

HIRAKU-Global Annual Conference FY2025

Future Global Research Leaders from Chugoku-Shikoku

Friday, February 27th, 2026 | 13:00 – 17:00 JST | Online: Zoom | Language: English

ABSTRACT

HIRAKU-Global exists to support the development and growth of early career researchers in the Chugoku-Shikoku region, with several researchers joining the program each year as part of a new HIRAKU-Global Researcher (HGR) Cohort. This year, we will hold the HIRAKU-Global Annual Conference FY2025 on February 27th, 2026 online, and are looking forward to hearing updates from the 4th HGR Cohort, who have just reached the mid-point of their HIRAKU-Global journey since starting in 2023. These researchers come from a broad range of backgrounds, including engineering, chemistry, biology, and medical science. We look forward to hearing about not just how they got to where they are now in their respective research careers, but especially about where they believe they are headed in the years to come, as HIRAKU-Global Consortium Mentors will also provide feedback and advice during the conference. Finally, a keynote presentation featuring a senior researcher from Japan with extensive experience building and leading international research networks will hopefully inspire not only the 4th HGR cohort, but other HGRs and all attendees at-large as well.

HIRAKU-GLOBAL SPEAKERS

ALBERTO GALLEGOS RAMONET

Tokushima University
Graduate School of Technology, Industrial and Social Sciences
4th Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher

KAWAHARA DAISUKE

Hiroshima University
Hiroshima University Hospital - Department of Radiology
4th Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher

SHIMASAKI KOHEI

Hiroshima University
Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering
4th Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher

KATO HIROTAKE

Ehime University
Graduate School of Science and Engineering
4th Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher

MINATO TAKUO

Hiroshima University
Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering
4th Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: Free

Deadline: February 25th, 2026 @ 23:59 JST

Registration Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/Cn576KUeWv>



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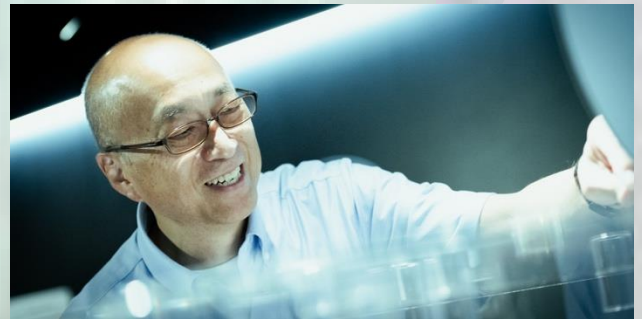
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

HARA MASAHIKO

DIRECTOR, JSPS LONDON

Building and Leading International Research Networks

Drawing on his extensive experiences in international joint research and in negotiating and concluding several MOUs, he will discuss future possibilities for building international collaboration networks.



HARA Masahiko has led many international collaborative research teams based at RIKEN and Tokyo Tech since 1985. He has hosted >200 postdoctoral researchers in his labs in Japan, "half of whom came from overseas. After serving as a Senior Fellow at RWTH Aachen University in Germany and as a Scientist in Residence at the University of the Arts London, he is currently in the UK as the Director of JSPS London.

HOST

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