The next JSAP Spring Meeting will be held at the Okubo campus of Saitama University, March 29 to April 1, 2005. The University is located in the western part of Saitama City, the largest municipality in the northern Kanto region with more than one million inhabitants.

The Okubo Campus is located one hour from Tokyo Station by train and bus. The University has five schools for undergraduate education (Liberal Arts, Education, Economics, Science, and Engineering) and four graduate schools (Cultural Science, Education, Economic Science, and Science and Engineering) offering programs leading to doctorate degrees. In 2003-2004, the total number of undergraduate and graduate students was 7,496, and 1,225, respectively, including 500 overseas students.

The University offers evening graduate level courses for business people and school teachers at Tokyo Station College and Omiya Sonic City College. Further, the International Student Center offers intensive Japanese language courses for short-term and regular students from abroad.

The University currently has two research centers in science and engineering, and plans to establish additional centers to strengthen research activities in other fields.

Attractions in Saitama Prefecture include,

Kurazukuri Street: Edo-era, expensive, warehouse style buildings with massive, fireproof walls used to store and protect valuable goods like rice.

Kitain Temple: Built in 830, Kitain is the regional head temple of the Buddhist Tendai sect.

Honmaru Goten: The only remaining building of Kawagoe Castle. The castle, built in 1457, was used by lords closely allied with the Tokugawa Shogun during the Edo period.

Further information
Saitama University:
http://www.saitama-u.ac.jp/kokusai/english/index.htm