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## Call for Papers

**The 14<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on  
History of Indigenous Knowledge  
(ISHIK 2025)**

**Tokyo, Japan (日本)**

**1 - 4 Nov. 2025**

**Organized by:**

The Society for History of Indigenous Knowledge

**Co-organized by:**

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China

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**Scope:**

History of Indigenous Knowledge (HIK) aims to reveal the dynamism in the development of human knowledge by analyzing the interactive process of indigenization and innovation. It proposes a new synthesis of historical studies by combining the results of international cooperation from the perspective of exchange, interaction and creation of knowledge and technology.

The first International Symposium of History of Indigenous Knowledge (ISHIK 2011) was held in Beijing, China in 2011. The 2nd symposium (ISHIK 2012) was held in Saga, Japan in 2012. The 3rd symposium (ISHIK 2013) was held in Anyang, China in 2013. The 4th

symposium (ISHIK 2014) was held in Saga again, Japan in 2014. The 5th symposium (ISHIK 2015) was held successfully held in Shenzhen, China in 2015. The 6th symposium (ISHIK2016) was held in Saga, Japan in 2016. The 7th symposium (ISHIK2017) was held in Hainan Island, China in 2017. The 8th symposium (ISHIK2018) was held in Saga, Japan in 2018. The 9th symposium (ISHIK2019) was held in Hohhot, China in summer season of 2019. The 10th symposium (ISHIK2020-2021) was held online in Saga and Fukuoka, Japan in 2021. The 11th symposium (ISHIK2022) was held online in Kaifeng, China. The 12th symposium (ISHIK2023) was held in Tokyo, Japan by the face-to-face style meeting only after the COVID-19 pandemic. The 13th symposium (ISHIK2024) was held in Hainan Island, China, whose conference venue was same as ISHIK2017.

The purpose of the symposiums is to introduce the HIK by offering a place of interdisciplinary discussions among history of science and technology, history of industry, history of economy and scientific studies on cultural properties. Our symposium also addresses problems such as the explosion of information in historical studies, the construction of new interdisciplinary network, and the establishment of a new perspective to analyze local history in the international context. In 2014 year we have established the Society for History of Indigenous Knowledge (SHIK) in order to have The ISHIK smoothly and more successfully.

We will have the 14th symposium (ISHIK 2025), to be held in Tokyo, Japan in 2025, which will be organized by The Society for History of Indigenous Knowledge (SHIK). The theme of this symposium is “History of Indigenous Knowledge for Science and Technology and Development of City, Region and Socioeconomics”.

We expect that many researchers show interest in ISHIK2025 and attend it.

**Topics include but are not limited to:**

All topics of history of Indigenous knowledge are welcome.

History of scientific technique, history of medicine, history of iron industry, history of industry, history of technical education, science of cultural assets, preservation of cultural assets, analysis of material, analysis of graph, Japan history, China history, international history.

**Language:**

Official language at the conference is English, Japanese, and Chinese with translations. This means that abstracts should be written in English but main body of the papers can be written in any languages. We can communicate in any languages with translation between Japanese

and Chinese for our discussion.

### **Outline of the schedule**

The first 2 days (Nov. 1 to 2) will be allotted for the opening ceremony, keynote lectures, and general presentations of the delegates. The latter 2 days (Nov. 3 to 4) will be for the technical tour with respect to the indigenous knowledge in Japan, which is also very important in the symposium for the participants because the different indigenous knowledge can be seen and felt in the different countries and different cities based on their culture and history. The detail schedule will be informed to the registered participants by the next announcement.

### **Review Process, Proceedings:**

The Program Committee will review all submitted papers and decide on the acceptance. Full versions of the accepted contributions will be published in the proceedings available at the conference.

### **Important Dates:**

Submission of Paper Abstract and Personal Profile	31 May 2025
Submission of Paper	31 July 2025
Submission of Final Camera-ready Papers	31 August 2025

### **Registration fee:**

ISHIK2025 is financially supported by the Takahashi Industrial and Economic Research Foundation. However, the publication of proceedings, the translation by the professional translator between Chinese and Japanese, etc. are highly required for the success of this symposium. Therefore, the organizing committees have decided to ask the participants about the registration fee as follows.

Item	Fee (Japanese Yen)
Registration of ISHIK2025	32,000

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