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## Greetings



Rev. Yukio Saito

President,  
7th Asia Pacific  
Regional Conference  
of the IASP

As the President of the 7th Asia Pacific Regional Conference of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP), I am delighted to extend my sincere invitation to you to join us at this meeting to be held from May 18 to 21, 2016 in Tokyo, Japan.

No doubt, there will be a strong emphasis on the Asian point of view at this Conference. The vastly diverse cultural and social backgrounds in the region as well as Asia's sheer population are important factors when talking on the topic of "Asia and suicide," a topic that will interest international academia.

It is expected that presentations on mental health, public health, psychosocial and educational countenance and cutting-edge research will lead to productive discussions at the meeting. We look forward to widespread participation and support from diverse sectors. The conference will be held jointly with the 40th Japanese Association for Suicide Prevention (JASP) General Meeting, providing our national members with opportunities to deepen and widen their knowledge and to share information and experiences.

We look forward to many of you joining us at the conference to discuss the latest information and measures from around the world on the prevention of suicide.

## Highlights of the Conference

This year the 7th IASP Asian Pacific Regional Conference will be packed full of opportunities in clinical and scientific discovery. Social events and activities will add to the Japanese flavour of the conference and leave you with an unforgettable experience.

### Joint Symposia

1. 10th anniversary of Japan's Basic Act on Suicide Countermeasures
2. Helplines

### Plenaries

1. Policies and strategies for suicide prevention across the continents

2. Mentality and suicide in an Asian socio-cultural context
3. Interventions for high risk groups - patients
4. Disaster and suicide prevention
5. Prospects of psychological interventions
6. Suicide prevention and media

### Workshops

1. Community-based suicide prevention

2. Restriction of access to lethal means
3. National policies and strategies of suicide prevention in Asian and Pacific countries
4. Suicide and mental disorders
5. The biology of suicide
6. Suicide prevention in youth
7. Postvention
8. Suicide prevention in the islands

and more!

## Program at a Glance (Tentative)

	Wednesday, May 18	Thursday, May 19	Friday, May 20	Saturday, May 21
8:00			Registration	
9:00		Plenary	Plenary	Plenary
10:00	Opening Ceremony			Break
11:00	Plenary	Workshops	Workshops	Joint Symposium
12:00		Symposium	Symposium	Symposium
13:00	Luncheon Seminar	Luncheon Seminar	Luncheon Seminar	Luncheon Seminar
14:00	Break	Break	Break	Break
15:00	Plenary	Workshops	Workshops	Joint Symposium
16:00	Break	Break	Break	JASP Parallel Sessions
17:00	Workshops	Plenary	Plenary	Closing Remarks
18:00	Welcome Ceremony	ISAP Evening Seminar	Gala Dinner	

## Important Dates

Deadline for early-bird registration	December 24, 2015
Deadline for submission of abstracts	January 28, 2016
Deadline for late registration	April 25, 2016

## Organization

### IASP Executive Committee

Professor Ella Arensman (President)  
Dr. Murad Khan (1st Vice President)  
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Dr. Maurizio Pompili (3rd Vice President)  
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### Local Organizing Committee

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(Alphabetical order except President)

## Supporting Organizations (Tentative)

World Health Organization, Cabinet Office, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, Japan Medical Association, Japanese Nursing Association, Japan Psychiatric Hospitals Association, Japanese Association of Neuro-Psychiatric Clinics, The Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology, Japanese Society of General Hospital Psychiatry, Japanese Society of Mood Disorders