

APASL STC 2026 Kumamoto

Liver Cancer Control

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Awards

Excellent papers will be awarded as below.

Presidential Award

"APASL STC 2026 Kumamoto Presidential Award" will be awarded to whom performed the most excellent presentation in APASL STC 2026 Kumamoto to encourage to further their research and progress.

Investigator Award

The purpose of the "APASL STC 2026 Kumamoto Investigator Award" is to praise outstanding examples of excellence amongst those involved in research training in the early stages of their career.

International Travel Award

"APASL STC 2026 Kumamoto Travel Award" will be awarded to the excellent presenters mainly for the presenters from overseas to support their travel expenses.

IASL-AHF-APASL Joint Research Award (aged 40 or under)

This Award will be selected for young investigators (USD 1,000 per award) from the APASL / IASL Joint Session. IASL: International Association for the Study of the Liver AHF: Asian Hepatitis Forum



Discover Kumamoto

Kumamoto City embodies the rich culture, natural beauty, and stimulating flavors of Kyushu. Explore iconic attractions and restorative hot-spring baths, authentic eateries and shopping streets bustling with local warmth, or hop on a train for easy day-trip access to almost any other Kyushu destination. Connect with Kumamoto, and uncover Kyushu!

The following websites introduce the charms of Kumamoto. Please visit them, discover and enjoy during your stay including pre-post congress!

- * Kumamoto City Tourism Official Guide <https://kumamoto-guide.jp/en/>
- * Official Kumamoto Tourism Guide <https://kumamoto.guide/en/>
- * Kumamoto International Convention & Tourism Bureau <https://kicb.jp/>



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The Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver
APASL Single Topic Conference 2026 Kumamoto

Liver Cancer Control ~Ending Hepatitis, Halting MASLD/MAFLD~

Term

September 18 (Friday) - 19 (Saturday), 2026

Venue

Hotel Nikko Kumamoto, Japan

President

Yasuhito Tanaka, M.D., Ph.D.

Chief Professor, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Faculty of Life Sciences, Kumamoto University

We've Reached 350 Abstract
Submissions! Thank you!

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Welcome Message



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to invite you to the Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL) Single Topic Conference (STC) 2026 Kumamoto, which will be held on September 18–19, 2026, in the vibrant and historically rich city of Kumamoto, Japan. We are delighted to welcome you to this dynamic city, renowned for its cultural heritage, natural beauty, and warm hospitality.

The scientific program will feature invited lectures, plenary sessions, symposia, and free paper presentations, all focusing on the theme "Liver Cancer Control: Ending Hepatitis, Halting MASLD/MAFLD." The program is designed to provide the latest advancements and innovative perspectives for hepatologists, fostering the exchange of cutting-edge research and clinical insights.

We appreciate that we have received 350 abstract submissions! Given this large number of free papers, we anticipate a robust response that will spark engaging and productive discussions.

Kumamoto, known for its stunning landscapes, historic Kumamoto Castle, and easy access to scenic spots such as Mt. Aso and the hot springs of Kurokawa, offers an ideal setting for both scientific exchange and cultural exploration. We sincerely hope you will take this opportunity to experience the unique charm of Kumamoto while engaging with leading experts from around the globe.

<https://kumamoto.guide/en/>

We look forward to your participation in APASL STC 2026 Kumamoto and to welcoming you in person for an unforgettable and inspiring

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Venue



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Access from the airport



Program at a Glance

Day 1 September 18 (Friday) 2026

	September 18 (Friday) 2026			
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Poster
AM	Registration			
	Opening Remarks			
	State of the Art Lecture I Dr. Chien-Jen Chen State of the Art Lecture II Dr. Kiyohiko Izumi	State of the Art Lecture III Dr. Hiroyoshi Nishikawa	Session 4 Cutting Edge in Basic Research of Steatotic Liver Diseases (MASLD/MAFLD and ALD)	
	Session 1 Ending Viral Hepatitis in Asia: Current Challenges and Future Perspectives	Session 2 Cutting Edge in Liver Cancer Research: Molecular Mechanisms and Therapeutic Targets	Session 5 Cutting-Edge Advances in the Epidemiology and Diagnosis of MASLD/MAFLD	Poster Viewing
	Keynote Lecture I Dr. Jia-Hong Kao Keynote Lecture II Dr. Makoto Nakanishi	Session 3 Advances in the Epidemiology and Diagnosis of Hepatocellular Carcinoma		
Noon	Luncheon Seminar 1	Luncheon Seminar 2	Luncheon Seminar 3	
PM	Keynote Lecture III Dr. Hiroaki Mitsuya	State of the Art Lecture IV Dr. Jacob George	Plenary Session	
	Session 6 Cutting Edge in HBV Research: From Basic Virology to Pathogenesis	Session 8 Future Directions in the Management of MASH: Integrating Emerging and Novel Therapeutic Strategies	IASL-APASL STC Joint Symposium: HBV Diagnosis and Treatment in Asia: From Biomarkers to the Indeterminate "Grey Zone" and HCC Management	
	Sponsored Seminar 1	Sponsored Seminar 2	Sponsored Seminar 3	
	Session 7 Novel Biomarkers in HBV: Clinical Utility and Future Prospects	Session 9 HCV-Related HCC in the Post-SVR Era: Risk Assessment and Surveillance	Free Papers	Poster Session
		Evening Seminar		
	Welcome Reception			

