



# 2nd Asian Palaeontological Congress

— *Science in deep time in a new epoch* —

## First Circular



3rd – 7th August 2023

Tokyo, Japan

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On behalf of the Organising Committee, I am pleased to inform you that we will host the 2nd Asian Palaeontological Congress (APC2), which will take place from 3rd to 7th August 2023 in Tokyo, Japan. The congress will be held on site in the prestigious venue of the University of Tokyo with a quiet and academic atmosphere despite located in the busy and convenient area of central Tokyo.

After the successful first congress of APC in 2019, we have all seen rather dramatic changes in society and economy due to the Corona pandemic. I hope that all of you and your family have, or had, no health issue caused by COVID19.

Despite this current state of uncertainty, we have hopes that we should be able to have a face-to-face on-site meeting in two years' time. Incidentally, not all the effects of the pandemic were negative: it revealed the strength and versatility of having a meeting online. We thus plan to devote one day to sessions that are solely held online, so that people who cannot attend the meeting on site in Tokyo can give a talk, or communicate with other attendants, through internet.

It is always a pleasure to see the active participation and exchanges of different generations. In order to promote networking and scientific growth in the young generations in particular, we plan to offer discount registration fees for students and best poster awards.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Tokyo in 2023,

Tamaki SATO

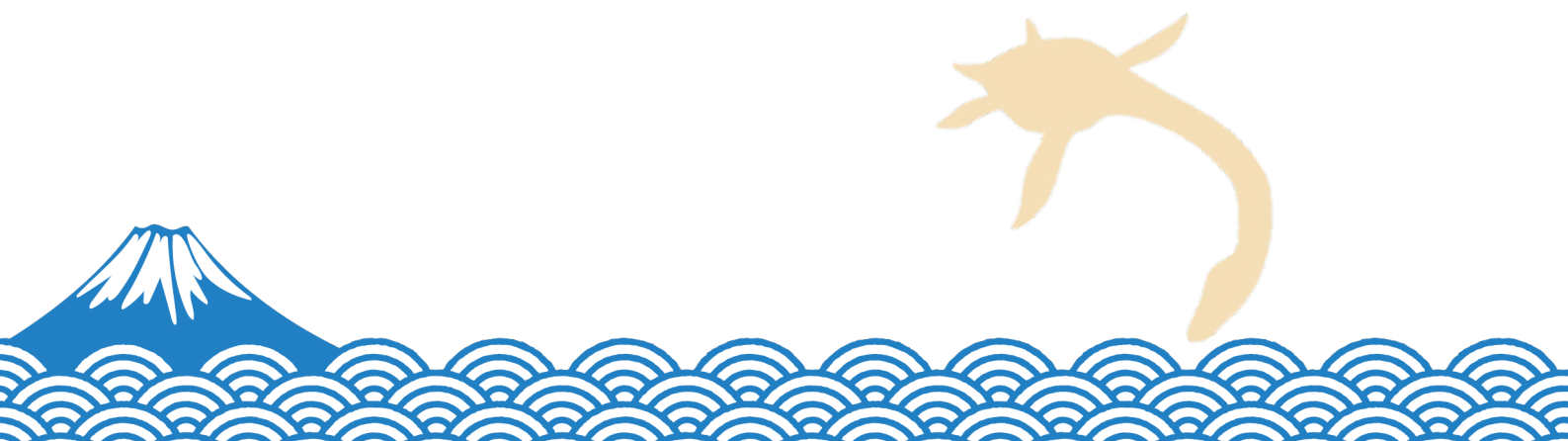
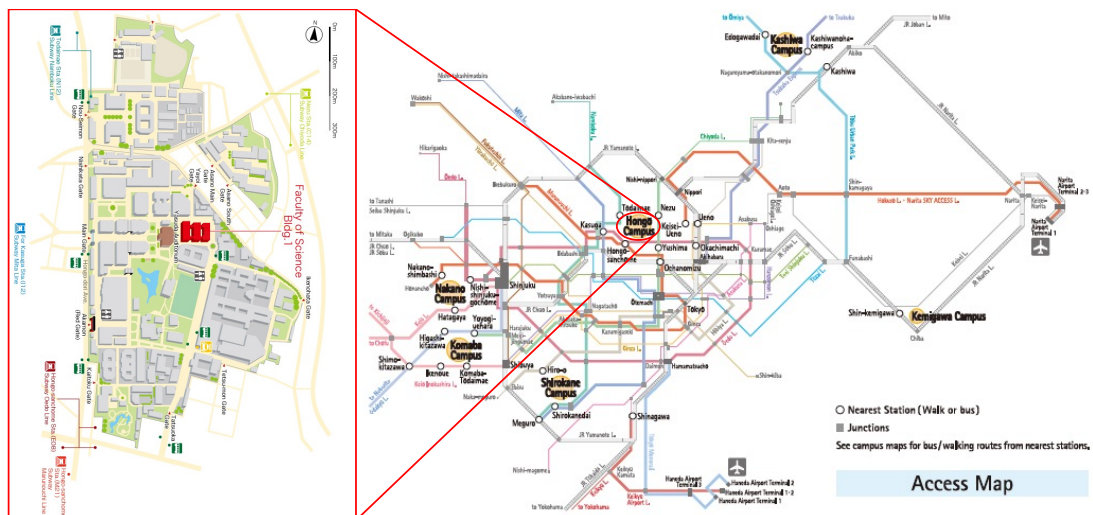
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## VENUE

