

The 41st International Symposium on the Okhotsk Sea & Polar Oceans 2027

We are pleased to announce that the 41st International Symposium on the Okhotsk Sea and Polar Oceans (Mombetsu-2027 Symposium) will be held from February 21 to 24, 2027, in Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan. The Symposium has been focusing on the sea ice, Arctic sea routes, global warming, and other topics related to the northern regions. We warmly invite you to join the Mombetsu-2027 Symposium.

OUTLINE

Symposium Schedule: Sunday, 21 February – Wednesday, 24 February 2027

The presentation style will be a face-to-face meeting with real-time oral presentations.

- ◆ **21 (Sun) ---- Opening Ceremony:** at Mombetsu Citizens' Hall
Special Lectures, Memorial Reception (Banquet)
- ◆ **22 (Mon) to 24 (Wed) ---- Scientific Session:** at Mombetsu Cultural Center, etc.
- ◆ **22 (Mon) to 24 (Wed) ---- Public Program:** at Mombetsu Cultural Center, etc.
- ◆ **24 (Wed) ---- Children's Symposium:** at Mombetsu Citizens' Hall

Organized and Sponsored (The institutions listed are planned)

- ◆ City of Mombetsu
- ◆ Arctic Research Center, Hokkaido University (ARC)
- ◆ National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR)
- ◆ Kitami Institute of Technology (KIT)
- ◆ Institute of Low Temperature Science, Hokkaido University (ILTS)
- ◆ Tokai University, Hokkaido Campus
- ◆ Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology
- ◆ Tokyo University of Agriculture, Hokkaido-Okhotsk Campus
- ◆ Graduate School of Fisheries Sciences, Hokkaido University
- ◆ Field Science Center for Northern Biosphere, Hokkaido University
- ◆ Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute, The University of Tokyo (AORI) and more



Satellite image of the Sea of Okhotsk

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Method: Scientific sessions will be in a face-to-face meeting.

If you cannot come to Mombetsu but would like to make a presentation (only Russian scientists), please let us know by email.

Registration URL: <https://forms.gle/p7gXABRqn4Ar8WEo8>

** The registration site will open in October.



Registration Form
QR Code

TOPICS 《Scientific Session Themes》

- 1) Environment of Okhotsk Sea and Polar Oceans
- 2) Meteorology and Oceanography in Polar Regions
- 3) Marine Biology and Fisheries in the Ice-Covered Waters
- 4) Cold Region Engineering
- 5) Arctic Sea Routes
- 6) Global Warming and Environmental Change
- 7) Remote Sensing
- 8) Snow, Ice and Human Life
- 9) Social science and humanities
- 10) Other Topics



Sea ice at Mombetsu by Takao Nakajin

- Special workshops or meetings are available.
 If you would like to hold a workshop, please let us know.
 The application form is available on our website.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Short Summary Classification to Make Up the Program

Authors should submit a short summary of 100-200 words via the application website by **Tuesday, 1 December 2026.**

Final Manuscript for the Proceedings (Max. 4 pages, Camera-ready)

The manuscript should be sent to momsyst@okhotsk-mombetsu.jp by **Monday, 18 January 2027.**

The instructions are on the symposium website. <http://okhotsk-mombetsu.jp/okhsympo/Sympo-Eng/manuscript.html>

DEAD LINES

Workshop Proposal: Friday, 6 November 2026

Participant Registration: You can choose between two types of participation, 1-Give a presentation and 2-Participation only.

1) Presentation: Tuesday, 1 December 2026

2) Participation Only (no presentations): Friday, 5 February 2027

Final Manuscript: Monday, 18 January 2027

OSPOR (Peer reviewed Article): Friday, 2 October 2026



Mombetsu Tourist Information Center

<https://tic.mombetsu.net/>

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE of the Symposium will be **English**.

Japanese is available for workshops and citizen programs. We do not have simultaneous translation services.

AOTA MASAACKI AWARD

The award was established in 2014 to honor the memory of the late Professor Masaaki Aota by presenting an award to the best presentation(s) by young scientist(s). Candidates must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1) The presenter must be under 40 years of age.
- 2) The abstract must be published in the Proceedings of the International Symposium on the Okhotsk Sea & Polar Oceans.
- 3) Candidates must attend the prize-awarding ceremony.

PROCEEDINGS

All participants can browse the summary of the presentations online (for free) on PW during the conference.

PARTICIPATION FEE

General: 7,000 JPY. Students: 2,000 JPY.

Printed Proceedings: 5,000 JPY.

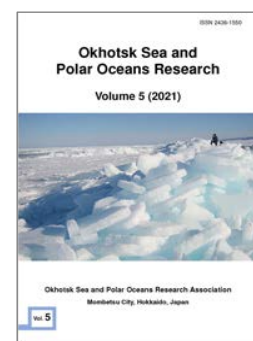
(The proceedings will be open on the website during the symposium period)

CALL FOR PAPERS (Peer reviewed Article) --Deadline, Friday, 2 October 2026

OSPOR (Okhotsk Sea and Polar Oceans Research, Vol. 10).

We are calling for submissions of peer-reviewed articles.

OSPOR is published by the Okhotsk Sea and Polar Oceans Research Association (OSPORA). Article manuscripts (max. 6 pages, camera-ready) are refereed by two reviewers, printed in the proceedings, and published on the Symposium website as Okhotsk Sea and Polar Oceans Research (OSPOR), Vol. 10 (2027) with open access DOI.



OSPOR

OTHER SYMPOSIUM ACTIVITIES at Mombetsu Cultural Center, etc.

Public Program (in Japanese):

- Forum, considering the Global Environment and Nature
- Our Home Okhotsk Sea
- How Do We Act at Enhancing Local Disaster Resilience ?
- Symposium on the Forest-Ocean Linkage
- The Okhotsk Terroir Symposium
- Symposium on Sea Ice for Children, Wonder of Sea ice

Dinner Party:

1. Memorial Reception (Banquet): Sunday, 21 February, 5,000 JPY at Mombetsu Citizens' Hall
2. Dinner Party with Volunteer Groups: Tuesday, 23 February 4,000 JPY

TRANSPORTATION TO MOMBETSU

- From Tokyo (Haneda) to Mombetsu (1h 50m): 1 flight/day
- From Tokyo (Haneda) to Asahikawa (1h 40 m: 7 flights/day) and 2 hours by rental car
- From Tokyo (Haneda) to Memanbetsu (1h 50 m: 5 flights/day) and 2 hours by rental car
- From Sapporo, (4h 40m): 3 buses/day

●As of July 2026

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