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Welcome to our Bulletin !

We are pleased to present the 2026 edition of the Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery to physicians and health care professionals worldwide. The Bulletin aims to introduce the activities of our Society, including education on otorhinolaryngology-head and neck surgery in Japan, scientific meetings organized by our Society and its 15 subspecialty societies, publication of our official international journal "Auris Nasus Larynx", and contributions and activities of our Society to IFOS.

Founded in 1893, our Society is Japan's longest-established medical society with a 133 year-history. It has more than 11,000 members, half of whom work at university hospitals and city hospitals, while the other half practice in private clinics. The society consists of 15 subspecialty societies related to otorhinolaryngology head and neck surgery as shown in Table 1.

Japan has developed various advanced medical technologies in the field of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. Flexible endoscopes with narrow-band imaging enable early detection of pharyngeal and laryngeal cancers. Immune checkpoint inhibitors offer significant benefits to patients with head and neck cancer. Photoimmunotherapy is also emerging as a new treatment for these cancer patients. Regenerative medicine for eardrums is now commercially available for clinical use, and artificial tracheas are expected to be available in the near future.

We introduced an international session at the 2025 annual conference featuring over 190 English presentations and more than 140 international participants. Looking ahead, we plan to promote academic and personal exchanges with CEORL and AAOHNS. We hosted the ISIAN & IRS conference in 2024 and will host the 16th Asia Oceania ORL-HNS conference in 2027.

The roots of IFOS date back to a proposal by Japan during the 8th International Otorhinolaryngology Congress held in Tokyo in October 1965. We have continued to contribute to the expansion and development of IFOS through medical development in otorhinolaryngology, education, attendance at IFOS main congresses and scientific meetings, and outreach to the world. In this bulletin, we would like to share with you our activities related to IFOS and our drive and energy to bring the IFOS Congress back to Japan.

Table 1.

Subspecialty societies
Japan Audiological Society
Japan Society for Equilibrium Research
Japan Otological Society
Japan Rhinologic Society
Japan Broncho-Esophagological Society
Japan Society for Head and Neck Cancer
Japan Society of Logopedics and Phoniatics
Japan Society of Facial Nerve Research
Japan Society of Immunology Allergology and Infection in Otorhinolaryngology
Japan Society for Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology
Society of Practical Otolaryngology
Japan Society of Stomato-Pharyngology
Japan Laryngological Association
Japan Society for Head and Neck Surgery
Society of Swallowing and Dysphagia of Japan

IFOS Bidding



Largest Number of ORL Specialists in Asia 01

The Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery is **the largest ORL-HNS organization in Asia**, with over 11,000 members. The extensive network ensures intensive domestic participation and fosters regional collaboration. JORL-HNS is affiliated with **fifteen societies covering diverse subspecialties**—from audiology to head and neck oncology—creating an interdisciplinary world to drive research, education and clinical advancement.

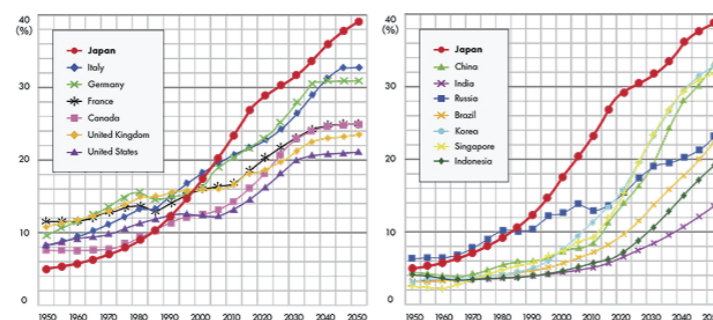
— Affiliated Societies of JORL-HNS —

- Japanese Audiological Society
- Japan Society of Immunology Allergy and Infection in Otorhinolaryngology
- Japan Society for Equilibrium Research
- Japan Society for Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology
- Japan Otologic Society
- Society of Practical Otolaryngology
- Japanese Rhinologic Society
- Japan Society of Stomato-pharyngology
- Japan Broncho-Esophageal Society
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- Japan Society of Facial Nerve Research
- The Society of Swallowing and Dysphagia of Japan

Aging Era Recognized Globally as the Most Rapidly Aging 03

One in three Japanese citizens will be the age of 65 or older by 2030, which renders Japan a global model for aging societies. ORL-HNS doctors play a key role in addressing **age-related conditions like hearing loss and dysphagia**.

