

Inauguration of SISTER-DAILAB@SIKKIM University, India

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A delegation of 10 high-level National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science & Technology (AIST) researchers led by Dr. Yoshihiro OHMIYA, Director, Biomedical Research Institute (BMRI) travelled to Gangtok (Sikkim) to inaugurate the SISTER-DAILAB and Bioinformatics Center (supported by DBT, Govt. of India). BMRI, AIST has signed an academic MoU to support the education and research training of students from Sikkim University. The two institutes will execute basic and applied research on unraveling the mechanisms of functionality of some local food ingredients, and develop evidence-based functional food, health supplements and alternative medicine in collaboration with industries. The event was graced by Prof. Tanka B. Subba (Vice-Chancellor, Sikkim University), Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang (Dean, School of Life Sciences & Coordinator of DAILAB@Sikkim University), Mr. T. K. KAUL (Registrar, Sikkim University) & more than 100 students and faculties from SIKKIM University. Dr. Tomohiro TAMURA (Director, Bioproduction Research Institute, AIST Japan), Dr. Renu WADHWA (Prime Senior Researcher and Leader DAILAB@BMRI-AIST), Dr. Yoshiaki. ONISHI (Deputy Director, BMRI), Dr. Sunil KAUL (Chief Senior Researcher and Coordinator of DAILAB) and 5 other senior researchers from AIST, Japan. Dr. Yuji NISHIKAWA (JST, India office) and Dr. Hiroshi YOSHINO (Tokyo University Office, India) also joined the events. Dr. Dural SUNDAR (Coordinator of SISTER-DAILAB@IIT-Delhi) was also present and delivered lecture along with other members in the **PIKNIKH (Platform for Innovating Knowledge to International Know-How) Series XIII** organized on the day to celebrate the inauguration of SISTER-DAILAB@Sikkim University.

