

For Overseas Nominating Institutions/Participants

28 February- 4 March, 2027  
Yokohama-city, JAPAN

# HOPE <sup>18th</sup> MEETING

Check-in/Registration: Saturday, **27** February, 2027  
Check-out: Friday, **5** March, 2027

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## About HOPE Meetings

HOPE Meetings give opportunities to excellent graduate students selected from countries and areas in the Asia-Pacific and Africa region to engage in interdisciplinary discussions with Nobel Laureates and other distinguished scientists pioneering the frontiers of knowledge. It is hoped that the experience the students gain at the meeting will inspire and motivate them to become excellent scientists able to shoulder the future of science and technology in the region.

● [HOPE MEETING on YouTube](#)



3-minute Highlights of  
the 17th HOPE MEETING



Please note that HOPE Meetings are like intellectual short-term intensive camps. In that sense, it is quite different from a normal scientific conference.

## Organizer

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

## Meeting Format

On-site and in-person

\*Lecturers may participate in the meeting through the online-conferencing platform

## Participants

The participants will comprise about 20 PhD students and young researchers from the institutions in Japan and 90 will be nominated by the Overseas Cooperating Institutions of the Asia-Pacific and Africa region; [tentative]: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam.

## Selection Criteria

Participants are selected based on the following criteria:

- At the time of application and on 28 February 2027, an applicant must be a **PhD student** (not a Master's student) or **young researcher** (PhD obtained less than 5 years\* ago; after 2 April 2021) and who is enrolled at or working for a university/research institute with a record of excellent academic performance
  - \* Excludes periods of maternity/paternity, and childcare leave.
- Applicants must not have participated in any previous HOPE Meeting.
- Have an excellent record of research and a high level of interest in the societal influence of scientific knowledge and its application
- Have a strong interest in a wide scope of science and research
- Be expected to become an outstanding researcher who will lead future scientific research
- By participating in the meeting, be expected to initiate joint research and/or build collegial networks in the future
- Have a strong desire to participate actively in the Meeting's exchanges and discussions
- Possess ample English proficiency to do so
- Be able to participate in the entire Meeting program from 28 February to 4 March.

**Nomination Deadline**

**Wednesday, 30 September, 2026**

## Cost Sharing

### • JSPS

- JSPS will cover the cost of holding the meeting and local travel costs in Japan<sup>a)</sup>.
- JSPS will cover the cost of overseas travel insurance<sup>b)</sup>.

1. Accommodations at the designated hotel in Yokohama
    - check-in: 27 February    - check-out: 5 March
    - Each participant will be provided with a single bed room.
  2. Meals: from dinner on 27 February to breakfast on 5 March
  3. Transportation between Narita/Tokyo International Airport and the hotel/meeting venue.
- b) Designated travel insurance valid during the meeting period: 27 February to 5 March.

### • Overseas Nominating institutions

- Nominating institutions will cover the international travel costs<sup>c)</sup> of their own participants.

- c) International airfare to and from Narita/Tokyo International Airport, Japan.

## Program of the 18th HOPE Meeting

The program of the HOPE Meeting will feature the following:

- 1 Lectures by Nobel laureates and distinguished researchers
- 2 Small group discussions with the lecturers (seminar style)
- 3 Poster session including 1 minute oral presentation by each participant
- 4 Oral presentations by multinational teams of participants
- 5&6 Cultural experience program and excursion (research facilities and cultural heritage sites)



Date	MORNING			AFTERNOON & EVENING				
SUNNDAY, 28 Feb.		Ice Breaking	Orientation	Participation in the Nobel Prize Dialogue Tokyo 2027*				Joint Welcome Reception
MONDAY, 1 March	Opening Ceremony	Lecture 1	Group Discussion	Work shop	Poster Session	Lecture 2	Group Discussion	Prepare for Team Presentations
TUESDAY, 2 March	Lecture 3	Group Discussion	Poster Session	Lecture 4	Group Discussion	Lecture 5		Prepare for Team Presentations
WEDNESDAY, 3 March	Lecture 6	Group Discussion	Lecture 7	Poster Session	Prepare for Team Presentations	Cultural Programs		Prepare for Team Presentations
THURSDAY, 4 March	Team Presentations		Closing Ceremony	Research Institutions Visit and Excursion				Farewell Dinner

\* Since 2012, Nobel Prize Outreach AB has been annually holding Nobel Week Dialogue on December 9, the day before the Nobel Prize Award Ceremony in Sweden. It is an open symposium aimed at stimulating discussion between world's leading researchers and intellectuals, including the Nobel laureates, and the general public. Since March 2015, Nobel Prize Outreach AB and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) have co-hosted the Nobel Prize Dialogue Tokyo series. Nobel Prize Dialogue Tokyo 2027 is scheduled to be held for the sixth time.

Nobel Prize Dialogue Tokyo 2027: [https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-nobel\\_prize\\_dialogue/npd\\_tokyo2027/index.html](https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-nobel_prize_dialogue/npd_tokyo2027/index.html)

Please note: The program may be subject to change.

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## Responsibility of Participants

Participants are obliged to submit all required documents, including abstracts for poster presentations, and meeting reports. **Attendance at all components of the Meeting is also mandatory.**

**Important Notice** JSPS does not recommend traveling with accompanying persons (e.g., family members). As each day's program will stretch uninterruptedly over the full day from morning to night, non-participants will not be allowed to attend the meeting programs. A daycare room will be set up by JSPS near the venue for accompanying preschool children aged 6 months to under 7 years who may require childcare. However, JSPS will not be able to pay expenses related to accompanying children (such as meals).

## Schedule (tentative)

<b>2026</b>	June	Send out nomination requests to nominating institutions
	30 September	<b>Nomination deadline</b> (for overseas nominating institutions)
	Early December	Notify nominating institutions of the selection results
	Late December	Participants prepare for their participation in the meeting (1) Submit registration forms, photos, poster presentation abstracts
<b>2027</b>	Mid-January	(2) Confirm travel plans, submit slides for <i>Flash Talks</i>
	27 February	Hotel Check-in
	<b>28 February-4 March</b>	<b>18th HOPE Meeting</b>
	Late March	Participants submit reports to JSPS
	April - July	JSPS sends participants' reports to nominating institutions

## Chairperson of the Organizing Committee



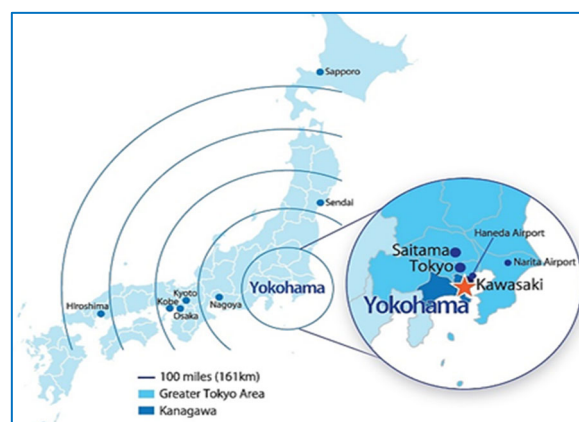
Takaaki KAJITA

Nobel Laureate in Physics 2015

Distinguished University Professor (Institute for Cosmic Ray Research (ICRR)),  
The University of Tokyo

## Meeting Venue

Yokohama is a metropolis located only 30 minutes from central Tokyo, yet it is characterized by a beautiful harbor visited by foreign cruise ships, a group of historical buildings that retain the vestiges of the port's opening, and the world's largest Chinatown.



**HOPE Meeting Office**

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