

IMPORTANT: ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED BELOW IS EMBARGOED UNTIL FEB. 8, 12:00 PM (CLOSE OF PRESS CONFERENCE)

MEDIA ADVISORY

Press Conference Announcing a Major Endowment from The Kavli Foundation to the Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of Universe (IPMU) and joining Family of Kavli Institutes

The University of Tokyo will hold a press conference announcing the establishment of an endowment for the Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe (IPMU) by The Kavli Foundation – the first time a National University in Japan hosts a named research institute with endowment donated from a foreign foundation. It will also announce the Institute's establishment as the first Kavli Institute in Japan, and the 16th Kavli Institute worldwide. Attendees of the event include Todai President Junichi Hamada, who will also discuss how this landmark gift impacts creating a significant endowment for the University to support research. The Kavli Foundation's Chairman Fred Kavli will also attend via live video feed to welcome the new Institute and respond to reporters' questions.

DATE AND TIME: Feb 8, 2012 (Wed) 11:00 to 12:00 JST(GMT+9)

LOCATION: University of Tokyo Administration Bureau Bld. 12F(map attached)

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Junichi Hamada / President, The University of Tokyo
- Masako Egawa/ Executive Vice President, The University of Tokyo
- Fred Kavli/ Chairman, The Kavli Foundation (via live video)
- Robert W. Conn/ President, The Kavli Foundation (via live video)
- Hitoshi Murayama/ Director, IPMU

PRESS AVAILABILITY: All attendees will be available to the media for questions following statements and presentations. (Fred Kavli and Robert W. Conn will provide statements and answer questions via a Video Conference System from the United States.)

ADDITIONAL:

- The event will be conducted in Japanese and English (Simultaneous translation will be provided.)
- A press kit will be distributed at this event, including statements from the speakers and official press release.

WEBCAST:

A webcast of this event will be provided in English through <http://ceremony.itc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/EXT/>; Reporters not in attendance may submit questions during the press conference via email to: pr@ml.adm.u-tokyo.ac.jp. These questions will be conveyed as time allows after the speakers have responded to reporters in attendance. After the press conference, the University will do its best to respond to any outstanding questions.

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