

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date

Wednesday	September 3, 2014	Arrival of participants, registration
Thursday	September 4, 2014	Registration, opening session, scientific sessions, welcome dinner
Friday	September 5, 2014	Scientific sessions, business meeting
Saturday	September 6, 2014	Scientific sessions, farewell party

Sunday to Wednesday, September 7-10, 2014 Post-symposium field excursion
“Forearc basin siliciclastic successions along the Pacific coast, central Japan”

Thursday September 11, 2014 Departure of participants

Venue

The Symposium and scientific sessions will be held at **Okuma Auditorium of Waseda University**, western central area of Tokyo, Japan (see the Map below).

Okuma Auditorium was opened in the year 1927, and has been designated as a national important cultural property of Japan in the year 2007. The bells, which ring six times a day, produce the same harmony as Westminster Abbey in London, for the whole city of Waseda.

The history of Okuma Auditorium has been colorfully interspersed with many important invited lecturers. Lectures were made by Albert Einstein (physician), Robert Kennedy (President of USA), Bill Clinton (President of USA), George W. Bush (President of USA), Nelson Mandela (President of South Africa), Jiang Zemin (President of China), Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (President of Philippines), Kim Young-Sam (President of Korea), Ban Ki-Moon (Secretary-General of United Nations), Bill Gates (Chief of Microsoft Corp.) and so on.

Waseda University was founded in the year 1882 and it is the first university in Japan that accepted women students in the year of 1939. The university has just celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding in the year 2007. Now, Waseda is one of Japan’s top private and higher learning institutions. The university has over 50,000 students enrolled, which makes it as a second largest university in Japan.



Touch Japanese culture in Waseda:

Okuma Garden of Waseda University is a Japanese-style garden located just beside the conference venue. In 1884, Shigenobu Okuma, the founder of Waseda University built the garden, placing extensive lawn, brooks, pond and seasonal plants.



Kansen-en Park, literally meaning “sweet spring park” is another traditional Japanese-style garden of Waseda University (now it belongs to the municipality). It was founded as a garden of ancient feudal lord (Samurai). The “sweet” spring water here was said to be suitable for Japanese green tea. (10-minutes walk from conference venue)



Aizu Museum of Waseda University exhibits the Yaichi Aizu collections of oriental, Japanese classic artifacts and archaeological items. The collections are known to be valuable, but the building itself has also been designated as a treasure (Tokyo-Metropolitan-Selected Historical Building).

Tsubouchi Memorial Theatre Museum of Waseda University, founded in 1928, is one and only museum in Japan that is devoted to the history of classical dramas and theatrical shows. It is especially known for the vast collection of works of Shakespeare (selected as tangible cultural asset of Shinjuku Ward).

Anahachiman-gu Shrine is a typical Japanese shrine located near the venue. During 1600s, a cave hole appeared inside the shrine site, and inside the hole, a bronze idol of unknown age was discovered according to legend. People believe that this shrine poses a power for “accumulation of riches” for worshippers.

Waseda Campus Map:

http://www.waseda.jp/eng/common/images/campus/campus_map_waseda.png

Post-symposium field excursion

The post-symposium field excursion will allow the participants to observe forearc basin siliciclastic successions exposed along the Pacific coast 100 to 250 km east to northeast from Tokyo, central Honshu Island: **Choshi Group** (storm-dominated shallow-marine sandstone and mudstone facies: Barremian-Aptian), **Nakaminato Group** (Campanian turbidite and offshore mudstone facies: Campanian-Maastrichtian) and **Futaba Group** (fluvial to shallow-marine sandstone and mudstone facies: Coniacian-Santonian). We can see the alternating marine (deep to shallow) and terrestrial (fluvial) deposits and their transitions in sedimentary facies and biofacies laterally and stratigraphically. We also visit some geosites of **Choshi** and **North Ibaraki Geoparks**.

