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**Okayama University receives the "Business Matching Award" at "nano tech 2014"**

Okayama University received the "Business Matching Award" at the 13th International Nanotechnology Exhibition & Conference" held at Tokyo Big Sight, 29-31 January 2014 — the world's biggest exhibition on nanotechnology as known as "nano tech 2014". This category award of the "nano tech 2014 Grand Award" is given to the organization that makes the largest number of appointments with exhibitors and visitors at the exhibition.

The award acknowledges the excellence of the presentations given by Okayama University. The Okayama University poster and oral exhibitions focused on four technologies including "preparation and functionalization of graphene oxide" for applications such as telecommunication, electronics, environment and energy, presented by Associate Professor Yuta Nishina at the Research Core for Interdisciplinary Sciences; and "long and high density aligned carbon nanotubes for dry processing" as an alternatives to conventional powder and liquid states toward bulk scale use such as high-strength and high-conductivity electric wires and sheets, by Professor Yasuhiko Hayashi at the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology.

The members of Okayama University actively interacted with many visitors and exhibitors from other organizations by utilizing the "Business Matching System" which builds between the seeds and needs through the Internet, and thereby made the largest number of business appointments with them. As a result, the nano tech 2014 executive committee



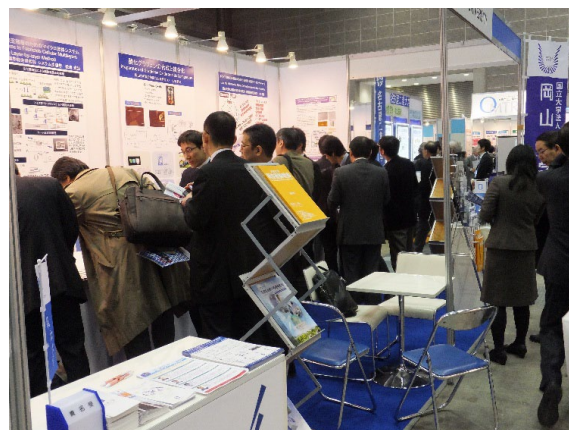
Okayama University being presented the "Business Matching Award".



Researchers from Okayama University and individuals from business sectors carrying out business matching.

gave the "Business Matching Award" to Okayama University for their intensive commitment to Open Innovation.

Organization for Research Promotion & Collaboration will actively support participation in exhibitions to promote and popularize Okayama University's research achievements and technological transfers.



Participants gathering around the exhibition booth of Okayama University.



Associate Professor Nishina making an oral presentation at the Seeds & Needs seminar.