

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> report of the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Association of Regional Agriculture and Forestry Economics (ARAFE)

October 10, 2023

## 1. The Date

October 28–29. 2023, Lecture meeting, Individual Presentation  
International Symposium, the General  
meeting, and Banquet  
\* October 27. 2023, Public symposium  
Official meetings (eligible participants only)

## 2. The Venues and Schedule

### 2-1. Venues

Higashi-Hiroshima campus in Hiroshima University

★ Map: <https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/access/higashihiroshima>

Executive Committee

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The ARAFE shall organize this annual meeting in person at Hiroshima University. Only “Lecture meeting” and “International Symposium”, however, shall be held with both online and offline attendees. Please check 2-3, 2-4, 2-5 about how to make your registration for online participation.

### 2-2. Schedule

[October 27, 2023]

Public Symposium; 14:00-16:30

[October 28, 2023]

Individual Presentation (1); 9:00-11:30

Lecture meeting; 13:00-16:15

The General Meeting; 17:00-18:00

Banquet; 18:00-20:00

[October 29, 2023]

Individual Presentation (2); 9:00-12:30  
International Symposium; 14:00-16:00 (in English)

## 2-3. Participation fees

On site by cash

General members ¥3,000. -

Nonmembers ¥4,000. -

Students regardless of membership ¥1,000. -

Banquet fee (participants only)

Members ¥5,000. -

Students ¥3,000. -

On-line, joining in only Lecture meeting and International Symposium

All participants ¥1,500. - by bank transfer

On-line, Individual presentation (only authors participating the session) \*

General members ¥3,000. - by bank transfer

Student members ¥1,000. - by bank transfer

\* Only in case where the application for making individual presentation on-line is accepted

### 【Important】

\* Total amount of fees must be charged for your **on-line participation** in both “Lecture meeting and International Symposium” and “Individual presentation”.

★ The bank account to be transferred into < remittance time limit 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 >

< Japan Post Bank Co., Ltd. >

Account number : 01040-2-44148

account owner : 地域農林経済学会

Please input 1. Your membership number, 2. Your name, 3. Postal code, 4. Address, 5. Phone number and 6. Payment contents on the money transfer form.

★ Please contact “Planning Affairs of ARAFE” if you have any questions about payment methods. ➔ E-mail: [arafe-plan2023\[at\]googlegroups.com](mailto:arafe-plan2023[at]googlegroups.com) (\*please replace [at] to @)

## 2-4. Participant Registration with or without banquet

Please make registration of your participation from the following site till 20th October

<https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/bd23a4e788440>



## 2-5. Application for the Individual presentation

Members can make application for your individual presentation.  
Please check the URLs below and make their registration on each form till each form's own deadline.

~~• **Registration of Individual presentation with its abstract**~~

~~URL: <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/ebc136a9173043> by 21st August~~

~~• **★ Application for making individual presentation on-line**~~

~~URL: <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/1b7495e2202566> by 14th August~~

• **Submission of a pdf file for individual presentation slides**

URL: <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/9b6f3b99173045> by 20th October

• **Submission of a final draft**

URL: <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/2e5e7cff173044> by 20th October

~~★ **Registration of Individual presentation on-line can be done only when the application with rational reasons why he/she cannot make presentation on-site accepted before this registration. These applications shall be examined by president, vice-presidents and members of Planning Affairs in ARAFE.**~~

For further inquiries, regarding individual presentation, please contact:  
Planning Affairs of ARAFE  
E-mail: arafe-plan2023[at]googlegroups.com (\*please replace [at] to @)

For further inquiries, submission of a final draft, please contact:  
Editorial Board of ARAFE  
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## 3. Lecture meeting

### 3-1. Theme

- Grand challenges in 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Annual meetings  
"Strategy MIDORI"; The Capabilities and Competence of Organic Agriculture in Japan.
- The Theme in 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual meetings  
The Challenges in Diffusion of Organic Agricultural Production Technologies in Japan with "Strategy MIDORI": Focusing on the Experiences in European Countries with "Farm to Fork"

### 3-2. Concept

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Japan (MAFF) launched the medium-long term strategies "Strategy MIDORI", the plan for sustainable food system, on 12 May 2021. "Strategy MIDORI" aims at both enhancing engagement of stakeholders at each stage of food supply chains and promoting innovation to reduce environmental burdens.