Day 1 (September 7):

Leave Waseda, Tokyo at 8 a.m. for Inubosaki (small peninsula projected into the Pacific), Choshi City

- 1) Lower Cretaceous (Barremian-Aptian **Choshi Group**) storm-dominated shallow-marine sandy sediments including some offshore sandy turbidite, Geosites of **Choshi Geopark**
- 2) Overlying Pliocene Naarai Formation with Cretaceous radiolarian-bearing pebbles

Dinner at Café Marina, Chiba Institute of Science near a sunset beach

Stay at Hotel Sunrise Choshi

Day 2 (September 8):

Leave Choshi at 8:30 a.m. for Kita-Ibaraki through Tsukuba and Nakaminato

- 1) Geological Museum, Geological Survey of Japan in Tsukuba City
- 2) Upper Cretaceous (Campanian to Lower Maastrichtian) turbidite and offshore mudstone facies (**Nakaminato Group**) bearing some heteromorph ammonites and other molluscan fossils exposed along the Pacific coast

- 3) Geosite of **North Ibaraki Geopark** (Hiraiso Coast, Hitachinaka City)

Dinner served with fresh seafood and Japanese cuisine and stay at Izura Kanko Hotel facing

- 2) and 3) of Day 3, Kita-Ibaraki City with excellent hot-spring public baths

Day 3 (September 9):

After North Ibaraki Geopark leave for Iwaki

- 1) Miocene methane seep carbonates at a geosite of **North Ibaraki Geopark**, Izura Coast
- 2) Rokkaku-do (red-colored small hexagonal hermitage) build on carbonate concretion blocks in Izura Institute of Art and Culture, Ibaraki University
- 3) Iwaki Coal and Fossil Museum (exhibition on plesiosaurid, dinosaur and several molluscan fossils occurred from Futaba Group, including Paleogene coal mine facilities)
- 4) Upper Cretaceous fluvial to shallow-marine sandstone and mudstone facies (**Futaba Group**)

Farewell party and stay at Iwaki Shin Maiko Heights with excellent hot-spring public baths

Day 4 (September 10):

After visit to the Futaba Group, leave Iwaki for Tokyo

- 1) Unconformities between the underlying Lower Cretaceous granite basement and overlying Eocene-Oligocene Iwaki Formation, and the Futaba Group
- 2) Iwaki City Ammonite Center, shallow-marine giant ammonite shell bed site.

Arrival at Tokyo until 6 p.m.

You are advised to prepare field boots, outdoor clothing, raincoat or umbrella, face towel, hat, sunglasses, sun-block lotion, backpack, necessary geological field instruments, etc. The weather of field areas in early September is still enough hot and humid, and typical temperatures are about 25-30°C (by day) and 20-25°C (at night).

Futaba Group (Con-L.San) Ammonite shell bed

Nakaminato Group (Cmp-L.Maa) Offshore ms

Choshi Group (Brm-Apt) HCS sandstone

Geol. Surv. Japan (1992)

Geological Museum, GSJ

Rokkaku-do, Izura Coast

Iwaki Coal & Fossil Museum

Registration Fees

US\$ 200	Symposium only (4-6 September, 2014) (including admission to the poster and oral sessions and abstract book, conference kit, refreshments, lunch, welcome dinner and farewell party).
US\$ 150	Student rate of the above (student ID needed)
US\$ 220	On-site registration rate after 1 July
US\$ 500	Post-symposium field excursion (includes fieldguide book, accommodations, meals and transportation during the excursion).

*Participants should pay the registration fees at the reception desk of the conference on 3 - 4 September.

*Note, we only accept cashes, and credit cards are NOT acceptable.

Accommodation and Rates

Reservation for accommodations at **Sunroute Hotel** (special rate) can be made through the Organizing Committee of the symposium. Accommodation arrangements can be requested by the “Reply Form” on the last page of this document. The number of room is limited, and thus the first come the first served.

<u>Room type</u>	<u>fee (per night)</u>
Single	US\$85 – 95
Double	US\$50 - 75

Information: <http://www.sunroutehotel.jp/takadanobaba/en/index.html>

Those who want to stay in other hotels in the city of Waseda or near campus can arrange reservations by themselves. The city of Shinjuku is vibrant city with many hotels and convenient for reaching the venue. There is a public bus line going from Shinjuku Station to Okuma Auditorium.

Financial Support

The Organizing Committee will provide financial support for some of the expenses such as registration fee, accommodations or field excursion fees mainly from developing countries, who satisfy the following conditions: 1) submit an abstract before the deadline and 2) participate in the symposium. In principle, a few participants per country will be given support, and priority will be given to the Regional Coordinators and younger scientists. Already, we obtained financial support requests from many applicants of several countries, thus the support amount available for each will be limited and unable to support the full cost of meeting attendance. We ask for a kind understanding.

Please contact Dr. Tohru Ohta (igcp608.waseda@gmail.com) of Symposium Secretary General **until 1 June**.