

The 22nd Japan Language Testing Association Annual Conference (JLTA 2018): Call for Papers

The Japan Language Testing Association (JLTA) invites presentation proposals for its annual conference. We look forward to receiving your proposals related to the conference theme, and to language testing and assessment in general.

At this year's conference, the keynote speech and the symposium will be presented in English. We are also expecting presenters from our partner association, Korea English Language Testing Association (KELTA). We welcome proposals for presentations to be given in English.

Presenters will each have 20 minutes to present their research papers or assessment practices followed by 10-minute discussion. Note that each participant can present multiple times, but only once as the first presenter.

This year's conference has a special room for family members (junior high school students or higher).

Conference website: http://jlta2016.sakura.ne.jp/?page_id=18

Dates: Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9, 2018

Day 1 (September 8): Workshop

Time: 14:00 to 17:15 (with a 15-minute break)

Venue: Hokkai-Gakuen University, Toyohira Campus (D31, 7th Building)

Title: Bayes statistics and its application to foreign language education study

Lecturers: Kunihiro KUSANAGI (Hiroshima University)

Language of instruction: Japanese

Attendance Fee: 1,000 yen

Capacity: 30 participants

Day 2 (September 9): Keynote speech, symposium, research and assessment practice presentations, commercial exhibits, banquet, and others

<Venue>

Hokkai-Gakuen University, Toyohira Campus (D20, 7th Building)

1-40, 4-chome , Asahi-machi , Toyohira-ku , Sapporo, Hokkido, 062-8605

<http://hgu.jp/en/>

<Conference theme>

Evaluating Language Assessments in Japan

<Keynote Speech>

Antony J. KUNNAN (Professor, Department of English, University of Macao)

Title: An ethics-based approach to the evaluation of language assessments (tentative)

<Symposium>

Theme: Evaluating fairness and justice of university entrance English examinations in Japan.
(tentative)

Coordinator: Hidetoshi SAITO (Ibaraki University)

Panelists: Yasuyo SAWAKI (Waseda University), Yo IN'NAMI (Chuo University), Hidetoshi
SAITO (Ibaraki University)

<Attendance Fee>

Graduate student, JLTA member, & JALT TEVAL SIG member: 1,000 yen

Non-JLTA member: 3,000 yen

Undergraduate students (with a proper student ID): Free

This year's conference will be co-sponsored by the Japan Association for Language Teaching (JALT) Testing and Evaluation Special Interest Group (TEVAL SIG: <http://teval.jalt.org/>).

Members of JALT TEVAL SIG benefit from discounted conference registration fees for the JLTA annual conference.

<Submission Overview>

Research presentation

Research related to language testing and assessment that clearly states the purpose of the research, methodology, analysis, and interpretation of the results

Assessment practice presentations

Report on assessment practices including language tests, language program/curriculum evaluation, and assessment for teacher development, etc.

Presenters of both types of presentations will each have 20 minutes to present their research papers or assessment practices followed by 10-minute discussion.

Submission period: from April 28, 2018 to June 10, 2018

Those wishing to present research papers or assessment practices should send the information listed below by e-mail to [jlta.cfp\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:jlta.cfp[at]gmail.com) (replace [at] with an *at* sign). The subject line of the e-mail

should read “JLTA 2018 Submission_First Presenter Name” (e.g., “JLTA 2018 Submission_Richard_DAVIDSON”).

Please include the following information:

- 1) Type of presentation (research paper or assessment practice)
- 2) Presentation title
- 3) Names, and affiliations of all presenters. The name should be given in English, in the order of first name followed by surname (e.g., Richard DAVIDSON).

Specify whether each presenter is a JLTA member, and whether the presenter is a JALT TEVAL SIG member

- 4) A 400-word (or 800-Japanese-character) abstract

Please include the purpose of the research, methodology, analysis, and interpretation of the results for a research paper, and include the purpose and content of the practice, and the results for an assessment practice report.

- 5) Name of contact person and his/her e-mail address

*If the presenters wish to use a projector, they should follow the procedures listed below:

- (a) Presenters should bring a PC. There will be an audio terminal connector (for PC connection through a stereo mini plug) and a D-sub 15-pin cable in the presentation room. Mac users should bring their own MinidisplayPort/USB-C to VGA Adapter;
- (b) Presenters must take responsibility for connecting their PC to the projector;
- (c) Presenters should bring handouts as an alternative in case of technical failure.

Presenters **HAVE TO** be JLTA or JALT TEVAL SIG members. If you are a non-member currently, please join JLTA within two weeks after your abstract is accepted for presentation (<https://www.bunken.org/jlta/member/Registration/>). This rule applies to all the co-authors who will make a presentation at JLTA2018.

<Notes>

- All information should be included in the body of the e-mail, and no files should be sent as attachments.
- Confirmation of submission will be sent within seven days after the submission. If applicants do not receive a confirmation email within seven days, they are requested to send an inquiry to the JLTA Secretariat.
- Participants can present multiple times, but only once as the first presenter.
- The abstracts will be included in the conference program book. No correction or replacement will be basically accepted after the submission period.
- Notification of selection will be sent via e-mail to the first presenter.

Notification of selection: (no later than) July 15, 2018

<Advertisements (Exhibitions included)>

Application period: from May 7, 2018 to June 29, 2018

Due to space limitations, limited to 10 exhibitors (to be selected on a first-come, first-served basis)

	JLTA Members	Non-Members
Advertisement (half page of A4-size paper; Exhibition of one long table included)	7,500 yen	15,000 yen
Advertisement (one page of A4-size paper; Exhibition of one long table included)	10,000 yen	20,000 yen

One long table = One 60 cm x 180 cm table and a satellite desk near the main presentation room

For further information on advertisements and exhibitions, please contact the JLTA

Secretariat (Kazuhiko KATAGIRI): E-mail: [jlta2018co\[at\]yahoo.co.jp](mailto:jlta2018co[at]yahoo.co.jp) (replace [at] with an *at* sign)

<Workshop Registration>

To be announced.

<Conference Registration >

There is no pre-conference registration. Please pay the registration fee and banquet fee on site.