1. Greetings from the library director

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Shibaura Institute of Technology (SIT) has established a university-wide initiative called Centennial SIT Action, aiming to become one of the top 10 engineering universities in Asia by its 100th anniversary. To contribute to achieving this goal, the library has set the following goals and engaged in activities accordingly in FY2023.

Implementation Goal: Improve the library environment in cooperation with existing facilities and other departments
Plan Summary: Strengthen cooperation with non-library facilities to improve convenience for students

Final Goal: ・Review the flow line of Toyosu Library upon the completion of Toyosu Headquarter Building and Toyosu Library expansion space
・Improvement of convenience to support job-hunting activities in cooperation with the Career Support Section and integration of functions with the School of Engineering Learning Commons.
Support job-hunting activities in cooperation with Career Support Section, and improve convenience through the functional integration with School of Engineering Learning Commons.

First, in order to obtain an easier access to Undergraduate Learning Commons and improve convenience, we have begun to consider the installation of a new passageway from the research building side in Toyosu Library. We are currently working on the installation plan so that this passageway can be completed and operational by the end of FY2024. In addition, some individual booths were added and Rib Café, where drinking and eating are allowed, was established in FY2022. Many students are now enjoying these new functions of the library.

Secondly, in FY2023, we strengthened departmental cooperation with the Career Support section. Specifically, as part of job-hunting support, we offered individual booths in the library as online interview sites and provided materials and database information on 400 well-known companies. In addition, we launched a new initiative on how to proceed with corporate research using "Annual Securities Reports" by utilizing the corporate information database eol.

In addition to this, we continue to promote the use of e-books, e-journals, and databases. In particular, with regard to the use of databases, training sessions for students and faculty members have been held several times by each vendor, and efforts are being made to strengthen education and research capabilities.

In FY2023, Toyosu Library's wireless LAN access point was replaced in cooperation with the Information Innovation Division to improve the user environment in the library. With the implementation in Omiya Library in FY2022, the improvement of the wireless LAN connectivity at the two libraries is now complete.

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 where users can utilize the facility according to their needs. In addition, in accordance with the University's open access policy, the library will take the lead in accelerating open access in the next fiscal year in order to disseminate the University's research results both domestically and internationally. We highly appreciate your continued support for better library operations.