

HIRAKU-Global International Symposium

Developing Researchers to Drive Globally Impactful Research

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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ABSTRACT

The HIRAKU-Global International Symposium will feature senior HIRAKU-Global Researchers and Alumni whose research has begun to directly impact society, with a focus on how they have been shaped by their international collaborations. The symposium will also highlight the experiences of more established world-renowned researchers who have had a major hand in developing researchers in Japan and abroad. We hope that HIRAKU-Global becomes the gold standard of how to support developing researchers and look forward to sharing the great things that have been happening in the Chugoku-Shikoku region with the rest of the world

INVITED SPEAKERS

UMEMURA TOMOTAKA

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Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences
1st Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher

HASE EIJI

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1st Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher

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University of Bath, UK
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Ehime University
Proteo-Science Center
1st Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher

HASUIKE RINA

Yamaguchi University
Graduate School of Sciences and Technology for Innovation
2nd Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher

ROBERT W. MAHLEY

Gladstone Institutes, USA
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REGISTRATION

Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/HGSympoReg>
Event Website: <https://tinyurl.com/HGIntlSympo>
Deadline: January 12th, 2026 @ 23:59 JST
Registration Fee: Free



HOST

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