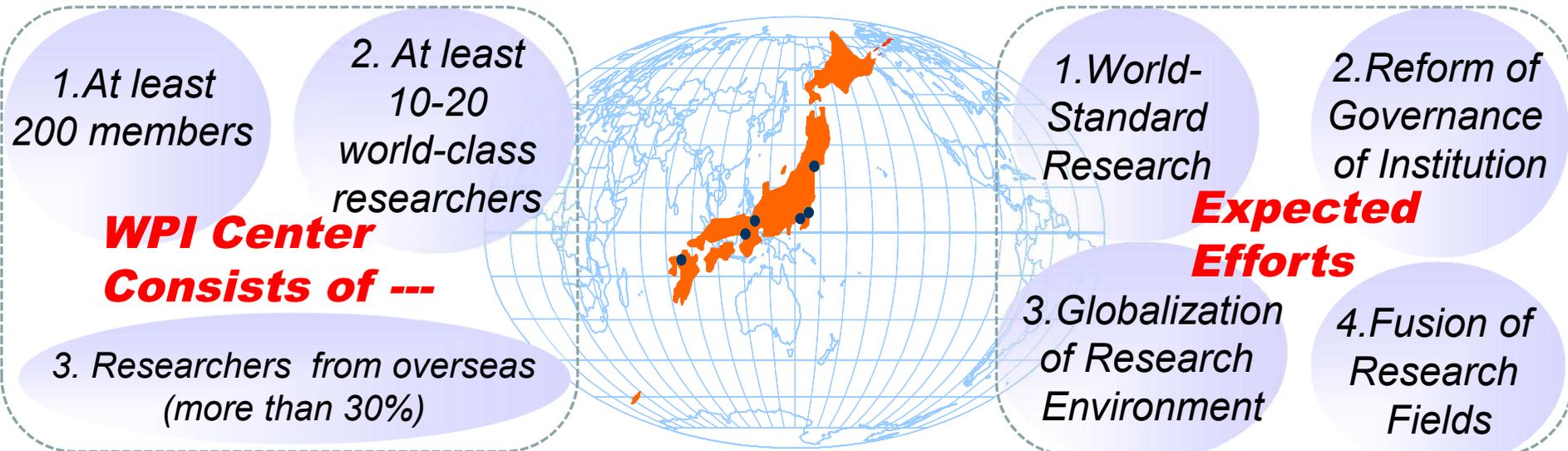


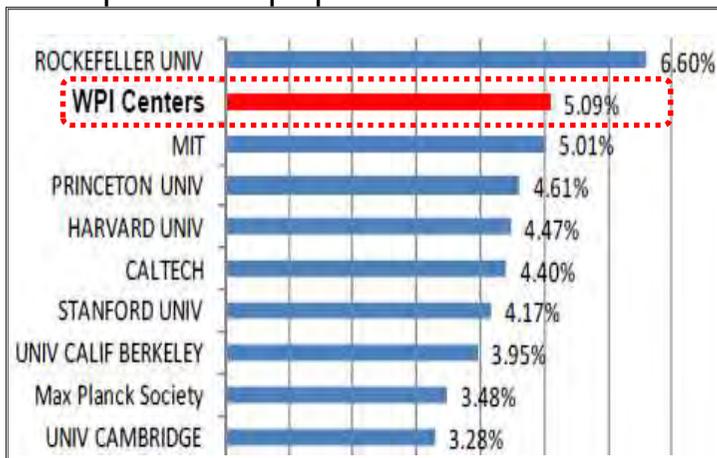
### 3. WPI - World Premier International Research Center Initiative -



WPI = A project to establish “globally visible research centers” facilitated with excellent research environment where high standard research is conducted.



■ Productivity of “Citation Top 1% of papers”



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<p><b>Kyushu University</b>  <b>I<sup>2</sup>CNER</b> : International Institute for Carbon-Neutral Energy Research                      Director: Petros Sofronis</p>	<p><b>The University of Tokyo</b>  <b>Kavli IPMU</b> : Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe                      Director: Hitoshi Murayama</p>	<p><b>National Institute for Material Science(NIMS)</b>  <b>MANA</b> : International Center for Materials Nanoarchitectonics                      Director: Masakazu Aono</p>

Three new WPI centers were launched in FY2012.

- International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (IIMS) / University of Tsukuba
- Earth-Life Science Institute (ELSI) / Tokyo Institute of Technology
- Institute of Transformative Bio-Molecules (ITbM) / Nagoya University

# Topics of Discussion

- University governance and the role of government when dealing with phenomena which accompany globalization such as **commercialization of education and advent of knowledge-based society**.
- Prospects of government strategies and inter-regional cooperation for the **regionalization** of higher education
- The role of government in **quality assurance** of education in the era of globalization

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