



Asian Paleolithic Association
Japanese Palaeolithic Research Association

Second Circular
The 12th Meeting of the Asian Paleolithic Association
Sendai, Japan, June 20th – 24th, 2025

Dear colleagues,

The 12th meeting of the Asian Paleolithic Association (APA) will be held in person from June 20th to 24th, 2025, at Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan. The meeting will be organized by the Japanese Palaeolithic Research Association (JPRA) on behalf of the presidium of the APA. The meeting will feature a symposium, conference sessions, and a post-conference excursion. The title of the symposium is “Early Upper Palaeolithic in Asia: Commonality and diversity after the IUP”. Several invited experts in this topic will provide podium presentations. We are welcoming oral and poster presentations for conference sessions. **Please note that we decided to extend the deadline for abstract submission to January 15th, 2025.** All participants need to register for the meeting by **March 1st, 2025.** Upon request, the Organizing Committee sends a personal invitation for visa application. Please contact us (apajapan2025@gmail.com) as soon as possible, if you need an invitation letter.

We look forward to seeing you in Sendai, Japan, 2025.

With best regards,

Organizing Committee

Hiroyuki SATO (President of APA, Emeritus Professor, The University of Tokyo)

Katsuhiko SANO (Program Committee, Tohoku University)

Masami IZUHO (Program Committee, Tokyo Metropolitan University)

Kazuki MORISAKI (Program Committee, The University of Tokyo)

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Masayoshi OBA (Yamagata Prefectural Center for Archaeological Research)

Akira IWASE (Tokyo Metropolitan University)

Takashi TSUSUMI (President of JPRA, Meiji University)

1. Conference schedule

June 20 (Friday)

15:30-17:30 Registration

18:00-19:30 Welcome Party

June 21 (Saturday)

09:00-12:00 Conference Session (1)

12:00-13:30 Lunch (12:20 – 13:30 JPRA General Meeting)

13:30-18:00 Symposium

“Early Upper Palaeolithic in Asia: Commonality and diversity after the IUP”

organized by Masami Izuho, Kazuki Morisaki, Yu Hirasawa, and Katsuhiko Sano

18:15-19:15 APA Board Meeting

June 22 (Sunday)

09:00-12:00 Conference Session (2)

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Poster Session

14:30-17:30 Conference Session (3)

18:00-20:00 Farewell Party

June 23 (Monday)

08:30-18:00 Post-conference excursion

June 24 (Tuesday)

Departure

2. Venue

Tohoku University

Multimedia Hall (Building A05, Room M206, Second floor), Kawauchi-Kita Campus

Kawauchi 41, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8576, Japan

Access: https://www.tohoku.ac.jp/en/about/map_directions.html

3. Call for papers

We are welcoming oral and poster presentations for conference sessions. Official language of the meeting is English. To provide oral or poster presentations at the meeting, please submit an abstract (250 – 500 words) to the Program Committee (apajapan2025@gmail.com) using the Abstract Form by ~~December 15th, 2024~~ **January 15th, 2025**. We kindly ask you to meet the deadline, as all abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee. The oral presentations will be distributed to one of the appropriate conference sessions. Due to time constraints, only a limited number of oral presentations will be accepted. Therefore, the Program Committee may ask some authors to change from an oral to a poster presentation. Abstracts lacking in a clear description of the significance of the subject may not be accepted.

4. Registration

All participants must submit the Registration Form to the Organizing Committee (apajapan2025@gmail.com) by **March 1st, 2025**. Registration fee will cover abstract book, conference materials, morning and afternoon refreshments, lunch (June 21st, 22nd), welcome party, and farewell party. The registration fee should be paid at the registration desk. Please note that we accept only Japanese Yen in cash and reduction of the registration fee for students will be accepted only when you show your student ID.

Registration fee for regular participants	¥ 15,000
Registration fee for students	¥ 10,000

5. Post-conference excursion

We are preparing a post-conference excursion on June 23rd. We will visit a famous microblade site at Kakuniyama and an Incipient Jomon cave site at Hinata, in Yamagata. Specialists will give a brief lecture about the Kakuniyama and Hinata Cave at the sites. We will also visit the Ukitamu Fudoki no Oka Archaeological Museum in Yamagata where rich lithic artifacts from early, middle to late Upper Palaeolithic sites are stored. We will have a great opportunity to look at these Upper Palaeolithic artifacts at the Ukitamu Fudoki no Oka Archaeological Museum. Participants who want to join the post-conference excursion need to check the box for the excursion participation in the Registration Form and send it to the Organizing Committee (apajapan2025@gmail.com) by **March 1st, 2025**. The excursion fee should be paid with the registration fee at the registration desk. Please note that we accept only Japanese Yen in cash and reduction of the excursion fee for students will be accepted only when you show your student ID.

Excursion fee for regular participants	¥ 10,000
Excursion fee for students	¥ 5,000

6. Accommodation

There are plenty of hotels in city center of Sendai which are good locations accessing to the venue using the Sendai Subway (<https://www.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/english/subway/norikata.html>); for examples, hotels around subway stations of Sendai, Aoba-dori Ichibancho, and Omachi Nishi-koen (see the list below). We highly recommend booking a room as soon as possible because recently lots of tourists visit Sendai and most hotels will be fully booked soon.

Sendai Kokusai Hotel

<https://www.japanican.com/hotel/japan/sendai/sendai-kokusai-hotel>

Washington Hotel Sendai

<https://sendai.washington-hotels.jp>

Daiwa Roynet Hotel Sendai-Ichibancho

<https://www.daiwaroynet.jp/en/sendai-ichibancho/>

Hotel Keihan Sendai

<https://sendai.hotelkeihan.co.jp>

Hotel Monte Hermana Sendai

<https://www.monte-hermana.jp/en/sendai/>

Almont Hotel Sendai

<https://global.hokke.co.jp/almont-sendai/en/>

APA Hotel Sendai Eki Itsutsubashi

<https://www3.apahotel.com/hotel/hokkaido-tohoku/miyagi/sendai-eki-itsutsubashi/>

7. Correspondence

Please contact us (apajapan2025@gmail.com) if you have any questions.