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## Sea ice training to help build Australia-Japan research ties

A group of Australian scientists and students will set foot on the frozen seas of northern Japan this week, as part of efforts to strengthen international cooperation on critical sea ice research.

The group from IMAS and the Antarctic Climate & Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre (ACE -leading sea ice expertise.

For the students involved, the trip will include a valuable opportunity to learn from leading Japanese and Australian sea ice scientists during a field training course on the island of Hokkaido.

The location, which freezes over during winter, provides an opportunity for young and emerging scientists to get their first taste of research on sea ice, at a fraction of the cost and time required to get to the Antarctic.

It is also an invaluable testing ground for new polar instrumentation and observation platforms, such as airborne and underwater vehicles used for mapping sea ice thickness.

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Researchers from the ACE CRC will host two mini symposia at the Kitami Institute of Technology and Tomakomai National College of Technology, as well as hosting events at two Super Science High Schools.

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