



Asian Paleolithic Association
Japanese Palaeolithic Research Association

Third Circular
The 8th Meeting of the Asian Paleolithic Association
Tokyo, Japan, June 24th – 28th, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

The APA meeting in Tokyo 2016 is approaching! It is only two months away. Thank you so much to all of you for your decision in participating and making a great contribution to the meeting. 110 participants from eleven countries have registered, bringing diverse research topics focusing on a variety of places in Asia. This will surely be a great event!

We are pleased to announce the latest information on the meeting including the program, guidelines, and field excursion.

Please do not forget to check the weather forecast before traveling. June and July are the rainy season in Tokyo. It does not rain every day but it is usually quite humid. Please consider bringing your rain jacket if you plan to join the field excursion. The annual rainy season makes us feel a bit depressed, but it is also the time to purchase a nice umbrella for your memorabilia. In Tokyo, you will find uncountable varieties of colorful umbrellas, from fancy-expensive ones to simple-cheap ones.

We look forward to seeing you soon in Tokyo!

With best regards,

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1. Conference schedule

13:30-17:30 Registration

18:00-19:30 Welcome Party

JUNE 25 (SATURDAY)

09:00-09:15 Opening Address

Welcome Address

09:15-12:00 Symposium: Variability, similarities and the definition of the Initial Upper Palaeolithic across Eurasia (10:30-10:45, *Coffee Break*)

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

13:30-16:00 Session I: East Asian variants of Palaeolithic assemblages before modern human migrations (14:45-15:00, 16:00-16:15, *Coffee Breaks*)

16:15-17:30 Session II: Insights into early Upper Palaeolithic in Asia (1)

18:00-19:00 APA Board Meeting

JUNE 26 (SUNDAY)

09:00-10:00 Session II: Insights into early Upper Palaeolithic in Asia (2)

(10:00-10:30, *Coffee Break*)

10:30-12:00 Session III: Recent trends in studies on microblade industries

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Poster Session

14:30-17:30 Session IV: Specific issues on Asian Palaeolithic studies (16:00-16:15, *Coffee Break*)

18:00-20:00 Farewell Party

JUNE 27 (MONDAY)

Post-Conference Excursion

JUNE 28 (TUESDAY)

Departure

2. Venue

Auditorium, Tokyo Metropolitan University (TMU, Minami-Osawa Campus)

Minami-Osawa 1-1, Hachioji, Tokyo 192-0397, Japan

(<http://www.tmu.ac.jp/english/university/campusmap.html>)

Access to TMU from the airports in Tokyo: (<http://www.tmu.ac.jp/english/university/access.html>)

3. Registration and Payment

Upon your arrival at the Tokyo Metropolitan University (TMU), you need to register for the conference. Except for those who have received an exemption notice in the invitation letter, every participant is required to pay for the registration (Japanese Yen ¥10,000 per person) and the post-conference excursion (¥13,000 per person) fees at the time of the registration.

Registration fee for the meeting: ¥10,000 per person, including conference kits, welcome party, farewell party, and lunch-box on June 25, 26.

Fee for post-conference excursion: ¥13,000 per person, including bus fee, lunch-box, and dinner.

The above fees should be paid in Japanese Yen. Other currencies will not be accepted. Please note that we accept only cash in Japanese Yen.

4. Program

Please refer to the attached program file.

5. Presenter Instructions and Requirements

The oral presentations (both symposium and sessions) are organized into 15-minute time-slots, including questions and discussion. Speakers are kindly requested to follow the instructions of the chairperson and strictly keep to the time limit of their presentation. Presenters are encouraged to give their presentation data to our assistants, providing a USB drive at the registration or at the latest, before the start of their session.

6. Guidelines for Poster presentation

Posters are on display throughout the meeting. The presentation time is from 9:00 to 18:00, on June 25 and 26. Please put up your poster on your poster board beginning in the early afternoon on June 24; remove your poster by 18:00, June 26. The authors are required to set up their material before the core-time starting at 13:30, on June 26. Please find your poster number on the poster board. Poster boards will be 94 x 175 cm in size (portrait orientation). Thumbtacks will be supplied by the organizer. During the poster session all authors should remain in front of the poster for questions and responses.

