

Restart of the Japanese-French Frontiers of Science (JFFoS) Symposiums

On 26 June, a ceremony was held at Maison franco-japonaise Hall in Tokyo to sign a memorandum for holding Japanese-French Frontiers of Science (JFFoS) symposiums.

Frontier of Science (FoS) symposiums are one of the programs that the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science carries out jointly with partner institutions in other countries for the purpose of fostering young researchers. These symposiums bring together excellent young researchers from Japan and counterpart countries in a highly diverse cross-disciplinary environment, in which they brainstorm topics on the cutting edge of science in ways that crisscross and transcend the borders of academic domains. While cultivating leaders with wide interdisciplinary perspectives, these symposiums also contribute to scientific advancement by honing researchers who can use their own creativity and free ideas in ways that are powerfully innovative, not anchored to existing disciplines.

To qualify for participation in the FoS program, researchers must have received their doctorate and be age 45 or younger as of 1 April of the year the symposium is held or have received their doctorate within the past 15 years.

JSPS holds Japanese-French Frontiers of Science (JFFoS) symposiums in partnership with the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS). After the last symposium held in the JFFoS series in 2015, the Japanese-French program had been suspended for a number of years. The newly signed memorandum restarted the program. With it, the next JFFoS symposium is scheduled to be held in Kyoto in November 2020. An open call for participants is planned to be issued this fall.



JSPS president Dr. Satomi and CNRS president Dr. Petit full of smiles after signing the memorandum