## KRIBB & RIKEN Open Joint Research Center For Chemical Biology

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AsianScientist (Jun. 24, 2011) - This Wednesday, the RIKEN Advanced Science Institute (ASI) and the Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology (KRIBB) commemorated the opening of the KRIBB-RIKEN Collaboration Research Center for Chemical Biology on the KRIBB Ochang campus.

The event included the signing of a memorandum of understanding related to the new center, the unveiling of the center sign, congratulatory remarks by invited guests, presentations on the background of the center and the focus of its research, and a tour of the center laboratories.

RIKEN and KRIBB have implemented a number of joint research projects since entering into a general collaborative partnership in 2006. In September last year, a memorandum for research collaboration was exchanged between the RIKEN ASI Chemical Biology Department, headed by Hiroyuki Osada, and the KRIBB Chemical Biology Research Center, headed by Jong Seog Ahn.

The output of this collaborative partnership is the KRIBB-RIKEN Collaboration Research Center for Chemical Biology, designated as a Global R&D Center (GRDC) program.

In addition, a KRIBB-RIKEN joint research team was created on June 22, 2011 within the chemical biology core facility of RIKEN ASI's chemical biology department. The team will focus on seeking compound candidates for new medical and agricultural chemicals from natural compounds and their derivatives.

The KRIBB-RIKEN Collaboration Research Center is the second ASI center for chemical biology collaboration following the RIKEN-Max Planck Joint Research Center.

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