion Council visited with the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), and the Cabinet Office to urge them to support the ILC in Japan.

The delegation was made up of Hiroaki Takahashi (honorary chairman of the Tohoku Economic Federation), Iwate Governor Takuya Tasso, Miyagi Governor Yoshihiro Murai, Ichinoseki Mayor Osamu Katsube, Oshu Mayor Masaki Ozawa, Kunihisa Yamura (chair of the Iwate ILC Promotion Council), Atsuto Suzuki (president of Iwate Prefectural University), and Hon. Shunichi Suzuki (vice-chair of the Federation of Diet Members for the ILC, House of Representatives Iwate 2nd district). At the LDP party headquarters in Nagatacho, Tokyo, they handed their petition to Hon. Katsunobu Kato, chairperson of the General Council.



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## **Minister of MEXT says they will pay close attention to international trends – the national government to make a decision on the ILC in 2019**

The national government's decision on hosting the ILC has been pushed to 2019. At his December 28th press conference, the last the of year, Hon. Masahiko Shibayama, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) said, "There is no change to the situation (of us deliberating on the ILC). We will pay close attention to international trends as we think about our future response."



東北誘致

## 政府の可否判断、来年に

# 文科相「国際動向を注視」

【東京支社】日本政府による国際リニアコライダー（ILC）誘致の可否判断が、来年に持ち越される運びとなった。柴山昌彦文部科学相は28日、今年最後の記者会見で「検討状況に変化はない。国際的な動向

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## 270 million yen allotted for ILC-related items in national budget for FY2019

The national government released their budget for fiscal year 2019 on December 21st. Within, 270 million yen was allotted for technology development costs associated with the ILC. Joint research will also continue with the US on reducing the costs associated with advanced accelerators. The amount was 10 million yen more than the original budgetary request, which takes into account the estimated raise in consumption tax (to go into effect in 2019).

## ILC 関連 2.7 億円 技術開発 継続

【東京支社】政府が21日発表した2019年度予算案は、国際リニアコライタ（ILC）に関連した技術開発費を2億7千万円を盛り込んだ。先端加速器を低コスト化する日米共同研究所（FNAL）を中心に進める研究に重点的に充て、超電導加速器空洞に用いる希少金属ニオブの素材や加工の低価格化などを進める。これらと別枠でKEK運営費交付金にILC関連として概算要求と同額の1億6千万円を計上した。18年度予算ではILCの関連で2億6千万円、KEK運営費交付金で1億6千

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## “I am certain we can move forward”

### Prof. Satoru Yamashita talks about his predictions for the national government’s decision at a seminar in Ichinoseki

A seminar on the latest goings-on of the ILC was held by the Ichinoseki Chamber of Commerce at the Bellino Hotel in Yamanome, Ichinoseki. There, Prof. Satoru Yamashita (specially-appointed professor at the International Center for Elementary Particle Physics of the University of Tokyo) said he believed there would be a step forward by the national government in time for the March 7th deadline for a decision on the ILC.

# 「必ず一歩踏み出せる」

## 山下氏（東大）特任教授、政府判断に期待

次世代の大規模加速器「国際リニアコライダー（ILC）」の誘致判断が迫る中、一関商工会議所は10日、ILC現状説明会を一関市山目のペリーノホテル一関で開催した。ILC誘致を推進する立場の東京大学素粒子物理国際研究センター特任教授の山下氏が講演し、3月7日が意見表明の期限となる中で「必ず一歩踏み出せる」と述べ、政府の判断に期待を寄せた。



ILC誘致をめぐって科学的意義を認めつつも、巨額な建設費用に加え、文部科学省から依頼を受けて審議してきた国際的な経費分担が明確な本学術会議が、ILCの「なっていないこと」を指し、「誘致を支持するに」は至らなかったとの所見をまとめた。2018年12月に文科省に回答。ILCを推進する国際組織が日本政府の意思表明の期限を3月7日と設定し、最終局面を迎えている中で、ILCの現状について知ってもらおうと説明会が開かれた。



ILCの現状について説明した山下氏

会場の約140人が出席した。山下氏は、学術会議「協議してもらった。学術

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## Iwate Nippo's Survey on local interest in the ILC – 62% of respondents interested in the project, and 32% hope for a jobs increase

Iwate Nippo conducted their 2018 survey of what Iwate residents think about the prefectural government, and within, 62% of respondents answered that they were interested in the ILC project. Nippo has asked this question every year since 2012, and in each of those seven years, the response was in the 60th percentile. This year showed a 1.6 point decrease from last year. International researchers are calling on the Japanese government to make their intentions on the ILC known by March 7th, 2019, so interest in the government's decision will only grow from here.

# ILCに「関心」62%

## 本紙県政世論調査 関連雇用期待32%

岩手日報社が2018年に行った県政世論調査で、本県の北上山地（北上高地）が建設候補地とされる国際リニアコライダー（ILC）について関心がある人は62・6%だった。60%台はこの質問を設けた12年以來7年連続で、前年と比べ1・6ポイント増。ILCを推進する国際研究者組織は日本政府に対し3月7日までの意思表明を求めており、政府判断への注目度は今後高まりそうだ。

ILCについて「関心がある」は32・2%（17年調査比2・3ポイント増）、「どちらかといえば関心がある」は30・4%（同0・7ポイント増）。関心が「ある」を年代別で見ると10代が92・3%、20〜70代は59・9〜63・5%だった。

一方、「関心がない」は12・3%（同1・5ポイント増）、「どちらかといえば関心がない」は16・7%（同0・4ポイント増）だった。



無回答は8・4%（同0・4ポイント増）だった。ILCで最も期待する効果は「雇用確保や新産業創出」が32・5%（同2・5ポイント増）と最多で、経済波及効果が注目を集めている。次いで「地域の国際化や異文化交流」が17・2%（同

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## TOHOKU Pacific Coast, How you enjoy your trip is up to you



“TOHOKU Pacific Coast” refers to the eastern coastal area of Tohoku, Japan. The area was extensively damaged due to the tsunami caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011. However, it has overcome this adversity and is once again gaining attention as a sightseeing spot that once attracted tourists from all over due to its flourishing wildlife and delicious seafood. Be moved by its natural beauty, and learn of the terrible power of the tsunami. Fill your appetite with fresh seafood and

have fun at the sea. Come in contact with the lives of the locals, and come to know not only their kindness but resilience as well.

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## 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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