

A proposition on creating long-term roadmap in OSJ

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The process for creating the "master plan for large-scale scientific projects" that JpGU went through revealed the necessity also for the Oceanographic Society of Japan (OSJ) to have mid- or long- term goals. Indeed, the Meteorological Society of Japan is also discussing on this matter. Furthermore, scientists are trying to "co-design" a supercomputer that will succeed the "K computer" through communications between computer science and user fields, based on long-term roadmaps from the user fields. These examples demonstrate that scientist community such as OSJ should have long-term goals independent of those "mid-term goals" that are periodically renewed by individual research institutes (such as JAMSTEC that the author belongs to). OSJ is, however, a voluntary body, which means that it would be difficult to sustain procedural system for establishing long-term goals. In the presentation, the author will discuss further on possible goals and systems that may benefit OSJ.

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