



The XXIst IAGA Workshop

Second Circular

(April 15, 2026)

Abstract submission and registration are now open through the workshop website. Please refer to the information below for details on how to submit your abstract, access the registration form, and more.

Workshop website: <https://kakioka2026.org>

1. Key Dates

All dates are in 2026 and follow Japan Standard Time (JST), unless otherwise noted.

Date	Event
March 20	Opening of travel support applications
April 15	Opening of registration, abstract submission, and instrument comparison application
May 15	Deadline for travel support applications (23:59 JST)
June 30	Deadline for abstract submission and instrument comparison application (23:59 JST)
July 31	Registration deadline (23:59 JST)
October 25–30	KAKIOKA2026 Workshop

2. Registration

2.1 Registration Fees

Category	Fee	Notes
Regular	60,000 JPY	—
Graduate/Undergraduate Students	30,000 JPY	A valid student ID is required.
Accompanying Persons	30,000 JPY	Must register together with a regular participant.

2.2 Payment

The registration fee must be paid through the online registration system by the deadline below.

Accepted payment methods: major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, JCB, and American Express, Diners).

Payments are processed securely through the registration platform.

Payment deadline

September 30, 2026 (23:59 JST). Your registration will be confirmed once the LOC has verified your payment.

Cancellation policy

- **Before September 30, 2026 (23:59 JST):** A full refund will be issued, minus any bank transfer or processing fees.
- **On or after October 1, 2026:** No refund will be provided.

2.3 Registration Procedure

1. **Access the online registration system.** URL: https://amarys-jtb.jp/kakioka2026_registration/
2. **Complete the required information.** Enter your personal details, affiliation, presentation information (if applicable), and participant category (regular, student, or accompanying person). Students must upload a valid student ID.
3. **Submit your registration form.** Please submit your registration form by **July 31, 2026**. Payment is not required at the time of form submission.
4. **Complete the payment by the deadline.** Please complete payment no later than **September 30, 2026 (23:59 JST)**.
5. **Keep your confirmation email.** After payment has been confirmed, you will receive a registration confirmation email for your records.

3. Scientific Sessions and Abstract Submission

We invite abstracts for oral and poster presentations in the scientific sessions of KAKIOKA2026.

3.1 Abstract Submission Procedure

1. **Access the online abstract submission system.** URL: <https://smartconf.jp/auth/register/kakioka2026/>
2. **Log in or create an account.** Use the online system to sign in or create a new account.
3. **Enter the required information.** Provide the title, authors, affiliations, presenting author, and preferred

presentation type, your Session, etc.

4. Submit the abstract. Type or paste the abstract text into the system and complete the submission.

3.2 Submission Requirements

Item	Requirement
Language	English
Abstract length	Up to 500 words (excluding the title, authors, and affiliations)
Keywords	Up to 3 keywords
Figures/Tables	Not accepted; abstracts must be text only

Session selection: Please select the most relevant scientific session from the list in Section 3.3.

Presenting author and correspondence: The presenting author must be identified at submission. All correspondence will be sent to the submitting author's registered email.

Review and notification: Abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Program Committee. Notification of acceptance and presentation type (oral or poster) will be sent in late July or early August 2026.

Registration requirement: The presenting author must register for the workshop using the separate registration system by Section 2.3.

Edits and withdrawal: Abstracts may be edited in the system until the submission deadline. It is not possible to make any changes to the abstract after the deadline.

Publication: Accepted abstracts will be published in the workshop program/abstract book. Minor editorial adjustments may be made.

3.3 Scientific Session Topics

- Magnetic observatories and networks
- Magnetic measurement and data processing
- Instrumentation
- Geomagnetic data applications (magnetic charts, secular variation, and space weather)

4. Instrument Comparison Session

4.1 Registration Procedure

Participants in the **instrument comparison session** for DI measurements should complete the entry form by

June 30, 2026 (23:59 JST). URL: <https://forms.office.com/r/wdKeMqNS09>

- Please provide information such as the number of theodolites and their specifications.
- **Only one representative** from each institution needs to submit this form.
- This information is required for **providing advance information to customs** by the LOC. For details on customs procedures, please see Section 6.2.

