



KOBE UNIVERSITY

Program for Forming Japan's Peak Research Universities (J-PEAKS)

**A regional core global innovation campus
that continuously generates world-class innovation
through excellence in both basic research and
social implementation in engineering biology**

Aiming to become a global hub
for interdisciplinary co-creative research and education
that cultivates both knowledge and talent

Institute for Digital Bio Life Science Research Park, Kobe University

Message from the president

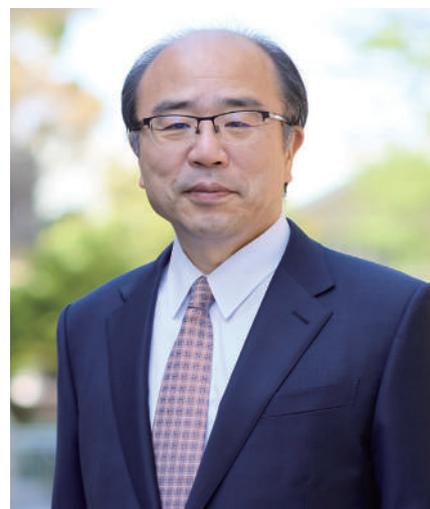
Toward transformation into a Global Innovation Campus

Since April 2021, Kobe University has promoted reforms with the aim of becoming a global hub for interdisciplinary research and education.

A key initiative is the establishment of the Digital Bio Life Science Research Park (DBLR), aimed at building a world-class research and education base that contributes both locally and globally.

With the recent selection of the project under the MEXT “J-PEAKS” program, the university will further accelerate reforms to realize our vision of a “Global Innovation Campus” — one that continuously drives innovation through excellence in both basic research and societal implementation in engineering biology.

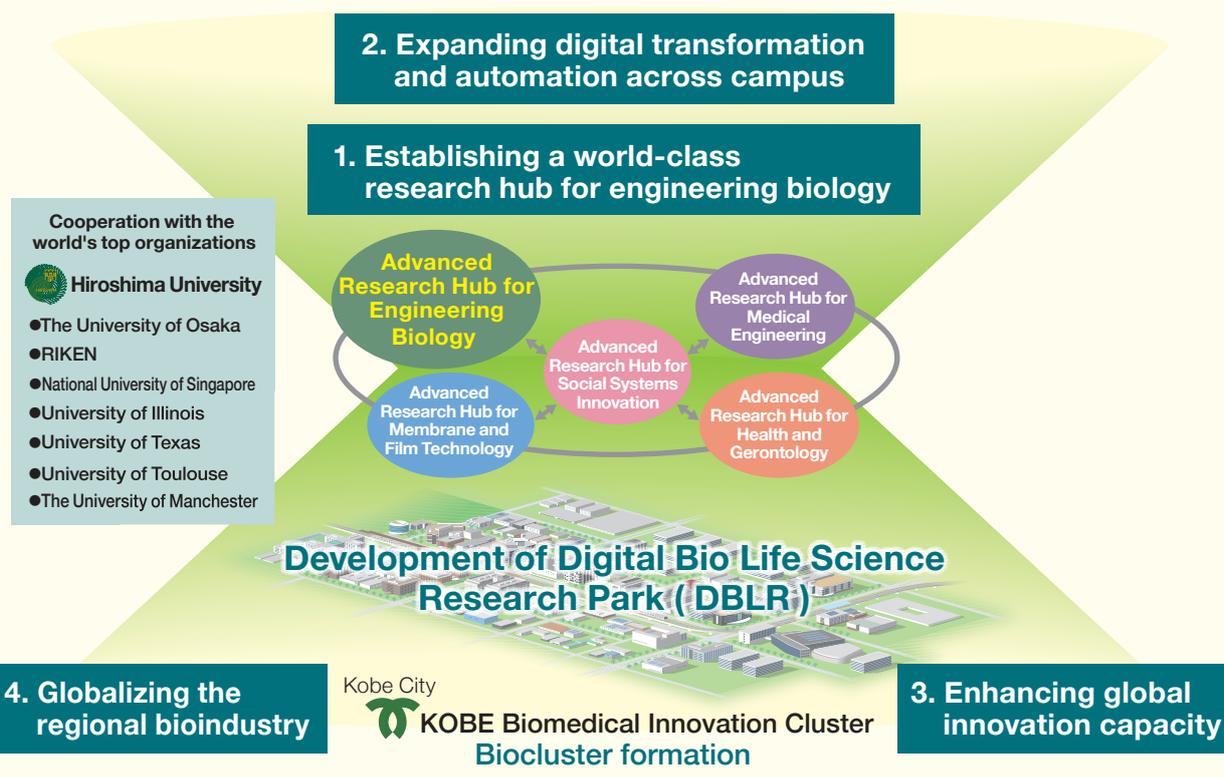
Going forward, we will strengthen collaboration with Kobe City, revitalize local industries and expand these efforts across the entire university.