Japan's clinical experience offers valuable insights for countries facing similar demographic shifts.



Academic Contribution Second in the World 02

Japan ranks **second globally** in both volume and impact of ORL-HNS publications. Japanese researchers contribute to top journals, lead clinical trials, and present at major conferences.

RANK	COUNTRY	DOCUMENTS	CITABLE DOCUMENTS	CITATIONS	H-INDEX
1	United States	84,673	78,800	1,902,090	282
2	Japan	27,276	26,890	261,510	214
3	China	24,521	23,939	181,980	95
4	United Kingdom	21,478	18,742	413,871	178
5	Germany	19,793	18,449	331,820	159

IFOS Bidding

Economical Friendliness Financial Support Up to 23 Million JPY 04

Yokohama and PACIFICO Yokohama offer subsidies of **Up to 23 million JPY to support IFOS 2030**, covering venue and promotion expenses.



In Japan, excellence doesn't have to be expensive.

Japan offers a world-class conference experience—superb hospitality, safety, and cuisine—at nearly half the cost of major Western destinations.

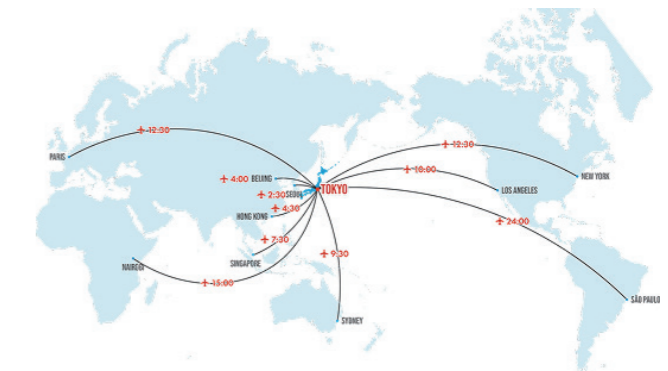
— Comparison of Food and Travel Costs (Japan / USA / EU) —

Item	Tokyo (Japan)	New York (USA)	Paris/Berlin (EU)
Big Mac	¥480 (\$3.15)	\$6 – 8	€4 – 5
Starbucks Latte	¥495 (\$3.25)	\$5 – 6	€4 – 5
Ramen	¥700 – 1,000 (\$4.6 – 6.6)	\$15 – 18	€10 – 14
Taxi (5 km)	¥2,000 – 2,300 (\$13 – 15)	\$15 – 20	€12 – 18
4-Star Hotel (1 night)	¥18,000 – 25,000 (\$120 – 165)	\$250 – 350	€150 – 220



Accessibility Convenient from Anywhere in the World 05

Yokohama is served by Narita and Haneda airports, with **2,700 weekly international flights to 106 cities in 42 countries and regions**. Over 60 airlines operate routes to Japan. **PACIFICO Yokohama is just 30 minutes** from Haneda Airport and easily accessible via rail, offering smooth travel for delegates.



Visa Smooth Access for Delegates 06

Japan currently allows **visa-free short-term stays for citizens of 74 countries** and regions (as of September 2025). Nationals of China, Russia, CIS countries, Ukraine, Georgia, the Philippines, Vietnam, and others require a visa, but clear procedures are in place. The Local Bid Committee will support IFOS 2030 participants with visa applications as needed.

The 126th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery 2025



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The 126th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (JORL-HNS 2025) was held at Pacifico Yokohama from May 27 to 30, 2025. The event brought experts together from across Japan and further afield. Professor Shigeharu Fujieda from University of Fukui provided invaluable leadership, facilitating cutting-edge discussions and the exchange of research findings at the conference. JORL-HNS 2025 concluded with more than 6,000 registered participants. This year marked a notable shift in the event's international reach, with general presentations from overseas being widely accepted for the first time. The event saw nearly 150 international participants present in symposiums and free paper sessions, contributing to the event's global appeal and professional networking opportunities.

