



THIRD CIRCULAR THE 26th INTERNATIONAL TOVS STUDY CONFERENCE

Dear Colleague,

The 26th meeting of the International TOVS Working Group is now only a few months away! The purpose of this Third Circular is to explain how to pay the conference registration fee and remind you to book your hotel room.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by completing the registration and abstract submission form available at <https://amarys-jtb.jp/ITSC-26/>. The deadline for submitting the abstracts is extended to **15 October 2026**. Registration to the conference will remain open until **15 February 2027**.

The conference will be held at the Tsukuba International Congress Center in Tsukuba, Japan, and hosted by the Japan Meteorological Agency and Tohoku University in cooperation with CIMSS/SSEC/UW-Madison.

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline	15 October 2026 (updated)
Draft Program	30 November 2026
Early bird registration deadline	31 December 2026
Hotel reservation deadline	31 January 2027 (subject to availability)
Final Program	15 February 2027
Regular registration fee deadline	15 February 2027
Hotel payment deadline	15 February 2027
Lunch bento box order deadline	15 February 2027
ITSC-26	4-10 March 2027

Conference Registration Fees

Registration fees will be paid by credit card online prior to the conference. Please note the information below:

1. The early-bird registration fee will be JPY55,000.
2. The regular registration fee will be JPY60,000.
3. The deadline for the Early Bird registration payment is 31 December 2026. The deadline for the Regular Registration Payment is 15 February 2027.
4. **If you need to cancel your registration, you must contact the ITSC-26 conference organizers (itsc26_organizers@g-groups.wisc.edu) no later than 31 January 2027 in order to receive a full refund.** Any cancellations after **31 January 2027** will not be refunded other than in exceptional circumstances; you may transfer your registration fee to a colleague – please contact the conference organizers (itsc26_organizers@g-groups.wisc.edu) for more information.

You must pay your registration fee via the website <https://amarys-jtb.jp/ITSC-26/>.

Lunch

Lunch is not included in your registration fee. However, you can order some very tasty-looking bento boxes that will be delivered to the conference venue so that we can enjoy lunch together. Ordering of bento boxes will be included in the registration form, and you can select a meat or vegetarian option each day. Unfortunately, we have not been able to cater for other dietary requirements for the bento boxes. The prices vary from day to day and pictures and descriptions of the content are linked in the form. You are free to order for as many or few days as you would like. The order must be made and paid for by **15 February 2027**.

The area surrounding the Congress Center has many restaurants and shops, if you prefer to organise your own food.

Accommodation

Information about hotel bookings was given in the second circular. **Attendees are strongly encouraged to reserve their hotel room as soon as possible. The hotel booking deadline is 31 January 2027.**

You can book your accommodation through the registration form. All accommodation must be paid for in full, through the registration form, by **15 February 2027**. Please book your accommodation through the form where possible, because the conference will receive a subsidy from Tsukuba City for every participant that stays in Tsukuba. If you book another hotel in Tsukuba City, please inform the organisers by email at itsc26_organizers@g-groups.wisc.edu.

Transport to and from the airport

You will need to arrange your own transportation from the airport to the conference venue. There are many possible routes to get from both Haneda Airport and Narita Airport to Tsukuba Station. Our local hosts recommend that you download an app such as Jorudan (<https://world.jorudan.co.jp/mln/en/>) to help plan your journey.

From Haneda, it is about 2 hours by train (approx ¥2,000) with several routes possible, or you can take a bus for a similar price and journey time, if the times of the services match your arrival.

From Narita, it is 90 mins by train (approx ¥2,000) or 1 hour by bus (approx ¥2,400). Bus services are more limited and advance reservation is required.

More information about transport will be provided by email nearer the time.

Visa Applications

To find out if you will need to obtain a visa and to learn the visa application requirements, please visit: https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html. Please indicate in the registration form if you will need assistance to apply for a visa, and the local organising committee will contact you. Conference attendees needing a letter of invitation should contact: itsc26_organizers@g-groups.wisc.edu.

Guest fees for Icebreaker and Banquet

If you will have a guest at ITSC-26 who will attend the Icebreaker and/or the Banquet, please note that your registration fee does not cover their meals and drinks. The cost of these events will need to be added in your registration form and paid online by credit card.

Sunday Activities

Thank you to those of you who provided feedback on Sunday activities. We have selected two options for tours:

- Tour of Mt Tsukuba including lunch at the Edoya inn.
- Tour of Inaba Sake Brewery with lunch at a Hitachi beef barbecue restaurant.

These will also be bookable via the registration website. The tours will be subject to minimum numbers, and availability.

Our Sponsors

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the organisations that have generously offered sponsorship to ITSC-26: Japan Meteorological Agency, EUMETSAT, Météo-France, ABB Bomem, BAE Systems, and Weather Stream. If your organisation would like to sponsor ITSC-26, please let us know as soon as possible as we are still happy to receive donations.

Concluding Remarks

We look forward to seeing you in Tsukuba for what we are sure will be a productive meeting.

Sincerely,

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