



The "nano tech 2004" International Nanotechnology Exhibition & Conference was held at Tokyo Big Sight (Tokyo International Exhibition Center) from March 17 to 19, 2004. The nanotechnology fair was a major success, boasting the participation of 198 domestic and 62 international business and research organizations and drawing more than 32,000 visitors.

The AIST booth at the fair exhibited 30 products of Institute research in a range of fields, including device technology, environmental technology, materials, nano processing, and assessment technology. Presentations on 14 of those were given on a stage inside the booth over a period of two days. In the general exhibition area, one of the exhibits attracting the most attention was an AIST technology that kept 30 species of ocean and freshwater fish alive for an extended period of time in a sealed tank containing nanobubbles of oxygen; AIST was awarded the biotechnology prize for development of a new technology for manufacturing nanobubbles. The conferences held in conjunction with the exhibition included the First International Symposium on Standard Materials and Metrology for Nanotechnology and the Nano-Biz-Bio 2004: AIST Symposium on Industrial Nanotechnology, both of which drew enthusiastic crowds.