



4th AONSA Neutron School in Japan *Canceled*

As reported by TV and others, the Tohoku-Kanto (Northeast and Central) Area of Japan suffered a calamity by a large earthquake of M9.0 and following giant tsunami on March 11, 2011. J-PARC and JRR-3 were not exceptions, and lifeline, buildings, roads, and facilities were seriously damaged. J-PARC Center, JAEA, and KEK are now investigating damages of the facilities. It will take some time before announcing estimated day of recovery by J-PARC/JRR-3. Although we had planned to serve a chance to study at state-of-the-art neutron instruments at J-PARC/MLF and JRR-3 on the occasion of the 4th AONSA Neutron School, we had to accept that it is impossible to realize it. All staffs of J-PARC Center, JAEA, and KEK are devoted to work on for repair.

Considering these facts, I am sorry to announce that it would be impossible to hold the school this year and would like to propose to postpone 4th AONSA Neutron School to next year or to hold a school in another country. The final decision will be made at the next AONSA EC Meeting on May 19-21, 2011, Bandung, Indonesia. I look forward to seeing you in Tokai in the near future.

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