



25th Conference of the

# Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver

*Modern Hepatology*

February 20-24, 2016  
Tokyo, Japan

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## Greeting

Dear, Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure for us to invite you to the 25<sup>th</sup> Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL 2016) that will be held on February 20-24, 2016 in Tokyo, Japan. We are delighted to welcome you to the cultural, historical and scenic metropolis of Tokyo.

Under the theme of "Modern Hepatology", the conference program will perform high quality content with full of maximum up-to-date information and cutting edge lectures by eminent researchers, to show mature, time-honored, well-established explanation of Hepatology in order to reconfirm their significance by scientists and clinicians for the achievement of better both basic and clinical practice.

The conference aims to raise awareness of the current status and future prospects to develop a better understanding of the roles, objectives and operations of the various institutions, academics, companies, associations, non-profit organizations, and other related sectors, to enhance communication and collaboration within all of us, and to deliver mutual benefits to the people in the Asian Pacific region, where liver disease has been one of the most common and serious problems.

As more than 4,000 delegates of experts from all over the world, more than 60 countries are expected to attend this Asian Pacific's largest liver conference, we are sure that this is the perfect opportunity for those of us in the Asian Pacific region to share state-of-the-art views, values, experiences and practices regarding liver diseases, such as Viral Hepatitis, Liver Cancer, NASH, Liver Failure and other topics.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Tokyo.

With warmest regards,



A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Osamu Yokosuka", is positioned above the printed name and title.

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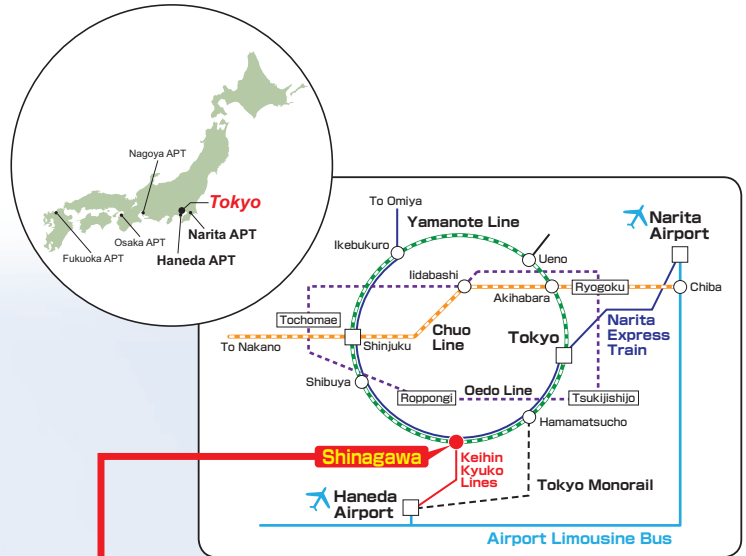
**Venue:** International Convention Center Pamir

**Address:** Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa, 3-13-1 Takanawa, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 108-8612, Japan Tel: +81-(0)3-3442-1111

**Location:** The venue has easy access to both Narita and Haneda Tokyo International Airports. By Airport Limousine Bus:  
 From Narita Airport: approx. 90 min.  
 From Haneda Airport: approx. 45 min.  
 Also it is only a few minutes walking distance from Shinagawa Station, the terminal station of the Shinkansen bullet train.

There are various accommodation options with different categories and price ranges around the venue.

**URL:** <http://www.princehotels.com/en/newtakanawa/international-convention-center-pamir>



## Important Dates

<b>December 1 (Tuesday)-20 (Sunday) 2015</b>	<b>Late breaking abstracts</b>
<b>November 30 (Monday) 2015</b>	<b>Close of early bird registration</b>
<b>January 20 (Wednesday) 2016</b>	<b>Close of online pre-registration</b>

## Registration

### APASL 2016 Registration Fee

	Before Nov. 30 (Mon) 2015 Early Bird	From Dec. 1 (Tue) 2015 Before Jan. 20 (Wed) 2016	On Site
APASL Member	JPY 30,000	JPY 40,000	JPY 50,000
Delegate	JPY 40,000	JPY 55,000	JPY 65,000
Trainee / Resident	JPY 25,000	JPY 35,000	JPY 40,000
Presenting Author of Accepted Abstract	JPY 20,000	JPY 30,000	JPY 35,000
Accompanying Person	JPY 20,000	JPY 30,000	JPY 35,000
Post Graduate Course	JPY 15,000	JPY 25,000	JPY 30,000
Culture Night	JPY 8,000	JPY 8,000	JPY 8,000

1 USD ≙ 119.71 JPY 1 EUR ≙ 135.38 JPY as of October 1, 2015

Registrations and Accommodation Reservations is available via Online at [www.apasl2016.org](http://www.apasl2016.org)



