



The XXIst IAGA Workshop

Third Circular

(October 7, 2026)

This is the final circular for KAKIOKA2026. Please review the information provided herein and use it to help you prepare for your journey. Additional information is also available on the website below, so please check it as necessary.

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

1. Workshop Overview

1.1 Venues and Transportation

Instrument Comparison Session and Summer School: Kakioka Magnetic Observatory, Japan Meteorological Agency ([Google Map](#))

Scientific Session: Fureai-no-Sato Ishioka Himawari-no-Yakata ([Google Map](#))

Transportation between **Hotel Route-Inn Ishioka** and the workshop venues will be provided by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Participants are kindly requested to use the designated shuttle bus service. The bus will depart each morning at **08:00**.

1.2 Check-in

Participants attending the **Instrument Session** and/or the **Summer School** are requested to check in at **Kakioka Magnetic Observatory**, where your name badge and program booklet will be distributed.

Participants attending the workshop from the **Scientific Session** onward are requested to check in at the conference venue, where they will receive their name badges and program booklets. Those who have already checked in at **Kakioka Magnetic Observatory** do not need to check in again at the conference venue.

1.3 Meals

Lunch will be provided throughout the workshop, and dinner will be provided on **25 and 28 October**. These meals are included in the registration fee.

Participants are responsible for arranging their own dinner on **26, 27, 29, and 30 October**. A number of restaurants, supermarkets, and convenience stores are located near Hotel Route-Inn Ishioka.

1.4 Workshop Schedule at a Glance

	Oct.25	Oct.26			Oct.27			Oct.28		Oct.29	Oct.30	Oct.31	
	Sun	Mon			Tue			Wed		Thu	Fri	Sat	
8:00	Narita Airport → Hotel Route-INN Ishioka (shuttle) (2 departures)	Hotel → Observatory (shuttle)			Hotel → Observatory (shuttle)				Hotel → Conference venue (shuttle)	Hotel → Conference venue (shuttle)	Hotel → Conference venue (shuttle)	Hotel Route-INN Ishioka → Narita Airport (shuttle) (2 departures)	
8:30													
9:00		DI measurement	Summer School-1	KAK guided tour	DI measurement	Summer School-4 (KAK guided tour)		DI measurement (Back up slot)		Oral session 3	Oral session 7		
9:30													
10:00			Coffee							Coffee break	Coffee break		
10:30													
11:00		DI measurement	Summer School-1		DI measurement			DI measurement (Back up slot)		Oral session 4	Oral session 8		
11:30													
12:00			Lunch			Lunch			Lunch		Lunch		
12:30			Excursion			Excursion							
13:00													
13:30		DI measurement	Summer School-2	KAK guided tour	DI measurement	Summer School-5	KAK guided tour	Keynote talk 1		Keynote talk 3			
14:00								Oral session 1		Oral session 5	Oral session 9		
14:30		Coffee								Coffee break			
15:00						Coffee		Coffee break			Closing ceremony		
15:30		DI measurement	Summer School-3		DI measurement	Summer School-5		Keynote talk 2		Oral session 6			
16:00								Oral session 2					
16:30													
17:00		Observatory → Hotel (shuttle)			Observatory → Hotel (shuttle)			Conference venue → Banquet place (shuttle)					
17:30										Conference venue → Hotel (shuttle)	Conference venue → Hotel (shuttle)		
18:00								Banquet					
18:30	Opening ceremony + light refreshments												
19:00													
19:30													
20:00													
20:30								Banquet place → Hotel (shuttle)					
21:00													

2. For Participants in the Instrument Comparison Session

2.1 Measurement Schedule

Measurement slots have been assigned by the organizers. Please refer to the table below to confirm your assigned measurement time and pillar number. **If you cannot find your name in the table below, please contact the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).**

Date		Monday, 26 October 2026			
Pillar		No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4
AM	1	Anna Willer	Katie Pogi	Andrew Lewis	Alexandre Gonsette
	2	Tanja Petersen	Ana Caccavari	Emmanuel Nahayo	Sang Cheol Han
PM	3	Benoit HEUMEZ	Olivia Nghinaundafa Jonas	Tomáš Bayer	Metodi Metodiev
	4			Marcos Vinicius Siqueira da Silva	

Date		Tuesday, 27 October 2026			
Pillar		No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4
AM	1	Tero Raita	Issam Al-Khoubbi	Csaba Hegymegi	Jean Rasson
	2	Hiroki Nakasako	Issam Al-Khoubbi	Alan Berarducci	
PM	3	Daria Mikhaylova	Alec Berarducci	Christopher Turbitt	Adam Domjan
	4		Alec Berarducci		Laszlo Merenyi

2.2 Observation Pillar

The measurement pillars are shown in Photo 1 below.

Please note that theodolites equipped with the mounting plate cannot be used for measurements.

Participants are kindly requested to remove the plate in advance (see Photo 2).



