



Challenge and Growth:
Pioneering New Horizons in Endoscopic Surgery

22nd
**World Congress of
Endoscopic Surgery (WCES 2026)**

in conjunction with

39th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Endoscopic Surgery (JSES 2026)

September 2^(Wed) - 5^(Sat), 2026

Venue: PACIFICO Yokohama, JAPAN

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WCES-JSES 2026



Greeting

Shigeki YAMAGUCHI

Congress President of WCES-JSES 2026

Tokyo Women's Medical University

It is our great honor and pleasure to announce that the **22nd World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery (WCES)**, held in conjunction with the **39th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Endoscopic Surgery (JSES)**, will take place from **September 2 to 5, 2026, at PACIFICO Yokohama, Japan.**

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to host this prestigious congress. Following the successful 11th Congress in 2008, hosted by Professor Seigo Kitano, this marks a significant return of WCES to Japan. JSES, one of the largest endoscopic surgical societies in the world, is proud to welcome surgeons and medical professionals from across the globe for this international academic gathering. We hope it will serve not only as a valuable forum for scientific exchange and learning, but also as a platform for international friendship and collaboration.

The theme of the congress is **“Challenge and Growth: Pioneering New Horizons in Endoscopic Surgery”**. Endoscopic surgery has revolutionized the field of surgery. The progress we see today is the result of relentless challenges, creativity, and innovation—often in the face of resistance—toward the realization of minimally invasive surgery. In recent years, the increasing adoption of robotic-assisted procedures has ushered in a new era of surgical precision and refinement. Through this congress, we aim to reflect on past achievements and challenges, while also sharing and exploring new technologies and methodologies that will shape the future of endoscopic surgery.

Japan is also a country rich in culture, tourism, and culinary delights. From Yokohama, you can easily visit Tokyo, Mount Fuji, and the hot springs of Atami. Even the historic city of Kyoto is just under two hours away by bullet train. We sincerely hope you will enjoy not only the congress but also your stay in Japan.

We look forward to welcoming you to Yokohama in early September, at the close of summer, for what promises to be a memorable and inspiring event.



Greeting

Masafumi INOMATA

Congress Vice-President of WCES-JSES2026

Oita University Faculty of Medicine

It is a great honor to serve as Vice-President for the 39th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Endoscopic Surgery (JSES) and the 22nd World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery (WCES 2026), to be held in September 2026 at PACIFICO Yokohama. I am committed to fully supporting, Professor Shigeki Yamaguchi, Congress President. I intend to draw upon my experience as Executive Secretary during the previous WCES held in Japan in 2008 (President Seigo Kitano), and I am determined to contribute to the success of this 3rd WCES hosted in Japan.

This congress is distinguished by its international scope, hosted by JSES and welcoming participants from IFSES member societies around the world-including surgeons, medical professionals, researchers, and industry representatives. Under the theme “Challenge and Growth: Pioneering New Horizons in Endoscopic Surgery,” I am confident that this congress will serve as a valuable opportunity to explore the future of endoscopic surgery together with our global colleagues.

I sincerely look forward to welcoming you all to Yokohama in September 2026.



CONGRESS OVERVIEW

Date : September 2 (Wed) - 5 (Sat), 2026

Venue : PACIFICO Yokohama, JAPAN

1-1-1 Minato Mirai, Nishi-ku, Yokohama 220-0012, Japan

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IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission will start from

December 3, 2025 - January 14, 2026.

Please see more details at the official congress website at:

<https://site2.convention.co.jp/wces-jses2026/>



	Wednesday, September 2	Thursday, September 3	Friday, September 4	Saturday, September 5
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
AM		Program	Program	Program
PM	Program	Program	Program	Program
Social Event	Opening Ceremony/ Welcome Reception	—	Japan Night	—

Topics and Category for abstract submission

Group

1	Residents, Specialty Trainees, and Medical Students	21	Small intestine
2	Medical Staff / Nurses (Safety Management, Anesthesia Assistance, Education, Others)	22	Benign colorectal and anal disease
3	Medical Staff / Clinical Engineers (Safety Management, Maintenance Management, Others)	23	Malignant colorectal and anal disease
4	Surgical instruments and devices	24	Liver
5	Emergency medicine	25	Gallbladder and common bile duct
6	Transplant surgery	26	Pancreas
7	Brain and nervous system	27	Spleen
8	Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery	28	Hernia, abdominal wall, and peritoneum
9	Breast	29	Obesity and metabolism
10	Benign pulmonary disease and pneumothorax	30	Pediatric surgery
11	Malignant pulmonary disease	31	Adrenal gland
12	Airway	32	Kidney and ureter
13	Mediastinum	33	Bladder and prostate
14	Thoracic sympathetic trunk	34	Other Topics in Urology
15	Heart and great vessels	35	Uterus
16	Peripheral vessels	36	Ovary
17	Benign esophageal disease	37	Other Topics in Gynecology
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ABOUT HOST CITY

Why Yokohama?

