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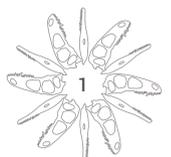


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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SYMPOSIUM TOPICS



Evolution and diversification of dinosaurs in Asia



Dinosaurs and their associated faunas and floras



Terrestrial ecosystems and environments during the Mesozoic



New techniques in vertebrate paleontology

SYMPOSIUM SUMMERY

September 25 (Thu.) · Reception dinner



Venue:
Hotel Fujita Fukui

September 26 (Fri.) · Opening
· Memorial session
· Technical sessions



Venue:
Fukui Prefectural University

September 27 (Sat.) · Technical sessions
· Poster sessions
· Special session
· Awards & closing
· Dinner party

September 28 (Sun.) · Public events



Venue:
Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum

September 29 & 30 (Mon. & Tue.) · Post-conference field trip



IMPORTANT DATES

May 16	• Registration open
June 1	• Abstract submission open • Student grant application open • Field trip registration open
June 20	• Field trip registration deadline • Early bird registration deadline
July 1	• Student grant application deadline
July 15	• Student grant nominee announced
August 1	• Abstract submission deadline
August 15	• Registration deadline • Third circular

INVITED SPEAKERS

- Xing Xu — Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
- Philip Currie — University of Alberta, Canada
- Lawrence Witmer — Ohio University, U.S.A.
- Elena Cuesta — Bavarian State Collections of Natural History, Germany
- Lindsay Zanno — The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, U.S.A.
- Suravech Suteethorn — Mahasarakham University, Thailand
- Soichiro Kawabe — Fukui Prefectural University, Japan





VENUES



FUKUI PREFECTURAL UNIVERSITY (EIHEIJI CAMPUS)

4-1-1 MATSUOKA-KENJOJIMA, EIHEIJI, FUKUI 910-1142, JAPAN

<https://www.fpu.ac.jp/en/index.html>



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51-11 MUROKO, TERAU, KATSUYAMA, FUKUI 911-8601, JAPAN

<https://www.dinosaur.pref.fukui.jp/en/>



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3-12-20 OTE, FUKUI 910-0005, JAPAN

<https://fukui.hotel-fujita.jp/>





REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION WEBSITE

Symposium registration can be made at ISAD2025 website.

FEES

EVENT	CATEGORIES	FEES
Technical sessions (Sept. 26 & 27) (includes abstract volume, refreshments, and parties)	Early bird	30,000 JPY
	Regular	45,000 JPY
	Student	7,500 JPY
Post-conference field trip (Sept. 29 & 30) (includes transportation, admission fees, and accommodation)		52,500 JPY

PAYMENT

Payment can only be made through ISAD2025 website by credit cards or electronic payments (Alipay or WeChat Pay). Please note that we cannot accept cash on site.

ABSTRACT

- ◆ Abstract template in .docx format can be downloaded from ISAD2025 website.
- ◆ All abstracts must be written in English using the Times New Roman font.
- ◆ For title, use 14pt for font-size, bold, and capitalize the first letter of each word except prepositions, articles, and species names, and italicize genus and species names.
- ◆ For author's names, use 12pt for font-size and write names in the following order: last name, first name, and middle name (e.g., Andrews, Roy C.).
- ◆ For affiliations, use 10pt for font-size, and include an email address for the corresponding author.
- ◆ For main text, use 12pt for font-size, and make it single-paragraphed without indentation.
- ◆ Do not include references, figures, tables or acknowledgements.
- ◆ Abstract must not exceed 5,000 characters (including title, authors, affiliations, space, and punctuations).
- ◆ Abstracts will be published in an abstract volume distributed during the symposium.



- ◆ Name your Word text file (*.doc or *.docx) as "last name of the first author_type of presentation" (e.g., "Owen_oral.docx; Owen_poster.docx").
- ◆ Submit your abstract by August 1, 2025 at ISAD2025 website.
- ◆ Acceptance of abstracts will be announced to the corresponding authors by August 20.

PRESENTATION

ORAL PRESENTATION

- ◆ Present slides and talks in English.
- ◆ Prepare presentation so that it is within 20 minutes in length (including about five minutes for questions and comments).
- ◆ Computers (Windows and Mac) will be provided for oral presentations. Presenters can bring and use their own computer if it has a HDMI connection.

POSTER PRESENTATION

- ◆ Prepare and present posters in English.
- ◆ Poster size must not exceed 1,189 mm tall and 841 mm wide.

INVITATION LETTERS

An invitation letter for obtaining a visa can be issued upon request to the following email address.
Email: isad2025@dinoasia.asia

STUDENT GRANT

Applications will be open for student grant. This grant is designed to support the travel and lodging of students who wish to present their studies in the ISAD2025 technical sessions. Eligible applicants include those who are currently enrolled in schools as students and have at least one oral or poster presentation accepted for the ISAD2025 technical sessions. For more information, please visit ISAD2025 website.





