

Conference Overview Vol.3



2026 FUKUOKA



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IPS 2026 FUKUOKA LOC



IPS 2026 FUKUOKA Conference Overview

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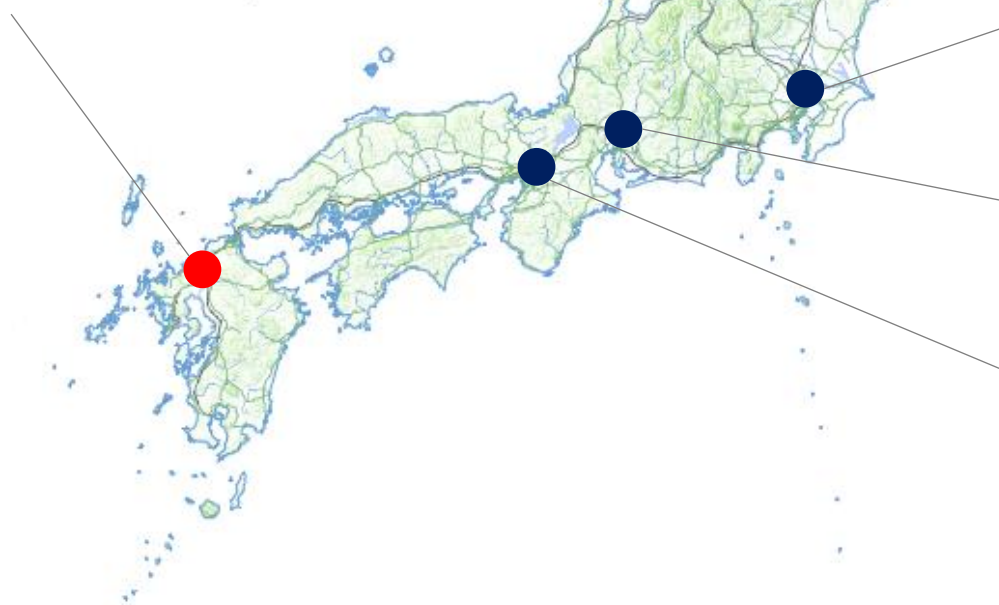


2026 FUKUOKA

Conference: June 22–26, 2026

Pre-conference events: June 18–20

Post-conference: June 27–



TOKYO

NAGOYA

OSAKA

FUKUOKA
KOKUSAI CENTER



FUKUOKA
INTERNATIONAL
CONGRESS CENTER

Fukuoka Airport Station

10min.by Bus

12min.by Bus

Subway Kuko Line
5 min. by subway

Ohori Park
Noh Theater

Ohori-koen Station

TenjinStation

Subway Kuko Line

Tenjin Area

Shopping/Restaurants/Hotels

Tenjin-minami Station

25min.walk

Maizuru Park

Ohori Park

Roponmatsu Area

12min. by Subway

Subway Nanakuma Line

Hakata Station

Hakata Area

Shopping/Restaurants/Hotels

Ropponmatsu
Station



FUKUOKA CITY
SCIENCE MUSEUM

IPS 2026 Conference Schedule

FCSM

FUKUOKA CITY SCINENCE MUSEUM

FKC

FUKUOKA KOKUSAI CENTER

FICC

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June	18(Thu) Pre1	19(Fri) Pre2	20(Sat) Pre3	21(Sun) Pre4	22(Mon) Day1	23(Tue) Day2	24(Wed) Day3	25(Thu) Day4	26(Fri) Day5	27(Sat) Post1	28(Sun) Post2	29(Mon) Post3
FCSM	Fulldome Festivals		IPS Board Meeting		Sponsor Promotion / Sessions & Workshops		JPA FUKUOKA Members Only		FCSM Dome Theater PR			
FKC			IMERSA Day	Symposium for the general public	Exhibitor Showcase Foundation Work / Installation / Construction		Sponsor Exhibition					
FICC						Venue Preparation	Concurrent Sessions / General Meeting / Keynote					
Other				Welcome Gathering			Networking Dinner	Happy Hour	Banquet			
Conference tours				Pre-conference tours (suburbs)					Excursions (in the city)	Post-Conference Tours	Post-Conference Tours	Post-Conference Tours