7. Post-Conference Excursion

We will visit Isehara- Hatano areas in Kanagawa Prefecture, about 1.5 hours away from the hotel in Hashimoto, on June 27. We will leave the hotel at 9:00 to visit the Upper Paleolithic site, where there is an ongoing rescue excavation, then visit a special exhibition of the Upper Paleolithic and Incipient Jomon collections from Kanagawa Prefecture at the Tana-Mukaihara Paleolithic Museum. Upon arrival at around noon, Lunchbox of light meal will be distributed. The order of the stops may change depending on the weather condition. We will have dinner at a French restaurant at TMU around 18:30.

8. Upon Arrival and Departure

We plan to meet with you at the lobby of both airports, Narita and Haneda, to support you in catching the ground transportation, going to the hotel, and finding the conference venue. Please inform us your flight number, arrival time, and the name of the terminal (Terminal 1 or 2 or 3 in Narita, or Haneda). After you come through the custom declaration out to the lobby, you can find our conference staffs waiting for you with a sign saying "8th APA." In case of an emergency at the airport, please contact us by dialing 080-1880-2844.

If you prefer to make a travel from the airport to TMU or Hotel in Hashimoto Station, by yourself, you will find several way to get there as shown below:

From Narita Airport to Minami-Osawa

(1) Narita Airport St. ~ [JR Narita Express / 77min.] ~ Shinjuku St. ~ [Keio Line / Hashimoto-bound Special Express (Tokkyu), Semi-Special Express (Jun-tokkyu) or Express (Kyukou) Train / 40min.] ~ Minami-Osawa St. (or

Hashimoto St. for your Hotel)

(2) Narita Airport St. ~ [Keisei Skyliner / 36min.] ~ Nippori St. [JR Yamanote Line Anti-clockwise direction (Uchi-mawari) / 22min.] ~ Shinjuku St. ~ [Keio Line / Hashimoto-bound Special Express (Tokkyu), (Jun-tokkyu) or Express (Kyukou) Train / 40min.] ~ Minami-Osawa St. (or Hashimoto St. for your Hotel)

(3) Narita Airport ~ [Limousine Bus / 140-170min.] ~ Minami-Osawa (or ~ [Keio Line / Hashimoto-bound Special Express (Tokkyu), (Jun-tokkyu) or Express (Kyukou) Train / 5min.] ~ Hashimoto St. for your Hotel)

From Haneda Airport to Minami-Osawa

(1) Haneda Airport St. ~ [Keihin Kyuko Line / Shinagawa-bound / 19min.] ~ Shinagawa St. ~ [JR Yamanote Line Clockwise direction (Soto-mawari) / 19min.] ~ Shinjuku St. ~ [Keio Line / Hashimoto-bound Special Express (Tokkyu), (Jun-tokkyu) or Express (Kyukou) Train / 40min.] ~ Minami-Osawa St. (Keio-tama-center for Keio Plaza Hotel Tama)

(2) Haneda Airport ~ [Limousine Bus / 120-150 min.] ~ Minami-Osawa (Tama-center for Keio Plaza Hotel Tama)

9. Meals

If you have any meal restrictions (due to religious and health reasons including vegans and vegetarians), please let us know.

10. Accommodations

As we have made an announcement for the registered person, with the assistance of the Keio Travel Agency, we set up a website for booking rooms at several hotels which all are located at convenient places from the conference venue. Please make your room reservation by yourself through the web-site. This web site accepts your payment by credit card. http://www2.kingtour.com/ev/e/?cvid=apa_hotel

If you have any questions or requests regarding your accommodation, please contact Hirota Nakashima, a staff of the Keio Travel Agency with the following address. h.nakashima@keio-kanko.co.jp

11. Key Dates

Registration for the Post-conference field excursion, flight information, and dietary restriction: before 25 May.

For questions, please write to the organizational committee: apajapan2016@gmail.com