For instance, "Strategy MIDORI" aims to achieve "50% reduction in risk-weighted use of chemical pesticides by dissemination of the Integrated Pest Management and newly-developed alternatives", "30% reduction in chemical fertilizer use", "Increase in organic farming to 1Mha(equivalent to 25% of farmland)" and so on by 2050.

On the other hand, it is likely that "Strategy MIDORI" does not make proposal of specific methods for implementing those objectives but just expect the dissemination of smart/digital agriculture in practical use.

Anyway we have to meet specific challenges for diffusing organic agricultural production systems with learning advanced cases around European countries in order to implement "Strategy MIDORI" for these decades. Considering the importance and urgency on these issues, ARAFE will arrange the lecture meeting on "The Expectation for Strategy MIDORI as Propulsion Mechanism for Dissemination of Organic Farming Systems".

### 3-3. Schedule and speakers

[October 28th, 2023]

The President's address; 13:00-13:15 (Keynote lecture)

Kiichi Nakajima (Ibaraki Univ); 13:15-13:55 (Invited main lecture)

The Possibilities of Organic Farming System with "Strategy MIDORI";  
from Nature and Roots of Agricultural Perspective (Working title)

Masayasu Asai (OECD); 14:05-14:40 (Invited lecture 1)

Fostering sustainability transitions in food systems: Contributions and  
challenges of organic food and farming policy in the European Union  
(Working title)

Ken Ishikura (Ryukoku Univ); 14:40-15:15 (Invited lecture 2)

Current status of organic farming promotion and agri-environmental  
policy in Austria (Working title)

Simona Zollet (Hiroshima Univ); 15:15-15:50 (Invited lecture 3)

Organic farming systems and rural development in Italy – current  
situation and way forward (Working title)

Qs and As; 16:00-16:15

#### **4. Individual Oral Presentation**

**[October 28, 9:00-11:30 / October 29, 9:00-12:30]**

- 4-1 The time allocated for each presentation is 30 minutes (20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion).
- 4-2 Only one presentation can be made by one first presenter.
- 4-3 In the case of a joint presentation, in principle, the first presenter must make an oral presentation.
- 4-4 The first presenter must be a member of ARAFE and pay the 2023 annual membership fee before the application deadline (August 21, 2023).

For non-members who wish to present their papers, please request the ARAFE Secretariat to send the membership application forms as soon as possible (the application form can be downloaded from the ARAFE website).

- 4-5 For the instruction of applications, see Appendix 1. Please be careful about the submission and application methods.

## 5. International Symposium [October 29th, 2023]

2023 International Symposium of the Association for Regional Agricultural and Forestry Economics

sponsored by the Japanese Society of Organic Agriculture Science

### 5-1. Theme

Scaling up Agroecology from Policies to Practices:  
Emerging Policies and Contradictions in the Global North

### 5-2. Concept of the Symposium

At the Second International Symposium on Agroecology held in Rome in 2018, the United Nations (UN) initiated the Scaling Up Agroecology Initiative, to transcend the global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, hunger, and social inequality. Echoing this initiative, the countries in the Global North recently launched their respective new agri-food policies aiming to transform their current food systems toward more sustainable systems. The European Green Deal, 2019 and Farm to Fork Strategy, 2020; the United States' Agriculture Innovation Agenda, 2020; and Japan's Strategy for Sustainable Food Systems (MeaDRI), 2021 are examples of these efforts.

Although these greening policies are rapidly gaining visibility in agri-food debates, they are also highly questioned by scientists, farmers' organizations, civil society organizations because of their insufficiency, incoherency, lack of budget or support, and missing participatory approaches. The UN Food System Summit held in 2021 was a symbolic event for both countries that promoted their greening agri-food policies and the civil society organizations that boycotted and overtly criticized these initiatives.

Against this backdrop, the Association for Regional Agricultural and Forestry Economics (ARAFE) will organize two consecutive international symposia on "Scaling Up Agroecology from Policies to Practices" in 2023 and 2024. The international symposium of 2023 focuses on "Emerging Policies and Contradictions in the Global North." We have invited three speakers to analyze the greening of agri-food policies and their consequences and contradictions in the EU, the US, and Japan with interdisciplinary approaches.

