

# 55th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurology “Keep Pioneering”



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# Message from the President



Jun-ichi Kira, M.D., Ph.D.

Congress President

55th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurology  
Department of Neurology, Neurological Institute  
Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kyushu University

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to host the 55th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurology, to be held at the Fukuoka International Congress Center and other venues from May 21st (Wednesday) to 24th (Saturday), 2014. It is a great honor for me to serve as the Congress President of this prominent meeting.

The aim of our society is not only to benefit physicians who specialize in neurology but also to bring about wellbeing for all of society by deciphering the mechanisms of neurological disease and developing novel treatments. Neurological disease is having an increasing influence on national health, and the responsibility and role of our society are rapidly growing every year. Therefore, I firmly believe that the purpose of this scientific meeting is to discuss the latest and most significant research achievements in the study of neurological disease and clinical neuroscience and to share the information among all members.

It was exactly 50 years ago that the first independent neurology department in Japan was established in Kyushu University Hospital, when a new history of neurology commenced in Japan. The motto of the first chairperson, the late Professor Yoshigoro Kuroiwa, was “Keep Pioneering”. Physicians from the internal medicine and psychiatry departments, who believed that specialized neurologists were keenly required to catch up with neurology in Western countries, actively participated in the launch of the new department in 1963. After a half century has elapsed, I believe that we need to revitalize the spirit of these founders who established neurology in Japan and Asia, and to continue with efforts to solve existing medical issues through innovation with passion and dreams for the future.

For this scientific meeting, we have decided on the main theme of “**Keep Pioneering**”. We are developing a variety of plans to further enrich the existing programs and also to conduct academic meetings that will be significant for all participating doctors. For the Special Lecture, we will invite Professor Richard Ransohoff from Cleveland Clinic, USA, who is a premier neurologist. We will also invite more than twenty leading experts in each field of neurology and clinical neuroscience from around the world, including Professor Steven G. Younkin (Mayo Clinic, USA), Professor Jorge Oksenberg (University of California San Francisco, USA), and Professor Hans Luders (Case Western Reserve University, USA).






The congress poster adopts the design of a famous textile of the city, Hakata-ori texture, which expresses waves from the Japan sea to Hakata Bay overlaid with the globe showing East Asia. Hakata is an ancient name of Fukuoka city, which has been Japan's gateway to Asian countries and the location of vigorous international exchange and interaction for more than 2000 years. Therefore, we eagerly wish for many neurologists from Asia to actively participate in the meeting. As the Congress President's special program, we will have International Sessions in collaboration with the American Academy of Neurology and the East Asian Neurology Forum, where not only international integrated neurological science symposia covering Clinical Neuroscience, Dementia, Stroke, Motor Neuron Disease, Parkinson Disease, Demyelinating Disease, and Epilepsy, but also international education sessions including. Telemedicine and International Hands-on will be held. These sessions, which will be carried out in English for entire days, will enormously facilitate the exchange of new information and novel ideas among international attendees. These international programs will be the keynote messages of “**Keep Pioneering from Asia to the World**”. I expect that they will also become footholds in the development of neurological research in Asia.

We are determined to offer a venue that encourages active exchange between physicians engaged in clinical neurology and neurological research in Asia and throughout the world, and to realize an inspiring scientific meeting worthy of the main theme of “Keep Pioneering”. I, together with all my colleagues, will spare no effort in engaging in preparations over the next year. We greatly appreciate your active participation in the meeting and warm support.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Fukuoka soon.

# Congress Information

<b>Meeting</b>	55th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurology	
<b>Theme</b>	Keep Pioneering	
<b>President</b>	<b>Jun-ichi Kira, M.D., Ph.D.</b> Professor Department of Neurology, Neurological Institute, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kyushu University	
<b>Date</b>	May 21 (Wed) to 24 (Sat) , 2014	
<b>Venue</b>	<div> <b>Fukuoka International Congress Center</b>            2-1 Sekijo-machi, Hakata-ku,            Fukuoka 812-0032, JAPAN            TEL: +81-92-262-4111            </div> <div> <b>Fukuoka Sunpalace</b>            2-1 Chikkohon-machi, Hakata-ku,            Fukuoka 812-0021, JAPAN            TEL: +81-92-272-1123            </div> <div> <b>Fukuoka Kokusai Center</b>            2-2 Chikkohon-machi, Hakata-ku,            Fukuoka 812-0021, JAPAN            TEL: +81-92-272-1111            </div>	
<b>Language</b>	<b>Japanese/English</b> ※English sessions are scheduled everyday throughout the meeting. ※Simultaneous interpretation is available for educational programs and President Lecture.	