The conference boasted an impressive international presence, providing an invaluable networking opportunity, particularly for younger researchers—a highly positive development.

At JORL-HNS 2025, 70 travel grants were awarded to overseas applicants under the age of 40 who submitted abstracts. During the course of the conference, a reception was held with the aim of encouraging interactions between international participants and young Japanese researchers and doctors, with a view to fostering new networks and collaborations. Furthermore, JORL-HNS has been actively promoting the presentation of free papers in English since last year. This year, six outstanding presenters were recognized and awarded for their exceptional contributions. We believe that this conference will lead to further advancements in the field of otorhinolaryngology and head and neck surgery.



Prof. Shigeharu Fujieda

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The 126th Annual Meeting of Japanese
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Lecture	Theme	Speaker	Affiliation
Society's Honorary Lectures	A New Era in the Treatment of Nasal and Paranasal Sinus Cancer	Akihiro Homma	Hokkaido University, Japan
	The Future of Diagnosis and Treatment for Hearing Loss and Vertigo, Pioneered by CT	Tetsuo Ikezono	Saitama Medical University, Japan
Special Lectures	Unveiling the Future of Skin Immunological Disorders: Bridging Basic Research and Clinical Application	Masayuki Amagai	Department of Dermatology, Keio University School of Medicine, Japan
	Frontiers in Dinosaur Research in 2025: Messages from Dinosaurs	Yoshitsugu Kobayashi	Hokkaido University Museum, Hokkaido University, Japan
International Symposium	AAOHNS Joint Program: Dementia and ENT Disorders	Justin Golub	Columbia University, USA
		Jolie Chang	University of California, USA
		Koichiro Wasano	Tokai University, Japan
	CEORLHNS Joint Program: Treatment for Vocal Fold Scar-Recent Update from Bench to Bedside-	Emke van den Broek	UMC Utrecht, The Netherlands
		Markus Gugatschka	Medical University Graz, Austria
		Shigeru Hirano	Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine, Japan
	Head and Neck International Symposium: Korea-Japan Joint Session	Man Ki Chung	Sungkyunkwan University, Korea
		Nayeon Choi	Sungkyunkwan University, Korea
		Satoshi Kano	Hokkaido University, Japan
	Rhinology International Symposium	Joseph Han	Old Dominion University, USA
		Shin-ichi Haruna	Dokkyo Medical University, Japan
	ASPIRE - Exploration of Personal Medical Strategies Based on the Pathogenetic Mechanisms of Chronic Rhinosinusitis in Japanese and US Patient	Robert Kern	Northwestern University, USA
		Dong-Young Kim	Seoul National University, Korea
		Masanori Kidoguchi	University of Fukui, Japan
Aiko Oka		International University of Health and Welfare, Japan	
Jun Ho Lee		Seoul National University, Korea	
Otology International Symposium: Korea-Thailand-Japan Joint Session	Jae-Jin Song	Seoul National University, Korea	
	Pannee Charusripan	Chulalongkorn University, Thailand	
	Napas Tanamai	Rajavithi Hospital, Thailand	
	Kenichi Takano	Sapporo Medical University, Japan	
	Shigeharu Fujieda	University of Fukui, Japan	
President's Lecture	Has the Pathogenesis and Treatment of Eosinophilic Chronic Rhinosinusitis Evolved ?	Shigeharu Fujieda	University of Fukui, Japan
Presidential Clinical Lectures	The Diversity of Human Papillomavirus Infections in ENT Diseases and Treatment Strategies	Mikio Suzuki	University of the Ryukyus, Japan
	New Insight to Inner Ear Diseases from a Perspective of Imaging Analysis	Michihiko Sone	Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan

The Research Encouragement Award in 2024



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Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine

I am deeply honored to receive the 2025 Research Encouragement Award from the Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Professor Hidenori Inohara (Department of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine) and Professor Yukinori Okada (Department of Statistical Genetics, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine) for their guidance, as well as to all the faculty members, laboratory staff, and collaborators who have supported our research activities.

