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Asia-Pacific Drosophila Board (APDB)から NBRP ショウジョウバエ事業と京都工芸繊維大学ショウジョウバエ遺伝資源センター(DGRC)についての要望書をお送りいたします。

APDB はアジア太平洋地域のショウジョウバエ研究者コミュニティーを統括する組織です。アジア太平洋諸国の研究者の代表がボードメンバーになっています。

どうかご検討のほど、なにとぞよろしくお願い申し上げます。

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Letter of Support

Professor Yoshimichi Ejima
President
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Dr. Yuji Kohara
Chair, National BioResource Project, Project Promoting Committee
Director-General, National Institute of Genetics

We are writing in support of the sustained operation of the *Drosophila* Genetic Resource Center (DGRC) at the Kyoto Institute of Technology.

A key factor that enabled the model organism *Drosophila* to make such a tremendous contribution to basic biology and biomedical science is the large number of useful stocks generated by the collective effort of the community. Because the enormous number (> 60,000) of stocks is far beyond what could be maintained in any individual laboratory, specialized stock centers need to be established. To take part in such an endeavor DGRC was created in 1999, and now plays a vital role in maintaining and providing resources to the international *Drosophila* research community. Under the superb directorship of Prof. Masatoshi Yamamoto, DGRC has collected a large number of valuable strains and has become a major international *Drosophila* stock center; it maintains 23,012 strains that are not held in any other stock centers in the world, sends out more than 20,000 stocks per year to researchers worldwide, and has been central to the growth of the Asia-Pacific *Drosophila* community. It is fair to say that there is not a *Drosophila* scientist in the world who is unaware of DGRC's contributions, and Japan can be justifiably proud of the impact that DGRC has made in advancing numerous fields of science.

DRGC owes its success to contributions from two key sources: the National BioResource Project (NBRP) and the Kyoto Institute of Technology (KIT). The "Drosophila" project grant under the auspices of NBRP has supported most of the operational cost of the Center, and KIT has provided essential facilities, human

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Dr. Yuji Kohara
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Director-General, National Institute of Genetics

Dear Professors Ejima and Kohara,

The *Drosophila* stock center (DGRC) supported by NRBP has been playing a pivotal role to keep and provide invaluable materials to whole research community, accelerating full many an important research projects carried out in particular in Asia-Pacific area. As the representative of the Japanese *Drosophila* research community, I endorse the petition from APDB.

Sincerely Yours,

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Dear Prof Ejima and Dr Kohara,

Letter of Support

The *Drosophila* stock center in Kyoto (DGRC) plays a very important role, providing unique and useful research materials to the global research community. My lab and those of my colleagues in Singapore make extensive use of the services provided by DGRC. They are very important to us. I endorse the petition with my strongest support.

Yours sincerely,

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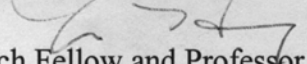
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Dear Prof. Ejima and Kohara:

The Drosophila Genetic Resource Center (DGRC) at Kyoto Institute of Technology (KIT) has been an extremely valuable resource for the fly community in Asia. As the PI in the Fly Stock Center in Taiwan, I can testify that DGRC has provided many fly stocks to the fly researchers in Taiwan in a very timely manner. This has been tremendously helpful to our researches. I am sure the same opinion holds true for fly researches throughout Asia, and of course in Japan.

I've been told that DGRC funding will be up for renewal evaluation soon. I would like to ask for your continued support for this extremely valuable research resource. It is very difficult to manage such a big collection of fly stocks and maintain its smooth operation. Therefore the stability in funding and in management is crucial. I represent the fly researchers in Taiwan to express our deep gratitude to DGRC, and to your organization for the funding to make this possible.

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To,
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President, Kyoto Institute of Technology
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On behalf of all *Drosophila* geneticists and myself at IISER Pune, I am writing this letter to support the sustained operation of the *Drosophila* Genetic Resource Center (DGRC) at the Kyoto Institute of Technology. Prof Yasushi Horimoi of NIG has written a letter on behalf of the members (I am one) of Asia-Pacific *Drosophila* Board, which is enclosed and I fully endorse the content and spirit of that letter.

Sincerely

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We are writing in support of the sustained operation of the *Drosophila* Genetic Resource Center (DGRC) at the Kyoto Institute of Technology. We fully endorse the petition.

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