The venue for the on-site sessions will be the Hongo Campus of the University of Tokyo, the oldest national university in Japan. Most of what now constitutes the Hongo Campus was the official residence of the daimyo (magnate) family ruling the Kaga Domain during the Edo Period (1603-1868), leaving behind a number of interesting historical spots, most notably Akamon (Red Gate; frontal cover photo). The Campus is about 1 hour and 2 hours away from the Haneda International Airport and Narita International Airport on train, respectively.

Summer average air temperature in Tokyo is approx. 27°C. The mid-day highest temperature can exceed 30°C. Therefore, attendees should be prepared for hot and humid climate.





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## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

- 3rd, Thu: Registration, ice-breaker (on site)  
 4th, Fri: Welcome ceremony, oral sessions, posters (on site)  
 5th, Sat: Plenary symposium, oral sessions, posters (on site)  
 6th, Sun: Plenary symposium, oral sessions, posters (online),  
           APA business meeting, banquet (on site)  
 7th, Mon: Plenary symposium, oral sessions, posters, ceremony (on site)

## TOPICS

The topics of the congress will include all aspects of palaeontology. Tentative themes of scientific sessions include the following:

- Precambrian world and evolution of early life
- Cambrian explosion and early evolution of animals
- Dynamics of biodiversity change and mass extinction events
- Oceanic anoxic events and ecosystems in the Cretaceous Period
- Diversity change and evolutionary history of radiolarians
- Micropalaeontology and global environmental change
- Mesozoic terrestrial biota
- Origin and evolution of angiosperms
- Secondary aquatic adaptation of tetrapods
- Evolution of reptiles
- Geochemical proxies for palaeoceanography, palaeoclimatology and palaeoecology
- Molecular palaeobiology and molecular evolution
- Tomographic techniques and computer-aided visualization in palaeontology
- Analytical approaches for evolutionary morphology
- Sessions related to IGCP
- Geoparks and Palaeoparks as tools of geoconservation and public education
- Open sessions



If you plan to propose a scientific session, please contact Dr. Takao UBUKATA at the following address by July 2022:

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## FIELD TRIPS

There will be post-congress field trips and tours. Tentative plans are as follows:



1. Mid- to Upper Cretaceous Yezo Group in Hokkaido: Ammonites and other marine fossils
2. Upper Mesozoic marine and non-marine deposits in Tetori area, northern Central Japan: A unique window into the Early Cretaceous terrestrial ecosystem in Asian eastern margin
3. Permo-Triassic boundary and Triassic to Jurassic succession in pelagic setting in Inuyama, central Japan
4. GSSP for the Chibanian Stage in Chiba Prefecture, Kanto area

More information concerning the congress schedule and excursions will be included in the second circular.



## KEY DATES

• Opening of early bird registration:	Aug. 2022
• Opening of abstract submission:	Jan. 2023
• Deadline for early bird registration:	Mar. 2023
• Deadline for abstract submission:	Mar. 2023
• Opening of regular registration:	Mar. 2023
• Deadline for regular registration:	July 2023

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