In recent years, human papillomavirus (HPV)-related oropharyngeal carcinoma has been increasing worldwide and has drawn attention as a distinct disease entity, given that its patient characteristics and clinical course differ from those of conventional smoking- and alcohol-related cancers. However, a fundamental question remains unresolved: while most HPV infections of the tonsil are transient, why does infection persist in a subset of cases, and why do only some of these progress to cancer? To understand the pathogenesis of HPV-related oropharyngeal carcinoma, it is essential to comprehensively analyze factors that influence the trajectory from infection to carcinogenesis. Accordingly, this study aimed to elucidate the carcinogenic mechanisms of HPV-related oropharyngeal carcinoma by integrating three perspectives: (i) viral genomic variation, (ii) host HLA polymorphisms that shape immune responses, and (iii) environmental factors such as the oral microbiome.

First, with respect to the HPV genome itself, we focused on HPV16-positive oropharyngeal cancers with poor prognosis. Using whole-genome sequencing data, we reconstructed HPV genomic sequences and performed molecular phylogenetic analysis together with datasets from international consortia and public repositories. We identified six lineages, including A2 and D2 commonly reported in Western countries, as well as the A5 sublineage characteristic of East Asia. We are currently working

to identify carcinogenesis-related SNPs and sublineages directly from tumor DNA. Notably, high-risk SNPs previously reported in Western cohorts were not observed in Japanese cases, suggesting that geographic/ethnic diversity in viral genomes may influence cancer risk and prognosis. Second, to examine host factors, we analyzed HLA polymorphisms. A comparison between patients and the general Japanese population identified HLA types associated with reduced and increased risk. We are further elucidating the binding affinity of individual HLA alleles for HPV16-derived peptides, as well as the associations between specific HLA types and smoking history. Third, as an environmental factor, we are advancing analyses of the oral microbiome. Using shotgun metagenomics covering bacteria, fungi, and viruses, we can assess not only taxonomic composition but also functional gene content. We plan case-control analyses to identify taxa and metabolic pathways specifically associated with HPV-related oropharyngeal carcinoma.

By integrating these three dimensions with machine learning, our goal is to detect combinatorial factors that influence carcinogenesis and prognosis, and to translate these findings into personalized medicine. We believe that deciphering the crosstalk among viral, host, and environmental factors will provide new insights not only into oropharyngeal cancer but also into other virus-associated cancers, such as hepatocellular carcinoma.

Encouraged by this award, I will continue to dedicate myself to advancing research in head and neck oncology.

The Research Encouragement Award in 2024



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Development of Gene Switching Technology in the Inner Ear Gene therapy Based on Light Irradiation

It is a great honor to receive the Research Encouragement Award in 2024, and I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude. I am deeply indebted to Prof. Makoto Ito, Prof. Shinichi Muramatsu, Prof. Moritoshi Sato, Prof. Tomokazu Yoshizaki, and Dr. Hidekane Yoshimura, as well as many other colleagues who have guided and supported me throughout this research.

Hearing loss affects approximately 13 million people in Japan (about 10% of the population), and more than 30% of the older adults, which represents a major social issue. Although hearing aids and cochlear implants have been developed, no curative therapy has been established. Among emerging approaches, gene therapy using adeno-associated virus (AAV) vectors is drawing significant attention. In 2024, clinical application targeting the *OTOF* gene was reported by a Chinese group (Lv J et al., *Lancet*, 2024). Since then, gene therapy for hearing loss has been applied clinically overseas, with ongoing investigations of target genes and administration strategies. However, conventional gene therapy still faces challenges regarding safety, such as unintended long-term expression, off-target effects, and overexpression risks.

To address these concerns, our research aims to develop and implement a novel gene recombination technology in the inner ear controlled by optical stimulation. Building on our previous work—analyzing protective effects in hearing loss models (Noda et al., *Sci Rep*, 2023) and developing engineered AAV vectors for efficient inner ear delivery (Noda et al., *Hum Gene Ther*, 2023)—we are creating an engineered AAV vector that incorporates both a "light-switch protein" and "split-Cre recombinase." This system enables gene recombination only upon light irradiation, thereby allowing precise spatiotemporal control while minimizing effects on non-target tissues.