4.2 Measurement Time Slots

Time slots and pillar assignments will be determined by the LOC and announced in the Third Circular.

5. Summer School

The IAGA-organized Summer School will be held on 26 to 27 October. The school covers topics such as observational methods, instrumentation, and data processing, etc., for magnetic station operation. Further details will be announced by the IAGA organizer. See also: https://kakioka2026.org/Summer_School.html

6. Visa and Customs Information

6.1 Visa and Invitation Letter

Please note that it is the participant's responsibility to check visa requirements and apply for a visa if necessary. The LOC cannot provide direct assistance with visa applications.

If you require an invitation letter, please submit your request through the registration platform (Section 2.3) by **July 31, 2026**.

Required information:

- Full name (as written in your passport)
- Institution

Please note that preparing the invitation letter takes approximately three weeks, and delays in submitting your request may result in the LOC being unable to issue the letter.

6.2 Customs Procedures for Importing and Exporting Instruments

Participants are fully responsible for all procedures related to bringing instruments into and out of Japan.

Depending on the equipment and its specifications, certain procedures may be required under Japan's Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act.

To help facilitate customs processing, the LOC **recommends** the following:

- Prepare a non-applicability certificate in advance, if applicable.
- Confirm with your local chamber of commerce or customs authority whether an ATA Carnet is available and suitable for your equipment.
- The LOC will inform Japanese customs authorities in advance of participants who are bringing instruments.

For this advance notification, please provide the following information via the form described in Section 4.1:

- Type of instrument (both theodolite and magnetometer)
- Airports for inbound and outbound travel, including:
 - Your departure airport and Japanese airport of arrival
 - Japanese airport of departure and your destination airport
- Arrival and departure dates at Japanese airports

These measures are intended to facilitate smoother customs processing, but they do not replace official customs requirements. Participants remain responsible for completing all necessary procedures.

7. Travel Support

Applications for travel support for early-career staff and students are currently being accepted. The deadline is **May 15, 2026 (23:59 JST)**.

Details: <https://kakioka2026.org/Registration.html>

8. Social Events

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony will be held on the evening of October 25 as a standing reception.

Banquet

The banquet will take place on the evening of October 28 at Ibaraki Flower Park.

Excursion

Cultural activities and local excursions will be offered on October 26 and October 27, with the same content on both days. Tours of Kakioka Magnetic Observatory are also under consideration.

9. Access to Ishioka

The LOC will provide shuttle bus service between **Narita Airport and Ishioka**. The schedules are as follows.

Outbound (Narita Airport → Ishioka)

	Bus 1	Bus 2
Oct. 25	10:30 Boarding the shuttle 11:00 Departure from Narita Airport 12:30 Arrival in Ishioka	15:30 Boarding the shuttle 16:00 Departure from Narita Airport 17:30 Arrival in Ishioka

Return (Ishioka → Narita Airport)

	Bus 1	Bus 2
Oct. 31	07:45 Boarding the shuttle 08:00 Departure from Ishioka 09:30 Arrival at Narita Airport	11:45 Boarding the shuttle 12:00 Departure from Ishioka 13:30 Arrival at Narita Airport

All times are in JST.

Additional Notes

- There is ample seating capacity on the shuttle buses. However, in the unlikely event that capacity is exceeded, participants may be asked to use public transportation.
- For the outbound trip, participants are kindly requested to arrive in time for Bus 1 whenever possible, to allow boarding to be smoothly managed across multiple buses. Please note that, depending on the overall arrangement, some participants may be asked to board Bus 2 even if they arrive in time for Bus 1.

10. Contact Information and Organization

Hosted by	IAGA V-OBS, Japan Meteorological Agency, and the KAKIOKA2026 LOC
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Final Checklist before Submission

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration for the workshop	https://amarys-jtb.jp/kakioka2026_registration/
<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstract submission (for presenters)	https://smartconf.jp/auth/register/kakioka2026/
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entry for the Instrument Session (for participants)	https://forms.office.com/r/wdKeMqNS09