Photo 1. Observation Pillar

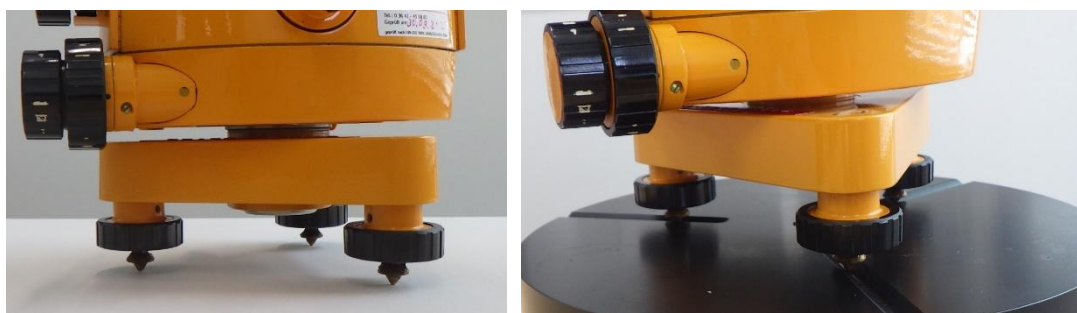


Photo 2. Theodolite without Mounting Plate

2.3 Other Information

Printed observation forms (field sheets) will be provided at Kakioka, so there is no need to prepare your own. The form shown in [measurement-sheet_kak2026.pdf](#) will be used during the workshop.

Participants are requested to record their measurements on the printed observation forms during the observations. After completing the measurements, please input your measurement data by yourself into a PC provided at Kakioka. Data entry is to be made on **XMagPy** window.

3. For Participants in the Scientific Session

3.1 Oral Presentations

Each presentation is allocated **15 minutes in total, including 3 minutes for questions and discussion**.

Presentation files will be collected in advance by the **Scientific Organizing Committee (SOC)** and made available on the presentation computer at the venue. Therefore, presenters do not need to bring their own computers. Information on how to submit presentation files will be provided separately by the SOC.

3.2 Poster Presentations

The poster session core time will be held on the **morning of 28 October**.

Poster presenters are requested to remove their posters by the end of the **Closing Ceremony on the final day**. Poster locations will be indicated at the venue. Please refer to the on-site instructions and display your poster in the designated location. The space allocated to each presenter is **120 cm (height) × 90 cm (width)**. Please prepare your poster in **A0 portrait format**.

4. For Participants in Social Events

4.1 Opening Ceremony

Venue: Grand Mariage Ishioka ([Google Map](#))

Date and Time: 25 October, 18:30-20:30

Other Information: Please make your own way to the venue. It is approximately a 10-minute walk from **Hotel Route-Inn Ishioka**. A light standing buffet will be provided.

4.2 Excursion

Program: Details will be revealed on the day (same program on both days)

Date and Time: 26 or 27 October, 09:00-16:30 (tentative)

Meeting Point: Hotel Route-Inn Ishioka

Departure: 08:30

Return: approximately 16:30

Other Information: Excursion day assignments have been arranged by the organizers. Please search for your name in [KAKIOKA2026 Excursion Group Assignment List.pdf](#) and confirm the date assigned to you.

4.3 Banquet

Date and Time: 28 October, 18:00-20:00

Venue: Ibaraki Flower Park

Other Information: Shuttle buses will be provided from the Scientific Session venue to the banquet place. Return buses to **Hotel Route-Inn Ishioka** will also be available after the banquet. A standing buffet dinner will be served.

5. Airport–Ishioka Shuttle Bus

Meeting point, Narita-Airport Terminal 1, South Wing, 1st Floor

Link to Narita-Airport website: [map](#)

LOC will provide shuttle from **Narita Airport** to Ishioka.

The timetable is as follows:

- For outward



	Bus 1	Bus 2
Oct. 25 th	10:30 Boarding the shuttle 11:00 Departure 12:30 Arrival at Ishioka	15:30 Boarding the shuttle 16:00 Departure 17:30 Arrival at Ishioka

- For return

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

* All times above are in JST.

If you are unable to catch the airport shuttle bus, please travel to the venue by public transportation. We recommend checking the transportation guide in the PDF below in advance.

[Travel info KAKIOKA2026.pdf](#)

6. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. Is it cold in Japan?

A. In a typical year, the daily high (low) temperature in October-November is approximately **16°C (5°C)**.

Q. What are the voltage and plug type in Japan?

A. The standard power supply in Japan is **100 V / 50 Hz**, and the plug type is **Type A**.

Q. How expensive is Japan?

A. As a rough guide, a **500 mL bottle of water** costs around **1 USD**, and dinner can typically cost **less than USD 10**.

Q. Is smoking allowed?

A. Smoking is not permitted inside the workshop venues. Please use designated smoking areas. In addition, smoking on public streets is prohibited.

Q. Are there any currency exchange services near the venue?

A. Currency exchange services are very limited in Ishioka. However, cash withdrawals using international cards are generally available at ATMs in convenience stores such as **7-Eleven**.

Q. Is Uber available near the venue?

A. No, Uber services are not available in the area.

Q. Is Wi-Fi available at the venues?

A. Wi-Fi is **not available at Kakioka Magnetic Observatory**. Wi-Fi is available at **Himawari-no-Yakata**, and connection information will be provided on-site.

7. Useful Websites

Weather Forecasts for Japan

The following website provides weather information and forecasts for destinations throughout Japan:

[Japan National Tourism Organization \(JNTO\) Weather Guide](#)

"Safety tips" Disaster Information App

A smartphone application providing emergency alerts and disaster-related information for international visitors to Japan:

[Safety tips Information Leaflet](#)

8. Contact Information and Organization

Organized by	IGA Division V WG V-OBS
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