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Japanese researchers to visit in 2012

Eight mid-career Japanese researchers, who are emerging future leaders in Japan's science and technology community, will visit Australia for two weeks in February 2012 for exchange placements with leading Australian research institutions to study research opportunities in health and technology, ICT, nanotechnology and new materials.

The Japanese researchers will visit Australia under the Japan Australia Emerging Research Leaders Exchange Program (ERLEP) administered by the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) and the Engineering Academy of Japan with funding support from the Australian Government and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS).

The exchange program will give Japanese participants access to leading experts in Australia, contribute to advancing technological exchange and help transfer knowledge and establish institutional linkages – leading to joint research projects and publication of joint scientific and conference papers.

These outcomes will contribute to the continued advancement of science, technology and economic development between Japan and Australia, which are major trading partners, according to ATSE and JSPS.

The importance of establishing closer collaboration between researchers of both countries is paramount as international collaboration enhances quality research and strong S&T collaboration offers greater opportunity for innovation and commercialisation to end use products.

The ERLEP exchange provides a highly cost-effective "accelerator" to international collaborations and ensures that both Australian and Japanese researchers and research teams have access world leading partners and equipment in agreed priority science and technology areas.

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