# Registration

Registration for the 55th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurology is available onsite at the Fukuoka International Congress Center.

## Registration Fee (onsite)

Category	JPY
Participant from Abroad	6,000
Travel Grant Awardee	3,000
Students	Free of Charge

## Method of Payment

We accept payment by Japanese Yen cash and credit card (VISA, Master Card, JCB, AMEX, Diners) only.

## Program & Abstract Book

Copies of the Abstract Book are available at the registration desk. (JPY 4,000 per copy)  
 A pocket-size program book (without abstracts) will be distributed to all participants.

## Badges

For security reasons, name badges must be worn at all times during the meeting and at social functions.

## Visa Requirements

Passport holders of China, India, Russia, Philippine, Indonesia, NIS countries and other nationalities that do not have visa exemption agreements with Japan require entry visa to Japan. Check to see if you require visa through "Guide to Japanese Visa" at the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/index.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html)

The 55th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurology can issue visa support letters for speakers, chairs, guests, participants with abstract submissions, and their accompanying persons. If you require one, please fill out a "Visa Support Request Form" (available at the meeting website) completely, and send it to the congress secretariat office by e-mail.

**Application deadline: April 23 (Wed.) 2014**

Please note that we are unable to assist with any requests received after the deadline. As the visa application process requires minimum of 4-6 weeks, we suggest you to start the application procedure well in advance.



May 21 Wed, 2014

Public Program

 Simultaneous interpretation

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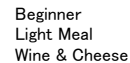
Program is as of February 19, 2014 and is subject to change.

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# 55th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurology

Day 4

May 24 Sat, 2014

Symposium

Educational Program

Oral Session

Public Program

ENG English Session or Session with English Interpretation  
Simultaneous interpretation

Beginner  
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	Symposium	Hall 1・2		Opening		Satellite Symposium Neurologists in the World Part 1		Lunch		Satellite Symposium Neurologists in the World Part 2		Closing Ceremony				

## Telemedicine

We are planning to try telemedicine sessions on epilepsy patients and those who with involuntary movement both on May 23. The aim of these telemedicine sessions is making correct diagnosis for the patients who have difficult seizure behavior or difficult involuntary movements. We can share case presentations including movie, slides and direct discussions among several different places (Seoul, Bangkok and Taipei) via Internet. It is one kind of WEB conference.

## Video Streaming

Some of the sessions during the meeting will be recorded for on-demand viewing. The videos will be available to watch on computers provided at a dedicated space at the congress venue.

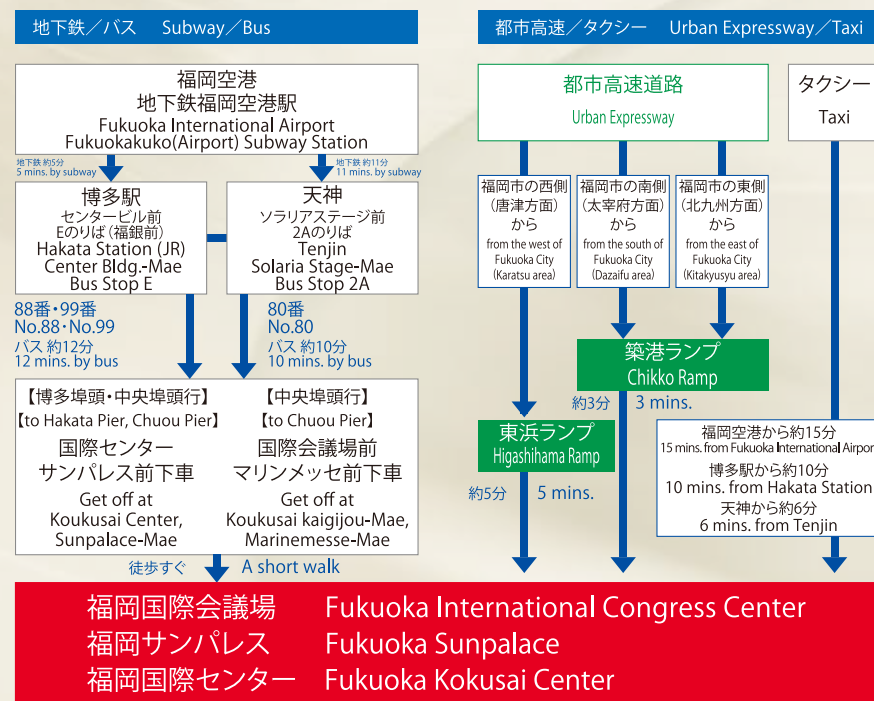
## Corporate Seminars (Luncheon Seminars & Evening Seminars)