We have evaluated the function of this vector, termed Opto-AAV, in both in vitro and in vivo with animal models. In vitro, we will introduce Opto-AAV into HEI-OC1 inner ear cells and quantify the efficiency of reporter gene recombination under light exposure. In vivo, Opto-AAV will be delivered to the inner ears of adult mice, and light will be applied through an optical fiber to optimize irradiation parameters, including wavelength, intensity, and duration. At the moment, the main target cells are inner hair cells, for which we have already developed a vector enabling selective transduction. Finally, we will investigate whether this approach functions in primate models and whether non-invasive light irradiation through the external auditory canal is feasible. These studies aim to establish the translational potential of this method.

The expected outcome of this research is the establishment of a safe, precise, spatiotemporally controlled therapeutic system for the inner ear. Beyond providing a curative approach for patients with hearing loss, this technology has broad potential as a gene therapy platform applicable to other genetic disorders and regenerative medicine.

The progress we have made thus far was possible only thanks to the generous support of many colleagues. This award is a profound honor and a motivation to further advance my research with rigor and efficiency. I will remain committed to advancing the field of otorhinolaryngology and to educating and mentoring the next generation of clinicians and scientists.

International Conferences Organized in Japan The 17th Japan-Taiwan Conference on Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery 2025



**Written by
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The 17th Japan-Taiwan Conference on Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery was held in Nagoya on December 6–7, 2025, organized by Prof. Michihiko Sone from Nagoya University. This international joint meeting of the Japan Society for Head and Neck Surgery and the Taiwan Head and Neck Society provided a valuable platform for sharing knowledge, presenting new findings, and advancing professional expertise in the field. Finally, over 250 participants gathered at the Toyoda Auditorium and Noyori Conference Hall at Nagoya University. The scientific program included 12 symposia and proffered papers covering the most up-to-date information in each subspecialty, such as otology, rhinology, laryngology, head and neck cancer, sleep medicine, thyroid disease, innovation, and recent basic and translational research.

In terms of international friendship, we believe many participants enjoyed the Welcome Reception and the Gala Dinner. Especially at the Gala Dinner, the traditional Japanese koto performance, and the subsequent dynamic performances by the "Nagoya Omotenashi Bushotai," which represents the rich history and culture of Nagoya, were very well received. Additionally, at the second party, everyone had a great time enjoying local Nagoya cuisine while listening to performances by an enka singer.

Thanks to the many participants, this conference provided an excellent opportunity to build new connections and strengthen the bonds of friendship among attendees from Japan and Taiwan. We believe this conference will make a significant contribution to advancing various scientific fields within otorhinolaryngology and head and neck surgery.



Prof. Michihiko Sone

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Medicine



International Conferences Organized in Japan
**The 20th Japan-Korea Joint Meeting
of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery 2026**



Prof. Akihiro Homma
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Hokkaido University, Japan

It is our great pleasure to announce that the 2026 Japan-Korea Joint Meeting of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (JKJM2026) will be held from September 30 to October 2, 2026, in Sapporo, Japan. This will be the first time that the meeting is hosted in Sapporo, a city well known for its natural beauty, rich culture, and warm hospitality. The venue will be the Grand Mercure Sapporo Odori Park, located in the center of Sapporo.

The Japan-Korea Joint Meeting has a long-standing tradition of advancing academic exchange and friendship between the two societies. Over the years, it has become a vital platform for presenting cutting-edge research, discussing the latest advances in otorhinolaryngology-head and neck surgery, and strengthening networks among colleagues across Asia.

The 2026 meeting will cover the full spectrum of our specialty, from basic science to clinical practice. Beyond the scientific program, participants will have opportunities to enjoy the unique appeal of Sapporo and Hokkaido, including cultural events and social gatherings that further deepen the warm ties of friendship. We are confident that JKJM2026 will not only showcase the achievements of the Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and the Korean Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, but also contribute to the advancement of our discipline worldwide.