Program Outline

FCSM Fulldome Festivals Day 1-2 (June 18-20)

Organizer: Fulldome Festival Committee
Contest for general films and short films, Student Films
(Encouraging Screenings),
Japanese Animation Session, Special VR Session

FCSM 【TBD】 IMERSA Day (June 20)

Organizer: IMERSA



FCSM Sponsor Promotion / Sessions & Workshops (June 22-23)

Sponsor Ranks ;			
Sirius, Canopus	...	Dome Theater (Planetarium)	× 3(count)
Arcturus, Vega, Capella	...	Science Hall	× 3(count)
Rigel, Procyon	...	No PR opportunities	

Program Outline

FKC Sponsor Exhibition (June 24-26)

Sponsors' exhibit booths will be set up in a large space.

This will be an opportunity for sponsors and exhibitors to come in contact with the latest technology and the latest works of the sponsors and exhibitors.

We are also planning to set up a temporary dome for content creators and research presentations.

In addition, a lunch area and business meeting space will be available to provide a comfortable atmosphere.

Exhibition Area : 5,052 m²
1st Floor : 3,425 m² · 56 m × 56 m
2nd Floor : 1,627 m² · 7 m wide gallery



Program Outline

FICC Concurrent Sessions / General Meeting / Keynote (June 24-26)

In the main hall, there will be an IPS Business meeting, keynote speeches, and closing ceremony (memorial, awards, photo shoot, etc.). All participants will share the same program.



FUKUOKA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS CENTER



FICC Exhibit Area for Domestic Organizations and Poster Session (June 24-26)

JPA, JAPOS, Astronomy Education Promotion Study Group, The Astronomical Society of Japan, NAOJ, JAXA, space development venture VC, universities, educational institutions, museum goods developers, etc.

Exhibition Area : 1,320 m²

Participant Registration Fee

<https://www.ips2026fukuoka.com/html/registration/>

The registration application period is scheduled as follows:

Early Bird Registration	January 5, 2026 (Mon)	– February 14, 2026 (Sat)
Standard Registration	February 15, 2026 (Sun)	– April 30, 2026 (Thu)
Late Registration	May 1, 2026 (Fri)	– May 29, 2026 (Fri)
1-Day Pass	January 5, 2026 (Mon)	– June 25, 2026 (Thu)

A. Fulldome Festival June 18-19	
Early Bird	
Members / Student	¥ 20,000-
Non Member Early Birds	¥ 25,000-
Standard	
Members / Student	¥ 24,000-
Non Member	¥ 30,000-
B. IMERSA June 20	
TBA	
C. LIPS	
TBD	

E. Welcome Gathering June 21	
Adult	TBA
Child	TBA
F. Banquet June 26	
Member / Student	¥ 24,000-
Non Member / Guest	¥ 28,000-
Child	¥ 8,000-

* Fees based on the same standard as IPS 2024

Participant Registration Fee

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D. IPS 2026 Conference in FUKUOKA June 22-26	
Early Bird	
Member	¥ 84,000-
Student Member	¥ 55,000-
Sponsor	¥ 77,000-
Non Member	¥ 110,000-
Student / Non-member	¥ 72,000-
Standard	
Member	¥ 95,000-
Student Member	¥ 63,000-
Sponsor	¥ 90,000-
Non Member	¥ 126,000-
Student / Non-member	¥ 80,000-

D. IPS 2026 Conference in FUKUOKA June 22-26	
Late	
Member	¥ 110,000-
Student Member	¥ 72,000-
Sponsor	¥ 100,000-
Non Member	¥ 144,000-
Student / Non-member	¥ 89,000-
1-Day Pass	(Limited to the day of admission / Maximum of two 1-Day Passes per person)
Member	¥ 15,000-
Student Member	¥ 9,800-
Sponsor	¥ 14,000-
Non Member	¥ 20,000-
Student / Non-member	¥ 12,000-

* Fees based on the same standard as IPS 2024

Tentative Conference Agenda and Proposed Session Themes

【 Prerequisite】

- **IPS Mission**
- **IPS CONFERENCE GUIDELINES APPENDIX C**
- **IPS 2024 Jena Berlin**
 - United Under the Sky — First time in 6 years, 100th anniversary conference
- **Definition of Museum adopted** by ICOM Prague Congress
- **Today's environment and issues surrounding**
 - Planetariums (installation facilities), Astronomy education (Science Communication),
Global environment, Space development, etc.

