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Toyota Technical Development Corporation (TTDC)

## **New Research Facility Opened in Nagoya University**

On April 1, 2021, Toyota Technical Development Corporation (TTDC, Head Office: Toyota, Aichi, President: Yoshiyuki Kagawa) opened the TTDC Mobility Society Integrated Solutions Research Division on the grounds of Nagoya University under the auspices of its Academics-Industrial Cooperation Faculty.

As we all aim to achieve the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and build a world in which we can enjoy even more rewarding and active lifestyles, this tie-up with the Mobility Research Course of Nagoya University's Institutes of Innovation for Future Society, which is one of Japan's leading and most successful organizations in the field of mobility research, will help us to push ahead with advance research into the necessary environments for developing the mobility and urban centers of the future, and to accelerate the progress and real-world implementation of this research.

The specific theme of the research is to construct core elements for providing comprehensive solutions to support the development of the mobility and urban centers of the future, such as platforms for social activities and simulated development environments focused on human activity models to advance intelligent mobility. This theme is being coordinated with the collaborative COI Next program run by the Japan Science and Technology Agency, a Japanese government organization overseen by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. This new division is headed by two specialist managers from TTDC (Designated Associate Professor Tadashi Yoshikawa, who will act as Division Director, and Designated Assistant Professor Kazunori Ban, who will act as Research Leader) and consists of six research staff. The division will act as a bridge between the research functions of Nagoya University and the corporate functions of TTDC.

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