

The subcommittee expresses its thanks to the PF staff for excellent and informative presentations as well as engaging discussions. We also thank PF for the great hospitality and perfect arrangement.

1. With the decision not going forward with a third generation SR source for the soft x-ray region PF will play a national roll to fulfill the needs of a large Japanese user community in this wavelength range. The subcommittee was impressed by the forceful and well planned actions taken by the PF management. The subcommittee is of the opinion the recommendation by the PF external review committee in March 2006 has been fulfilled exceedingly well. The subcommittee considers the resource allocations to VUV/SX at the PF are appropriate.
2. We strongly support the present focus on the BL2, 13, 16, and 28. We recommend that the experimental capabilities are concentrated in the areas where PF can be competitive at international level. This may require some complementarities between the beamlines. For BL19 the future developments are strongly dependent on the commitment of ISSP.
3. We support the prioritization between BL13C and BL16U2.
4. Based on the budget, manpower, the qualitative and quantitative level of users' demand and also the technical performance level we encourage the critical assessment of the benefit of continuing the operation over large number of bending-magnet beamlines. We recommend the management to have a continued close interaction with user community in the decommissioning phase. It may be appropriate that some bending-magnet beamlines are considered for educational purposes by universities.
5. We support the presence of the strong theoretical activity. This should continue beyond the retirement of Prof. Nasu. In the selection of a suitable successor a close coupling to the experimental activities should be a criterion in addition to excellence in theory.
6. Time-resolved experiments are becoming more and more important and they should be supported by PF. Single bunch operation should be allocated depending on the number of excellent proposals requesting the mode of operation.
7. University of Tokyo groups have had a major influence on the development of the synchrotron radiation research in Japan. Based on this and the present staff situation at PF a continued strong involvement of university groups should be encouraged and facilitated.

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