

APICA is the abbreviation for the Asia Pacific International Congress of Anatomists.



APICA has been held in Asian and Pacific cities. Okayama congress is 12th.

Seoul, Korea (1996)
Beijing, China (1999)
Hamamatsu, Japan (2002)
Kuşadası, Türkiye (2005)
Tehran, Iran (2008)
Surabaya, Indonesia (2011)
Singapore (2016)
Busan, Korea (2018)
Beijing, China (2020)*
Dunedin, NZ (2023)
Guangzhou, China (2025)
Okayama, Japan (2027)

(cancelled due to COVID*)

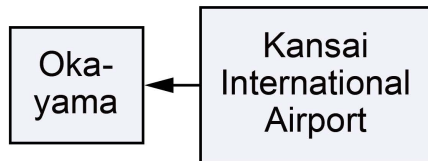
Anatomists from all over the world are warmly welcome to participate.



Foreign participants can reach Okayama either via Okayama International Airport



or via Kansai International Airport (Osaka).



It takes 2 hours to get to Okayama from Kansai International Airport. (Kansai is a region in Western Japan.)

APICA 2027 will be held together with JAA (Japanese Association of Anatomists) meeting.



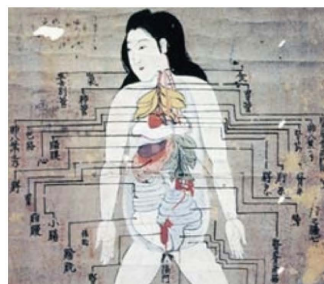
In Japan, there are over 80 medical schools.

The joint meeting is expected to include about 1,200 participants.



250 oral presentations
450 poster presentations

Japan was the first Asian country to publish modern anatomy book in 1774.



New Book of Anatomy (Kaitai Shinsho, 解體新書)

For this book, anatomical terms in Chinese characters were created.

Nerve = 神經
(meaning mysterious route)

Even today, Japan, China, and Korea use many anatomical terms invented at that time.

In 1893, JAA was founded.

**Anatomical
Science
International** JAA
official
journal

At APICA 2027, both traditional Japanese heritage (19th century) and modern Japanese challenge (21st century) can be experienced.

Build strong relationships with Japanese anatomists and scientists.



There have been 27 Japanese Nobel laureates in science.

Academic activities alone are not the only reason to visit Okayama.



Fun tram in Okayama

Okayama is a small, simple, and calm city.

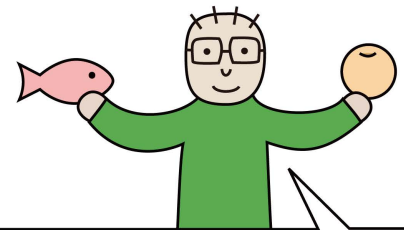


There, you can feel generosity and kindness.

Do not miss traditional attractions such as the castle, garden, and shrine.



Another highlight is the local flavor.



Okayama is famous for seafood and fruits. Therefore, you will become a macrophage.

You can continue traveling to the nearby Kurashiki.



Exactly, Okayama City and Kurashiki City belong to Okayama Prefecture.

Or nearby Shikoku.



Shikoku is the fourth-largest island in Japan.

Otherwise, you can visit larger cities.



Great chance to explore Japan

Hopefully, you have heard about Osaka or Hiroshima.

Osaka and Hiroshima are the third- and eleventh-largest cities in Japan by population.



Osaka



Hiroshima

Okayama is connected to Osaka and Hiroshima by Shinkansen (bullet train).



It takes only 45 minutes in either direction.

In Japan, March is a very beautiful season.



The unforgettable cherry blossoms are expected.

Personally, I cannot forget the elegant spring in Hamamatsu where APICA 2002 and JAA meeting were held.



Traveling in Japan is safe.



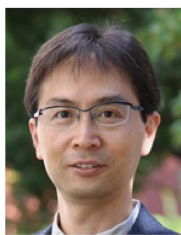
Japan is one of the few countries where beggars are rarely seen.

Moreover, the cost of living in Japan is currently reasonable.



There are many reasons why Japan attracts foreign tourists.

The theme of APICA 2027 is "Synergy and Emergence."



Prof. Ikegami
(President of APICA 2027)

At APICA 2027, Synergy for the next generation will Emerge.



Prof. Nakajima
(President of JAA)

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(President of the Japanese Association of Anatomists, Okayama University School of Medicine)

In conjunction with The 132nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association of Anatomists

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