START OF NEW ARCTIC CLIMATE RESEARCH PROJECT

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1. ARCTIC CLIMATE RESEARCH
New Japanese Arctic Climate Research Program has started. This program targeted understanding and forecasting "Rapid Change of the Arctic Climate System and its Global Influences". This arctic climate research program is realized by the frame of GRENE (GReen Network of Excellence) project of Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports (MEXT). As the network of universities and institutions in Japan, this 5-years program involves more than 200 scientists from 35 institutions and universities.

2. JAPANESE ARCTIC ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (JCAR)
Arctic researches have been carried out by many individual scientists and small groups for a long time. Through the discussions on new movement of Arctic science, new functions of scientific communities were recommended, then "Japanese Consortium for Arctic Environmental Research (JCAR)" was established in May 2011. Almost 300 members joined this consortium and started new discussions on the Arctic science.

For more details, please visit
Arctic Climate Research Project: http://www.nipr.ac.jp/grene/
JCAR: http://www-arctic.nipr.ac.jp/web_HKKC/HKKC_top/index.html

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