

For Overseas Nominating Institutions/Participants

2-6 March, 2026

Check-in/Registration: Sunday, 1 March, 2026

Check-out: Saturday, 7 March, 2026

Tsukuba-city, JAPAN

HOPE MEETING



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About HOPE Meetings

HOPE Meetings give opportunities to excellent graduate students selected from countries and areas in the Asia-Pacific and Africa region to engage in interdisciplinary discussions with Nobel Laureates and other distinguished scientists pioneering the frontiers of knowledge. It is hoped that the experience the students gain at the meeting will inspire and motivate them to become excellent scientists able to shoulder the future of science and technology in the region.

● **HOPE MEETING on YouTube**



3-minute Highlights of
the 16th HOPE MEETING



Please note that HOPE Meetings are like intellectual short-term intensive camps. In that sense, it is quite different from a normal scientific conference.

Organizer

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

Meeting Format

On-site and in-person

*Lecturers may participate in the meeting through the online-conferencing platform

Participants

The participants will comprise about 20 PhD students and young researchers from the institutions in Japan and 90 will be nominated by the Overseas Cooperating Institutions of the Asia-Pacific and Africa region; [tentative]: [Australia](#), [Bangladesh](#), [China](#), [Egypt](#), [India](#), [Indonesia](#), [Israel](#), [Kenya](#), [Korea](#), [Malaysia](#), [Myanmar](#), [Nepal](#), [New Zealand](#), [Philippines](#), [Senegal](#), [Singapore](#), [South Africa](#), [Taiwan](#), [Thailand](#), [Turkey](#), [Vietnam](#).

Selection Criteria

Participants are selected based on the following criteria:

- At the time of application and on 2 March 2026, an applicant must be a **PhD student** (not a Master's student) or **young researcher** (received PhD within the past 5 years*; after 2 April 2020) and who is enrolled at or working for a university/research institute with a record of excellent academic performance
 - * Past 5 years excludes periods of maternity/paternity, and childcare leave.
- Have not been selected to participate in a past HOPE Meeting
- Have an excellent record of research and a high level of interest in the societal influence of scientific knowledge and its application
- Have a strong interest in a wide scope of science and research
- Be expected to go on to advance future research in the Meeting's subject field(s)
- By participating in the meeting, be expected to initiate joint research and/or build collegial networks in the future
- Have a strong desire to participate actively in the Meeting's exchanges and discussions
- Possess ample English proficiency to do so
- Be able to participate in the entire Meeting program from 2 to 6 March.

Nomination Deadline

Tuesday, 30 September, 2025

Cost Sharing

• JSPS

- JSPS will cover the cost of holding the meeting and local travel costs in Japan^{a)}.
- JSPS will cover the cost of overseas travel insurance^{b)}.

a) 1. Accommodations at the designated hotel in Tsukuba

- check-in: 1 March - check-out: 7 March

Each participant will be provided with a single bed room.

2. Meals: from dinner on 1 March to breakfast on 7 March

3. Transportation between Narita/Tokyo International Airport and the hotel/meeting venue.

b) Designated travel insurance valid during the meeting period: 1 March to 7 March.

• Overseas Nominating institutions

- Nominating institutions will cover the international travel costs^{c)} of their own participants.

c) International airfare to and from Narita/Tokyo International Airport, Japan.

Program of the 17th HOPE Meeting

The program of the HOPE Meeting will feature the following:

- 1 Lectures by Nobel laureates and distinguished researchers
- 2 Small group discussions with the lecturers (seminar style)
- 3 Poster session including 1 minute oral presentation by each participant
- 4 Oral presentations by multinational teams of participants
- 5 & 6 Cultural experience program and excursion (research facilities and cultural heritage sites)



Date	MORNING			AFTERNOON & EVENING			
MONDAY, 2 March	Opening Ceremony	Lecture 1	Group Discussion	Poster Session	Lecture 2	Group Discussion	Reception
TUESDAY, 3 March	Lecture 3	Group Discussion	Lecture 4	Poster Session	Workshop	Prepare for Team Presentations	
WEDNESDAY, 4 March	Poster Session	Lecture 5	Group Discussion	Research Institutions Visit		Prepare for Team Presentations	
THURSDAY, 5 March	Lecture 6	Group Discussion	Prepare for Team Presentations	Cultural Programs		Prepare for Team Presentations	
FRIDAY, 6 March	Team Presentations		Closing Ceremony	Excursion			Farewell Dinner

Please note: The program may be subject to change.

Lecturers may participate in the meeting through the online-conferencing platform.

Responsibility of Participants

Participants are obliged to submit all required documents, including abstracts for poster presentations, and meeting reports. Attendance at all components of the Meeting is also mandatory.

Important Notice JSPS does not recommend traveling with accompanying persons (e.g., family members). As each day's program will stretch uninterruptedly over the full day from morning to night, non-participants will not be allowed to attend the meeting programs. A daycare room will be set up by JSPS near the venue for accompanying preschool children of up to 6 years old who may need childcare. However, JSPS will not be able to pay expenses related to accompanying children (such as meals).

Schedule (tentative)

2025	June	Send out nomination requests to nominating institutions
	30 September	Nomination deadline (for overseas nominating institutions)
	Early December	Notify nominating institutions of the selection results
	Late December	Participants prepare for their participation in the meeting (1) Submit registration forms, photos, poster presentation abstracts
2026	Mid-January	(2) Confirm travel plans, submit slides for <i>Flash Talks</i>
	1 March	Hotel Check-in
	2-6 March	17th HOPE Meeting
	Late March	Participants submit reports to JSPS
	April - July	JSPS sends participants' reports to nominating institutions

Chairperson of the Organizing Committee



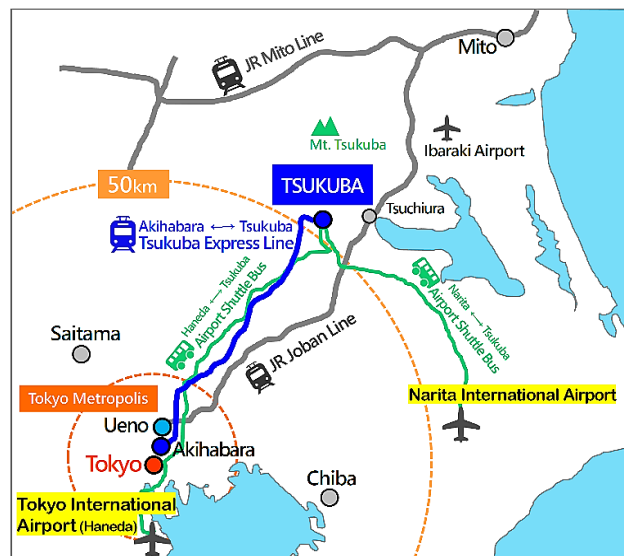
KAJITA Takaaki

Nobel Laureate in Physics 2015

Distinguished University Professor (Institute for Cosmic Ray Research (ICRR)),
 Special University Professor, The University of Tokyo

Meeting Venue

Tsukuba is a unique Japanese city. Known as Tsukuba Science City, it is a science park with deep roots going back to the 1960s. It hosts many well-known research institutions, among which are KEK (High Energy Accelerator Research Organization), NIMS (National Institute for Materials Science), JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency), AIST (National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology), and RIKEN.



HOPE Meeting Office

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