Message from the Director General of the OIEE

In December 2021, the International IR and Security Export Control Division (irSEC) is newly established in the OIEE!

Security Export Control is an important initiative to protect our important intellectual property from being robbed by foreign countries of concern or terrorists, and is regulated under the law (Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act) in Japan. In 2009, the law was revised and the new "Compliance Standards for Exporters" came into effect. The scope of application includes not only international transactions of tangible and intangible intellectual properties, but also the acceptance of international students, study abroad by Japanese students, and overseas trips by our faculty and staff members. In other words, this initiative is a prerequisite for the extensive internationalization of our academic activities. Consequently, in 2012, University of Toyama established the Security Export Control Regulations to establish a control system at the University, and has been promoting confirmation procedures for security export control. On the other hand, in the absence of experts in our university, the actual review process required a lot of time and effort, as we had to check the contents of each document with the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Therefore, we decided to further strengthen the control system by establishing a new division (irSEC) in the OIEE. This division will be managed by a full-time faculty member who have expertise in international transactions of intellectual property and security export control, and will be assigned to ensure more reliable implementation of the confirmation of the pre-check sheets approved by each department, judgement of the relevant items, and approval of transaction reviews. The division is also planning to grasp the persons who fall under the specified categories responding to the clarification of the deemed export control to be enforced from May 2022. In addition to the above, the division will serve as a consultation service for individual faculty members and those in charge of security export control in each department, as well as planning and implementing university-wide security export control seminars. Moreover, in cooperation with the Office for Promotion of Academic Research and Collaboration of the Organization for Promotion of Research, the OIEE establish a system that can contribute to support for the promotion of international joint research in University of Toyama.