

WELCOME MESSAGE



Teruto Hashiguchi
Chair, 14th Cherry Blossom
Symposium in Kagoshima, Japan

Dear Colleagues,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 14th Cherry Blossom Symposium, themed "Future Dreams Come True in Automation and Robotics," taking place in the beautiful city of Kagoshima, Japan. Since its inception in 1998, this symposium has brought together experts and practitioners from around the globe to discuss advancements in clinical laboratory automation, a field in which Japan has emerged as a global pioneer.

Over the years, the Cherry Blossom Symposium has played a vital role in promoting and disseminating knowledge about total systemization in clinical testing, drawing esteemed participants from diverse countries. We are excited to continue this tradition at our 14th gathering, where we aim to foster dialogues that will lead to further breakthroughs in automation and robotics in clinical laboratories.

Kagoshima, known for its delicious cuisine and stunning landscapes, is surrounded by beautiful sights, including an active volcano "Sakurajima". We invite you not only to engage in informative discussions but also to fully immerse yourself in the rich culture and hospitality that Japan has to offer. This symposium is a unique opportunity to connect with colleagues, share insights, and collectively explore how we can elevate the future of clinical testing through innovative automation systems.

As we gather from various parts of the world—including Korea, the United States, and beyond—I hope you find the discussions enlightening and the experience fulfilling. My heartfelt desire is for this symposium to inspire collaboration and advance our shared goals in the field of automation in healthcare.

I look forward to an engaging and productive symposium with all of you.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teruto Hashiguchi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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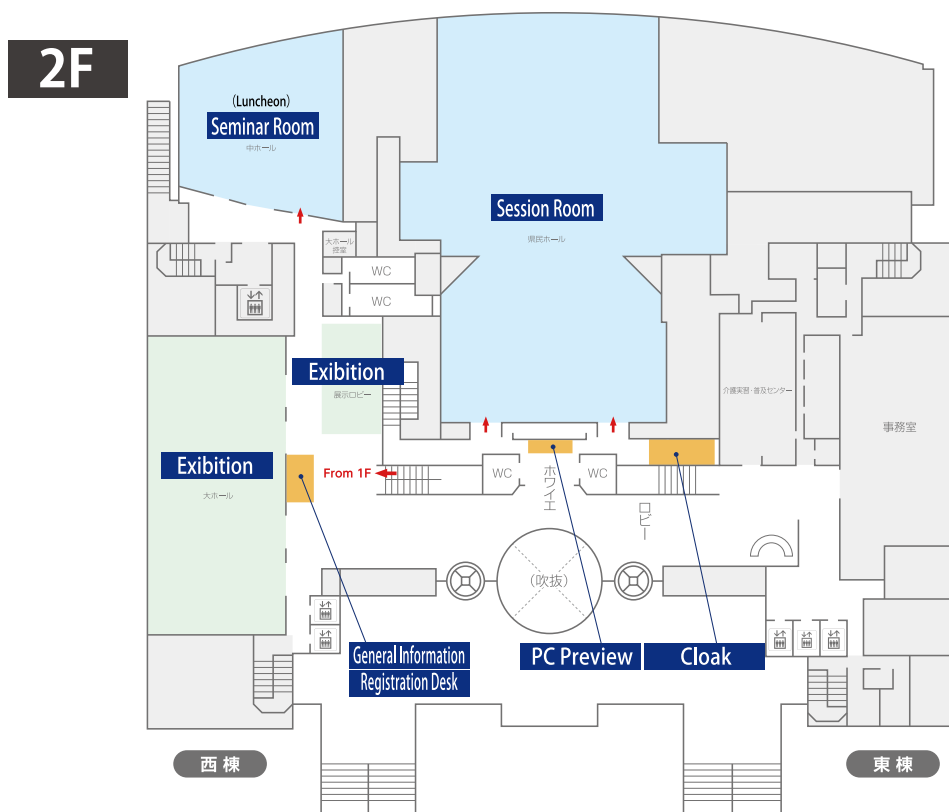
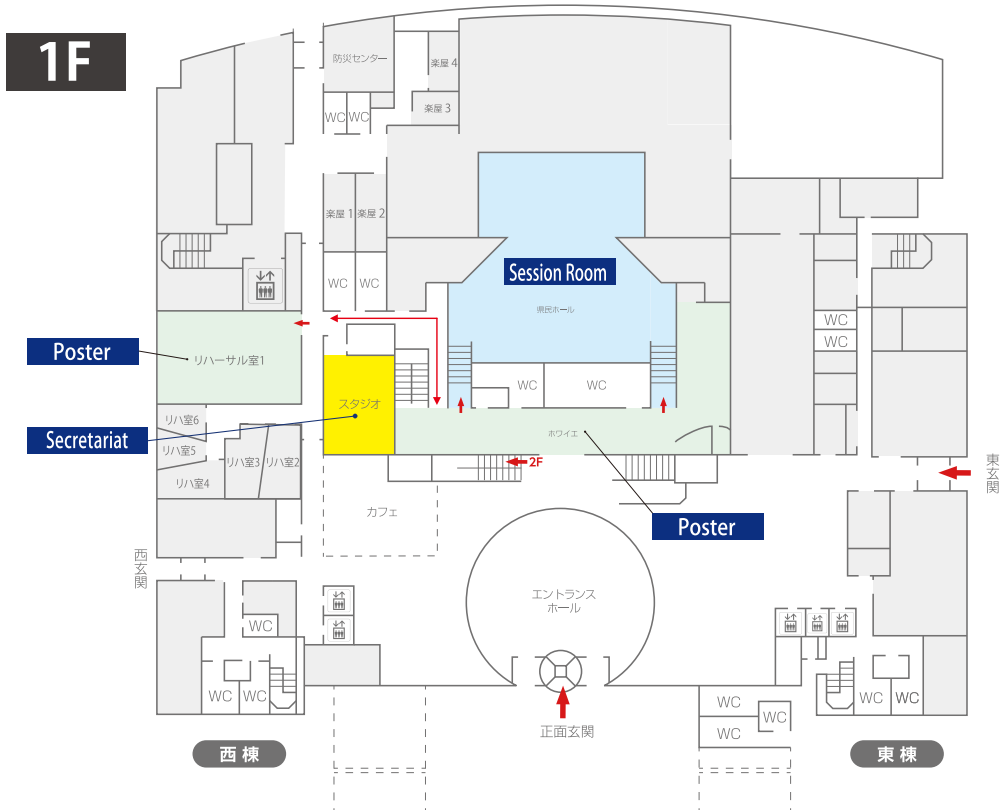
PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