Seminars sponsored by Corporate Partners are held every lunch time and evening from May 21 to 24. In order to attend these seminars, you are requested to obtain seminar ticket which will be issued at the ticket issuing desk at the meeting venue. Registered participants can only obtain a seminar ticket per day.

## Exhibition

An Exhibition will be held alongside the meeting at Fukuoka Kokusai Center from May 21 to 24.

## Access





## Social Events

**May21**  
Wednesday

### Welcome Reception “Kyushu Night”

- Time: 20:05-
- Venue: Fukuoka Sunpalace, Palace Room
- Fee: Free of charge

This reception is open to all meeting attendees and provides an opportunity to meet fellow attendees in an informal setting with food, drinks and musical performances.



**May23**  
Friday

### Get Together “Asian Night”

- Time: 19:15-
- Venue: Bayside Place Hakata
- Fee: Free of charge

This event will take place at Bayside Place Hakata, a waterfront complex overlooking Hakata Bay, which is just a 10-minute walk from the meeting venue. You can enjoy a buffet dinner while networking with colleagues from all over the world.



**May22**  
Thursday

### Mariera Cruise (International Session 5) Meet the Expert Part 1 / Female Neurologists and Neuroscientists in the World Part 2

This session is being offered to provide researchers with the opportunity to exchange research information. A number of female neurologists and neuroscientists from Japan and other Asian countries, and from around the world, will participate.

We hope you enjoy the luncheon cruise and fruitful discussions while taking in the panoramic view the cruise offers of the city of Fukuoka. We are looking forward to your participation.

- Time: 13:00-16:00
- Venue: MARIERA (Hakata Bay restaurant cruise ship)

※The boarding pier is located at Bayside Place Hakata, a 10-minute walk from the main venue of the meeting.

- Fee: Free of charge
- Capacity: 50 people for Deck 1 “Meet the Expert Part 1”  
13 people for Deck 2 “Female Neurologists and Neuroscientists in the World Part 2”

Registration is required for these sessions.  
For details, please visit the meeting website.



## Hotel Accommodation

JTB KYUSHU Corp. has been appointed as the official travel agent for the 55th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurology. Hotel rooms at special rates are being held for meeting participants in various hotels of different categories near the meeting venue. Reservations can be made online at <https://amarys-jtb.jp/neuro55/>.

**Deadline for online reservations: 23:59 of April 25, 2014, Japan Standard Time (GMT+9)**

### Inquiries

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Office Hours: 10:00-18:00 (weekdays only)

### Cancellations

In the event of any cancellation, written notification should be sent to JTB. The following cancellation fees will be deducted before making any refunds.

8 or more days prior to the first night of stay	No charge
2 to 7 days before the first night of stay	20% of total/daily room rate
1 day before the first night of stay	50% of total/daily room rate
The first night of stay or no notice given	100% of total/daily room rate

# About Fukuoka

About  
Fukuoka

## 太宰府 Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine

The shrine is dedicated to Sugawara Michizane who is known as the god of learning, it is busy all through the year with a lot of visitors praying for success in exams and academic achievement. 6000 plum trees are planted on the site and they start to decorate the shrine beautifully around early February to mid-March.



