

## 1. Greeting from the library director

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In FY2020, the effects of COVID-19 led to a renewed questioning of the value of university education and the value of university libraries. It has also been a year of recognizing the value of new universities and libraries. Following is a report on the activities of the University Library during the Corona disaster.

SIT was started as an engineering college in 1927 with the mission of “nurturing practical engineers who learn from and contribute to society,” and was selected as the only super global university among private university of science and technology in September, 2014. SIT is on a solid path for our mission’s implementation.

Our library has changed and developed with the times and SIT’s organizational progress, and it has been organized under the umbrella of the Information Systems Department since April 2021. During the COVID-19 situation, usage of e-books, e-journals and databases, which can be accessed from home through the SIT network, has proven very effective. Therefore, closer cooperation with the Information Systems Department has been essential. This organization has adapted to these changing times.

Meanwhile, there is also a great demand for printed books. In FY2020, SIT library sent 14,888 books to students, faculty members and staff through our home delivery service (at the library’s expense). This service was very popular with students, and as a result, it was a good advertisement for the library.

As you can see, even in light of the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the library is connected to its users, is familiar and is still used by all. However, we have to improve even more in order to take our place as a world-class Center of Excellence, ahead of the 100th anniversary of the foundation. Our library staff members push forward with this mission. In 2021, we will continue with our plans for the expansion of the Toyosu Library, with the aim of creating a new library that is also ready for a post-Corona world. We will also use Scomb (SIT intranet) to collect student demands in a timely manner and reflect them in library management.

We have issued the quarterly library newsletter “OH! MY LIB CAFÉ” and worked to transmit information about events and exhibitions, after receiving feedback like “we don’t know what the library is doing”. In order to continue further public relations activities, we decided to release the library annual report to our HP and strengthen “work visualization”.

There is much room to improve, but we would like to promote the restructuring of our library with your cooperation and encouragement. In an effort to improve the library’s healthier management, we are asking for your understanding and cooperation.