We warmly invite colleagues from across the world to join us in Sapporo in 2026, and we look forward to welcoming you to an inspiring and memorable meeting.

JKJM2026
20th Japan-Korea Joint Meeting of Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery

Dates **September 30 WED → October 2 FRI, 2026**
Venue **Grand Mercure Sapporo Odori Park**
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Local Meetings of Related Societies
Japan Otological Society Chair: Prof. Hiromi Kojima



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**The 35th Annual Meeting of
the Japan Otological Society (JOS)**

The 35th Annual Meeting of the Japan Otological Society (JOS) was held in Fukuoka from October 29 to November 1, 2025, hosted by the meeting president Professor Takashi Nakagawa of Kyushu University.

Under the theme "Otology is Fun," the meeting featured a diverse program, including two Special Lectures, an Invited Lecture titled "Cochlear Gene Therapy for Genetic Deafness," six symposia, two panel discussions, four educational seminars, and two theme sessions. International collaboration was highlighted by lectures from the presidents of the Korean and Taiwanese Otological Societies, alongside four International Sessions featuring speakers and moderators from Korea, Taiwan, the USA, and Japan. Educational initiatives for younger clinicians included the Temporal Bone Hands-on Seminar, Hearing Implant Demonstrations, and Interactive Lectures on Temporal Bone Histology.



Award of the Japan Otological Society

This award is presented annually to clinicians under 45 who have significantly contributed to the advancement of otology. The 8th Award was presented to:

- Dr. Hidekane Yoshimura (Shinshu University) for his research on the mechanisms of congenital deafness and the clinical application of gene therapy.
- Dr. Masaomi Motegi (Gunma University) for his clinical research on improving outcomes and predicting complication risks in middle ear and hearing implant surgeries

JOS Distinguished Service Award

- Established in 2023 to honor those who have dedicated their careers to the development of otology.
- 1st Award (2023): Dr. Yasuya Nomura
- 2nd Award (2024): Dr. Kimitaka Kaga
- 3rd Award (2025): Dr. Yoshiaki Nakai

JOS Certified Otological Surgeons

Since 2020, the Japan Otological Society has certified Otological Surgery Instructors. This program identifies surgeons capable of providing advanced, safe treatment for ear diseases while mentoring the next generation of otologists.

JOS Board Certified Physician

Established in 2024, the JOS Board Certified Physician system aims to enhance the specialized knowledge and clinical skills of members in the fields of otology and neurotology, ensuring the delivery of safe and reliable medical care to the public.

Local Meetings of Related Societies

Japanese Rhinologic Society Chair: Prof. Shin-ichi Haruna



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The 64th Annual Meeting and Scientific Conference of the Japanese Society of Rhinology was held over three days, from Thursday, September 25 to Saturday, September 27, 2025, at the Tokyo Dome Hotel. Blessed with fine weather throughout the period, the conference was highly successful, welcoming 1,032 registered participants and featuring well over 310 presentations.

This year's theme was "Connecting Science and Technology to Tomorrow." We designed the program with the hope that participants would share the latest knowledge, techniques, and future perspectives, passing them on to the next generation to ensure that otorhinolaryngology continues to support healthcare as a robust and evolving field.

For the educational lecture, Professor Jun Araya from the Department of Respiratory Medicine at The Jikei University School of Medicine delivered a presentation on airway diseases, offering a novel perspective based on the concept of United Airway Disease.

The invited lectures featured Professor Brent Senior from the University of North Carolina and Professor Pongsakorn Tantilipikorn from Mahidol University in Thailand, each presenting on the latest clinical and research advances in chronic rhinosinusitis and allergic rhinitis.

The symposium was organized around five themes:
Treatment strategies for refractory allergic rhinitis
Mechanisms of refractory eosinophilic sinusitis
Treatment of olfactory dysfunction
Multidisciplinary treatment of olfactory neuroblastoma
New classification systems and surgical techniques for external and endonasal septal surgery

Panel discussions covered:
Perioperative management of ESS
How to handle the emergency cases
Updates in the assessment of olfactory dysfunction
Leading experts and young physicians actively participated as presenters, sharing cutting-edge insights.

