

## **ACP Japan Chapter Meeting 2026**

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The 2026 ACP Japan Chapter meeting was held June 27–28 at the Kyoto University campus. The Chair of the meeting's Planning Committee was Tetsuya Makiishi. A welcome dinner was held for members of the Governor's Council and selected speakers on June 26. More than 370 people registered for the 2026 annual meeting.

### DAY 1:

The scientific program began at 9:00 a.m. on June 26. From 9:05 to 9:35 a.m., I delivered the ambassadorial lecture, which was about inpatient hepatology. This was followed by my clinical case discussion from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The case was about *Legionella* pneumonia complicated by rhabdomyolysis and interstitial nephritis. These sessions were moderated by Governor Harumi Gomi and Governor-elect Yuka Kitano.

A session in English about “The Prevention Strategy in Hospitalized Medical Patients” was held from 11:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. by Dr. James Newman, who is based at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. His session highlighted management of deep venous thrombosis prophylaxis, falls, and delirium in the geriatric population. The subsequent sessions were held in Japanese. From 2:05 to 3:05 p.m., a session on “Rethinking Medical Education With Generative AI (Artificial Intelligence) Through the Lens of Medical Students” was held. This was an insightful presentation and led to further discussion about the role of generative AI in medical education. The students who presented their findings were encouraged to collaborate with other chapters to develop a more comprehensive overview of this topic for further analysis and presentation at a national ACP meeting.

After additional sessions in Japanese, which covered a broad array of topics, the first day ended with an evening reception from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., which was held on the Kyoto University campus. The enthusiasm and high level of engagement from members of the Japan Chapter were palpable. The Japan Chapter's committee leaders were afforded the opportunity to use this forum to recruit interested members. There was overt evidence of increased interest in international collaboration to enhance educational opportunities. I commended the Japan Chapter for its Rising Star, Clinical Reasoning, and Clinical Rotation Exchange Programs. These programs have buttressed the role of ACP as a professional home for internal medicine physicians in Japan.

### DAY 2:

The morning sessions held on June 28 were in Japanese. The Kurokawa Award podium presentations began at 1:10 p.m. There were six presenters, three for research and three clinical vignettes. Six judges (including me and Dr. Tammy Lin) were assigned to grade presentations for their eligibility for the Kurokawa Awards. A study about the factors associated with increasing

use of the *shippu* patch and a case of fever of unknown origin due to tumor embolization into the pulmonary vasculature were adjudged the best for the research and clinical vignettes sections, respectively.

Dr. Lin delivered a lecture about “The Art of Collaboration and Community Building” from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. This talk highlighted the importance of collaboration with stakeholders to enhance patient care and interchapter collaboration to enhance professional well-being.

The meeting’s award ceremony was held from 3:10 to 3:50 p.m. under the auspices of the Japan Chapter’s Nominating Committee. The Kurokawa Awards were given out to the deserving presenters. Awards for Woman Physician of the Year, chapter volunteerism, mentorship awards, and others were given out to the selected recipients. No Chapter Laureate Award was given out this year.

The Japan Chapter’s Sakura Awards of Excellence were given to me and Dr. Tammy Lin.

Closing remarks were made by the Chair of Planning Committee, Tetsuya Makiishi, and Governor Harumi Gomi.

Conclusion: The Japan Chapter is highly engaged and has made inroads into the medical community, positioning itself as a professional home to enhance the practice of medicine while enhancing professionalism through its chapter initiatives. A sense of belonging and increased engagement in chapter activities were noted from our interactions with medical students and faculty members of the Japan Chapter. It is my expectation that chapter activities will continue to be supported and enhanced to meet the needs of its members, thereby augmenting the practice of medicine and professional well-being.



