

# PROGRAM



HeKKSaGOn University Alliance



## The 10<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>		
	<b>I. Get together for HeKKSaGOn Presidents</b>		
	9:00– 11:30	<b>Tekijuku, Origin of The University of Osaka</b> 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 Ichō Kaikan 11:00 – Private meeting time for university presidents 11:30 (in a separate room at the Ichō Kaikan)	Depart from: Entrance, RIHGA Royal Hotel
	<b>II. Optional Guided Tours for Researchers</b>		
	(1) 9:00– 11:30	<b>(1) Suita Campus, The University of Osaka</b> 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 Ichō Kaikan <i>(by bus)</i> 11:30 – Arrive at the Ichō Kaikan	Depart from: Entrance, RIHGA Royal Hotel
	(2) 9:00– 11:30	<b>(2) Toyonaka Campus, The University of Osaka</b> 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 Ichō Kaikan	Depart from: Entrance, RIHGA Royal Hotel
	<b>III. Students' Workshop</b>		
	9:00– 11:30	<b>Students' Workshop</b>	Suita Campus (Depart from: Kasugaoka House)
	11:30– 13:00	<b>Registration</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ichō Kaikan
	11:30– 13:00	<b>Buffet Lunch</b> <i>(For all participants)</i>	Restaurant Minerva, Ichō Kaikan (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), Suita Campus

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

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	(1) 16:00– 17:00	<b>(1) Campus Tour (for Presidents and Delegates)</b> Visit the Center for Infectious Disease Education and Research (CiDER)	Suita Campus
	(2) 16:00– 17:00	<b>(2) Joint Projects Meetings (6 groups) &amp; Working Group (1 group)</b>  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  At Co-Creation and Innovation Building: ✧ Digital Solutions for Aging Societies: Harnessing AI and Robotics for Personalized Assistance ✧ Displacement and Detention in History and Historical Memory: Germany and Japan in Comparative and Transcultural Perspective ✧ The Digital World: Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, and Robotics	Suita Campus
	(3) 16:00– 17:00	<b>(3) Campus Tour (for Students)</b> Visit the Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research (SANKEN; ISIR)	Suita Campus
	17:15	<b>Depart for Nakanoshima Center (by bus)</b> From CiDER / Convention Center / SANKEN	Suita Campus
	18:15– 20:15	<b>Welcome Dinner (For all participants)</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> Floor)
	20:30–	<b>Depart for RIHGA Royal Hotel (on foot)</b> <b>Depart for Suita Campus, The University of Osaka (by bus)</b>	Depart from Nakanoshima Center

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31 October Friday	8:00– 8:50	<b>Depart for The University of Osaka from the Entrance of RIHGA Royal Hotel (by bus)</b>  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
	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>		
	(I) 9:00– 11:30	<b>(I) Closed Presidents' Meeting</b> Chair: President Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka	Room 1–3, Co-Creative Innovation Building (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), Suita Campus
	(II) 9:00– 11:30	<b>(II) Joint Projects Meetings (6 groups) &amp; Working Group (1 group)</b>  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  At Co-Creation and Innovation Building: ✧ Digital Solutions for Aging Societies: Harnessing AI and Robotics for Personalized Assistance ✧ Displacement and Detention in History and Historical Memory: Germany and Japan in Comparative and Transcultural Perspective ✧ The Digital World: Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, and Robotics	Suita Campus
	(III) 9:00– 11:30	<b>(III) Students' Workshop</b>	Icho Kaikan (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor), Suita Campus
	11:30– 13:00	<b>Buffet Lunch</b> (For all participants)	Restaurant Minerva, Icho Kaikan (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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	15:15–15:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>	• Presidents and Rector: Meeting Room, Ichō Kaikan (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor) • Others: Foyer, Ichō Kaikan (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
	15:45–16:15	<b>Closing Ceremony</b> Signing of the Joint Statement & Exchange of Presents HeKKSaGOn University Presidents Closing Remarks: President Kumanogoh, The University of Osaka	Hankyu Railway & Sanwa Bank Hall, Ichō Kaikan (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
	16:30	<b>Depart for RIHGA Royal Hotel (by bus)</b>	Depart from Ichō Kaikan