### 5-3. Schedule and speakers

Chair: Prof. SEKINE Kae (Aichi Gakuin University)  
Moderators: Assoc. Prof. MASUDA Tadayoshi (Kindai University)  
Assoc. Prof. TAKASHINO Nina (Ritsumeikan University)

#### **Program**

- 14:00-14:10 Welcome Address:  
President of ARAFE, Prof. AKITSU Motoki (Kyoto University)  
President of JSOAS, Prof. TANIGUCHI Yoshimitsu  
(Akita Prefectural University)
- 14:10-14:15 Opening:  
Prof. SEKINE Kae (Aichi Gakuin University)
- 14:15-14:35 Presentation 1:  
Emerging Policies and Contradictions in the EU: A Fair, Healthy and  
Environmentally Friendly Food System by 2030  
by Prof. PENKER Marianne  
(University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna)
- 14:35-14:50 Presentation 2:  
Emerging Policies and Contradictions in the US: The Organic Label as a  
Agroecological Policy Lever  
by Ms. ICHIKAWA Nina F.  
(Berkeley Food Institute, University of California)
- 14:50-15:10 Presentation 3:  
Emerging Policies and Contradictions in Japan: Pathways to Agroecology  
within the Framework of a Production-oriented Agricultural Policy  
by Prof. ISHII Keiichi: (Tohoku University)
- 15:10-15:25 Comments:  
by Prof. MAHARJAN Keshav Lall (Hiroshima University)  
Prof. KOHSAKA Ryo (The University of Tokyo)
- 15:25-15:50 Discussion
- 15:50-15:55 Concluding Remarks:  
Prof. SEKINE Kae (Aichi Gakuin University)
- 15:55-16:00 Closing Remarks:  
Vice President of ARAFE, Prof. ADACHI Yoshihiro (Kyoto University)

## 6. Note

6-1. Access <Please refer to the end of this document for the campus map>

From Hiroshima station to Higashi-Hiroshima campus

Please take a train on the Sanyo Main Line to Saijo(JR). The train usually departs from platform 5, and takes approximately 40 minutes to Saijo. From Saijo station, you can get to the campus by bus or taxi.

From Hiroshima station to Saijo station		
Expected travel time	about 40 min.	
Fare	590 yen	
From Saijo station to Higashi-Hiroshima campus		
By bus from bus stop No. 3(※ 1)	Expected travel time	about 20 min.
	Fare	290 yen
*There are nine bus stops around Higashi-Hiroshima campus. Please check below URL(※ 2) page to locate the closest bus stop to your destination.		
By taxi	Expected travel time	about 15 min.
	Fare	about 2,000 yen

※ 1 [https://www.chugoku-jrbus.co.jp/route\\_bus/pdf/20230318time\\_higashihiroshima.pdf](https://www.chugoku-jrbus.co.jp/route_bus/pdf/20230318time_higashihiroshima.pdf)

※ 2 [https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/access/higashihiroshima/busstop\\_higashihiroshima](https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/access/higashihiroshima/busstop_higashihiroshima)

You can search your route at: Japan Transit Planner

[https://world.jorudan.co.jp/mln/en/?sub\\_lang=nosub](https://world.jorudan.co.jp/mln/en/?sub_lang=nosub)