Calling for abstracts and Proposals

<https://www.ips2026fukuoka.com/html/abstract/call-for-abstracts/>

Calling for abstracts for oral and poster presentations,
Proposals to organize workshops, panel discussions and other sessions

Submission period **August 25th (Mon) – October 31st 2025 (Fri)**

A. General Topics

- Philosophy
- Technology and Hardware
- Management, Administration and Public Relations
- Programs for the Public
- Planetariums and Astronomy Education
- Inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility
- Mobile Planetariums
- The Future of Planetariums

B. Specific Topics

- Planetarium enthusiasts meeting
- The Lore of the World's Stars
- Planetariums and the Space Development Business
- History of Japanese Planetariums and the Popularization of Astronomy from national and international perspectives
- Japanese Anime Culture and Planetariums

C. Others

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B. Specific Topics

Planetarium enthusiasts meeting

This session will spotlight people who are passionate and active about planetariums in various ways.

The Lore of the World's Stars

Even though we look up at the same sky on Earth, each culture and region has different interpretations and stories of the stars. Through introducing and sharing such star lore from around the world, we will understand the values of the sky shared by diverse cultures.

Planetariums and the Space Development Business

Until now, space development has been mainly undertaken by national organizations. However, in recent years, various private companies have entered the space development business. We will use planetariums to inform the general public about this new space business, and consider new programs in collaboration with such companies and the development of human resources who will be responsible for space development in the future through these programs.

History of Japanese Planetariums and the Popularization of Astronomy from national and international perspectives

In Japan, the first planetarium was introduced in Osaka in 1937. Planetariums have spread throughout the country, and there are currently about 300 in operation. These planetariums have enriched Japan's starry sky culture through a wide range of educational, cultural, and entertainment activities. This presentation will focus on the diversity and evolution of Japan's planetariums, while unraveling the history of planetariums in Japan. Also closely related to planetariums are Japan's public observatories, now in their 100th year of existence, and their activities to promote astronomy. We will introduce how they have contributed to cultivating citizens' curiosity about science and science through astronomy, and discuss the next 100 years with you.

Japanese Anime Culture and Planetariums

Japanese animation and related culture are highly popular throughout the world. Japanese planetariums are taking unique approaches, such as showing films in collaboration with the latest popular animations. This special session will focus on the fusion of anime culture and planetariums.

Sponsorship Opportunity

<https://www.ips2026fukuoka.com/html/sponsors/guideline-for-sponsors/>

(1) Sponsorship

Sponsorships are available in the following three categories with a total of 19 options to choose from. Please review the following pages for details.

A. Package Sponsor

We have prepared seven types of packages for exhibitions and presentations. The incentives that come with each package vary to address your needs.

B. Non-Package Sponsor

This is a single sponsorship.

C. Fulldome Festival Sponsor

This sponsorship focuses on the Fulldome Festival.