For the surgical demonstration and video-based cadaver dissection sessions, pre-recorded videos showcasing various advanced ESS techniques were used, with the operating surgeons providing live commentary at the venue. The inaugural Surgical Video Competition of the Rhinology Society featured young and mid-career physicians presenting videos that highlighted their surgical and perioperative techniques, followed by an audience vote to determine the award recipients.

The traditional collaborative program with Korea and Taiwan included lectures by the presidents of the Korean Rhinologic Society and the Taiwan Rhinologic Society, who discussed the future of rhinology; a Japan-Korea-Taiwan symposium featuring case presentations and debates on refractory sinusitis and nasal septal deviation; and separate international sessions for

basic and clinical research. As in years, the program also included basic hands-on seminars, clinical hands-on seminars, and a nasal function testing hands-on seminar.

As a new initiative this year, we introduced a Clinical Research Support Workshop and a Surgical Video Consultation Session, which offered opportunities for participants to receive direct consultation and guidance on research and ESS techniques from experts in each field.

The core of the meeting, the General Presentation Session, featured a diverse array of presentations from multiple fields, including many submissions for the Young Investigator Award. Co-sponsored seminars with various companies also offered a rich lineup, beginning with a lecture on eosinophilic inflammation by Professor Mayumi Tamari from the Division of Molecular Genetics, The Jikei University School of Medicine. In addition, the Nasal Physiology Forum and Diversity Promotion Committee events were held.

The public lecture series included workshops and hands-on programs primarily for junior high and high school students.

The 32th Japanese Rhinologic Society Award
The JRS award is given each year to a young doctor under the age of 45 who contributes to the development of rhinology. This year's winner were Dr. Seiichiro Makihara for his proposal for the Interpretation of Unresolved Issues in Surgical Treatment for Nasal, Paranasal Sinus, Skull Base, and Allergic Diseases, and Development of Surgical Techniques and Dr. Tomohisa Inuma for his proposal for the Multidisciplinary Approach to Immunological Pathogenesis and Therapeutic Development for Type 2 Inflammatory Diseases of the Nose and Paranasal Sinuses



Local Meetings of Related Societies

Japan Society of Stomato-pharyngology Chair: Prof. Hirotaka Hara



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-Introduction to the Society-

The Japan Society of Stomato-pharyngology is dedicated to advancing clinical and academic knowledge in the field of oral and pharyngeal medicine including tonsils, taste, swallowing, salivary glands, dry mouth, snoring and sleep-disordered breathing, tumors, infection, and autoimmune conditions and so on. Through interdisciplinary collaboration, we promote evidence-based practice, support innovation in diagnosis and treatment, and foster the development of next-generation leaders in this field. Our primary activities include academic conferences, training programs, the development of guidelines and manuals, and the recognition of outstanding research.

The 38th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Stomato-pharyngology was held in Hakodate from September 11 to 13, 2025, under the chairmanship of Prof. Kenichi Takano of Sapporo Medical University.



-Committee Report-

1. The 14th Society Encouragement Award was presented at the above conference, and the recipient delivered an award lecture on the following theme.
" Sjögren Syndrome in childhood: a series of four cases"
2. Salivary Gland Endoscopic Surgery Committee
A hands-on seminar was successfully held to promote clinical proficiency in salivary gland endoscopic procedures. The event provided practical training and discussion on current techniques.
3. Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation Therapy Promotion Committee
A structured training system has been established, including a provisional proctor certification framework to ensure safe and standardized implementation of Hypoglossal nerve stimulation therapy.
4. Epipharyngeal Abrasive Therapy Committee
While advancing the creation of papers aimed at establishing evidence, we conducted hands-on seminars to standardize techniques.
5. Development of Clinical Guidelines
Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of taste disorders and sleep apnea syndrome, aimed at supporting clinicians in their daily practice, have been developed and are currently under peer review.
6. Power-Enhanced Intracapsular Tonsillectomy Approach (PITA) Working Group
Activities promoting dissemination based on academic evidence, such as questionnaire surveys, hands-on sessions, and guideline publication, are being carried out. Efforts are underway to reinforce the operational structure of PITA, with clarification of its clinical relevance and procedural safety.



