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AGC and Tokyo University of Science Launch Social Cooperation Program: "Laboratory for Inorganic and Amorphous Materials"

Tokyo, February 22, 2021--AGC (Headquarters: Tokyo, President & CEO Yoshinori Hirai) and Tokyo University of

Science's (President Yoichiro Matsumoto) Department of Materials Synthesis Engineering, Graduate School of

Advanced Engineering*1 have agreed to launch on April 1 the social cooperation program, "Laboratory for Inorganic

and Amorphous Materials," to provide education and research jointly with AGC.

Demand for highly-functional glass materials is growing in tandem with recent advances in semiconductors and

the advent of the 5G era. In particular, it is important to understand the factors that determine the material

properties to develop diverse and new functions. Tokyo University of Science and AGC have been conducting

various joint research projects in the field of highly-functional glass, establishing methods to control the

microstructure of glass materials, and jointly developing various glass such as the glass that is resistant to breakage.

This social cooperation program is designed to deepen research on the microstructure of glass materials and

the creation of their functions, and to create highly functional new materials by integrating the leading-edge

academic knowledge that Tokyo University of Science possesses in a wide range of fields, including materials

engineering, with glass-related technologies such as materials design and manufacturing processes that AGC has

cultivated for over 100 years. For the establishment of this course, AGC will dispatch Kei Maeda, a research fellow

in glass materials science, as a guest professor to promote joint research.

Through this program, Tokyo University of Science and AGC aim to contribute to the advancement of science

and industry, as well as to stimulate the development of the human resources who will support science and

industry in Japan in the future, by promoting and enhancing education and research.

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The Katsushika Campus of Tokyo University of Science, where the social cooperation program will be established.

<Notes>

*1 In April 2021, the department name will be changed from the Department of Materials Science and Technology, Graduate School of Industrial Science and Technology to the Department of Materials Synthesis Engineering, Graduate School of Advanced Engineering.

<Reference>

■ Social Cooperation Program Overview

Program title: Laboratory for Inorganic and Amorphous Materials

Implementing Department of Materials Synthesis Engineering, Graduate School of Advanced

department: Engineering, Tokyo University of Science (Katsushika Campus)

Implementing period: From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2026

Purpose of research: The purpose of this research is to elucidate the relationship between the

structure and physical properties of inorganic and amorphous materials and to create functions by integrating glass science-related technology with the latest

scientific knowledge in inorganic materials.

Instructors: Kei Maeda, Professor (Dispatched from AGC Inc.)

Atsuo Yasumori, Professor (Faculty of Industrial Science and Technology,

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■ Positioning of this program



April 2016

Start of joint

research

March 2017

April 2021

Establishment of

cooperation

Development of "methods for making glass resistant to breakage"

• Preventing the crack growth in glass material

 Reducing brittleness by 70% compared with conventional glass materials

Maeda K. et al. J. Am. Ceram. Soc., **2019**, 102, 5535. https://doi.org/10.1111/jace.16393.

Laboratory for Inorganic and Amorphous Materials

- ·Creation of new highly-functional materials
- ·Advancement of science and industry
- ·Development of human resources

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