

PROGRAM



HeKKSaGOn University Alliance



The 10th German - Japanese University Presidents' Conference

“Transdisciplinary Initiatives and Alliance Building for Global Futures”

Osaka, 30 – 31 October 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 taxi)</i> 9:30 – Tekijuku Tour 10:30 – Depart from Tekijuku <i>(by taxi)</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>Opening Remarks President Atsushi Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka</p> <p>Greetings Mr. Shigekazu Matsuura, Deputy Director-General, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan</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><i>“In Vivo Cell Environment Resilience - Visualized by Next-Generation Imaging Technology”</i></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
	14:45– 15:45	<p>HeKKSaGOn Universities Presentations with Q&A (8 minutes each)</p> <p><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) At Convention Center: ❖ Math-Empowered Design of New Biomaterials Contributing to Life Science and Medicine ❖ ECLIPSE – Edu-larp for Climate Learning and Innovative Practices in Sustainable Education ❖ Novel Neural Network Architectures for Wearable Biosignals ❖ Innovative biostatistical methods for complex medical data ❖ Displacement and Detention in History and Historical Memory: Germany and Japan in Comparative and Transcultural Perspective At Co-Creation and Innovation Building: ❖ Digital Solutions for Aging Societies: Harnessing AI and Robotics for Personalized Assistance ❖ The Digital World: Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, and Robotics	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 (by bus) From CiDER / Convention Center / SANKEN	Suita Campus
	18:15– 20:15	Welcome Dinner (For all participants) 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 (on foot) Depart for Suita Campus, The University of Osaka (by bus)	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) At Convention Center: ❖ Math-Empowered Design of New Biomaterials Contributing to Life Science and Medicine ❖ ECLIPSE – Edu-larp for Climate Learning and Innovative Practices in Sustainable Education ❖ Novel Neural Network Architectures for Wearable Biosignals ❖ Innovative biostatistical methods for complex medical data ❖ Displacement and Detention in History and Historical Memory: Germany and Japan in Comparative and Transcultural Perspective At Co-Creation and Innovation Building: ❖ Digital Solutions for Aging Societies: Harnessing AI and Robotics for Personalized Assistance ❖ The Digital World: Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, and Robotics	Suita Campus
	(III) 9:00– 11:30	(III) Students' Workshop	Icho Kaikan (3 rd Floor), Suita Campus
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31 October Friday	13:00– 15:10	Plenary Session 13:00–13:30 Summary Report of Student Workshop & Autumn School (including Feedback) 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)
	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 (by bus)	Depart from Icho Kaikan