Yokohama is a uniquely forward-thinking and international Japanese city, thanks in part to its history as the first port in Japan to open up to the world, over 160 years ago.

GET TO KNOW YOKOHAMA IN 15 FACTS

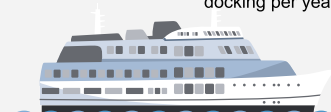
17 degrees average
year-round mild climate
(63°F)
27 degrees average in the summer,
6 degrees in the winter



30 minutes
from Tokyo International
airport (Haneda)
by public transport

188
cruise ships
docking per year

30 minutes from central Tokyo by train



All-in-One convention area



No.1
venue in Japan

by number of international conferences:
PACIFICO Yokohama

90% waste recycled
at PACIFICO Yokohama,
with a target of 100%



Within 15 minutes walking distance
from the venue

8,800+
hotel rooms

including 5-star hotels, and
8 more hotels to come by 2027

800+
shops & restaurants
specializing in a variety of global cuisines

2nd
largest city
in Japan

3.7million population

160 years bridging East and West, and
celebrating international exchange



26
universities

157 R&D headquarters
for major global corporations



47 museums and art galleries,
as well as other cultural attractions



ZERO Carbon Yokohama
target to be carbon neutral by 2050

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ABOUT HOST VENUE

PACIFICO Yokohama

PACIFICO Yokohama, which is located in the waterfront area of the Minato Mirai 21 district, a new town in Yokohama, is one of the largest convention complexes in the world.

As one of the world's largest convention complexes, PACIFICO Yokohama is designed to include all necessary functions to organize meetings, conventions, exhibitions, and events, such as theater style halls, conference rooms, exhibition halls and a hotel. The building, whose exterior is beautiful and unique, has become one of the landmarks in Yokohama.

At PACIFICO Yokohama, about 1,000 events take place and more than four million people come to visit annually.

Especially in terms of international conferences, it is one of the most popular convention venues in Japan.

According to the statistics on international conferences in 2014 published by Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO), PACIFICO Yokohama ranks top for the number of international conferences held, attendees, and overseas visitors.



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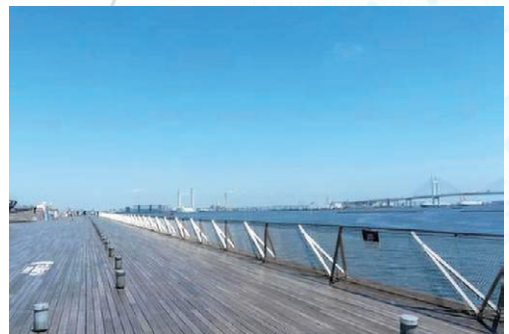
Yamashita Park Yokohama Marine Tower

Yamashita Park is a beautiful seaside park in Yokohama, located along the waterfront near the Port of Yokohama. It offers scenic views of the bay, open green spaces, and famous landmarks such as the Hikawa Maru ship and the Marine Tower. It's a relaxing spot for walking, sightseeing, and enjoying the sea breeze.



Osanbashi Hall (Yokohama International Passenger Terminal)

Osanbashi Hall is a modern event space located within the Yokohama International Passenger Terminal. With its unique architecture and panoramic views of Yokohama Bay, the hall hosts exhibitions, cultural events, and international conferences. Its waterfront location makes it a striking venue for both public and private gatherings.



Sankeien Garden

Sankeien Garden is a traditional Japanese garden in Yokohama, featuring historic buildings, seasonal flowers, and peaceful walking paths. Originally created by a wealthy silk merchant in the early 20th century, the garden offers a beautiful glimpse into Japan's cultural and architectural heritage. It's a perfect spot for a relaxing stroll in nature.



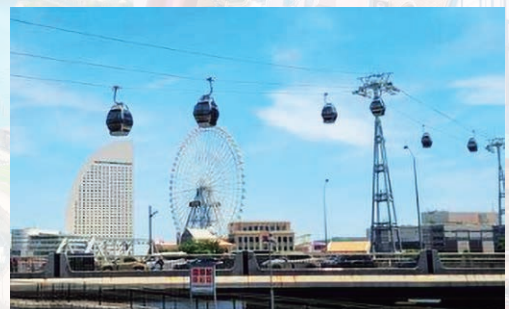
CUPNOODLES MUSEUM

The Cup Noodles Museum Yokohama is an interactive museum dedicated to the history and innovation of instant noodles. It honors the work of Momofuku Ando, the inventor of instant ramen, and showcases the impact of his creation on global food culture. Visitors can explore engaging exhibits, participate in hands-on workshops, and even create their own custom Cup Noodles. The museum offers a unique educational experience for all ages.



Yokohama Air Cabin

The Yokohama Air Cabin is Japan's first urban aerial ropeway, providing a scenic connection between Sakuragicho Station and Unga Park in the vibrant Minato Mirai district. Offering a unique perspective of the city's skyline and waterfront, this innovative mode of transport combines convenience with panoramic views, making it a memorable experience for visitors to Yokohama.



パシフィコ横浜への路線図
Railway Route Map to PACIFICO



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