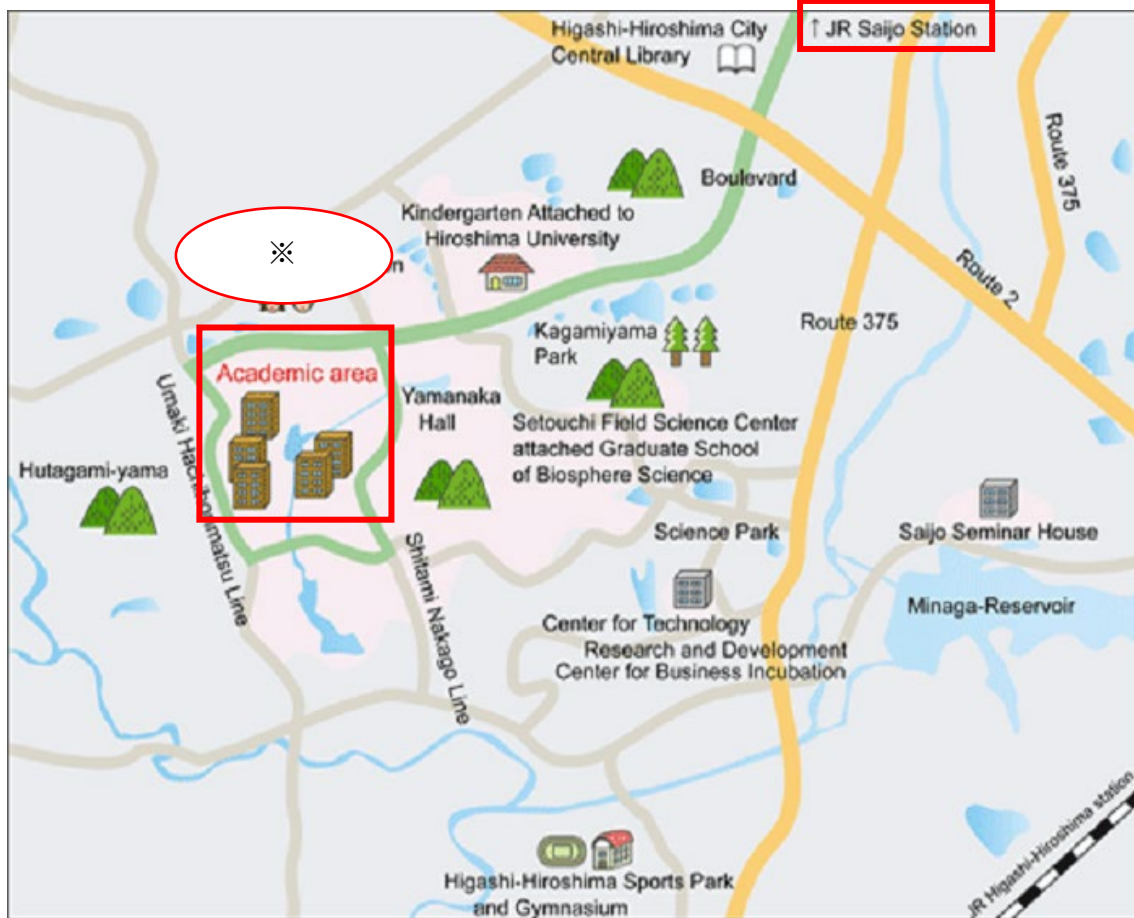
You can use a transportation IC card (eg. SUICA) for bus charge.

6-2. Meal environment

University Hall Cafeteria (in Daigaku Kaikan Co-op shop) in campus is only available at around noon(11:00-14:00) of Oct. 28nd, **so it is highly recommended to bring your lunch by yourself.** There is not any convenience store nor restaurant within 10 minutes walking area from the campus.



