

# **Keio University**

## Human Biology-Microbiome-Quantum Research Center (Bio2Q)



Center Director Kenya Honda Kenya Honda has innovated microbiome analysis by integrating germ-free animal models, anaerobic bacterial culture, and metagenomic studies and has made seminal contributions to elucidating the role of the microbiome in inflammatory diseases and cancer. The Bio2Q center will collect data on how multiple organs and the microbiome interact in disease, development, and aging, and it will use artificial intelligence and quantum computing to develop a new life science that will help us better understand human health.

### **Mission**

Human health is maintained by complex interactions between multiple organs. These interactions include the microbiome, which exists on every external surface of the body, and the resulting information is processed and utilized in a coordinated manner.

Our center will develop novel research techniques to understand the interactions between multiple organs and the microbiome and develop methods to apply quantum computing to human biology. Our mission is to forge a new interdisciplinary research area that will lead to groundbreaking progress in elucidating the regulatory mechanisms sustaining human health. In the long term, we will develop new prophylactic/therapeutic approaches to promote healthy longevity.

#### **Identities**

- World leaders in microbiome research, organoid technology, metabolic analysis, neural circuit analysis, and quantum computing
- Integration of cutting-edge technologies of the three research core units, the Multidimensional data analysis core, the Homeodynamics mechanistic analysis core, and the Quantum computing core, to promote fusion research
- Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and quantum computing to further the understanding of human biology
- Comprehensive, longitudinal clinical samples related to cancer, diabetes, obesity, neuropsychiatric disorders, developmental disorders, immune disorders, aging, and centenarians
- A joint cross-disciplinary graduate English program between the Graduate School of Medicine, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Graduate School of Science and Technology (STaMP)

#### **STaMP** program

(Science and Technology, and Medicine, Pharmacy)





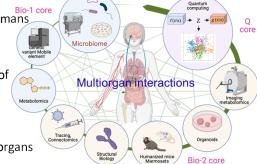
#### Research

Accumulate multiomics data from humans and model organisms and compile a

Elucidate the structure and function of microbiome-derived metabolites.

multidimensional database.

 Refine imaging metabolomics and structural biology to promote in situ functional analysis of metabolites in organs and cells.



Microbiome: the collection of all microbes within an ecosystem

- Develop quantum computing-based algorithms and pipelines to analyze the interactions between multiple organs and microorganisms.
- Model the interface between the environment and the human body by advancing organoid technology and animal models and elucidate the mechanisms underlying the conversion of external factors into internal signals.
- 6. Leverage connectomics and structural biology to understand the dynamic multiorgan interactions, including gut-brain communication.

