

Around the World

From KEK: Call for opinions: Japan faces severe science budget cut

The research program at High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK) is facing a grave possibility of a severe budget cut, as recommended by the recently issued Public Budget Review by Japanese



Atsuto Suzuki, KEK Director General

government. This affects Japanese renowned research programs including the ones hosted by KEK, such as elementary particle physics and related fields in astrophysics, material and life sciences. More than 260 universities and laboratories attend these programs. I would like to take this opportunity to explain to you what KEK is doing to enhance its research and education programs, and also would like to solicit your opinions.

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-- Atsuto Suzuki, Director General, High Energy Accelerator Research Organisation (KEK)

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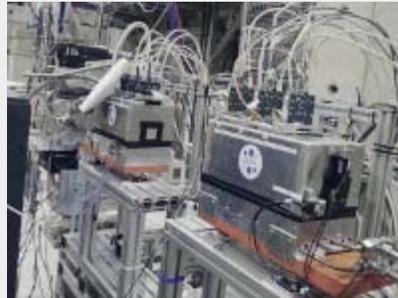
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Feature Story

EU projects get musical

All about the AIDA project proposal



It's projects like the EUDET telescope – pictured here at work in the CERN test beam for the ALFA project – that AIDA wants to take further. Image: Sune Jakobsen

Greek mythology, cartoon characters and plays on words – projects and collaborations in high-energy physics don't always conform to the stereotype of the incomprehensible acronym. If a new project to be submitted to the European Commission for funding, answering a call from it Seventh Framework programme (FP7), gets approval, the world of opera can be added to the list above. AIDA – for Advanced European Infrastructures for Detectors and Accelerators (the E from European is silent) – would draw together every group and project in Europe working on detector R&D for next-generation projects.

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-- Barbara Warmbein

In the News

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1 December 2009
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Director's Corner

"Open Sesame"



The large SESAME building, 75 metres by 75 metres, built by the Jordanian government

Most of us have known the expression "Open Sesame" since childhood and have associated it with magic powers. It comes from the tale of "*Ali Baba and the forty thieves*," when by magic, Ali Baba is able to open the door to the hidden treasure with that simple command. Last year, an exciting new laboratory in Jordan also named SESAME celebrated what they called a "soft" inauguration (or "opening"). Soft because it denoted the official start of this project by completion of the impressive accelerator building that will house the facility and the start of installation of the injector. These are visible first steps toward developing a state-of-the-art synchrotron light facility for the Middle East. I had the pleasure of visiting SESAME last month and spent very informative days meeting with the staff and learning of their detailed plans and aspirations.

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-- Barry Barish

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Image of the Week

LHC sets new world record



CERN's Large Hadron Collider became the world's highest energy particle accelerator on 30 November, having

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12-15 January 2010

Upcoming school

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«**Dès 2010, le LHC produira une physique excitante**»
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From *IPMU*
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Funding cuts threaten globalization of Japanese science, scientists fear
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First Neutrino Events Observed at T2K Near Detector
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accelerated its twin beams of protons to an energy of 1.18 TeV in the early hours of the morning. It marks another important milestone on the road to first physics at the LHC in 2010. Image: CERN

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[0911.5551](#)
Study of Higgs self couplings of a supersymmetric E_6 model at the International Linear Collider

[0911.4995](#)
Higgs mediated Double Flavor Violating top decays in Effective Theories

[0911.4868](#)
Correlations between high- p_T and flavour physics

[0911.4575](#)
Energy Reconstruction of Hadron Showers in the CALICE Calorimeters

[0911.4508](#)
Probing Long Range Scalar Dark Forces in Terrestrial Experiments