Organizer : Fulldome Festival 2026 FUKUOKA Local Committee

Sponsorship Opportunity

<https://www.ips2026fukuoka.com/html/sponsors/guideline-for-sponsors/download/ips2026fukuoka-sponsorship-en.pdf>

A. Package Sponsor

Packages	Sirius	Canopus	Arcturus	Vega	Capella	Rigel	Procyon
Sponsor Fees (Tax included)	¥ 6,380,000	¥ 3,520,000	¥ 2,200,000	¥ 1,100,000	¥ 550,000	¥ 330,000	¥ 110,000
Slots available	5	5	4	10	10	10	10

a. Exhibition Area (Fukuoka Kokusai Center)							
Size	10m × 10m	8m × 7m	6m × 5m	5m × 3m	3m × 2m	3m × 2m	—
Type	Free Space	Free Space	Free Space	Free Space	Basic Booth	Basic Booth	
Booth Area	100㎡	56㎡	30㎡	15㎡	6㎡	6㎡	

b. Promotion							
FCSM Dome Theater	30min × 3	20min × 3	—	—	—	—	—
FCSM Science Hall	—	—	15min × 3	10min × 3	5min × 3	—	—
FICC Main Hall	25min × 2	15min × 1	—	—	—	—	—
FKC Temporary dome 1	—	—	10min × 3	10min × 2	—	—	—
FKC Temporary dome 2	—	—	—	—	10min × 2	10min × 2	—
Posting posters	—	—	—	—	—	—	FKC Max : A 1

Sponsorship Opportunity

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B. Non-Packaged Sponsor This is an individual sponsorship

Sponsorship	Public Transportation Pass	Name Card Lanyard	Welcome Gathering 21-Jun.	Banquet 26-Jun.	Lunch	Coffee Break	Networking 24-Jun.	Delegate Bag Insert
Sponsor Fees (Tax included)	¥ 528,000	¥ 319,000	¥ 528,000	¥ 858,000	¥ 528,000	¥ 154,000	¥ 209,000	¥ 52,800
Slots available	2	3	2	2	5	10	4	20

C. Fulldome Festival Sponsor This is a sponsorship specifically for the Fulldome Festa. Organizer : Fulldome Festival 2026 FUKUOKA Organizing Committee

Fulldome Festival Sponsorship	Diamond	Platinum	Gold	Silver
Sponsor Fees (Tax included))	¥ 418,000	¥ 264,000	¥ 154,000	¥ 84,700
Slots available	2	4	5	10

Accommodation

<https://www.ips2026fukuoka.com/html/travel/accommodation/>

Accommodation (Tentative) June 17, 2026 (Thu) – June 27, 2026 (Sat)

※ Check-in at the accommodation is scheduled to begin around November.

※ A separate lodging tax will be required. (¥200 or ¥500 per night/room)

For general participants		Conditions	Room Type	Approximate Price	
1	Washington Hotel Plaza Hakata Nakasu	1 night stay including breakfast	Single	¥ 12,500	June 20 (Sat) and 27 (Sat), ¥ 15,500
2	Quintessa Hotel Fukuoka Tenjin Minami	1 night stay including breakfast	Twin	¥ 11,500	June 20 (Sat) and 27 (Sat), ¥ 13,700
3	ARK Hotel Royal Fukuoka Tenjin	1 night stay including breakfast	Single	¥ 13,700	June 20 (Sat) and 27 (Sat), ¥ 17,000
4	Vessel Inn Hakata-Nakasu	1 night stay including breakfast	Single	¥ 11,500	June 18 (Thu) and 25 (Thu), ¥ 13,700 June 19 (Fri) and 26 (Fri), ¥ 14,800 June 20 (Sat) and 27 (Sat), ¥ 19,200
5	Reizengaku Hotel Ekimae	1 night stay including breakfast	Single	TBA	
6	S-Peria Hotel Hakata	1 night stay including breakfast	Single	TBA	
7	Hotel Route Inn Hakata Ekimae – Hakataguchi –	1 night stay including breakfast	Single	¥ 13,500	June 20 (Sat) and 27 (Sat), ¥ 23,100

Major subway and bus routes
Subway Kuko Line
Subway Nanakuma Line
BRT (Bus Rapid Transit : articulated bus)
Many bus routes



Conference Tours

<https://www.ips2026fukuoka.com/html/travel/accommodation/>

A. Pre-Conference Tour (Sunday, June 21, 2026)

“Fukuoka Area Planetariums & Meteorite Shrine Tour” Day Trip Bus Tour

Minimum Participants : 20 people
Travel Cost (Estimated) : ¥16,000

[Munakata Yurix Planetarium](#)
[Suga Shrine](#)
[Space LABO](#)