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The Japanese Society for Head and Neck Surgery was established in March 1990 with the aim of building a comprehensive surgical discipline encompassing all areas of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery. The first general meeting was held in January 1991, the following year, and has been held annually since then. The 35th General Meeting is scheduled for this February. Furthermore, the inaugural issue of the Journal of the Japanese Society for Head and Neck Surgery was published in December 1991. Currently, the journal is published three times annually. Membership stood at 231 at the time of founding, increasing to 407 the following year. As of November 30, 2025, membership has grown to 2,202.

The most important task of this society is the management and operation of the Head and Neck Cancer Specialist certification system. This system aims to cultivate specialists capable of practicing multidisciplinary treatment for head and neck cancer. It requires not only skilled techniques and advanced specialized knowledge in otolaryngology and head and neck surgery but also fundamental knowledge and techniques forming the common foundation of cancer treatment, along with medical ethics. The certification of provisional instructors and designated training facilities began in fiscal year 2009, and the Head and Neck Cancer Specialist Certification Examination has been administered since fiscal year 2010. Furthermore, the registration of quasi-certified facilities commenced in fiscal year 2013, and the instructor system was initiated in fiscal year 2017. As of October 2022, there are 476 certified head and neck cancer specialists, 289 certified instructors, and 165 designated training facilities (131 certified facilities and 34 quasi-certified facilities) across Japan.

Furthermore, in January 2021, the Head and Neck Alminox Therapy Steering Committee was established, contributing to the safety and advancement of this treatment. Similarly, the Head and Neck Robot-Assisted Surgery Steering Committee was launched in December 2021, also contributing to the safety and advancement of this treatment.

This Society is committed to contributing to the advancement of surgical techniques not only in the field of head and neck surgery but across all areas of otolaryngology.

Forthcoming Events

Forthcoming Events	April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027		
	Event President	Location	Period
Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	Yukio Katori (Tohoku University)	Sendai	May 20-23
Autumn Seminar of The Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	Naohito Hato (Ehime University)	Kobe	November 28-29
Japan Society of Immunology Allergology and Infection in Otorhinolaryngology	Kazuaki Chikamatsu (Gunma University)	Takasaki	April 9-11
Japan Society for Head and Neck Cancer	Takahiro Asakage (Institute of Science Tokyo)	Tokyo	June 11-12
Japan Society of Facial Nerve Research	Ayato Hayashi (Yokohama City University)	Yokohama	June 18-19
Society of Practical Otolaryngology	Kishiko Sunami (Osaka Metropolitan University)	Osaka	June 25-26
Japan Society for Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology	Yasuhiro Tanaka (Dokkyo Medical University Saitama Medical Center)	Saitama	July 2-3
Japan Society of Stomato-Pharyngology	Kiyoaki Tsukahara (Tokyo Medical University)	Tokyo	September 3-4
Japanese Rhinologic Society	Sachio Takeno (Hiroshima University)	Hiroshima	October 8-10
Japan Audiological Society	Takeshi Oshima (Nihon University)	Tokyo	October 15-16
Japan Society of Logopedics and Phoniatics	Yusuke Watanabe (International University of Health and Welfare)	Tokyo	October 23-24
Japan Otological Society	Tadashi Kitahara (Nara Medical University)	Nara	October 29-31
Japan Broncho-Esophagological Society	Akira Iyoda (Toho University)	Tokyo	November 12-13
Japan Society for Equilibrium Research	Takeshi Tsutsumi (Institute of Science Tokyo)	Tokyo	December 2-4
Society of Swallowing and Dysphagia of Japan	Takaharu Nito (National Center for Global Health and Medicine)	Okinawa	February 27-28
Japan Laryngological Association	Yukio Katori (Tohoku University)	Gifu	March 5-6
Japan Society for Head and Neck Surgery	Akihiro Homma (Hokkaido University)	Sapporo	March 11-12



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