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**Newly-Certified Research Centers**

**4 Center of Excellence, and**

**4 Promising Research Initiatives have been Certified—**

○Since 2014, Hiroshima University has been certifying researchers or research groups for either Center Of Excellence (=COE, i.e., research centers that can be expected to represent HU for a long term) or for Promising Research Initiatives (i.e., research groups wishing to be certified as COE). This clearly shows that Hiroshima University is committed to providing a focused research support to the researchers/research groups as a university.

○In this fiscal year, the total of four entities have been newly certified for COE (three out of four entities are upgrades from the COE status), whereas the total of four entities for Promising Research Initiatives have been certified respectively.

Fiscal Year Certified	Centers of Excellence	Promising Research Initiatives
2014 (H26)	3	2
2015 (H27)	1	
2016 (H28)	2	
2017 (H29)	4 (Three out of four entities are upgrades from the COE status)	

○Following the selection of KCR Center of Excellence (FYH25 (2014)) as one of the 22 institutions in Japan, HU has been committed to enhancing its research capabilities by aiming to directly link wide range of research products to social contributions, industrial vitalization & innovations.

○Research Centers will further as well as their capabilities of disseminating research achievements. With such an aim behind, we can expect the Centers to improve their international capabilities of disseminating research achievements by forming international research networks through active global research activities, which in turn contributes to the development of the university. From now on, HU will further enhance its international presence. In addition, through research & educational activities and by growing into a university where individuals with diverse backgrounds can play active roles, Hiroshima University will pursue to develop into a university with a presence both in the local and international communities.

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