PUBLIC EVENTS

On September 28, 2025, the ISAD2025 organizing committee will hold a series of events open to the public at the Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum. Those who register for the technical sessions will have free admission to the museum. See below for details of the events currently planned.



FDP PUBLIC EXCHANGE MEETING

Faculty of Dinosaur Paleontology (FDP), Fukui Prefectural University was founded on April 1, 2025. To celebrate its foundation, the faculty members and students will hold a public exchange meeting. Visitors can freely talk to them and try some educational programs developed for the undergraduate courses.



PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM

This symposium is open to the general public upon admission to the museum. Guest speakers will be invited to give lectures about their studies on dinosaurs, and there will be time for the public to interact with professional researchers and ask questions. English and Japanese translations will be provided.



POST-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP

A post-symposium field trip will be held on Sept. 29 & 30 (Monday & Tuesday). It will be a two-day trip visiting multiple geological and paleontological sites in and around Fukui. Tentative destinations are as follows. For more information and updates on the field trip, please visit ISAD2025 website.

- **Kitadani Dinosaur Quarry, Katsuyama, Fukui**

Kitadani Dinosaur Quarry is important as one of the most productive fossil sites for freshwater and terrestrial fauna and flora in the Mesozoic of Japan. It is part of the Kitadani Formation, Tetori Group dating back to the Early Cretaceous (approximately 120Ma), and has been yielding numerous remains of dinosaurs and serving as a center of dinosaur research in Japan.



- **Fukui Prefectural Varve Museum, Wakasa, Fukui**

Fukui Prefectural Varve Museum is a key scientific institution dedicated to the study of varves, annually deposited sedimentary layers that provide crucial insights into past climate changes and geological events. The museum showcases exceptionally well-preserved varve records from Lake Suigetsu, dating back over 70,000 years. These sediments serve as an important chronological benchmark for radiocarbon dating, significantly contributing to the research about the global climate and past environments

- **Wakasa Mikata Jomon Museum, Wakasa, Fukui**

Wakasa Mikata Jomon Museum in Wakasa, Fukui offers a fascinating glimpse into Japan's ancient Jomon Period. Located near Lake Suigetsu, the museum showcases artifacts from the Torihama Shell Mound, including ancient pottery, tools, and a dugout canoe.

- **Tamba-ryu Fossil Site, Tamba, Hyogo**

Tamba-ryu Fossil Site represents part of the Lower Cretaceous Ohyamashimo Formation (approximately 110Ma) and known for the occurrence of the Tamba-ryu, which was described as a new species of a titanosauriform, *Tambatitanis amicitiae*. The site is also known for an assemblage of diverse dinosaur eggshells.

- **Tamba Dinosaur Museum, Tamba, Hyogo**

The museum offers a guide to rich dinosaur fossil discoveries in the region. It features a full-size casts of various dinosaurs, featuring those found in and around the region.
※The museum is planned to open in July.

- **The Museum of Nature and Human Activities, Hyogo, Sanda, Hyogo**

The Museum of Nature and Human Activities, Hyogo is a large natural-history museum featuring the coexistence of humans and nature. It has been playing a major role in leading various paleontological studies and collecting paleontological specimens in and around the region including dinosaurs.





DIRECTIONS TO FUKUI FROM MAJOR AIRPORTS



ROUTE A : From Narita International Airport through Komatsu Airport

1. Take the Airport Limousine Bus from Narita Airport to Haneda Airport
2. Take a domestic flight from Haneda Airport to Komatsu Airport
3. From Komatsu Airport, take a bus to Komatsu Station
4. Take the JR Hokuriku Line from JR Komatsu Station bound for JR Fukui Station
 ※Alternative: take the Airport Limousine Bus from Komatsu Airport to JR Fukui Station

ROUTE B : From Narita International Airport via trains

1. Take the Narita Express from Narita Airport to JR Tokyo Station
2. At JR Tokyo Station, transfer to the Hokuriku Shinkansen and get off at JR Fukui Station

ROUTE C : From Haneda International Airport via train

1. Take the Keikyu Line from Haneda Airport to Shinagawa Station
2. Transfer to the JR Yamanote Line or JR Keihin-Tohoku Line to JR Tokyo Station
3. Take the Hokuriku Shinkansen from JR Tokyo Station to JR Fukui Station

ROUTE D : From Haneda International Airport through Komatsu Airport

1. Take a domestic flight from Haneda Airport to Komatsu Airport
2. From Komatsu Airport, take a bus to JR Komatsu Station
3. Take the JR Hokuriku Line from JR Komatsu Station to Fukui Station
 ※Alternative: take the Airport Limousine Bus from Komatsu Airport to JR Fukui Station

ROUTE E : From Kansai International Airport via trains

1. Take the JR Limited Express Haruka from Kansai Airport to JR Shin-Osaka Station
2. Transfer to the JR Limited Express Thunderbird at JR Shin-Osaka Station heading towards Tsuruga
3. At JR Tsuruga Station, transfer to the Hokuriku Shinkansen bound for JR Fukui Station



ACCOMMODATION

Multiple hotels are available around JR Fukui Station. Please make sure to book early. Most hotels do not charge cancellation fees until a week before the reservation dates.

