The 57th Japan Comparative Education Society (JCES) Annual Conference

Dear Members of the Japan Comparative Education Society,

We would like to extend our sincere hope and well wishes to all our members for their continued success. The 57th JCES Annual Conference will be hosted by the University of Tsukuba from Friday, June 25th through Sunday, June 27th, 2021. The conference will be held online this year. Additional details will be announced in the society's newsletter and on the conference website.

We look forward to your participation.

The 57th JCES Annual Conference Steering Committee Professor Hodaka Fujii, Chairperson Professor Masahiro Tanaka, Secretary-General

*English Conference Website: http://www.gakkai.ne.jp/jces/taikai/57/en.html

I. Conference Schedule

Friday, June 25th - Sunday, June 27th, 2021

JST	Friday, June 25th	Saturday, June 26th	Sunday, June 27th
09:30		Research Presentation Sessions 1 • 2	Research Presentation Sessions 3 • 4
13:00	Executive Directors Meeting		
15:00	Board of Directors Meeting	Keynote Symposium	Selected Research Sessions I•II
17:00			
18:00	Roundtable Sessions	General Assembly Meeting	
20:00			

^{*}This schedule is a general conference outline. Times are subject to change.

II. Keynote Symposium and Selected Research Session Themes

This year's keynote symposium session will address the theme "A New Era of Children's Learning: Required Competencies and Learning Approaches" with a focus on how children's learning can be envisioned in a world symbolized by the word "VUCA" (volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity). "Agency" is one keyword for this concept as proposed in OECD's Education 2030 Project, and in Japan "personalized learning" has been introduced by Central Council for Education in January 2021 for future educational policy. Considering these societal contexts and policy trends, we would like to examine the concept of a new era of learning for children in Japan by comparing the activities found in varied national contexts.

Additionally, the conference's Selected Research Session I will address the theme of "International Comparisons of Articulation between Pre-school and Elementary School", and the Selected Research Session II will address the theme of "Out-of-school Children and Youth (OOSCY): Factors that Hinder School Attendance and the Development of Educational Cooperation Networks in ASEAN Countries".

III. Call for Presentation Proposals (Research Presentation and Roundtable Sessions)

[Presenter Eligibility Requirements]

To apply for a presentation, all listed presenters must be members of the Japan Comparative Education Society in AY2020. Please finish the society's membership application process before applying to present. If you and your co-presenters are already members of the society, you will need to pay your yearly membership fees by the end of March 2021 to renew your membership status for this academic year. It may take a few days to process membership payments, so please complete the payment process well in advance of the application deadline.

Those who are currently applying for membership of the Japan Comparative Education Society also need to pay appropriate membership fees. To be considered for this conference, new membership applications must be received by our office via post by March 15th, 2021. After the membership application has been accepted, please pay the membership fee by the end of March 2021.

Please contact the society secretariat for membership applications and payment of annual membership fees. For details, please refer to the "Admission Guide" on our website. (http://www.gakkai.ne.jp/jces/nyuukai.html)

<Address for Membership Applications>

₹170-0002 1-24-1 (4F), Sugamo, Toshima-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN Galileo Academic Society Business Information Center, Japan Comparative Education Society Secretariat Email: g020jces-mng@ml.gakkai.ne.jp

[Presentation Formats]

- Individual Presentations: 20 minutes with 10 additional minutes for questions
- **Group Presentations:** 20 minutes with 10 additional minutes for questions *or*40 minutes with 20 additional minutes for questions (hour-long session)
 - * Group presentations' principal presenters may only apply for their group presentation (They cannot apply for an individual presentation in addition to their group presentation)
 - * Listed co-presenters who are not planning on speaking in the group presentation may also apply for an individual presentation
- Roundtable Sessions: presentations and questions altogether, 2 hours
 [The roundtable sessions are currently scheduled for Friday, June 25th from 6:00-8:00pm JST]
 - * Roundtable sessions are intended for research exchange and exploratory conversations.
 - * The roundtable session moderator (representative) will be responsible for hosting a Zoom session during the conference.