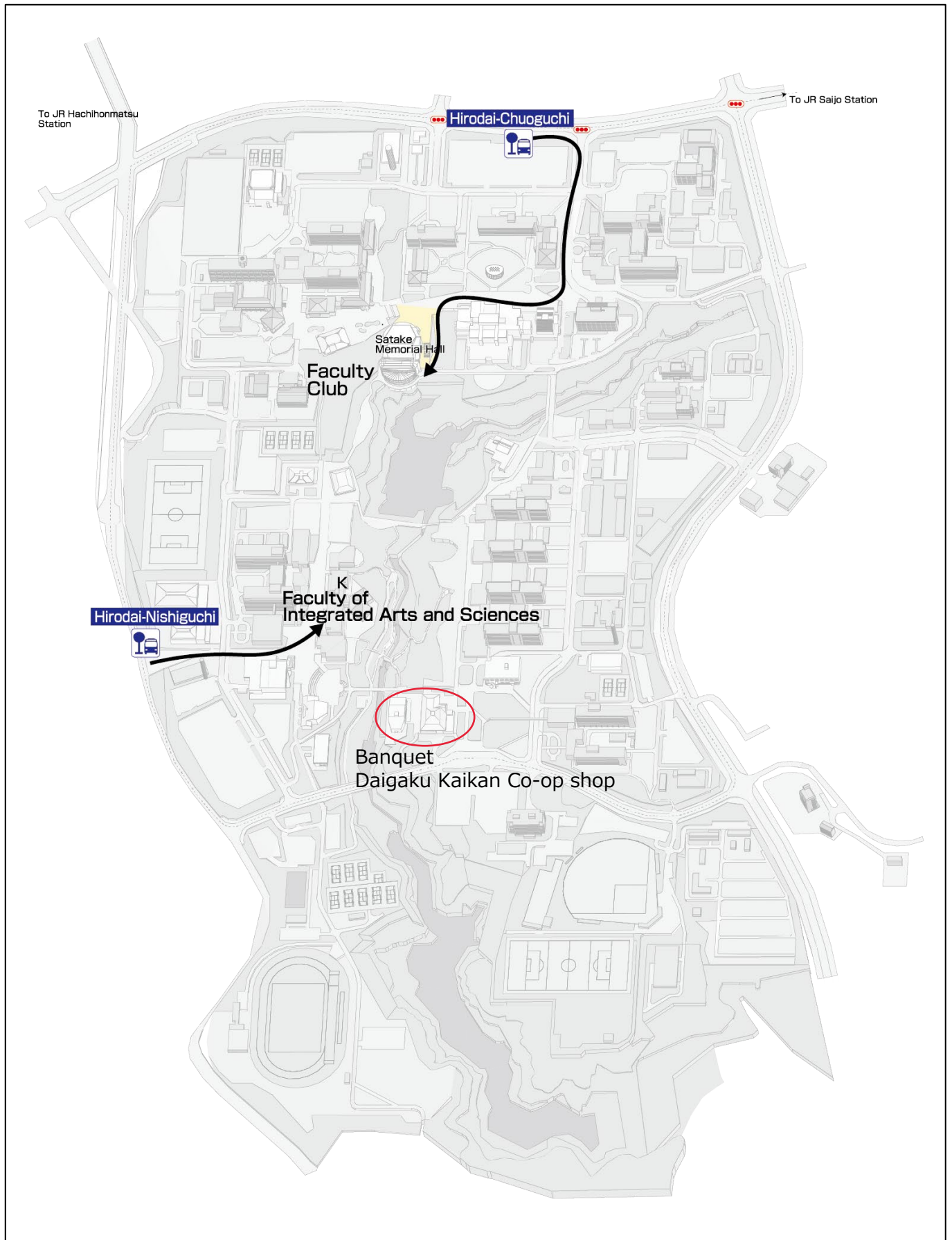
## Campus Map 1



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There are Yume town supermarket, 7/11 convenience store and Tandoor Indo-Nepali restaurant, Ramen, Udon shops in Shitami student area, 10-15 minutes walk from conference venue.

Campus Map 2



## [Appendix 1] Instruction for Presenters of Oral Presentations

### 1. Preparing the Abstract

- ~~1-1 Please confirm the sample of the format on [the ARAFE website](#)~~
- ~~1-2 The file of the abstract written with a word processor must be converted into PDF format (A4 size, one page).~~

### 2. Applying for the oral presentation

- ~~2-1 The applications for oral presentations and submissions of abstracts must be sent via internet.~~
  - ~~- Go to the website < <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/ebc136a9173043> >.~~
  - ~~- Enter the password <20230821>.~~
  - ~~- You will find the English description.~~
  - ~~- You must upload an abstract of your presentation at the end of this procedure.~~
  - ~~- \*Please see the sample format in the ARAFE website~~
  - ~~- The file of abstract written by word processor must be converted into a PDF file~~
  - ~~- You must finish the procedure by 11:59 p.m. on August 21, 2023.~~
- 2-2 If you are planning to make slide-show presentation, you must submit the PDF file by 11:59 p.m. on October 20, 2023. (Please note that PPT file cannot be used)
  - Go to the website < <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/9b6f3b99173045> >.
  - Enter the password <20231020>.
  - You will find the English description.
- 2-3 If you are planning to submit the manuscript for Short Paper, you must prepare a “presubmission manuscript” and send it by 11:59 p.m. on October 20, 2023, to the URL below:
  - Go to the website < <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/2e5e7cff173044> >.
  - Enter the password <20231020>.
  - You will find the English description.
  - \* Files must be 3MB or smaller. Files greater than 3MB cannot be accepted.
  - \* It cannot be accepted after the deadline.

### [Appendix 2] Applying for the Excellent Presentation Prize

- ~~1. To apply for this prize, a presubmission manuscript for Short Paper should be sent according to the procedures described in 2-3 above. If you do not send the manuscript for Short Paper, you cannot apply for this prize.~~
- ~~2. The first presenters, who apply for this prize, must be younger than 37 years old on October 28, 2023.~~