## Program Overview

	Morning / a.m.	Noon / p.m.	Evening
<b>Day 1</b> <b>February 20</b> <b>(Saturday)</b> <b>PGC</b>	Registration Open Post Graduate Course A (What's New in the World?) Post Graduate Course B (What's New in Japan?)		
<b>Day 2</b> <b>February 21</b> <b>(Sunday)</b> <b>HCV Day</b>	Opening Ceremony State-of-the-Art Lectures Plenary Sessions Satellite Symposia	State-of-the-Art Lectures Plenary Sessions AIH-PBC Satellite Session Satellite Symposia Free Papers Poster Viewing & Exhibition	Welcome Reception
<b>Day 3</b> <b>February 22</b> <b>(Monday)</b> <b>HBV Day</b>	Okuda Lecture Presidential Lecture Plenary Sessions Satellite Symposia Free Papers Poster Viewing & Exhibition	State-of-the-Art Lectures Plenary Sessions Satellite Symposia Free Papers	
<b>Day 4</b> <b>February 23</b> <b>(Tuesday)</b> <b>HCC/NASH Day</b>	State-of-the-Art Lectures Plenary Sessions Satellite Symposia Free Papers Poster Viewing & Exhibition	State-of-the-Art Lectures Plenary Sessions Satellite Symposia Free Papers	Culture Night
<b>Day 5</b> <b>February 24</b> <b>(Wednesday)</b> <b>Other Day</b>	WHO Symposium Open Lecture Closing Ceremony Poster Viewing & Exhibition		

\*The program will include APASL/AASLD Joint Symposium, APASL/EASL Joint Symposium, WHO Symposium, CEVHAP Symposium etc.

## Topics

**Theme:** *Modern Hepatology*

**Topics:** Basic Science

Viral Hepatitis A, B, C, E, Others (Acute, Chronic)  
 NAFLD, NASH, and Alcoholic Liver Disease  
 Drugs, Herbals and Liver  
 Autoimmune Liver Diseases  
 Cirrhosis and Complications  
 Liver Fibrosis and Portal Hypertension  
 Liver Tumors (Hepatocellular Carcinoma, Cholangiocarcinoma, Others)  
 Others

Liver Failure (Acute, Chronic)  
 Pregnancy and Pediatric Hepatology  
 Metabolic and Genetic Liver Diseases  
 Hematological Disorders and Vascular Abnormality  
 Hepatic Surgery and Transplantation  
 Gall Bladder and Biliary Tract  
 ERCP and Interventional Hepatology

\*Official Language: English



## Abstract Submission

The Scientific Committee invites authors to submit abstracts to be considered for inclusion in the Scientific Program. Abstracts can be submitted through APASL 2016 website [www.apasl2016.org](http://www.apasl2016.org).

### Late Breaking Abstract : December 1-20, 2015

#### Conditions

The Scientific Committee will only accept original scientific material, which has not been published before.

Abstracts should be submitted in English.

The abstract must start with the aim, continue with the method and finalized with the conclusion.

The abstract must not exceed 250 words.

The best category defining the abstract must be marked on the form.

Type of the presentation (oral, poster) must be marked on the form.

#### Categories

Basic Science	Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Diagnosis
Viral Hepatitis (Acute, Chronic)	Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Treatment
Hepatitis A	Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Basic
Hepatitis B	Cholangiocarcinoma
Hepatitis C	Other Liver Tumors
Hepatitis E	Acute Liver Failure
Alcoholic Liver Disease	Acute on Chronic Liver Failure
NAFLD, NASH	Chronic Liver Failure
Metabolic and Genetic Liver Diseases	Hepatic Surgery
Drugs, Herbals and Liver	Liver Transplantation
Autoimmune Liver Diseases	Gall Bladder and Biliary Tract
Pregnancy and Liver	Cystic Disorders of the Liver and Biliary System
Pediatric Hepatology	ERCP and Interventional Hepatology
Hematological Disorders and Liver Disease	Others
Liver Cirrhosis and Complications	

## Awards

APASL 2016 will be awarded to those who performed excellent presentations to encourage them to further their research and progress.

**Presidential Awards:** The outstanding presentation in APASL 2016

**Travel Awards:** For clinicians in the early stages of their career to support their attendance

**Young Investigator Awards:** For clinicians in the early stages of their career to encourage them to further their research



## General Information

**Climate and Clothing:** The last decade of February in Tokyo heralds the start of Spring, with temperatures climbing by the day. Daytime temperatures are within the range 6-12°C and those in the evening 2-8°C. We recommend that you bring clothes suitable for these weather conditions such as a warm sweater or cardigan.

**Currency:** The Japanese unit of currency is the Yen. (1USD ≙ 119.71Yen, 1EUR ≙ 135.38Yen, as of October 1, 2015) The official conference currency is Japanese Yen, and fees for registration, hotel accommodation and tours need to be paid in Japanese Yen.

