The Activity Report of Technical Staff Group (IIS)

The Technical Staff Group consists of a Staff Training Committee and a Staff Liaison Meeting. The Staff Training Committee is responsible for the ongoing education of individual technical staff and Presentations for technical staff. The Staff Liaison Meeting distributes essential information regarding the administration of the technical staff group and discussion of problems relevant to technical staff.

◆ Technical Staff Training Committee

➢ Individual Training

This committee promotes individual training intended to develop skills and ensure the continued handover of specialized knowhow. This programme began in 1991 and continues to the present, with 15 cases approved on average per year.

For the most part, applications seek to:

1. Acquire necessary qualifications for carrying out technical duties
2. Obtain knowledge required for the development, design and/or prototyping of experimental apparatus.
3. Learn skills for the execution and/or analysis of experiments for research
4. Present research or technologies at specialized conferences.

➢ Presentations for technical staff

These events are intended to publicise the results of research and raise the standard of expertise of technical staff. There has been 1 event per year since 1992, with 12 presentations per event on average. After the lab’s relocation to the Komaba campus in 2001, these have been held together in cooperation with other staff groups as the Komaba Campus Technology Presentation Society since 2005.

◆ Technical Staff Liaison Meeting

These meetings are attended five times a year by the Director and selected technical staffs from each sector. Its primary objective is the exchange of opinions regarding issues relevant to technical staff. There is also a separate Technical Group Annual General Meeting.