

# HIRAKU-Global International Symposium



Developing Researchers to Drive Globally Impactful Research

Monday, January 19th, 2026 | 13:00 – 16:45 JST | Language: English

TKP Garden City Premium Hiroshimaeki Kitaguchi Hall 3B | Hiroshima, Japan

## PROGRAM

13:00	<b>OCHI MITSUO</b> Hiroshima University President HIRAKU-Global Executive Manager	Opening Remarks
	<b>Keynote Presentation</b>	Chair: Tony Z. JIA (HIRAKU-Global PM)
13:05	<b>MARY A. VOYTEK</b> NASA Ames Research Center, USA Space Science and Astrobiology Division Acting Chief Exobiology Branch, STX	Engaging in science across disciplines, cultures and governments
	<b>Introduction to HIRAKU-Global</b>	
13:45	<b>TONY Z. JIA</b> Hiroshima University HIRAKU-Global Program Manager	What (and Who) is HIRAKU-Global?
	<b>HIRAKU-Global Researcher Speakers</b>	Chair: MATSUMOTO Daisuke (2nd Cohort HGR)
14:05	<b>UMEMURA TOMOTAKA</b> Hiroshima University 1 <sup>st</sup> Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher	Cross-cultural comparisons of infant-caregiver attachment relationships: How did our international collaboration help us understand universality and cultural differences?
14:25	<b>SAKAI HIROSHI</b> Ehime University 1 <sup>st</sup> Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher	Androgens in skeletal muscle
14:45	<b>HASUIKE RINA</b> Yamaguchi University 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher	My Bridge to the World: AI Technology and the Future of Engineering Education
15:05	<b>Break</b>	
	<b>Keynote Presentation</b>	Chair: Tony Z. JIA (HIRAKU-Global PM)
15:15	<b>TSUKAMURA HIROKO</b> Nagoya University, Japan Professor Emeritus and Designated Professor	Brain Mechanisms Controlling Mammalian Reproduction: How to Succeed in a Scientific Career
	<b>HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board Member Speakers</b>	Chair: Tony Z. JIA (HIRAKU-Global PM)
15:55	<b>ROBERT W. MAHLEY</b> Gladstone Institutes, USA HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board Member	Honing Critical Presentation Skills for Success
16:05	<b>JEREMY P. BRADSHAW</b> University of Bath, UK HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board Member	What Next for the HIRAKU-Global Researchers?
16:15	<b>ALASTAIR G. McEWAN</b> University of Queensland, Australia HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board Member	Researcher development across academic career stages
16:25	<b>HARAYAMA YUKO</b> GPAI Tokyo Expert Support Center, Tohoku University, and Yamaguchi University, Japan HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board Member HIRAKU-Global Consortium Mentor	What challenges do young researchers face today? AND Closing Remarks

## REGISTRATION

Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/HGSympoReg>

Event Website: <https://tinyurl.com/HGIntSympo>

Deadline: January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 23:59 JST

Registration Fee: Free

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## HOST

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