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FOURTH CIRCULAR

We are very pleased to distribute the fourth circular for the PPN9, which will be held in Tokyo this November. There will be more than 90 registered participants, including accompanied persons, from 17 different countries and regions. As organizers, we once again appreciate your interest in this conference and look forward to having lively and social interactions with you in Tokyo.

Venues

Koshiba Hall (Hongo Campus, University of Tokyo)

Koshiba Hall, Faculty of Science Bldg. 1, Hongo Campus is the main venue where most of the sessions will be held. Registrations will also be carried out here.

Map: <https://www.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/map/map01.html>

INTERMEDIATHEQUE (IMT, JP Tower)

The closing session will be held on November 15 at the INTERMEDIATHEQUE, one of the satellite facilities of the University Museum, University of Tokyo. After the early afternoon session at Koshiba Hall on November 15, the participants will be requested to move here by taking a metro (Marunouchi subway line) from the Hongo-Sanchome station to the Tokyo station.

Webpage: <http://www.intermediatheque.jp/en>

It is here that a lecture will be given on the Japanese "Neolithic" from a Levantine perspective, as an introduction to the post-conference excursion.

Wi-Fi

At the Koshiba Hall and several public places on the Hongo campus, *eduroam* will be available. Free wi-fi will be accessible at the IMT. Guest account IDs with a password will be issued at the registration desk to those without an *eduroam* account.

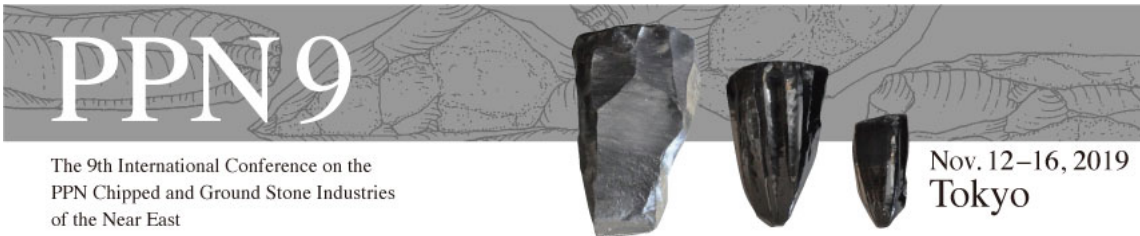
Registration

All registered participants will receive conference goods from the registration desk at the Koshiba Hall. The desk will be open from November 12–14 between 09:20 and 18:00 hours.

Although registration for the conference is already closed, we will allow a small number of our colleagues in Japan, including students, to attend the lecture and poster sessions. Their registration desk will be set up separately.

Program

Please find attached with this circular a summary time table and preliminary program for the workshop. It includes information on the oral and poster sessions, stone knapping demonstration,



hands-on exhibition, opening and closing sessions, and social events. As the program shows, scientific reports cover a wide range of subjects from regional surveys of the most recent discoveries (Cyprus, Levant, Zagros, Anatolia, Caucasus, and even beyond), technological approaches, micro-wear studies, ground stone research, and provenance analyses of the Neolithic lithic assemblages. Changes in the program, if any, will be announced on the conference's webpage.

Presentation guideline

Lecture

Due to the large volume of presentations, each oral presentation will be strictly limited to 20 minutes (15-min. talk and 5-min. for discussion). A Windows computer is available at the venue for this. Those presenting are requested to hand over their slide data well in advance of their session. Those presenting in the morning session on November 12 are requested to provide their data to the organizers at the registration desk.

Poster

Posters must be within the A0 size maximum in the vertical position and must be submitted upon arrival at the registration desk. The posters will be exhibited until 12:00 hours on November 15. They can be collected between 12:00 and 15:00 hours on the same day. Otherwise, the posters will be disposed of.

All the poster presenters are requested to make presentations next to their posters between 12:40 to 13:20 hours on November 13.

Hands-on of lithic artifacts

We will organize a Hands-on session between 18:00 and 19:00 hours on November 14. During this session, selected lithic artifacts from Neolithic sites excavated by Japanese teams in the Near East and other regions including Japan will be exhibited in the conference room.

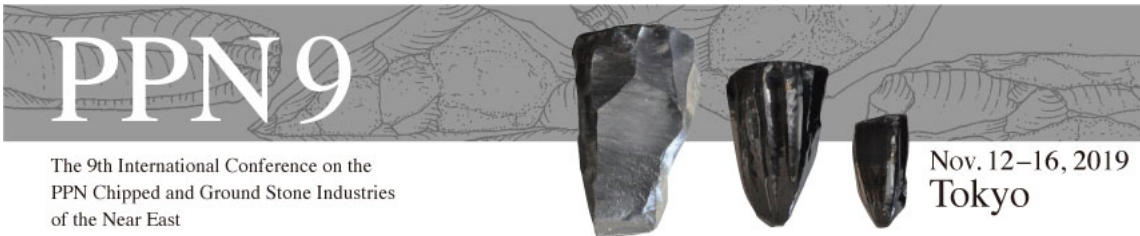
Stone knapping demonstration

The focus of this session, held along with the Hands-on session on November 14, is pressure debitage for blade production. This served as a fundamental technological basis not only for the Neolithic communities in the east wing of the Fertile Crescent but also in the Upper Paleolithic regions of Northeast Asia including the Japanese Archipelago. The demonstrations, organized by Kats Ohnuma, Kokushikan University, include hand-held, crutch, chest, and lever pressure. Anyone who wishes to join in is welcome.

Excursion

The post-conference excursion on November 16 is a day trip from the University campus to the western suburbs of Tokyo, the Yamanashi Prefecture. Located at the foothills of Mt. Fuji, Yamanashi is known to have fostered Jomon communities' adaptation to the mountainous environment and has a rich history related to this symbolic mountain of Japan. Our plan is to visit museums and tourist spots in this picturesque region, which will include: Yamanashi Prefecture Archaeological Museum (<https://www.pref.yamanashi.jp/kouko-hak/>), Fujisan Museum (<http://www.fy-museum.jp/forms/top/top.aspx>), and Oshino Hakkai (http://oshino.jp.e.nz.hp.transer.com/spot_8lakes.php).

The tour is expected to commence at 09:00 am and end at 19:00 pm, but the schedule of the bus excursion will depend on the weather, travel conditions, and other such factors.



Social events

The registered participants and the people accompanying them are cordially invited to the welcome and farewell dinners. The welcome dinner on November 12 will be held at a Japanese pub, *izakaya*, near the university campus and the farewell dinner on November 15 at a modern restaurant near the INTERMEDIATHEQUE.

Please go through the above information carefully to plan your travel and stay in Tokyo, likewise. However, inquiries will be always welcome. Whenever you have something unclear, please do not hesitate to contact the organizing committee.

Faithfully yours,

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