



2025 Japan-Taiwan University Presidents' Forum
The Future of the Region:
Challenges of Universities in Japan and Taiwan in the Innovative Era

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2025	Organizer: Japan Committee of Universities for International Exchange, JACUIE
Conference Venue: Hotel Nikko Kumamoto	Joint Organizer: Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education of Taiwan, FICHET
Conference Language: English	Host University: Kumamoto University
MC of the Forum: Prof. OTANI, Jun, Executive Vice President (Research, global strategy and industry-academia collaboration), Kumamoto University	

Tentative Schedule

DAY 1 Tuesday, July 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival
DAY 2 Wednesday, July 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Japan-Taiwan University Presidents' Forum• Dinner Reception
DAY 3 Thursday, July 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural tour

Program

**Program is subject to change*

Time	Agenda
9:00-9:30 (30 mins)	Registration
9:30-10:10 (40 mins)	Welcome & Opening Remarks <u>5 minutes for each speaker</u> Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. NAGATA, Kyosuke, Chairperson, JACUIE and President, University of Tsukuba 2. Prof. LI, Tsai-Yen, Chairperson, FICHET and President, National Chengchi University 3. Dr. LEE, Joyce Yu-Jiuan, Director General, Department of International and Cross-Strait Education, Ministry of Education 4. Mr. IMAMURA, Daigo, Deputy Director, General Affairs Department, Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association 5. Mr. CHOU, Shyue-Yow, Deputy Representative, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan 6. Dr. OGAWA, Hisao, President, Kumamoto University (Host University)
10:10-10:20 (10 mins)	MOU Re-Signing & Gift Exchange
10:20-10:30 (10 mins)	Group Photo
10:30-11:10 (40 mins)	Keynote Speech <u>5 minutes for Introduction, 25 minutes for keynote speech and 10 minutes for Q&A</u> Moderator: Prof. Lucia Shih-Ling Lin , President, Providence University Speaker: Prof. WAKABAYASHI, Hideki , Distinguished Professor, Kumamoto University
11:10-12:30 (80 mins)	Session 1 Student and Young Researcher Exchange <u>5 minutes for Introduction, 10 minutes for each presentation, 5 minutes for each</u>

	<p><u>comment (discussant) and 45 minutes for discussion and Q&A</u></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Ohta, Hiroyuki, President, Ibaraki University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Wen-Chang Chen, President, National Taiwan University 2. Prof. IJIMA, Mariko, Vice President for Global Academic Affairs, Sophia University <p>Discussant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Chih-Peng Li, President, National Sun Yat-sen University 2. Dr. OHTAKE, Naoto, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Institute of Science Tokyo
12:30-13:30 (60 mins)	Networking Lunch
13:30-14:50 (80 mins)	<p>Session 2</p> <p>Industry-Academia Collaboration for Local Development</p> <p><u>5 minutes for Introduction, 10 minutes for each presentation, 5 minutes for each comment (discussant) and 45 minutes for discussion and Q&A</u></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dong-Sing WUU, President, National Chi Nan University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. KANEKO, Shinji, Executive Vice President for Global Initiatives, Hiroshima University 2. Prof. Chi-Hung Lin, President, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University <p>Discussant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Weiyuan John Kao, President, National Tsing Hua University
14:50-15:15 (25 mins)	Tea & Coffee Break
15:15-15:20 (5 mins)	<p>Greeting from the Representative of Kumamoto Prefecture</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. KIMURA, Takashi, Governor of Kumamoto
15:20-16:05 (45 mins)	<p>Panel Discussion 1</p> <p>The role of Universities for Natural Disasters</p> <p><u>5 minutes for Introduction, 5 minutes for each comment (panelists) and 20 minutes for discussion and Q&A</u></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. NAGAO, Hinao, President, Tenri University</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Hui-Mi Hsu, President, National Dong Hwa University 2. Prof. Yeou-Lih Huang, Senior Vice President, Kaohsiung Medical University 3. Prof. UEKI, Toshiya, Executive Vice President, Tohoku University 4. Dr. TSUTSUMI, Hiroaki, President, Prefectural University of Kumamoto
16:05-16:50 (45 mins)	<p>Panel Discussion 2</p> <p>Digital Transformations in Higher Education</p>

	<p><u>5 minutes for Introduction, 5 minutes for each comment (panelists) and 20 minutes for discussion and Q&A</u></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Tsai-Yen Li, President, National Chengchi University</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. NAGATA, Kyosuke, President, University of Tsukuba 2. Prof. TAKEYA, Motohiro, President, Kumamoto Health Science University 3. Prof. Bor-Chen Kuo, President, National Taichung University of Education 4. Prof. Mai-Szu Wu, President, Taipei Medical University
16:50-17:00 (10 mins)	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p><u>5 minutes for each speaker</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. TANIOKA, Ichiro, Vice Chairperson, JACUIE and Chancellor/President, Osaka University of Commerce 2. Prof. Tzu-Bin Lin, Executive Director, FICHET
17:30-19:30	<p>Dinner Reception (Hotel Nikko Kumamoto)</p> <p><u>2or3 minutes for each speaker</u></p> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. OGAWA, Hisao, President, Kumamoto University (Host University) <p>Toasting Speech</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Dr. TSUTSUMI, Hiroaki, President, Prefectural University of Kumamoto <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Prof. Tzu-Bin Lin, Executive Director, FICHET