The Affiliation between the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation and the Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR)
- The actualization of the first partnership between a museum and a nongovernmental research institute -

The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation
Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR)

The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Director Mamoru Mohri, Aomi Koto-ku Tokyo) and the Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR, President Mr. Nobuyoshi Fugono Location/"Kansai Science City") have agreed to form an alliance aiming for the mutual cooperation for the interchange of science and technology on October 7th (Thu.), 2004. A signing ceremony for the consultation document was held at the ATR with the attendance of Director Mohri and President Fugono on October 7th (Thu.).

This affiliation, which will take place at this time, aims at further social contribution and the creation of a new value by conducting interchanges where both institutes will make use of each other's characteristics. This is the first time that a museum and a nongovernmental corporation will tie-up with each other to establish science and technology as a part of culture.

For the realization of Miraikan's concept "Dynamic Medium, Tool for Knowledge, and Interactions and the Sharing of Each Person's Wisdom," Miraikan and Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR), hoping to provide opportunities for joint research between industrial, academic and governmental organizations, one of their basic principles, will join hands.
< The Main Points of the Memorandum of Agreement on Mutual Cooperation >

The agreement contains issues on strengthening the mutual network and promoting academic/personnel exchanges. Specifically, the conference of interchange at an on-the-spot level between researchers/engineers of ATR and science and technology specialists, interpreters, etc., of Miraikan will be emphasized. Collaboration on the PR for the research results, joint hosting of the promotion of joint research, etc., will also be conducted. At the moment, the term of affiliation is planned to be valid for 3 years.

< Signing Ceremony for the Memorandum of Agreement >

Date: October 7 (Thu.), 2004 10:30 - 12:10
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Signing Ceremony: Noon - 12:10 (Plan)
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The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation's website is: http://www.miraikan.jst.go.jp/

The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation is a science museum that opened in July 2001 in Odaiba. The Museum exhibits the latest science with the concept of having people feel science as a part of culture through interchange. The museum started its 3rd year in July and celebrated its 3rd anniversary with a memorial event held on July 10th.