

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 1 September 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 11:30 (in a separate room at the Icho Kaikan)	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	Registration	3 rd Floor, Icho Kaikan
	11:30– 13:00	Buffet Lunch (<i>For all participants</i>)	Restaurant Minerva, Icho Kaikan (2 nd Floor), Suita Campus

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	13:00– 13:30	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>Welcome address President Atsushi Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka</p> <p>Greetings Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) (TBC)</p> <p>Greetings Melanie Saxinger, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany Osaka-Kobe</p> <p>Greetings Dr. Axel Karpenstein, Director, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Tokyo Office</p> <p>Greetings Simon Essler, Deputy Director German Research Foundation (DFG) Office Japan</p>	Hankyu Railway & Sanwa Bank Hall, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)
	13:30– 14:15	<p>Keynote Speech with Q&A</p> <p>“In Vivo Cell Environment Resilience - Visualized by Next-Generation Imaging Technology”</p> <p>Professor Masaru Ishii, Distinguished Professor Dean, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Osaka</p>	
	14:15– 14:30	Group Photo	Icho Kaikan
	14:30– 14:45	Coffee Break	Foyer of the Hall, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)
14:45– 15:45	<p>HeKKSaGOn Universities Presentations with Q&A (8 minutes each) <i>(Theme : same as overall theme)</i></p> <p>Rector Frauke Melchior, Heidelberg University</p> <p>President Nagahiro Minato, Kyoto University</p> <p>President Jan Sickmann Hesthaven, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology</p> <p>President Teiji Tominaga, Tohoku University</p> <p>President Axel Schölmerich, University of Göttingen</p> <p>President Atsushi Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka</p>		Hankyu Railway & Sanwa Bank Hall, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)

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	(1) 16:00– 17:00	(1) Campus Tour (for Presidents and Delegates) Visit the Center for Infectious Disease Education and Research (CiDER)	Suita Campus
	(2) 16:00– 17:00	(2) Joint Projects Meetings (6 groups) & Working Group (1 group)	Convention Center /Co-Creative Innovation Building, Suita Campus
	(3) 16:00– 17:00	(3) Campus Tour (for Students) Visit the Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research (SANKEN; ISIR)	Suita Campus
	17:15	Depart for Nakanoshima Center (<i>by bus</i>)	Depart from CiDER/ Convention Center/SANKEN, Suita Campus
	18:15– 20:15	Welcome Dinner (<i>For all participants</i>) Opening Address President Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka Toast President Schölmerich, University of Göttingen Closing Remarks President Hesthaven, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	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 (6 groups) & Working Group (1 group)	Convention Center / Co-Creative Innovation Building, Suita Campus
	(III) 9:00– 11:30	(III) Students' Workshop	Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor), Suita Campus
	11:30– 13:00	Buffet Lunch (For all participants)	Restaurant Minerva, Icho Kaikan (2 nd Floor)
	13:00– 15:10	Plenary Session 13:00–13:30 Summary Report of Student Workshop & Autumn School (including Q&A) 13:30–15:00 Summary Reports of the Joint Projects and Working Group (including Q&A) 15:00–15:10 Summary Report of the Closed Presidents' Meeting President Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka	Hankyu Railway & Sanwa Bank Hall, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)
	15:15– 15:45	Coffee Break	• Presidents and Rector: Meeting Room, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor) • Others: Foyer, Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor)

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31 October Friday	15:45– 16:15	Closing Ceremony 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)
	16:30	Depart for RIHGA Royal Hotel (<i>by bus</i>)	Depart from Icho Kaikan