



# JFPS Invitation Letter

Dear National Delegates of the 25th World Congress of Philosophy,

As President of the Philosophical Association of Japanese (PAJ), on behalf of the Japanese Federation of Philosophical Societies (JFPS), I would like to ask for your full support for our hosting in Tokyo the 26th World Congress of Philosophy, WCP 2028.

I am confident that we would meet your high expectations in a more than satisfactory manner. For not only is Tokyo safe and easily accessible from most parts of the world, but also people and institutions here have a deeply sympathetic view towards philosophy and would heartily welcome the participants of the Congress. Moreover, we have many ideas we are working very hard on, that we are certain will make the Congress more delightful and more rewarding: Collaborating with more than 40 academic societies of these various fields, the JFPS will be happy to organize the World Congress of Philosophy in 2028, in order to encourage philosophical dialogue, particularly among young scholars and students, all over the world.

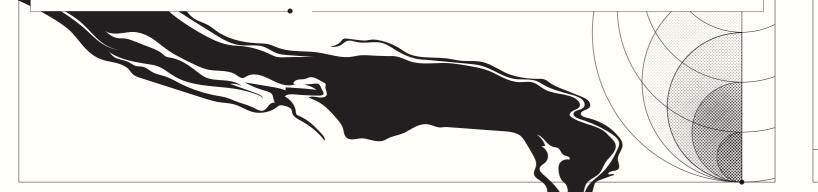
We will spare no effort to make this historic congress a resounding success. Tokyo congress will push the boundaries of what WCP congresses have achieved so far, adding value not only to the participants' experience, but to philosophy as a whole. See you in Tokyo for WCP 2028!

Sincerely

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President of the Philosophical Association of Japan



# Where Philosophers Meet: Japan for the WCP 2028

The World Congress of Philosophy of FISP has long been providing a platform for philosophers from all over the world to discuss various philosophical issues related to our contemporary societies. Japanese philosophers have made many important contributions to past congresses. Now we have a strong and earnest wish to host, for the first time, the next meeting of the congress in the year 2028.

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Our world and philosophies face divisions caused by the differing opinions of disparate political and cultural camps. This is why we sincerely wish to create a forum where people can, regardless of their political and cultural background, freely engage in discussions about different regions of the world, different historical events and viewpoints, and different fields in academia. Our world philosophy includes multiple traditions and provides a universal ground for philosophical dialogue. It provides a vantagepoint from which to reconsider our ordinary lives, popular culture, and the Universe. It allows us to reflect on what it means to be "human" in the light of virtual reality, robots, and AI. It liberates "philosophy" and opens it up to the public and the world.

### III. Tokyo: An Academic City\_

Tokyo has over one hundred universities and colleges, most of which have philosophy departments or philosophy teachers. The University of Tokyo, founded in 1877, will happily host the WCP in collaboration with other universities in and outside of Tokyo. Participants can enjoy a rich array of Japanese cultural activities and landmarks in Tokyo, and Japan's world-famous public transportation systems make visiting other cities and areas fast and convenient.

### I. Tradition and Modernity\_

Japan has both an incredible depth and tremendous breadth of philosophical traditions. It has a long history of philosophy and religious thought rooted in Buddhism, Confucianism and Shintoism that stretches back to the 6th century of the Common Era. During the mid-19th century, Western Philosophy was introduced, and Japanese philosophers worked diligently to integrate many of these ideas into Eastern traditions. Our history, therefore, demonstrates the rich philosophical possibilities that emerge as a result of learning from other cultures. The challenges posed by contemporary culture and cutting edge technologies necessitate that we continue to think about how to live well in the 21st century. We believe that Japan can be a catalyst for interactions between, and the eventual integration of, diverse traditions of philosophical

### II. A World in Crisis

# Proposed Venue & Date

Venue The University of Tokyo, Hongo Campus

Date August 2028



# Japanese Federation of Philosophical Societies (JFPS)

The Japanese Federation of Philosophical Societies (JFPS) is a member of FISP. It consists of the following six academic societies, each engaged in their respective philosophical research.

> The Philosophical Association of Japan The Japanese Society for Ethics The Japanese Society for Aesthetics Japanese Association for Religious Studies The Japanese Association of Indian and Buddhist Studies The Sinological Society of Japan

