# RIKEN BRC  Quality Policy

The RIKEN BioResource Research Center (RIKEN BRC) is the core repository of bioresources in Japan, as we follow our principles of "Trust," "Sustainability" and "Leadership".   We collect, preserve and provide bioresources as well as promote the research which facilitates the use and application of bioresources.

We stipulate and execute the following policy on quality of bioresources so that the users of the bioresources can create the outcome to contribute to the promotion of science, technology and innovation, and the sustainable development of humankind as well.

We:

1. ensure that all employees are aware of and follow our quality guidelines, set annual action plans for solving various problems to achieve quality goals for each resource Division, evaluate our performance at regular meetings and management reviews, and make improvements as needed.

2. endeavor to secure our communication with our users.   We have adopted guidelines for communication with our users.   Based on the guidelines, we evaluate our performance and progress at regular meetings and make improvements as needed.

3. make every effort to ensure that all employees are aware of the need and importance of strict legal compliance in cooperation with all parties concerned, thus ensuring that our activities are always in conformity with the laws and guidelines.

4. make a crisis management plan in advance and take all necessary measures to deal with crisis such as natural disasters, in cooperation with all parties concerned, in order to ensure that RIKEN BRC's activities can be sustained as usual even in such situations.

5. carry out human resource development in order to ensure that the activities outlined above can be carried out steadily and further developed constantly.

6. refine this Quality Policy regularly in line with the basic operation policy of RIKEN BRC.

We formulate, maintain and continuously improve RIKEN BRC's quality management system by adhering the above policy.

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