[Application Process]

Presenters should apply for the conference (for an individual or group presentation session or roundtable session) online through the society's website (Japanese language) or via email with the forms listed on the English conference website (English language). For the online application system, please use your JCES membership ID and registered password. If you have forgotten your password for the site, please use the "ログインできない方はこちら" link to reset your login information.

- Online Application System (Japanese Only)
 https://service.gakkai.ne.jp/society-member/auth/public/JCES
- English Application Forms (Conference Website)
 http://www.gakkai.ne.jp/jces/taikai/57/en.html

• Presenter Application Period

Monday, March 1st through Wednesday, April 7th at 6:00pm JST

[*The application period time will be strictly observed, please be careful of time zone differences.]

[Presentation Application Submission Details]

- Presentations applications should be submitted through the online registration system (https://service.gakkai.ne.jp/society-member/auth/apply/JCES), if the presentation will be conducted in Japanese. English-language presentation applications should be submitted using the available form on the conference's English website (http://www.gakkai.ne.jp/jces/taikai/57/en.html). More information about applying for an English-language presentation is included below. Regular members, student members, and special members of the society may apply to present. (Temporary members may not apply to present.)
- Changes to presentation titles or subtitles are not permitted.
- You will receive an automated email confirmation from the online system after successfully submitting your presentation application. If you do not receive an email, the system did not register your application properly; please try submitting it again.
- The theme and area that you list on your application will be used to organize the presentation sessions. The conference committee will choose the final assignments for presentation sessions. (Research themes and areas are listed below.)
- If you wish to apply as a presenter in English, please download the applicable application forms from the conference website (http://www.gakkai.ne.jp/jces/taikai/57/en.html) and email the completed forms to the conference committee at jces57ut@gmail.com by April 7th, 6:00pm JST.
- Please note that there may be some presentation sessions that have a mix of English and Japanese-language presentations.
- For roundtable and group presentations, the presentation representative must submit the presentation application through the presentation application system. Where appropriate, please enter the names of your co-presenters and note their presentation roles (moderator, presenter, co-writer, etc.) All speaking presenters must apply separately as conference participants and will not be assumed as registered for the conference even if they are listed on the representative's presentation application. If you plan to moderate and present, please note this in the appropriate field. All co-presenters whose names are listed on the application must be current members of the society, as described in the "Presenter Eligibility Requirements" above. If any of your co-presenters are not yet members, please have them complete the enrollment procedure as soon as possible.
- Roundtable moderators will be asked to provide a discussion title and short description of their planned roundtable topic when submitting their roundtable session application.

Geographic Areas

East Asia / Southeast Asia / South Asia / Central Asia / North America / Central America / South America / Oceania / Europe / Africa / The Middle East

Research Themes

Theory, Thought, History / Research Methodology / Educational Opportunities / International Education, Educational Exchanges / Cross-Country Comparison / Development and Education / Educational Reform, Educational Planning / Peace and Human Rights / Democratization and Decentralization / Gender and Minority Issues / Citizenship / Lifelong Learning / Teacher Education, Teacher Issues / Early Childhood Education / Primary and Secondary Education / Higher Education / Vocational and Technical Education / Educational Administration, Educational Management / Religion and Education / Economics and Education / Local, Regional, and Community Education / Multicultural Education / Cross-cultural Education / Education and Welfare

*Please note the following additional conditions for presenter applications, as set by the society's executive directors:

- If you cancel your presentation after the application has been accepted without an appropriate reason, you will not be allowed to make a presentation at the following year's conference.
- If your society membership status is not valid on the listed deadline, your presentation application will not be accepted. Please be sure to register as a society member before the deadline.

[Presentation Abstracts]

- Individual presenters and group presentation representatives should submit a presentation abstract following the format guidelines explained below through the website application system (Japanese-language presentations) or via email to the conference committee (English-language presentations) at jces57ut@gmail.com.
- Online Application System
 To add your abstract file, please click the "投稿原稿の追加" button and choose your file. After you finish the application process, you will receive an automated email from the application system. When you have successfully uploaded the file, the file name will appear in the email.
- Abstract Submission (Upload) Period
 Monday, April 12th through Monday, May 10th at 6:00pm JST

[*The application period time will be strictly observed, please be careful of time zone differences.]