Kobe University president
FUJISAWA Masato

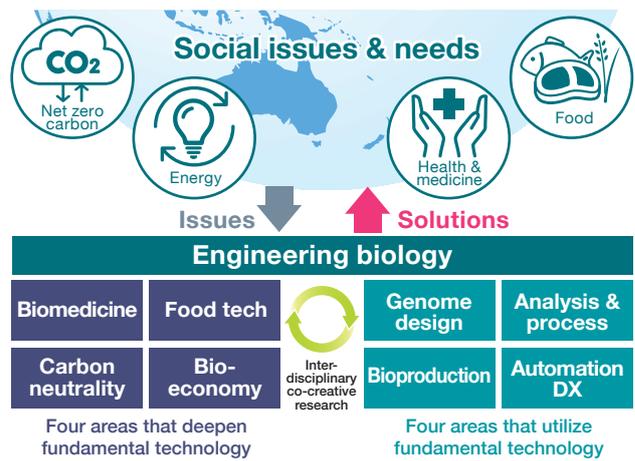
Vision of the Global Innovation Campus

This initiative will leverage the university’s strengths to advance the following four key efforts. First, in collaboration with the world’s top research institutions, this initiative aims to establish an international research hub in the area of engineering biology. Second, through innovation design focused on solving social challenges, this initiative will create global startups. Third, in close partnership with Kobe City, this initiative will develop a global biocluster centered on Port Island, comprising research facilities in engineering biology, startups and industries. Finally, these schemes will be expanded to DBLR, ultimately transforming Kobe University into a Global Innovation Campus.



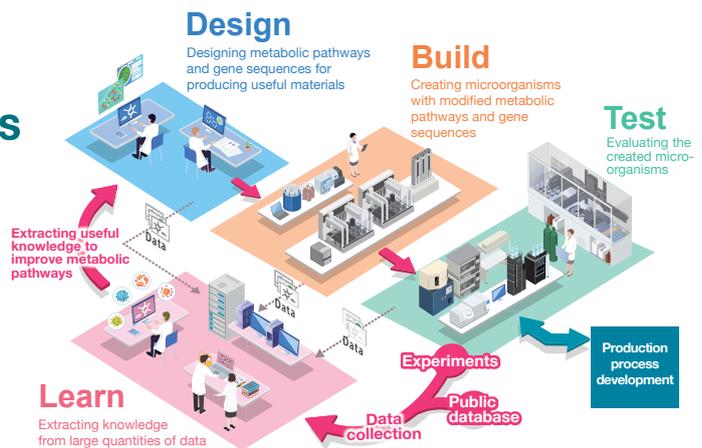
1 World-class research hub for engineering biology

Kobe University is creating a global research hub by integrating core and applied areas of engineering biology. Through international exchanges, symposia and expanded collaborations, we aim to grow into a world-class interdisciplinary research center.



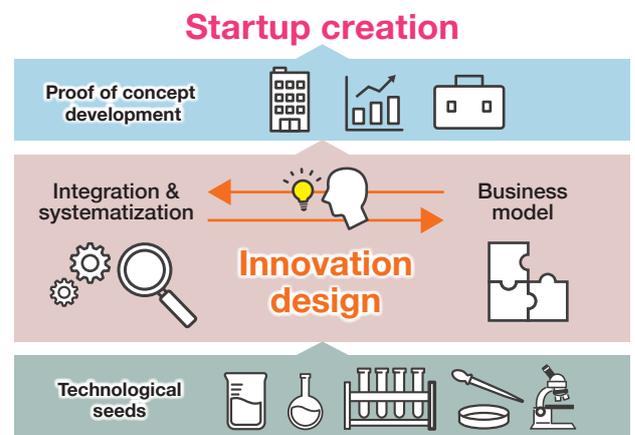
2 Expanding digital transformation and automation across campus

Kobe University will establish a next-gen biofoundry to advance digital transformation (DX) and automation in engineering biology, which will extend to medical engineering and health and gerontology fields. Automated robotics, AI-driven tools and DX education will train researchers for data-driven, automated science.



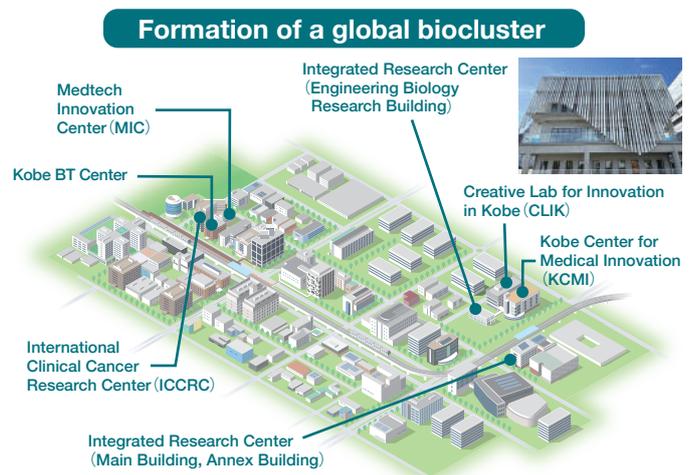
3 Enhancing global innovation capacity

Kobe University advances global startup creation through the “Global Innovation Catapult,” formed by on- and off-campus expert units. By linking social challenges and technological seeds to strategic IP planning, this framework promotes innovation design tied to real-world business models.



4 Globalizing the regional bioindustry

Kobe University’s Biocluster Steering Office leads a strategy from Port Island in KOBE Biomedical Innovation Cluster, government and academia to support global startups from creation to listing. This builds a global biocluster, expands DBLR’s reach and drives innovation across the university toward becoming a Global Innovation Campus.





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