

## Recent Stories from SPring-8

On June 5, 2009, SPring-8 welcomed its 100,000th user since it was opened in October 1997 (see photo 1). As this statistic indicates, it is without doubt that in the last decade SPring-8 has become an advanced scientific infrastructure indispensable to society.

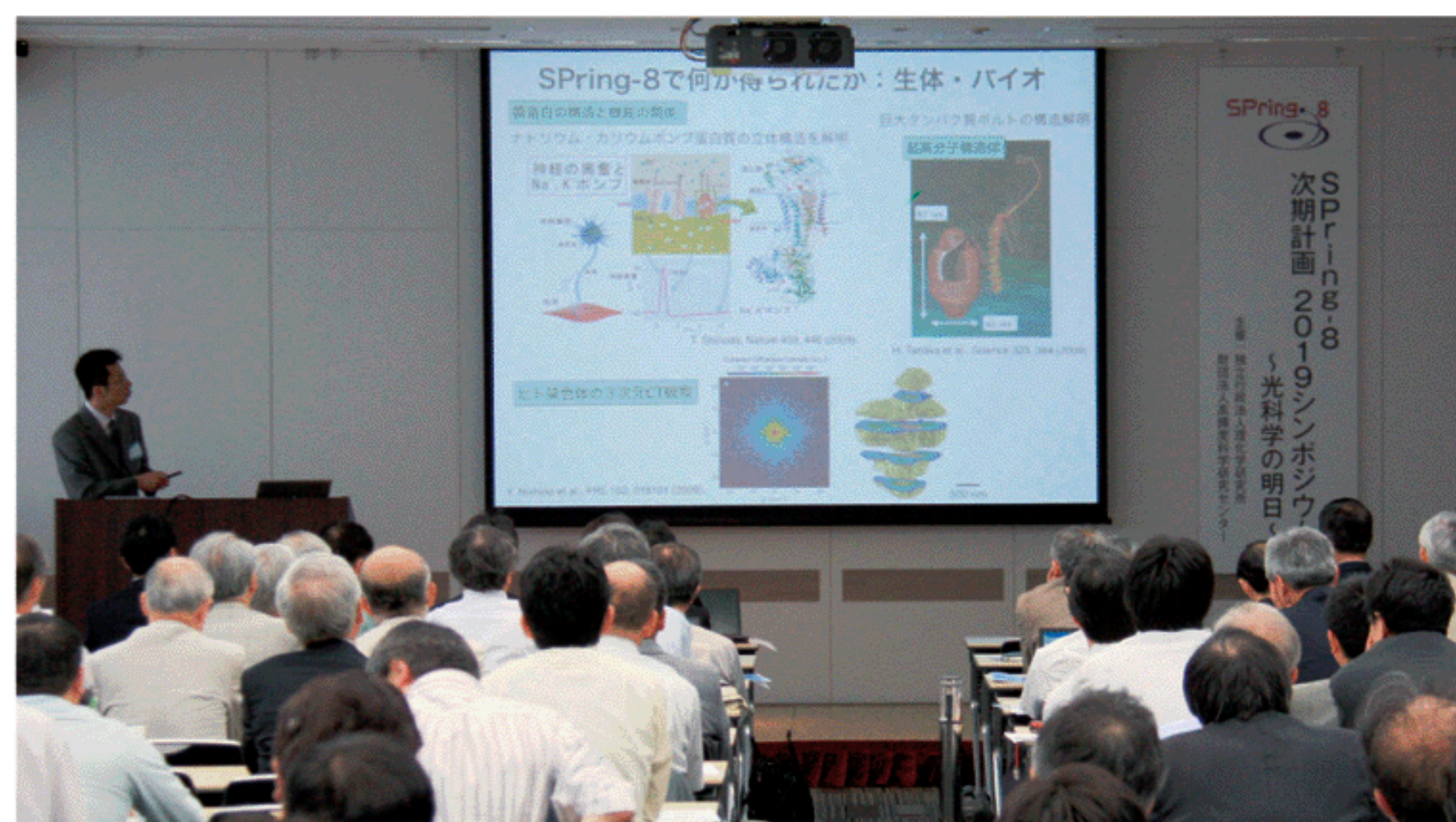
In fact, not only academia but also industries are now interested in having their own beamlines (“contract beamlines”) at SPring-8. Toyota Central R&D Labs., Inc. completed the construction of their beamline in May 2009. The University of Tokyo and Advanced Softmaterial Beamline Consortium, a group for academic-industrial complex, will finish the construction of their beamlines by October 2009 and April 2010, respectively.

To maintain the activity and productivity of SPring-8, it is important to review the scientific results achieved through the use of SPring-8. To this end, SPring-8 Academic Review Committee (SPARC) was organized last year, whose first meeting was held on November 16-19, 2008. SPARC selected twelve representative research activities from the research areas which were reviewed. SPARC delivered its recommendations for the sake of the SPring-8’s future ([http://www.spring8.or.jp/en/about\\_us/committees/reports/sparc\\_report/](http://www.spring8.or.jp/en/about_us/committees/reports/sparc_report/)).

In parallel to the review process, SPring-8 has also started visualizing the Next SPring-8 by formulating its future plans for the next decade. The first symposium was held on June 19, 2009, in Tokyo with 200 participants (see photo 2). SPring-8 aims to continuously and purposefully develop its vision for the future, which it is hoped will be reported on this page in future.



**Photo 1:** The 100,000th SPring-8 user, Associate Professor Yamamoto (second from the right) of Nagoya Institute of Technology, and members of his research group with Dr. Kira (right), then JASRI President, and Dr. Makita (left), Director of JASRI User Administration Division.



**Photo 2:** Symposium on SPring-8 Upgrade Project



**Photo 3:** SPring-8, May 9, 2009

### ICALEPCS2009

The 12th International Conference on Accelerator and Large Experimental Physics Control Systems (ICALEPCS2009) will be held at Kobe International Conference Center, Kobe, Japan, from October 12 to 16, 2009.

<http://icalepcs2009.spring8.or.jp/>