[Presentation Abstract Guidelines]

Presentation abstracts will be compiled and distributed to participants at the conference as submitted.

For Japanese-language Presentations: please see the guidelines in Japanese-language conference announcement available here: http://www.gakkai.ne.jp/jces/taikai/57/jces annual meeting 57.pdf

For English-language Presentations: Please submit your presentation abstract in the following format, using the format and form for abstract documents available on the English website.

Format Details

- 1. Abstracts should be one A4 page in length, with 44 lines of text. English language abstracts should use Century font, 10.5 point size.
- 2. Please include the title and subtitle of your presentation in the same font in the top three lines of the page. (The title should be 1-3 lines long. If your title is less than 3 lines, please leave the additional lines blank.)
- 3. Please skip a line on the 4th line of the page between the title and add your name to the 5th line. On the 6th line, please list your affiliation, enclosed in parenthesis. Lines 5 and 6 should be right-aligned.
- 4. After skipping a line on Line 7, please include the body of your abstract with a one-column, justified alignment.
- 5. The page margins should be 25mm on the top and bottom of the page and 23mm on either side of the page.
- 6. Please leave the bottom margin of the page blank. (Do not include page numbers or other inserts.)
- 7. Please follow these rules even when submitting handwritten abstracts.
- 8. Please submit abstracts as PDF files. (.pdf file extensions) Please be careful not to password protect the file.

* Abstracts should include the purpose, method, content, and results of your presented research. If your abstract is submitted after the submission period or there are major content or formatting mistakes, it may not be included in the conference materials. Please keep these requirements in mind.



[Poster Session]

There will be no poster session conducted at this conference.

IV. Conference Deadlines and Important Dates

March 1st (Monday)	Conference participant and presentation application period begins	
April 7th (Wednesday)	Presentation application period ends at 6:00pm JST	
April 12th (Monday)	Presentation abstract submission period begins	
May 10th (Monday)	Presentation abstract submission period ends at 6:00pm JST	
May 17th (Monday)	Conference program available on the conference website	
June 11th (Friday)	Presentation abstracts available on conference website *For registered conference participants	
June 27th (Sunday)	Conference participant registration period ends at 12 noon JST **Conference fees must be paid by this time	

V. Registration Fees

Please pay the conference participation fee by credit card via the online conference registration system at the time of your participation registration (https://service.gakkai.ne.jp/societymember/auth/apply/JCES). If you register via email using the English-language forms, the organizing committee will contact you separately about payment methods. The conference participant registration period will be open until 12:00 noon on Sunday, June 27th. Unfortunately, registration fees cannot be refunded after they have been processed. Thank you for your understanding.

Membership Type	Registration Fee
Regular Member	3,000yen
Student Member	1,000yen
Special Member	2,000yen
Temporary Member (Non-member)	3,000yen

- * While the deadline for participant registration is noon on Sunday, June 27th, staff will not be able to help with problems related to the login ID and password system on Saturdays or Sundays, so please register as soon as possible.
- * When you complete your registration, you will receive an automated email from the online system. If you do not receive this email, your registration was not completed; please try again.
- * If you wish to pay your registration fee via another method, please contact the society's secretariat at g020jces-mng@ml.gakkai.ne.jp. You can download a registration purchase receipt from the online registration system. If you need the specific style of receipt, please contact the secretariat before registering.
- * Even if you are a student, if you do not finish the JCES membership registration process by March 15th, you will need to register for the conference as a temporary member. If you have registered as a student member of the society by this date, we recommend you wait to apply to the conference after you have received your membership information. If you have any other questions, such as those related to change in membership status or other conference fees, please contact the administrative office at g020jces-mng@ml.gakkai.ne.jp.

VI. Contact Information

Conference Inquiries	Online System and Registration Inquiries
The Japan Comparative Education Society	The Japan Comparative Education Society
57th Conference Steering Committee	Secretariat
⊤305-8572 Ibaraki-ken, Tsukuba-shi	₹170-0002 Tokyo-to, Toshima-ku
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