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## **Tohoku ILC Promotion Council General Meeting**

On June 14, there was a general assembly of the Tohoku ILC Promotion Council in Sendai.

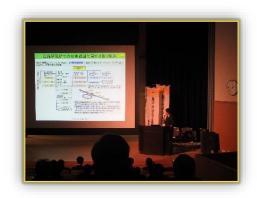
At the general meeting, the following resolutions were passed as requests to the government:

- · Government-wide promotion of the ILC's attraction
- Budgetary measures for developing a next-generation, highperformance accelerator

Following the General Assembly, Dr. Shoji Asai, who became the Director General of KEK in April, delivered a talk about upcoming initiatives to bring the ILC to fruition as an international project

## **ILC Explanatory Seminar**

The Tohoku ILC Project Promotion Center hosted an ILC Explanatory Seminar, which took place in the Kawasaki Civic Center on February 17. Researchers working on ILC R&D provided explanations of domestic and international trends including the ILC Technology Network, an international framework for collaborative R&D, and the status of high-energy physics studies in the U.S as well as ILC safety measures. The Tohoku ILC Project Promotion Center provided an overview of its initiatives to enhance the



### What can be learned through the ILC?

The ILC accelerates electrons and positrons to an extreme speed close to the speed of light and causes them to collide head-on. The electrons and positrons are then annihilated, creating a "mass of energy" one trillionth of a second after the birth of the universe. Various particles, including the Higgs boson, are then emitted from this mass, creating a phenomenon that no one has ever reproduced before. By observing these particles, we will be able to solve the long-held mysteries of how the universe was born and how matter was created.

### The Value and Future Promised by Developing the ILC in Japan

The ILC is intended as a facility of international cooperation where international researchers, their families, and related industries gather to drive innovation using a broad range of advanced technologies, including superconductivity, nanotechnology, super computers, and digital transformation (DX), contributing to science for peace and development for the future. The ILC will also serve as a model for a new form of globally-linked regional development that incorporates the concept of an "eco-friendly ILC" ahead of the SDGs. This includes energy reuse, the use of waste heat, and the construction of wooden research facilities.