

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	OCHI MITSUO Hiroshima University President HIRAKU-Global Executive Manager	Opening Remarks
Keynote Presentation		Chair: Tony Z. JIA (HIRAKU-Global PM)
13:05	MARY A. VOYTEK NASA Ames Research Center, USA Space Science and Astrobiology Division Acting Chief Exobiology Branch, STX	Engaging in science across disciplines, cultures and governments
Introduction to HIRAKU-Global		
13:45	TONY Z. JIA Hiroshima University HIRAKU-Global Program Manager	What (and Who) is HIRAKU-Global?
HIRAKU-Global Researcher Speakers		Chair: MATSUMOTO Daisuke (2nd Cohort HGR)
14:05	UMEMURA TOMOTAKA Hiroshima University 1st 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	SAKAI HIROSHI Ehime University 1st Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher	Androgens in skeletal muscle
14:45	HASUIKE RINA Yamaguchi University 2nd Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher	My Bridge to the World: AI Technology and the Future of Engineering Education
15:05	Break	
Keynote Presentation		Chair: Tony Z. JIA (HIRAKU-Global PM)
15:15	TSUKAMURA HIROKO Nagoya University, Japan Professor Emeritus and Designated Professor	Brain Mechanisms Controlling Mammalian Reproduction: How to Succeed in a Scientific Career
HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board Member Speakers		Chair: Tony Z. JIA (HIRAKU-Global PM)
15:55	ROBERT W. MAHLEY Gladstone Institutes, USA HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board Member	Honing Critical Presentation Skills for Success
16:05	JEREMY P. BRADSHAW University of Bath, UK HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board Member	What Next for the HIRAKU-Global Researchers?
16:15	ALASTAIR G. MCEWAN University of Queensland, Australia HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board Member	Researcher development across academic career stages
16:25	HARAYAMA YUKO 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/HGIntlSympo>
Deadline: January 12th, 2026 @ 23:59 JST
Registration Fee: Free

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