Day 2 September 19 (Saturday) 2026

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	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Poster
AM	Morning Seminar 1	Morning Seminar 2	Morning Seminar 3	
	State of the Art Lecture V Dr. Masatoshi Kudo	Session 11 Current Standards and Controversies in the Management of Chronic Hepatitis B	Free Papers	
	Session 10 Reconstructing the Treatment Landscape of Hepatocellular Carcinoma Through Systemic Therapy	Session 12 Novel Therapies for HBV: The Road to Functional Cure	State of the Art Lecture VI Dr. Takahiro Ochiya Session 13 Cutting Edge in Cirrhosis Research: Mechanisms of Regeneration and Fibrosis Reversal	Poster Viewing
Noon	Luncheon Seminar 4	Luncheon Seminar 5	Luncheon Seminar 6	
PM	Keynote Lecture IV Dr. Shiv K. Sarin	Session 15 Frontiers of Conversion Therapy for Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma	Session 16 Cutting Edge in Autoimmune Liver Diseases (PBC/AIH/PSC): From Basic Science to Clinical Practice	
	Session 14 Cutting-Edge Advances in the Management of Cirrhosis and Portal Hypertension: Insights from Baveno Consensus			
	Sponsored Seminar 4	Sponsored Seminar 5	Free Papers	Poster Session
	Free Papers	Free Papers		
	Closing Remarks			

*The program is subject to change.

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APASL STC 2026 Kumamoto will invite eminent guest speakers from all over the world and will have fruitful discussion!

Keynote Lecture Speakers



Dr. Shiv Kumar Sarin
The Institute of
Liver and Biliary Sciences,
India



Dr. Jia-Hong Kao
National Taiwan
University Hospital,
Taiwan



Dr. Hiroaki Mitsuya
Japan Institute for
Health Security,
Japan



Dr. Makoto Nakanishi
The University of Tokyo,
Japan

State-of-the-Art Lecture Speakers



Dr. Chien-Jen Chen
Genomics Research
Center, Taiwan



Dr. Jacob George
The University of
Sydney, Australia



Dr. Kiyohiko Izumi
WHO Western Pacific
Regional Office,
Philippines



Dr. Masatoshi Kudo
Kindai University,
Japan



Dr. Hiroyoshi Nishikawa
National Cancer
Center, Japan



Dr. Takahiro Ochiya
Institute of Medical
Science, Japan

Invited Speakers



Dr. Sang Hoon Ahn
Yonsei University
College of Medicine,
Korea



Dr. Norio Akuta
Toranomon Hospital,
Japan



Dr. Oidov Baatarkhuu
Mongolian National
University of Medical
Sciences, Mongolia



Dr. Pei-Jer Chen
National Taiwan
University College of
Medicine, Taiwan



Dr. YoungRok Choi
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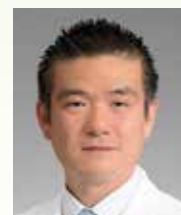
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Tokyo, Japan



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The University of
Osaka, Japan