JST	April 9 (Thu)	April 10 (Fri)	April 11 (Sat)	JST
8:00		Registration	8:00-9:00 Industry Workshop 4	8:00
		Opening Remarks		
9:00		9:00-10:30 Symposium 1	9:00-10:30 Symposium 4	9:00
10:00				10:00
		10:30-11:00 Poster Session & Exhibition Tour	10:30-11:00 Poster viewing & Exhibition Tour	
11:00		11:00-12:00 Plenary Lecture 1	11:00-12:00 Plenary Lecture 2	11:00
12:00		Break	Break	12:00
		12:10-13:10 Industry Workshop 1 (Luncheon)	12:10-13:10 Industry Workshop 5 (Luncheon)	
13:00		Break	Break	13:00
		13:15-13:45 Poster Session & Exhibition Tour	13:15-13:45 Poster viewing & Exhibition Tour	
14:00		Break	Break	14:00
	13:30-16:30 Site Tour	13:50-14:20 Industry Workshop 2	13:50-14:20 Industry Workshop 6	
		14:20-14:50 Industry Workshop 3	14:20-14:50 Industry Workshop 7	
15:00		Break	Break	15:00
		14:55-16:25 Symposium 2	14:55-16:25 Symposium 5	
16:00		Break		16:00
		16:30-18:00 Symposium 3	16:25-16:55 Closing Ceremony	
17:00	17:00-18:00 Board Meeting (Kagoshima Sun Royal Hotel)			17:00
18:00				18:00
	18:30-20:30 Chairman's Dinner (Kagoshima Sun Royal Hotel)	19:00-20:30 Welcome Reception (SHIROYAMA HOTEL Kagoshima)		19:00
19:00				19:00
20:00				20:00
20:30				20:30

VENUE LAYOUT

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Conference Date

April 9-11, 2026

Conference Venue

Kagoshima Prefectural Citizens Exchange Center
14-50 Yamashita-cho, Kagoshima-shi, Kagoshima, 892-0816, Japan

Session Room 2nd Floor, Prefectural Citizens' Hall
Poster Session 1st Floor, Prefectural Citizens' Hall
Luncheon Seminars (Industry Workshops) 2nd Floor, Medium-sized Hall
Exhibition Room 2nd Floor, Large-sized Hall

Official Language

The official language of CBS 2026 is English.

Coffee Break & Lunch

- Coffee breaks will be held inside the Exhibition Room located in the Large-sized Hall on the 2nd floor
- Boxed lunches will be served during the Industry Workshops on April 10-11 at the Luncheon Seminar (2nd Floor, Medium-sized Hall).

Hours of Operation

	April 10 (Fri)	April 11 (Sat)
Registration Desk (2nd Floor)	08:00-18:00	07:50-15:00
Speaker Preview Desk (2nd Floor)	07:50-18:00	07:50-15:00

Registration

On-site Registration

Medical Laboratory Scientist	JPY 15,000
Resident / Students	JPY 7,500
Doctor / Manufacturer	JPY 30,000

Payment of Registration Fees:

- Registration fees must be paid in advance through the online registration system available on the official conference website.
- Please note that payment in cash will not be accepted on-site during the conference period.
- Please make sure to complete your registration prior to attending the conference.
- Registration fees include program/abstract book, all symposium activities, exhibition and coffee breaks.

Conference Badge

- Conference badge will be provided to participants upon payment of the registration fee.
- Conference badges permit access to the conference from Thursday, April 9 to Saturday, April 11, 2026
- Your badge must be visible at all times during the conference.
- Your badge is required for admission to all sessions, exhibition hall, luncheons, and the welcome reception.