**Banking and Exchange Facilities:** Foreign currency can be changed at banks during business hours (9:00-15:00 Monday-Friday) as well as at hotels, at the airport and in exchange offices. All major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops. Automated teller machines (ATM) are available at many points throughout the city and airport.

**Time:** Tokyo is 9 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT + 9).

**Health and Safety:** Japan has a high standard of hygiene, and doctors and dentists are highly trained, while hospitals are also well-equipped. In the event of illness, hotel staff can arrange a doctor for you. Japan is noted for its safety and is well lit at night. However, you are always recommended to take the proper precautions you would normally practice whenever in an unfamiliar place.

**Insurance:** It is strongly recommended that delegates take out adequate travel and health insurance prior to commencement of travel. Further information can be obtained from your travel agent.

## Visit Tokyo

Tokyo is a world-renowned metropolis and the center of Japan's economy, politics, and culture. The city is keeping changing with newly opened high-profile spots and trends, and has so many aspects you can enjoy according to your taste.

### Please Join! The Complimentary Hospitality Program By Tokyo Metropolitan Government



Tokyo Metropolitan Government will offer the "Complimentary Hospitality Program" for the overseas delegates of the APASL 2016. The free cultural programs conducted in English gives you an opportunity to feel Japanese traditions. The programs are offered as complimentary basis and you can book these programs onsite at the venue. More details will be coming soon at APASL 2016 website!

**\* Because the number of participants in this program is limited, application acceptance will close as soon as the limit is reached.**



## About Tokyo

Tokyo is a world-renowned metropolis and the center of Japan's economy, politics, and culture. The city is keeping changing with newly opened high-profile spots and trends, and has so many aspects you can enjoy according to your taste.

Tokyo has many attractions and venues to entertain you. This city has beautifully blended ancient traditions and technologies, and wide range of unique venues for pre/post-convention programs are available from World Heritage sites such as the Imperial Palace to Tokyo Disney Resort. You can enjoy the mood of the old days it maintains in Asakusa area and state-of-the-art architectural structures such as Tokyo Sky Tree Tower as well. Tokyo has also many museums and galleries to satisfy your cultural interest.



Tokyo is a nature-rich place and you can find oasis to escape from the chaos aspects of the city for relaxing. It has, for example, a beautiful waterfront area, Odaiba, where is to be used for the site of 2020, Tokyo Olympic; the Yoyogi Park, near from Shibuya, a neighboring area of historical Meiji Jingu Shrine, for your relaxation with deep greenery. By making a little side trip, you can go to Hakone area where has lush greenery, lakes, mountains and a splendid view of Mt. Fuji.

Tokyo offers the cuisines from all over the world, and the city has the largest number of Michelin-starred restaurants in the world. You can enjoy various foods, as well as those from all over Japan. Many eating places, from fancy dining restaurants to casual ones filled with local color, will entertain you. And of course the city is great for shopping paradise: the cities such as Ginza, Shinjyuku, Shibuya and Roppongi will deliver you highly sophisticated services and items with premium quality, and in Asakusa you can find many traditional Japanese items and warm hospitality from local people. Akihabara has transformed from a town of electrical appliances and personal computers into a famous pilgrimage spot of Japanese pop culture, including animation and comic strips.

Sure to be attracted by many choices and you might have difficulties in making decisions.

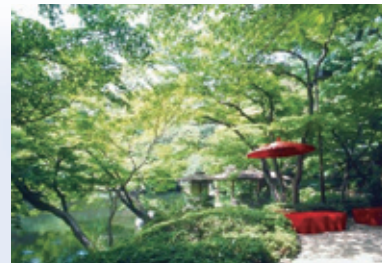




## Tours in Tokyo

### Dynamic Tokyo - Tokyo Tower, Happon Japanese Gardens, Imperial Palace, Sumida River Cruise, Sensoji Temple (Asakusa), and drive through Ginza

Enjoy a panoramic view of the city from Tokyo Tower before participating in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at Happon Japanese gardens. Savor lunch at the beautiful former manor, the Chinzanso restaurant, then take a stroll along the moat surrounding the Imperial Palace Plaza.



Happon



Tokyo Tower

Board a cruise at Hinode Pier for a 40-minute trip up the Sumida River to Asakusa.

Browse the many colorful stores lining the Nakamise walkway leading up to Sensoji Temple, Tokyo's oldest and most famous Buddhist temple, before passing through Ginza, Japan's world-renowned shopping and entertainment district.



Asakusa

### Panoramic Tokyo - Meiji Shrine, Imperial Palace Gardens, Senso-ji Temple, Tokyo Bay Cruise, and Odaiba

Enjoy Japan's culture and nature with visits to Meiji Shrine, the East Gardens of the Imperial Palace, and Senso-ji Temple, and experience the country's modern architecture and trends by going on a cruise of the bay area and shopping at Nakamise-dori.



