

## Preface

The 23rd International Toki Conference (ITC-23) on “Large-scale Simulation and Fusion Science research” was held in Toki through 18 to 21 November 2013, organized by the National Institute for Fusion Science, National Institutes of Natural Sciences. This was the twenty-third meeting of a series that originated in 1989, when the National Institute for Fusion Science was established. The main topic of the conference was the frontiers of simulation science in plasma and fusion research. It also covered the topics related to diagnostics, atomic process, fusion engineering, and astrophysical plasmas. The topics selected for the conference were as follows:

1. The Leading Edge of Large-scale Numerical Simulation
2. Magnetically-Confined Fusion Plasmas
3. Inertially-Confined Fusion Plasmas
4. Fusion Engineering and Fusion Reactor Concepts
5. Space and Astrophysical Plasmas
6. Basic Plasma Research and Plasma Applications
7. Imaging Science

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