B. Excursion (Friday, June 26, 2026)

1. “Exploring the History and Culture of Kyushu” Half-Day Bus Tour

Minimum number of participants : 20 people
Travel cost (estimated) : ¥7,500

[Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine](#)
[Kyushu National Museum](#)

2. “Buddhist Temple Bairinzan Bodaiji with Planetarium and Leiji Matsumoto's Paintings” Half-Day Bus Tour

Minimum Participants : 20 people / Maximum 40 people
Tour Cost (estimated) : ¥6,500

[Buddhist Temple Bairinzan Bodaiji](#)

※Bairinzan Bodaiji is a temple of the Jodo Shinshu Honganji-ha Temple.

[Leiji Matsumoto](#)

※Leiji Matsumoto is a Japanese manga artist, and creator of several anime and manga series.

3. Fukuoka City Science Museum “ Dome Theater Special Screenings and Constellation Shooting Out (Event) ”

max. 200 people
[Fukuoka City Science Museum](#)



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C. Post-Conference Tour (Saturday, June 27, 2026～)

1. “An observatory in a volcanic caldera and a planetarium in a castle”

1-Night, 2-Day Bus Tour

June 27, 2026 (Sat) – June 28, 2026 (Sun)

Minimum Participants

: 20 people

Travel Cost (Estimated)

: Around ¥70,000



Minamiaso Luna Observatory,
Kumamoto Prefecture Auberge "Forest Atelier"

Day 1 (Saturday, June 27)

[Aso Volcano Museum](#)

[Minamiaso Luna Observatory, Kumamoto Prefecture Auberge "Forest Atelier"](#)

Day 2 (Sunday, June 28)

[Kumamoto Castle Museum Wakuwakuza](#)

[Kumamoto City Museum](#)

2. “A Special Voyage Across Japan’s Planetariums by Shinkansen”

2-Night, 3-Day Tour

June 27, 2026 (Sat) – June 29, 2026 (Mon)

Minimum Group Size : 20 people

Travel Cost (Estimated) : Around ¥130,000



Day 1 (Saturday, June 27)

[Akashi Municipal Planetarium](#)

Day 2 (Sunday, June 28)

[Osaka Science Museum](#)

[Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology](#)

[Manten NAGOYA LED Dome](#)

Day 3 (Monday, June 29)

[Nagoya City Science Museum](#)

※After the event concludes, feel free to enjoy planetariums, astronomy-related facilities, science museums, and other attractions in the Tokyo area at your leisure.

※Optional (planned): We can assist with booking accommodations in Tokyo.

Japan Planetarium Association (JPA)

1. JPA 2026 FUKUOKA Conference (Affiliate Meetings) Wed, June 24

Organizer : JAPAN PLANETARIUM ASSOCIATION
FCSM Dome Theater (Planetarium)

JPA General Meeting, Research and practice reports (oral presentations), vendor presentations, Observation of booths, Commemorative Lecture, etc. Networking dinner will join the IPS event.

2. FICC IPS / JAPAN Joint Session Thu, June 25

Joint session involving IPS members, Japanese Planetarian, observatories, astronomy education, and related parties. Members from several fields will gather to discuss integrative developments on topics such as the future of planetariums and astronomy, as well as space development.

【TBA】 JPA, Japan Public Observatory Society (JAPOS) , Astronomy Education Promotion Study Group, The Astronomical Society of Japan, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ) , Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) , etc.

3. FICC Exhibit Area for Domestic Organizations

JPA, Japan Public Observatory Society (JAPOS), Astronomy Education Promotion Study Group, The Astronomical Society of Japan, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ), Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), space development venture VC, universities, educational institutions, museum goods developers, etc.

4. Pre / Post-Conference Tours, Excursions (Enrichment Sessions)

Prepare to host and interact with conference participants at planetarium museums, astronomical observatories, places related to astronomy, museums, art museums, and other places in Japan that nurture unique history and culture.