Imperial Palace



Tokyo Bay Cruise

This is a 1-day sightseeing tour which includes a Tokyo Bay Cruise, a visit to Odaiba and more.

Experience the culture and natural setting of Japan by visiting sites including Meiji Shrine, a location lush with foliage which draws the most visitors of any shrine in Japan at the start of the new year, and an Imperial Japanese garden.

### TOKYO SKYTREE® observation deck & Asakusa

This is a half-day, afternoon Tokyo tour that includes a visit to the observatory of Tokyo Skytree - a new Tokyo landmark - and sightseeing in Asakusa.



Tokyo Skytree



## Tours Outside of Tokyo

### One-Day Kamakura, Yokohama Bus Tour

Trip along the beloved ancient city of Kamakura to visit the famous Great Buddha towering at approximately 13 meters (43 feet), 1,200 year-old Hase-dera Temple, and historically significant Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gu Shrine.



Yokohama Bay

After the lunch at Yokohama Chinatown, one of major Chinatowns in Japan, visit Sankei-en Japanese Garden featuring 13 protected structures.

You will also enjoy the spectacle of the symbolic Yokohama Bay Bridge and Tokyo Bay, all from the comfort of a tour bus providing site to site transportation.



Kamakura



Sankei-en Japanese Garden

### One-Day Mt. Fuji & Hakone Tour



Lake Ashi

This guided one-day tour takes you to majestic Mt. Fuji and Hakone. It includes a stop at the Fuji Visitor Center, a trip up to Mt. Fuji's 5th station at an elevation of 2,300 meters, a cruise on pristine Lake Ashi, and a ride on the Komagatake Ropeway which boasts great views of the surrounding Hakone National Park. Ride the Shinkansen back to Tokyo.

This is our most popular tour!!

Ride the Shinkansen, and explore Mt Fuji's 5th station and Hakone all in one day!

Join this tour on a pick-up bus from various meeting points mainly located at major hotels throughout Tokyo, and take a pleasant trip back to Tokyo on the Shinkansen.



Mt. Fuji

### Two-Day Kyoto

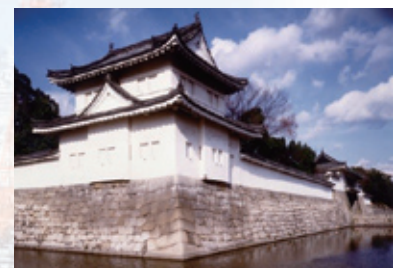
This is a bargain travel package to Kyoto and accommodations in the ancient capital!

Travel to Kyoto by Japan's famous bullet train and explore at your own pace with this unguided free plan.

For an extended stay, accommodation can be arranged at a discount rate.



Kiyomizu Temple



Nijo Castle



Heian-Jingu Shrine



## One-Day Nikko World Heritage Tour



Three wise monkeys

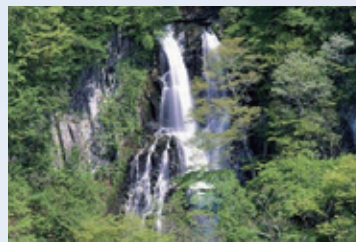
This 1-day guided tour from Tokyo takes you to some of Nikko's most popular sightseeing spots like World Heritage-registered Toshogu Shrine and beautiful Kirifuri Falls.

The tour also visits Nikko Tamozaawa Imperial Villa, a national important cultural property, which boasts its beautiful structure.

Please note that this plan includes lunch.



Toshogu Shrine



Kirifuri Falls

## One-Day Nikko & Ninja Tour



Nikko Edomura

Enjoy a guided tour of Nikko Toshogu Shrine led by an English-speaking guide. Then board a bus to Nikko Edomura (Edo Wonderland) where you can enjoy a ninja show, Oiran show and other attractions (Oiran were Edo Period courtesans). This amusement park has an atmosphere of historical Japan.

This is a partially guided tour. A guide will accompany the tour until sightseeing at Nikko Toshogu Shrine ends.

Enjoy seeing the Ninja show and a recreation of an Edo era town at Nikko Edomura.



## Two-Day Shirakawago Winter Illumination Bus Tour Round-trip from Tokyo via Shinkansen



Visit World Heritage Site Shirakawago to see a night-time illumination of the snow-covered village! This rare event will take place for just 7 days, when the traditional snowy village is illuminated at night to create an enchanting winter spectacle.

Transportation between Tokyo and Takayama via Shinkansen and JR train is included. For the illumination, convenient transportation is provided by bus departing from and returning to Takayama Station.

This tour includes a night's accommodation at Hida Hotel Plaza, which is located in the heart of Takayama for convenient sightseeing access.



Shirakawago



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