- 1 **Hotel Fujita Fukui**
<https://fukui.hotel-fujita.jp/>
- 2 **Apa Hotel Fukui Katamatchi**
<https://www3.apahotel.com/hotel/hokuriku/fukui/fukui-katamachi/>
- 3 **AZ Inn Fukui**
<https://www.ace-az-inn.com/fukui/en/>
- 4 **Hotel Econo Fukui Ekimae**
<https://www.greens.co.jp/hefukui/>
- 5 **Dormy Inn Premium Fukui Natural Hot Spring**
<https://dormy-hotels.com/dormyinn/hotels/fukui/>
- 6 **Hotel Riverge Akebono**
<https://www.riverge.com/lang/?lang=en>
- 7 **Toyoko Inn Fukui Ekimae**
<https://www.toyoko-inn.com/eng/index>
- 8 **Hotel Route-Inn Fukui Ekimae**
https://www.route-inn.co.jp/hotel_list/fukui/index_hotel_id_532/
- 9 **Fukui Manten Hotel Ekimae**
<https://www.manten-hotel.com/fukui/>

CLIMATE

In late September, Fukui experiences the transition from summer to autumn. The climate is generally mild and comfortable, with average temperatures ranging from 17°C to 26°C. The humidity starts to drop compared to the peak summer months, making it feel less muggy. However, occasional rain showers and typhoons can occur since it is still within Japan's typhoon season. A mix of sunny, cloudy, and rainy days is likely, so bringing a light jacket or umbrella is a good idea.



ATTRactions

1 Eiheiji Temple

Located about 20 minutes from JR Fukui Station, this is one of the most significant Zen Buddhist temples in Japan. Surrounded by lush forests, it offers a peaceful atmosphere with opportunities to experience Zen meditation and learn about traditional Japanese spirituality.



2 Kitanosho Castle Ruins

Situated near JR Fukui Station, this historical site offers a glimpse into the city's feudal past. Although the original castle has been destroyed, you can visit the surrounding park and see the remnants of the castle's foundation and walls.



3 Mt. Asuwa

It is a prominent mountain located in Fukui City, offering both natural beauty and cultural significance. The mountain stands 241 meters and is known for its panoramic views of the city and the surrounding area. It is a popular spot for hiking, especially with locals, and is famous for its peaceful atmosphere and scenic walking trails. Fukui City Natural History Museum is located on this mountain.



4 Asakura Historic Site

The Asakura Historic Site is a significant archaeological site located in Fukui, known for its historical importance during the Asakura clan era (15th–16th centuries). It was the base of the Asakura clan, which held powerful feudal lords during Japan's Sengoku period.



5 Tojinbo Cliff

Located about 30 minutes by car from Fukui City, the dramatic cliff on the Sea of Japan is known for its extensive outcrop of the columnar andesite and stunning coastal views.



6 Maruoka Castle

It is one of the oldest remaining castle towers in Japan. Completely destroyed as a result of an earthquake in 1948, it was reconstructed using salvaged materials just a few years later, in 1955.



CUISINE

1 Echizen Soba

Fukui is famous for its high-quality Echizen Soba, a type of buckwheat noodle known for its chewy texture and rich flavor. Often served in a hot broth or chilled with a dipping sauce, it is a local favorite.

2 Fukui-style Katsudon

Katsudon is a breaded, deep-fried pork cutlet served over rice. Fukui's version features a savory sauce and is a beloved comfort food. It is a great dish to try in many local restaurants.

3 Seafood

Located along the Sea of Japan, Fukui is renowned for its incredibly fresh, locally sourced seafood. They are served in Japanese traditional cooking styles, such as sashimi (raw and sliced), sushi, grilled and boiled in soy-source based soup.

4 Sake (rice wine)

Fukui is well known for production of a variety of Japanese sake. It is generally flavorful and clear in taste, and Fukui holds a total of 30 sake breweries, each of which creates its own distinct kinds. Benefiting from large amount of snowfall during winter and short distance from the mountain range to the Sea of Japan, sake in Fukui is prepared using clean water continuously supplied from the mountains that gives it fresh and clear taste.

