



Tokyo University of Agriculture

# Comprehensive International Education Program(CIEP)

Your guide to program activities, site visits, workshops, lectures, and reflections from past participants



**2026 Application Deadline: May 11, 2026**



## **About CIEP**

The Comprehensive International Education Program (CIEP) is one of Tokyo NODAI's key initiatives to promote international education, continuously implemented since 2008. This program offers participants from Tokyo NODAI's partner universities around the world a unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of agriculture and food systems in Japan and across Asia. Through hands-on field activities conducted alongside local farmers, students explore key agricultural practices and technologies, experience the structure and function of Japan's agricultural cooperatives (JA), and learn about national efforts in environmental conservation. The program is further enriched by the unique cultural and agricultural characteristics of the field locations visited. Special lectures and workshops that emphasize critical thinking in a diverse international setting enhance the academic depth of the experience. Working collaboratively from start to finish, students build strong cross-cultural connections and lay the foundation for future academic and professional collaborations. Participants in this program are eligible to receive four(4) undergraduate level academic credits from Tokyo NODAI upon successful completion of the program.

# Program Locations

Cross-regional academic programs focusing on education, sustainable agriculture, and cultural exchange between Hokkaido's agricultural environment and Tokyo's urban innovation



## Hokkaido, Okhotsk Campus

The Okhotsk region of Hokkaido features rich soils, clean air, and abundant water, supporting large-scale agriculture of major commodities such as onions, wheat, and sugar beets. Cool summers and sustainable farming practices coexist with vast fields, forests, and the unique drift-ice coastline of the Sea of Okhotsk.



## Tokyo, Setagaya Campus

Tokyo is Japan's dynamic capital, where advanced technology, global business, and rich cultural heritage coexist. As a center of education, innovation, and international exchange, the city offers a unique blend of modern urban life and traditional values.



## What to expect during CIEP

An immersive **one-week** academic and cultural experience that connects sustainable agriculture, global learning, and international exchange.

## CIEP Program Highlights

### Field Study

Featuring visits to renowned farms in Hokkaido, including Shiretoko Ezoshika Farm, where participants gain hands-on exposure to sustainable agriculture.

### Workshops & Lectures

Conducted in Tokyo, with group-based workshops alongside expert-led lectures (Hokkaido in parts) delivered by our CIEP Advisors.

### Cultural Exchange Events

Cultural exchange events unite participants from around the world, fostering global perspectives through interaction with Tokyo NODAI students and students from partner universities. The experience is enriched by a High School Poster Session and an English Café, encouraging open dialogue and cross-cultural understanding.

## Field Study: Overview

A 5-day long field study is conducted in Hokkaido region. The contents are as follows:

- ◉ **Farm practicum: introduction and immersion to Japanese rural community farming**
  - ◉ **Visits of segments of the value chain (e.g., agricultural cooperatives, farmers' and wholesale markets, packaging and trading facilities, processing plant, and cold storage facility)**
  - ◉ **Briefings on the nature and operations of the business, success stories, challenges, and action plan**
  - ◉ **Bonus - (i.e., visit Japanese museums, Shop at the “Michi-no-Eki”)**
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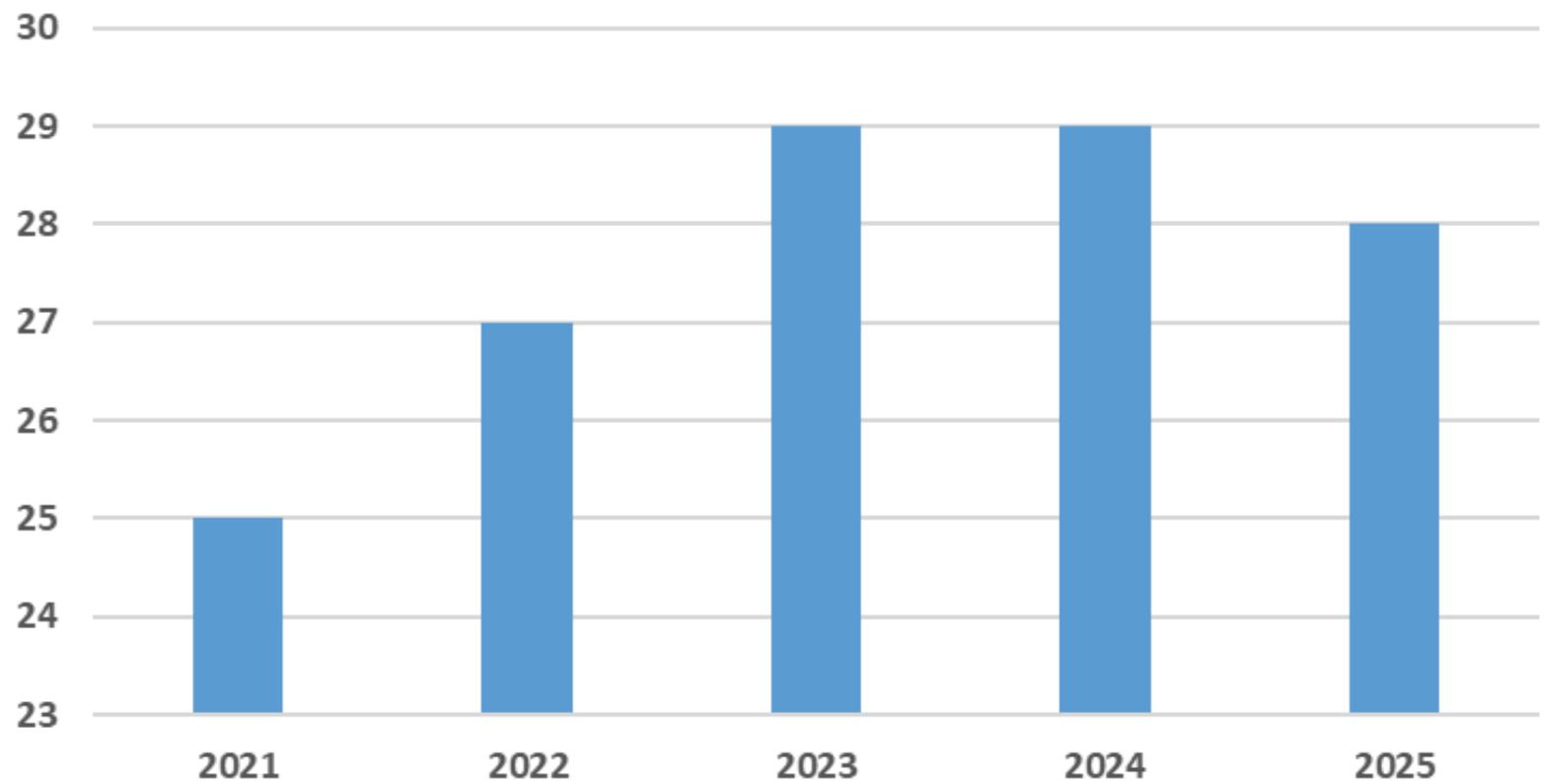
## Lectures: Overview

