

Nobel Prize in Physics to be Awarded to Dr. Takaaki Kajita (Principle Investigator
of WPI Center Kavli IPMU, The University of Tokyo)

It was announced today that Dr. Takaaki Kajita will receive a 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics. Dr. Kajita serves as a principle investigator in the Kavli IPMU research institute, operated at the University of Tokyo under the World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI Program) advanced by Japan's Ministry of Education and Science.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Dr. Kajita and his colleagues for their superb achievements recognized by this award.

Dr. Kajita is currently the director of the Institute for Cosmic Research at the University of Tokyo. He has worked as a principle investigator in Kavli IPMU since the time of its establishment as a WPI center in 2007. Dr. Kajita's receiving the Nobel Prize testifies to the high level of research being advanced by the WPI centers, which bring together frontline research from amidst the flow of global brain circulation. We are very pleased with the vibrant scientific advancements that are being forged through the WPI Program.

In the future as well, we look forward to the WPI centers being Japan's top world-level research institutes both in name and substance. As the WPI Program continues to progress, we look forward to it yielding the kind of superlative research results that will win further Nobel Prizes, while vigorously driving forward scientific research in Japan.