



Kinokuniya Named as an Exclusive Agent for Academic Institutional Customers in Japan for F1000Research

TOKYO, JAPAN, November 6, 2020 - Kinokuniya Company Ltd. (Chairman and President Masashi Takai) is pleased to announce the signing of an agreement with Taylor & Francis Group (Chief Executive Annie Callanan), by which Kinokuniya becomes the exclusive sales agent of the world's first open research publishing platform "F1000Research" operated by F1000 Research Ltd. (Managing Director Rebecca Lawrence), part of Taylor & Francis Group, for academic institutional customers in Japan.

A trailblazer in rethinking research communication, F1000 Research Ltd launched the first open research publishing platform 'F1000Research' in 2013. The platform combines the ability to publish rapidly with functionality to ensure transparency, robustness and reproducibility of research. Articles are indexed in international bibliographic databases. Moreover, it allows researchers in HSS to publish articles not only in English but also in Japanese, in order to overcome language barriers in academic research. Taylor & Francis Group and Kinokuniya entered a partnership with a view to resolve various problems in the current scholarly communication system, promote open research, and contribute to further development of academic research conducted in Japan. Kinokuniya will work hard to promote F1000Research by utilizing its sales channels for institutional clients while improving marketing functions, customer service, and distribution through the cooperation between both companies.

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Taylor & Francis acquired F1000 Research Ltd in 2020, further strengthening its capabilities in open access and open research and extending its range of innovative publishing services.

Kinokuniya Company Ltd

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