

1. Greetings from the library director

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Whereas the spread of covid-19 still continues, it has been two years since we started to hear the term “post covid-19”. It is difficult to predict when and how such an era will start, but we can definitely sense that this pandemic has accelerated the digitalization in the academic field, and teaching and learning activities have become more efficient. Through engaging in online education, we have realized there’re possibilities to develop university education in various forms, but shouldn’t be restricted to on-site activities.

With the times and SIT’s organizational progress, our library has developed into more solid entity, and it has been operated under the umbrella of the Information Systems Department since April 2021.

Especially after the outbreak of COVID-19, we found that cooperation with the Information Systems Department was very essential for systematic operation of the library, as usage of e-books, e-journals and databases, which can be accessed from home through the SIT network, was increased dramatically.

Meanwhile, there is also a great demand for printed books. The student who won the Best Reader Award hosted by the University's library, said in an interview that his thinking had grown as a result of reading 757 books by the time he graduated.

We will continue our efforts to build a university library network suitable for science and engineering universities, so that the users can be easily connected to the library system both online and offline, be more familiarized with it, and make best use of our network.

In addition, as a contribution to the Centennial SIT Action, the library has been involved in the following activities in FY2021.

Implementation Goal : Advance the Toyosu Library expansion plan to build a new library that correspond to the post-Corona world.

Plan Summary : Promote the plan to renew and expand Toyosu Library as an academic space with new functions. Visualize the library’s operations and strengthen our communication capabilities by collecting and reflecting students’ requests in timely manner, and providing information on year-round activities in the library annual report.

Final Goal: Review library functions and proceed with the Toyosu Library restructuring plan with two libraries (Toyosu and Omiya). Promote the use of the library by international students by enriching materials and actively providing guidance on how to use the library.

Toyosu Library is currently undergoing an expansion plan with the aim of becoming a library that supports the "learning" of its users and grows with them.

In an effort to improve the library’s healthier management, we are asking for your continued understanding and cooperation.