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AUSTRALIA: A New Open-Access Journal: *npj Science of Learning*

The Nature Publishing Group has partnered with The University of Queensland (UQ) to publish *npj Science of Learning*, a new open access research journal that will explore the neurobiology of learning in experimental and educational environments. UQ Brain Institute Professor Pankaj Sah has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of the new journal. Professor Sah says, “The merger of neuroscience with education has the same potential that the union of medical science had with biology in the health revolution of the last century. These are exciting times for neuroscience, and the science is taking us from the molecular and cellular understanding of brain function all the way to the classroom, and the journal is about trying to understand not only how we learn, but how we can learn better.”

Source: http://www.nature.com/press_releases/npj-science-of-learning.html

JAPAN: Evaluation of the World Premier International (WPI) Institutions

Japan established the WPI program in 2007 to fund world-class research institutions with about Yen 1.3 billion (\$13 million) per year for 10 years, with a possible 5-year extension. The 8th year evaluation that took place in fall 2014 concluded that the 5 WPI institutions launched in 2007 at Tohoku, Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka Universities and the National Institute of Materials Science demonstrated the world premier status and are eligible to receive the grants to complete their 10-year term in 2016. Among them, the Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe, the WPI established at the University of Tokyo, was evaluated to deserve a 5-year extension through 2021. There are four more WPI institutions launched after 2010: one in 2010 and three in 2012, which would also be evaluated in due course.

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http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/kaqaku/toplevel/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2015/02/13/1355021_02.pdf

KOREA: Software Welcomes Girls

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) Department of Computer Science organized a software training camp to promote talented women in the field of information technology. The camp was comprised of a junior program for primary and secondary school students along with teachers and parents, while university students, software developers, and female professionals who had interrupted their careers participated in a senior camp. One of the organizers said, “software-centered societies in the future will demand delicate intuition and cooperative leadership, which are characteristics of women.”



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http://www.kaist.ac.kr/prog/board/?mode=V&no=29061&code=ed_news&site_dvs_cd=en&menu_dvs_cd=0601&list_typ=B&skey=&sval=&smoth=&site_dvs=&GotoPage=