Others

1. Welcome Gathering Ohori Park Noh Theater **Sunday, June 21**

To kick off the IPS 2026 FUKUOKA, we plan to welcome you at the Ohori Park Noh Theater with traditional Japanese culture related to astronomy.

We hope you will experience the traditions and culture handed down in Japan.

<https://www.ohori-nougaku.jp/english/>



2. Networking Dinner Fukuoka Kokusai Center **Wednesday, June 24**

Planetarian dinner to meet again after 2 years.

We are making arrangements so that Japan Planetarium Association (JPA) members can join us.



3. Happy Hour Fukuoka Kokusai Center **Thursday, June 25**

This is the last night to interact with each other at the Conference venue.

Join us for a great time with the help of our exhibitors and sponsors.

4. Banquet Hotel Okura Fukuoka **Friday, June 26**

“One Earth, One Sky ”

How was the Fukuoka Conference?

After the conference, let's enjoy delicious food and a fun time together with our friends.

And let's connect to the next one – IPS 2028 Buenos Aires!

<https://www.fuk.hotelokura.co.jp/en/>



Others

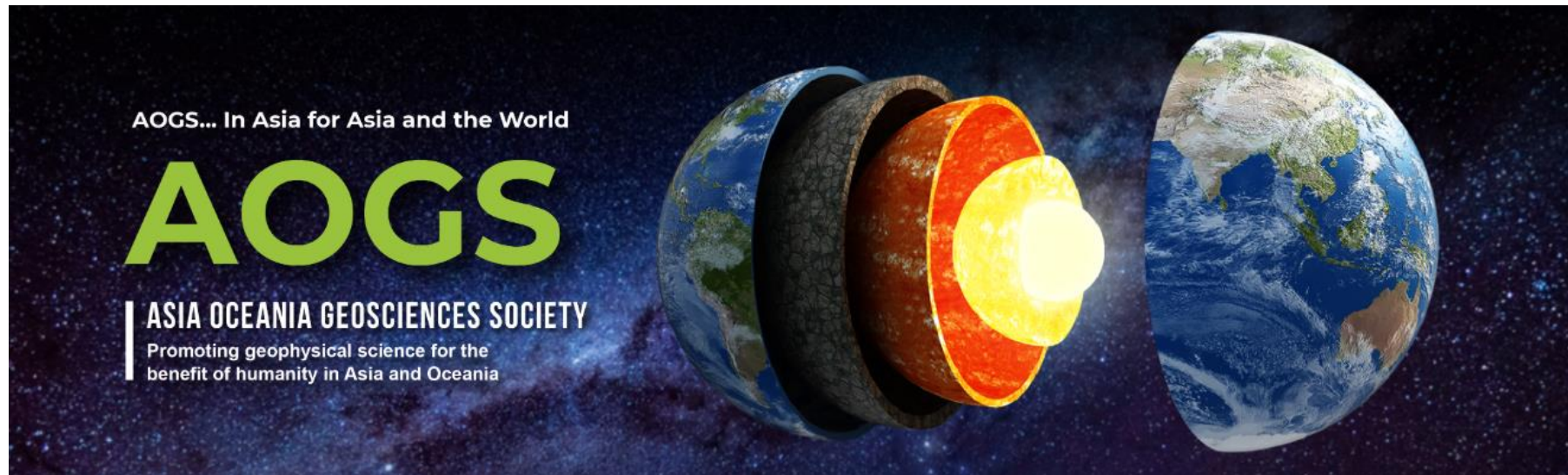
FCSM Symposium for the general public (Sunday, June 21, 2026)

【Tentative】 Planetarium x Earth Science

【TBD】 Kaoru Kimura (Former IPS President) & Takehiko Sato (AOGS * President)

August 2–7, 2026, AOGS 2026 FUKUOKA Collaborative Project
Talk sessions between planetarian and earth science researchers, etc.

*Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS) <https://www.asiaoceania.org/society/public.asp?page=home.asp>





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Thank you for your kind attention.
We look forward to welcoming you in Fukuoka.

