[Abstract of 2009 Grant – in – Aid for Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Research in a proposed research area)]

Title of project	The Physical Origin of the Universe viewed through the Cosmic Background Radiation
	- from Cosmological Inflation to Dark Ages -
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Abstract of	How did the universe begin ? What are the fundamental laws of nature behind the origin of the
Research Project	universe ? The purpose of the project is to answer these questions. To this end, we form a large
	collaboration with researchers from space science, particle physics, astrophysics, astronomy and
	superconducting device studies. We focus on cosmic background radiation. Based upon
	state-of-the-art technologies as well as theoretical studies, we will scientifically investigate the
	era "before the Big Bang". This project will allow us to produce world-leading new
Term of	observational results. We also expect that theoretical analyses on the results will provide a
Project: 2009–2013	breakthrough on ultra-high energy physics.