

## 1. Greetings from the library director

SIT Library  
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SIT resumed face-to-face classes in many courses following the removal of restrictions related to COVID-19 infection in June 2022. At the same time, the continuation of HyFlex classes provide a flexible environment in which classes can be held even in the case of a re-spread of COVID-19. In addition, with the relocation of Shibaura campus and the opening of Toyosu headquarter building in FY2022, the environment for learning and research has been further expanded.

As a contribution to the Centennial SIT Action, the library has been involved in the following activities in FY2022.

Implementation Goal: Define and construct library functions and organize materials accordingly in a two-library system

Plan Summary: Give the library a function as a new academic information center with greater selection of materials and better facilities in response to the relocation of Shibaura campus to Toyosu, and establish the management system that responds to the post-covid situations.

Final Goal: Reorganize the materials in new Toyosu library in order to respond to the transition to a course system, the enhancement of the graduate school, as well as the relocation of the Faculty of Design Engineering.

Add new functions/services to the library. That includes establishment of a new industry-university collaboration section, support for job hunting, improvement in user-friendliness especially for female and international students.

Re-organize services, such as strengthening public relations activities through the library website.

In FY2022, the change to a two-library system required major changes in the functions and material composition of Toyosu library. We prepared for the expansion of Toyosu library, and transferred all materials at Shibaura library to Toyosu library. In addition, we reflected users' feedbacks, and installed more individual booths and created Lib Café where users can eat and drink, as a part of our effort to contribute to university's development.

We continue to promote the use of e-books, e-journals, and databases. Since laptop became mandatory for all students in FY2020, the demand for online resources in the library has been increasing. However, in some areas of Omiya library, wireless LAN connectivity was poor. Therefore, in cooperation with the Information Systems Department, we are improving the wireless LAN infrastructure in the library to enhance user convenience.

Although electronification enables users to access to the library's materials from outside of the library, physical access to the library has many benefits. We offer many printed materials, and provide an environment in which users can choose the booth that suits their purpose. We are determined to further make such improvements in the future, and we highly appreciate your continued support for better library operations.