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For Pre-Registered Participants

- Conference badges and abstract books will be distributed at the registration desk.
- Please provide your name to the staff or present the confirmation email you received at the time of registration.

Certificate of Attendance

Certificate of attendance will be provided to all registered participants at the registration desk.

Presentation Guideline (Symposium & Plenary Lecture)

Presentation Format

- Oral presentations must be delivered using PC-based slides.
- Please prepare your presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint.
- If you are using a Windows PC, please bring your data on a USB flash drive.
- If your presentation includes video content or you are using a Macintosh, please bring your own laptop.
- The Presenter View feature cannot be used.

Notes on Bringing Presentation Media

- Please bring your presentation data on a USB flash drive.
- The conference PCs will be equipped with Windows 11 and Microsoft PowerPoint (Office 365 version).
- Use only standard system fonts (e.g., Arial, Times New Roman) to avoid display issues.
- If your presentation includes linked files (e.g., images, graphs), be sure to save all linked files in the same folder as your presentation. Please verify that your presentation works properly on a computer other than the one used to create it.
- During your presentation, you will operate the slides yourself using a mouse connected to the podium monitor.
- All presentation data submitted to the PC Preview Desk will be securely deleted after the conference.

Notes for Presenters Using Their Own Laptop

- Please ensure that your laptop has a working HDMI output. If your device uses a different type of output port, you must bring your own conversion adapter (e.g., USB-C to HDMI).
- Don't forget to bring your AC power adapter.
- Please note that we cannot guarantee proper operation for iPads, Surface devices, or other tablet PCs.
- As a precaution, please bring a backup copy of your presentation on a USB flash drive.
- After confirming that your laptop functions properly, please submit it to the PC operator (next to the Next Speaker's Seat) at least 15 minutes before your session.
- During your presentation, you will operate your slides using a mouse connected to the podium monitor.
- To ensure smooth session flow, the Presenter View feature in PowerPoint cannot be used.
- After your presentation, please promptly retrieve your laptop from the PC operator's desk in the session room.

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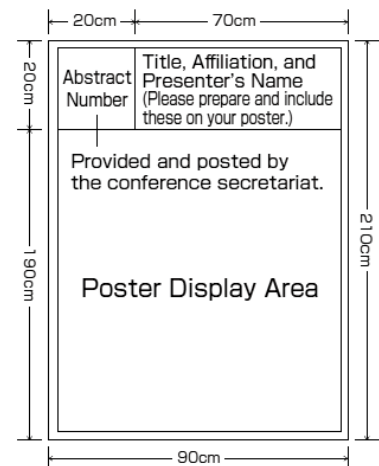
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Poster Presentation

- All presenters are requested to affix and remove posters on the appropriate dates and times as indicated below.
- The presenter is required to be present in front of the poster during the assigned presentation time (10:30–11:00 or 13:15–13:45) on April 10 (Fri) to give the presentation and answer questions from participants.

Place	1st Floor, Prefectural Citizens' Hall
Poster Set Up	April 10 (Fri) 8:00–09:30
Poster Dismantling	April 11 (Sat) 14:00–16:30
Poster Presentation	April 10 (Fri) Odd-numbered abstracts 10:30–11:00 Even-numbered abstracts 13:15–13:45
<i>(Presentation time will be assigned in advance for each poster.)</i>	



Poster Award

- The CBS 2026 Organizing Committee is pleased to offer the Best Poster Award, Poster Award, and Travel Award as part of its efforts to honor outstanding scientific performance and achievements. Award recipients will receive a certificate and prize.
- Award presentations will be held during the Welcome Reception on April 10 (Fri) from 19:00–20:30.

Kinds of awards	Number	Prize
Best poster award	2–3	¥50,000
Poster award	3–5	¥30,000
Travel award (only for overseas participants)	3–5	¥30,000 – ¥50,000
Special awards	To be announced on the day	

Official & Social Programs

Opening Ceremony

08:50–09:00 April 10 (Fri), Session Room :2nd Floor, Prefectural Citizens' Hall

Welcome Reception

19:00–20:30 April 10 (Fri), SHIROYAMA HOTEL Kagoshima

Closing Ceremony

16:25–16:55 April 11 (Sat) , Session Room :2nd Floor, Prefectural Citizens' Hall
At the end of CBS 2026, we promise to meet again at the next conference.

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Site Tour * Please note that the registration desk on Thursday, April 9 will be located in front of the hotel front desk on the 1st floor of the Kagoshima Sun Royal Hotel.

Date & Time	April 9 (Thu) 13:30–16:30
Course	Kagoshima Sun Royal Hotel → Sengan-en Garden → Kagoshima Sun Royal Hotel
Itinerary	April 9 (Thu) 13:30– Meet at Kagoshima Sun Royal Hotel 14:00–15:00 Sengan-en Garden tour with an English-speaking guide 15:00–16:00 Free time for exploration 16:00–16:30 Return to Kagoshima Sun Royal Hotel
Participation Fee	Free of charge

After the Conference

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