

“Find-Your-Role-Model” Session

77th session (3rd in 2024)

Guest: **Kazuhiro Ito, PhD**

Professor at Imperial College London, National Heart and Lung Institute (NHLI), Director/CEO of SciHero Ltd., Vice President of Biology at RIGImmune Inc., Veterinarian (PhD) Specially

Appointed Professor, Institute of Science Tokyo

Monday, December 9, 2024, 18:00-19:00 via Zoom



Dr. Kazuhiro Ito

We are pleased to introduce Dr. Kazuhiro Ito, who is engaged in basic research and education on respiratory and infectious diseases, developing drugs for respiratory infections, and providing entrepreneurship support/education at Imperial College London's National Heart and Lung Institute (NHLI) and biotech start-up, UK. Dr. Ito graduated from the veterinary school of Hokkaido University. After completing a master's degree at the same university, he worked for Sankyo Company, Ltd., developing and researching therapeutic drugs for asthma and allergies while earning a PhD. In 2002, he moved to the NHLI at Imperial College London, where he worked on molecular and pharmacological studies of respiratory diseases. He subsequently co-founded several biotech companies, mainly developing drugs for asthma and COPD as well as respiratory infections. In 2021, he returned to the NHLI as a professor and is currently working in academia and the biotech startup to develop new drugs for chronic respiratory diseases.

TOPICS	
Personal Background and Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● His medical future vision and mission and the factors that influenced him to pursue them● His role model● His advice on coping with failures and obstacles● His career-building after graduating from veterinary school● His reasons for pursuing drug development
Current / Future Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● What projects he is currently working on● Difference in research environments between facilities● Thoughts on entrepreneurship● His future goals
Advice for Students / Healthcare Professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The skills and mindset necessary to become a researcher● Advice for students and young researchers● Advice on building a career

【Eligibility】

- Open to all students, residents, post-docs, faculty, and staff from Institute of Science Tokyo

【Discussion style】

- The guest will first share their career experiences, then move on to roundtable-style discussion
- Language(s): Japanese, English (on request)

【How to apply】 *Pre-registration is required.

- If you would like to attend this session, please use the QR Code to the right or URL below to register.
- Registration deadline: Monday, December 9, 16:00

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUoceuvt0pGt3FJABsK17EvxpEHtkf3X3X>

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Registration



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【About “Find-Your-Role-Model” Sessions】

We have been holding a series of events called “Find-Your-Role-Model” Sessions to provide students with opportunities to interact with alumni and global leaders in healthcare sciences. Through these roundtable-style, informal events, we hope students will find role models to help facilitate their career development and become future global leaders.