

The 10th German - Japanese University Presidents' Conference

“Transdisciplinary Initiatives and Alliance Building for Global Futures”

Osaka, 30 – 31 October 2025

Conference Program (Tentative as of 16 June 2025)

Date	Time	Event	Venue
30 October Thursday	Parallel Sessions		
	I. Get together for HeKKSaGOn Presidents		
	9:00– 11:30	Tekijuku, Origin of The University of Osaka 9:00 – Depart from the Entrance of RIHGA Royal Hotel <i>(by bus)</i> 9:30 – Tekijuku Tour 10:30 – Depart from Tekijuku <i>(by bus)</i> 11:00 – Arrive at the Icho Kaikan 11:00 – Private meeting time for university presidents (in a separate room at the Icho Kaikan) 11:30	Depart from: Entrance, RIHGA Royal Hotel
	II. Optional Guided Tours for Researchers		
	(1) 9:00– 11:30	(1) Suita Campus, The University of Osaka 9:00 – Depart from the Entrance of RIHGA Royal Hotel <i>(by bus)</i> 10:00 – Visit the Center for Infectious Disease Education and Research (CiDER) 11:00 – Depart for the Icho Kaikan <i>(by bus)</i> 11:30 – Arrive at the Icho Kaikan	Depart from: Entrance, RIHGA Royal Hotel
	(2) 9:00– 11:30	(2) Toyonaka Campus, The University of Osaka 9:00 – Depart from the Entrance of RIHGA Royal Hotel <i>(by bus)</i> 10:00 – Visit the Center for Quantum Information and Quantum Biology (QIQB) 11:00 – Depart from Toyonaka Campus <i>(by bus)</i> 11:30 – Arrive at the Icho Kaikan	Depart from: Entrance, RIHGA Royal Hotel
	III. Students' Workshop		
	9:00– 11:30	Students' Workshop	Suita Campus (Depart from: Kasugaoka House)
	11:30– 13:00	Buffet Lunch <i>(For all participants)</i>	Restaurant Minerva, Icho Kaikan (2 nd Floor), Suita Campus

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30 October Thursday	11:30– 13:00	Registration	2 nd Floor, Icho Kaikan
	Presidents' Conference		
	13:00– 13:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks Welcome address President Atsushi Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka Greetings Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) (TBC) Greetings Consul General Melanie Saxinger, German Consulate General Osaka-Kobe Greetings Dr. Axel Karpenstein, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	Hankyu Railway & Sanwa Bank Hall, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)
	13:30– 14:15	Keynote Speech with Q&A “[Speech Topic (related to Conference Theme)]” (Title TBC) Professor Masaru Ishii Dean, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Osaka	
	14:15– 14:30	Group Photo	In front of Icho Kaikan
	14:30– 14:45	Coffee Break	Foyer of the Hall, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)
	14:45– 15:45	HeKKSaGOn Universities Presentations with Q&A (8 minutes each) <i>(Theme : same as overall theme)</i> President Atsushi Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka President, Heidelberg University (TBC) President, Kyoto University (TBC) President, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (TBC) President, Tohoku University (TBC) President, University of Göttingen (TBC)	Hankyu Railway & Sanwa Bank Hall, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)

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	(1) 16:00– 17:00	(1) Campus Tour (for Presidents) Visit the Center for Infectious Disease Education and Research (CiDER)	Suita Campus
	(2) 16:00– 17:00	(2) Joint Projects Meeting (6 groups)	Convention Center, Suita Campus
	(3) 16:00– 17:00	(3) Campus Tour (for Students)	SANKEN (ISIR: The Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research), Suita Campus
	17:15	Depart for Nakanoshima Center (by bus)	Depart from Icho Kaikan
	18:15– 20:15	Welcome Dinner <i>(For all participants)</i> Opening Address President Atsushi Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka Toast President, University of Göttingen (TBC) Closing Remarks President, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) (TBC)	Salon Agora, Nakanoshima Center (9 th Floor)
	20:30–	Depart for RIHGA Royal Hotel and The University of Osaka <i>(by bus)</i>	Depart from Nakanoshima Center

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31 October Friday	8:00– 8:50	Depart for The University of Osaka from the Entrance of RIHGA Royal Hotel (by bus) 8:00 – Depart from the Entrance of RIHGA Royal Hotel (by bus) 8:50 – Arrive at the Co-Creative Innovation Building	Pick-up from RIHGA Royal Hotel
	Parallel Sessions		
	(I) 9:00– 11:30	(I) Closed Presidents' Meeting Chair: President Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka	Room 1–3, Co-Creative Innovation Building (2 nd Floor), Suita Campus
	(II) 9:00– 11:30	(II) Joint Projects Meetings	Suita Campus
	(III) 9:00– 11:30	(III) Students' Workshop	Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)
	11:30– 13:00	Buffet Lunch (For all participants)	Restaurant Minerva, Icho Kaikan (2 nd Floor), Suita Campus
	13:00– 15:00	Plenary Session 13:00–13:20 Summary Report of Students' Workshop (5 minutes each and Q&A) 13:20–14:50 Summary Reports of the Joint Projects Meetings (10 minutes each) 14:50–15:00 Summary Report of the Closed Presidents' Meeting President Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka	Hankyu Railway & Sanwa Bank Hall, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)
	Parallel Sessions		
	(I) 15:05– 15:35	2nd Closed Presidents' Meeting (with Coffee) (For Presidents) Interim Evaluation of Joint Projects	Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)

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31 October Friday	(II) 15:05– 15:35	Coffee Break	Foyer of the Hall, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)
	15:35– 16:05	Closing Ceremony Brief Review Comment for Joint Projects (from the President) Signing of the Joint Statement & Exchange of Presents HeKKSaGOn University Presidents Closing Remarks: President Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka	Hankyu Railway & Sanwa Bank Hall, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)
	16:10	Depart for RIHGA Royal Hotel (by bus)	Depart from Icho Kaikan