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To the Presidents and Liaison Representatives of Affiliated Academic Research Organizations,
Science Council of Japan

Request for Cooperation in the Web Survey on "Science and Research in Japan"

The Young Academy of Japan, Science Council of Japan is conducting a survey on "Science and Research in Japan." This survey is a joint initiative with NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation), which is covering the current state and challenges of research environments in Japan. The goal is to convey the realities of the research environment to society and stimulate discussions toward building a better research ecosystem. Below are the details of the survey.

We sincerely ask for your cooperation in disseminating this survey widely to researchers, including undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers, to support the advancement of science and research in Japan.

Young Academy of Japan:

<https://www.scj.go.jp/ja/scj/wakate/index.html>

Survey Details

1. Purpose of the Survey

In recent years, a decline in Japan's research capabilities has been noted, with contributing factors such as a reduction in research time, a decrease in fundamental funding, and unstable employment conditions. This survey aims to analyze the current research environment and its challenges, disseminate the findings to society, and contribute to improving research conditions and advancing science and research in Japan.

2. Survey Website

- (1) URL (Please submit your responses via the following link. Participation is voluntary.)
https://forms.nhk.jp/jfe/form/SV_aabHHR1KIS0LIBA
- (2) Target Participants: Researchers (including undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows)
- (3) Estimated Time to Complete: Approximately 10 minutes
- (4) Response Deadline: Friday, February 28, 2025

3. Publication of Results

The survey results will be utilized in NHK's program production and widely disseminated to society

through public broadcasting. Additionally, the Young Academy of Japan will conduct academic analysis of the findings and use them as a basis for proposals shared with policymakers and research stakeholders. The results will be actively utilized to contribute to the realization of better science, technology, and academic policies.

We would greatly appreciate receiving a wide range of responses to accurately reflect the realities of research settings.

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