Joint Statement
Fifteenth Global Summit of Research Institute Leaders
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We, leaders of public research institutions, held a global summit today in connection with the STS forum in Kyoto. This year, leaders of 33 institutions from around the world participated in the summit.

The theme of our discussion was “Integrity and openness of AI.” Following the opening presentations, participants actively exchanged views on the challenges and opportunities posed by AI to their respective institutes, the research community, and society as a whole.

We recognized that AI holds the promise of dramatically enhancing scientific research. At the same time, we acknowledged that it is reshaping the open science framework—the collective asset of all humankind—and rewriting the fundamental operating system of science, thereby bringing forth significant challenges.

First, AI in some forms has enormous energy and computing resource requirements. Disparities in access to this infrastructure remains a concern for the international research community. Furthermore, securing data sovereignty, openness of models, and ensuring fair recognition for researchers' intellectual contributions are critical issues for the global community.

Second, AI has the potential to become a driving force inspiring young people to pursue research. Yet, it could also undermine the joy and art of discovery. Thus, we will strive to explore pathways in which humans use AI to enhance the science for the sound development of human society. Through international cooperation, we can work together to enhance the integrity and openness of AI models for science to fuel a new leap forward in scientific discovery.

As AI technology advances rapidly, we remain firmly committed to sharing insights and working together to protect the integrity and openness of AI and science.