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Agreement of Friendship and Cooperation Between Chrome Laboratory and KOIAS and participation in International Symposium “Traces and Atmospheres of Disasters”

On May 19, 2026, Yuho Hisayama, Director of Kobe Institute for Atmospheric Studies, visited University of Nîmes, where an Agreement of Friendship and Cooperation was concluded between KOIAS and the Chrome Laboratory. Through this agreement, both institutions agreed to explore opportunities for collaboration, including the sharing of academic materials and the development of further international research networks in the fields of Disaster Studies and Atmospheric Studies.

The agreement was signed by Benoit Roig on behalf of the University of Nîmes and by Yuho Hisayama on behalf of KOIAS. The collaboration and agreement were made possible through the support of Mathieu Gaulene and Michela Deni.



On May 20 and 21, 2026, KOIAS and Chrome Laboratory jointly organized the international symposium “*Traces and Atmospheres of Disasters*” at the Vauban site of the University of Nîmes. The two-day event also included the exhibition “*An Invitation through Living Atmospheres*,” held at the recently opened Chapel of Hoche.

Researchers from Japan participating in the symposium included Yukiko Kuwayama, CY Cheung, and Yuho Hisayama. Their presentations addressed disaster memory, atmospheres, and phenomenological approaches to environmental and historical experience.

The presentations included:

- Yukiko Kuwayama — *“Verbalizing Disaster Atmospheres at Minamata Eco Park: A Phenomenological Critical View”*
- Yuho Hisayama — *“Higashi Yuenchi as an Atmospheric Archive: Toward the Unsayable Memory of the Hanshin–Awaji Earthquake”*
- CY Cheung — *“Fukushima and Atmospheric Studies”*

