

JSAP Venues



Central Circus (Biwako-Kusatsu Campus)



Stadium and Across Wing
(Biwako-Kusatsu Campus)

The 2006 JSAP Fall Meeting will be held at the Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC) of Ritsumeikan University, August 29th to September 1st, 2006. The Campus is located about half an hour from JR Kyoto Station, in Kusatsu City, Shiga Prefecture. The beautiful Lake Biwako, the largest lake in Japan, is just a stone's throw away.

Ritsumeikan University was established in 1900 as the Kyoto Hosei (law) School, and formally adopted the name of "Ritsumeikan" in 1913 from a private academy of Prince Saionji Kinmochi established in 1869. The word "Ritsumeikan" comes from a passage in the Jinxin chapter of the *Discourses of Mencius* and means the "place to establish one's destiny." Ritsumeikan University consists of nine undergraduate colleges and 13 graduate schools. Approximately 31,000 undergraduate students and 3,000 graduate students (including 700 from overseas) are enrolled at the two campuses: Kinugasa and Biwako-Kusatsu.

The Kinugasa Campus is located in the northwest of Kyoto, a 1200 year-old city rich in culture and art, and is surrounded by auspicious temples, such as Kinkakuji (Golden Temple), Ryoanji (Stone Garden), Ninnaji, and Tojiin; a tranquil setting for research and learning.



Kinugasa Campus

During the Edo Period Kusatsu prospered due to its location at the crossroads of the great Tokaido and Nakasendo highways. The campus opened in 1994 with the expansion and relocation of Ritsumeikan University's College of Science and Engineering. Approximately 16,000 students study at four colleges located on this campus: Science and Engineering, Information Science and Engineering, Economics, and Business Administration.

Tourist attractions near the University include the countless temples and shrines of Kyoto and Nara; Himeji Castle, Japan's best preserved feudal castle; a night at Mount Koya, the center of Shingon Buddhism and one of the holiest places in Japan; and the sights and sounds of Osaka, the center of Western Japan.



Further Information

Ritsumeikan University: <http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/>