## キャナルシティ CANAL CITY Hakata

Canal City Hakata attracts a lot of tourists from abroad as one of the most popular tourist spots in Fukuoka. This commercial complex is built around an artificial canal and consists of hotels, theater, movie theater, shops, restaurants, specialty stores and showrooms. Besides the fountain show and other events held every day.

## 福岡タワー Fukuoka Tower

This tower of 234 meters above sea level is the tallest beach tower in Japan. This symbolic building of Fukuoka's western subcenter, covered by as many as 8000 half-mirrors and boasting a sharp appearance with its triangular structure, is known by the name of Mirror Sail. The panoramic view of Fukuoka city from the observation room on the 5th floor of 123 meters high is fantastic. The room is equipped with up-to-date telescopes.



## 屋台 Yatai (Food Stalls)

Fukuoka is renowned for the great variety of street stalls. After 6 o'clock in the evening, street stalls with colorful entrance curtains will be set up on the streets and bustle with people on their way back from work. There are also very unique street stalls which offer French and other western style cuisines, tempura and Okinawan dishes. The quality of the dishes is no less authentic than that of refined restaurants. Find your favorite stall and indulge yourself with delicious dishes and enjoy the night in Fukuoka!



## 明太子 Karashi Mentaiko

Mentaiko is the most popular and regular souvenir from Fukuoka. Mentaiko is cod roe slowly marinated in chili pepper sauce. Many companies boast their original tastes. Its spicy and rich flavor is very appetizing and goes well with rice. You can also enjoy it with drinks. They are also popular as a special ingredient for spaghetti and pizza.

## 博多ラーメン Hakata Ramen

At the top of the list of Hakata's famous cuisines is Hakata ramen. The special features of Hakata ramen are rich pork-based soup and firm texture of the noodles. Besides the basic toppings of roasted pork slice and chopped Welsh onions, you can choose additional toppings such as pickled ginger, sesame and pepper. At many shops of Hakata ramen, Kaedama system is available and you can order a noodle refill to eat with the remaining soup.



# General Information

## Climate

Average temperatures in Fukuoka in May range between 15°C and 24°C.

## Currency and Money Exchange

The unit of Japanese currency is the Yen. You can buy Yen at foreign exchange banks, major hotels, and other authorized money exchangers. At international airports, currency exchange counters are usually open during normal office hours. The exchange rate fluctuates daily depending on the money market.

## Banks, Credit Cards, and ATMs

Banks are open from Monday to Friday, 9:00-15:00 (closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays). International credit cards such as American Express, VISA, Diners Club, and MasterCard are widely accepted at hotels, department stores, shops, and restaurants. Foreign credit cards and cash cards can be used to make withdrawals in Japanese Yen at post office ATMs and Seven Bank ATMs throughout Japan:

- **Post Offices** Cash cards from the Cirrus, PLUS, Maestro, and Visa Electron networks can be used. Accepted credit cards include VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Diners Club.
- **Seven Bank ATMs** are placed at 7-Eleven convenience stores throughout Japan, and service is available 24 hours a day in English, Korean, Chinese, and Portuguese. Cash cards from the PLUS and Cirrus networks can be used. Accepted credit cards are VISA, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, and China UnionPay.

## Electricity

The voltage used throughout Japan is uniformly 100 volts, AC with frequency of 60Hz in Western Japan (including Fukuoka) and 50Hz in Eastern Japan (including Tokyo). 2-flat-pin plugs are used in Japan.

## Taxes

Consumption tax is a flat rate across the country of 8% on all purchases. (The rate will apply from April 2014.)

## Telephones & Mobile Phones

The mobile phone protocol in Japan is different from that in other countries; it is best to check with your current provider whether or not you can use your mobile phone in Japan. Mobile phones are available for rental at airports.

## Tipping

Tipping is not practiced in Japan - impeccable service is expected and delivered always. Some restaurants and hotels include a service charge in the bill that you pay.

## Time Zone

All of Japan is in the same time zone, 9 hours ahead of G.M.T. Daylight Saving Time is not practiced in Japan.