

1. Greetings from the library director

SIT Library
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Shibaura Institute of Technology (SIT) is advancing toward its 100th anniversary with the *Centennial SIT Action*, aiming to become one of the top ten engineering universities in Asia. As a key academic support organization, the library has set the following goals for FY2024.

Implementation Goal: Promote open access in collaboration with other departments and conduct research into advanced university libraries.

Final Goal:

- Replace the current library system and establish a unique institutional repository.
- Monitor open access outputs within the university.

○Establishment and Achievements of the Open Access Promotion Framework

In FY2024, the library was selected for the Ministry of Education's "Open Access Acceleration Project." This led to the formation of the "SIT Open Access Promotion Task Force," composed of faculty and staff from the Academic Information Center, SIT Research Institute, and the Interdisciplinary Industry-Academia-Government-Civic Collaboration Headquarters. Under this cross-organizational collaboration, the "SIT Open Access Promotion Project" was launched.

Through this project, the "SIT OA Support System" was introduced, integrating the faculty achievements system with the library system. The automation of journal information retrieval and registration significantly streamlined the open access process via the institutional repository.

○Strengthening Campus Facilities and Encouraging Their Use

In January 2025, a new passageway was constructed in the Toyosu Library to improve access from the research building, integrating its functions with the undergraduate learning commons.

This led to an increase in library utilization. Collaboration with the Career Support Division was also enhanced, with the library providing private booths for online job interviews and preparing materials and databases for approximately 400 major companies.

The number of participants in corporate research seminars using "Annual Securities Reports" by utilizing the corporate information database eol, increased significantly from the previous year.

○External Benchmarking and Future Prospects

To further enhance its services, the library conducted a study on Soka University Library, which is known for having a high average number of checkouts per student. The use of RFID tags as an advanced initiative at their library, is now under consideration for future implementation at SIT.

Going forward, the library will continue evolving as a foundation for education and research, and as a space that supports student learning and growth. We sincerely appreciate the continued understanding and support from everyone inside and outside the university.