Dr. Tetsuya Hosaka
Toranomon Hospital,
Japan



Dr. Jinlin Hou
Nanfeng Hospital,
Southern Medical
University, China



Dr. Chiun Hsu
Taiwan National
University, Taiwan



Dr. Yao-Chun Hsu
E-Da Hospital,
Taiwan



Dr. Jee-Fu Huang
Kaohsiung Medical
University Hospital,
Taiwan



Dr. Yi-Hsiang Huang
Taipei Veterans
General Hospital,
Taiwan



Dr. Nguyen N. Huyen
National Hospital for
Tropical Diseases,
Vietnam



Dr. Masafumi Ikeda
National Cancer Center
Hospital East,
Japan



Dr. Yasuko Iwakiri
Yale School of
Medicine, USA



Dr. Amarsanaa Jazag
Happy Veritas Hospital,
Mongolia



Dr. Takumi Kawaguchi
Kurume University,
Japan



Dr. Seung Up Kim
Yonsei University,
Korea



Dr. Yoon Jun Kim
Seoul National
University, Korea



Dr. Takahiro Kodama
The University of Osaka,
Japan



Dr. Atsumasa Komori
Nagasaki Medical
Center, Japan



Dr. Mina Komuta
IUHW Narita Hospital,
Japan



Dr. Masayuki Kurosaki
Japanese Red Cross
Musashino Hospital,
Japan



Dr. George Lau
Humanity and Health
Clinical Trial Center,
Hong Kong, China



Dr. Mei-Hsuan Lee
NYCU Academic
Hub, Taiwan



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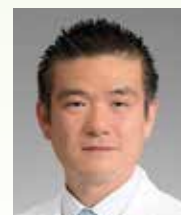
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Toranomon Hospital,
Japan



Dr. Yusuke Shimakawa
Institut Pasteur,
France



Dr. Masahito Shimizu
Gifu University,
Japan



Dr. Hirokazu Takahashi
Saga University,
Japan



Dr. Shinji Tanaka
Institute of Science
Tokyo, Japan



Dr. Ryosuke Tateishi
The University of
Tokyo, Japan



Dr. Kaoru Tsuchiya
Japanese Red Cross
Musashino Hospital,
Japan



Dr. Hideki Ueno
Kyoto University,
Japan



Dr. Haruki Uojima
Kumamoto University,
Japan



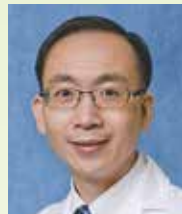
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Registration

APASL STC 2026 Kumamoto Registration Fee List

Category	Early Bird until July 31, 2026	Pre-Registration September 10, 2026	On Site
APASL Member	JPY 15,000	JPY 20,000	JPY 25,000
Non-Member	JPY 25,000	JPY 30,000	JPY 35,000
Accepted Abstract Submitter	JPY 15,000	JPY 20,000	JPY 25,000
Trainee / Resident*	JPY 15,000	JPY 20,000	JPY 25,000
Medical Student	JPY 3,000	JPY 5,000	JPY 10,000
Accompanying Person	JPY 5,000	JPY 5,000	JPY 5,000

* Including PhD Student

- All attendees will be invited to the Welcome Reception on Sep. 18.
- Please go to following page for your registration.

<https://www.apasl-stc2026kumamoto.org/reg.html>

Early Bird Registration Deadline: July 31, 2026

Pre-Registration Deadline: September 10, 2026

Category of Registration

APASL Member

Valid membership number is required.

Please go to the following URL to apply for APASL Membership.

<https://www.apasl.info/apasl-membership/>

The Privileges of APASL members are

- To have reduced registration fee for the Annual Meeting and Single Topic Conference (STC) organized by APASL.
- To have online free access to "Hepatology International", the Official Journal of the APASL.
- To receive E-News publications, communications and the proceedings of the Association.

Trainee/Resident

To be eligible for the Trainee/Resident are required to indicate the evidence of their status (ID card or document which certify their status issued by their institution.).

Without evidence, regular fees (APASL Member/Non-Member) will be applied. Please send a copy of evidence to the congress secretariat by email attached file.

Accepted Abstract Submitter

All abstract authors are required to make registration for the conference separately.

The presenting authors can benefit from the discounted registration fee.

Conference registration is obligatory for those who wish to attend the conference.

Registration Fees Registration Fees include

- Attendance to all scientific sessions
- Entrance to exhibition area
- Congress bag and printed materials
- Coffee breaks to be served during the scientific program
- Attendance to Welcome Reception which will be held on September 18 (Day 1).

Accompanying Person Fee include

- Entrance to exhibition area
- Attendance to Welcome Reception which will be held on September 18 (Day 1).

Visa Application

Citizens of some countries need to have a visa to enter Japan, while some nationalities are exempt.

Please check with the Japan embassy at your local area or with your travel agent before you confirm your travel.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan advises on its website with a list of countries that require visa to enter Japan at following URL.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan:

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/

