



Japan Science and Technology Agency Announces New Website and Selects Kirtas Technologies Products for Project

Tokyo, Japan: March 24 The Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) announced today they are launching a new archive website, branded *Journal@rchive*, to provide access to scientific and academic journals authored by Japanese scientists dating back to 1880. The website www.journalarchive.jst.go.jp is a significant offering to the Japanese scientific and academic communities and will help advance research in Japan. As part of the project, Japan Science and Technology Agency has selected the Kirtas Technologies APT BookScan 1200 products for the scanning and image processing of the historical journal material that will be available on the site. "The conversion of the paper documents could be accelerated with this technology from Kirtas," stated Mr. Kazuki Okimura, President of JST. "We will scan the academic journals with Kirtas machines because we noticed that Kirtas machines are superior to other scanners not only in productivity but also in image quality. We were planning to use both Kirtas machines and manual scanners but we now changed our mind after reviewing the test data and the high quality achieved by Kirtas," he said. JST is the first in Japan to use this new technology from Kirtas.

The project is part of JST's initiative to make important academic and research knowledge more easily available to the scientists of Japan enabling them to advance their scientific projects for the betterment of Japan and the world. In addition, they will be able to preserve this part of Japan's cultural heritage that is at risk because of paper deterioration.

The selection of the Kirtas products by JST is a great honor for Kirtas. "We have strived to make the use of our products productive and the image output of the highest quality. The recognition of our quality by JST is very pleasing and rewarding," says Michael Maxwell, director of international sales for Kirtas. "We have developed our products to safely and effectively convert information in books to knowledge for access on the internet, and enable preservation. There are other institutions around the world that will heed what JST is doing and this will help advance their digitization projects," concluded Maxwell.

Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) aims to establish Japan as a nation built on the creativity of science and technology, as a core organization for implementing Japan's science and technology policy in line with the objectives of the Science and Technology Basic Plan. JST's mission is to promote science and technology in Japan by conducting a broad range of activities, including the following:

- Promotion of consistent research and development from basic research to commercialization with particular emphasis on the creation of new technological seeds.
- Upgrading the infrastructure for the promotion of science and technology, including dissemination of scientific and technological information

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