Topics are related to the following

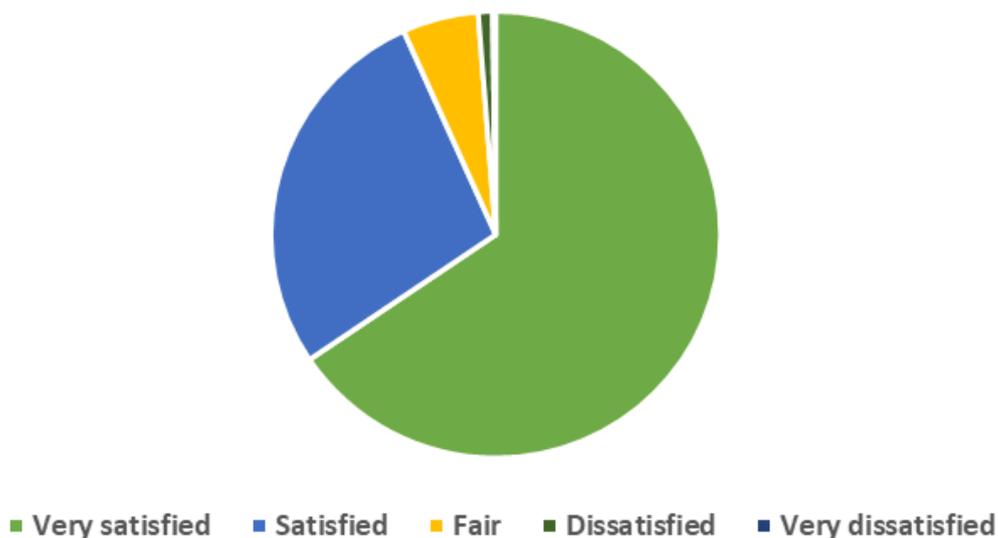
- ◉ **Agroecology: sustainable agriculture and post-production systems**
- ◉ **Agriculture, production systems, and sustainable development**
- ◉ **Current and emerging problems in food, agriculture, and environment**
- ◉ **Issues with allied disciplines**

# CIEP in Numbers

## Number of Participants for the Past 5 years



## Overall Participant Satisfaction Across Program Activities in 2025



**93.2% positive satisfaction**  
**Only 1.3% negative responses**  
**Strong overall program performance**

# 2026 Tentative CIEP Schedule

Date	Time	Contents	Place	Accomodation	Meals(B/L/D)
Jul. 24(Fri.)	all day	Arrival day	Setagaya campus, Tokyo, Japan	Students' dormitory	-/-/-
Jul. 25(Sat.)	13:00-16:00	Orientation	International Center, Setagaya campus	Students' dormitory	-/-/-
Jul. 26(Sun.)	Free day	-	-	Students' dormitory	-/-/-
Jul. 27(Mon.)	Morning	Departure from Tokyo to Hokkaido	Haneda Airport	Toyoko inn Abashiri	-/-/D
	15:00~17:00	Workshop and lecture at Okhotsk	TBD		
	17:30	Welcome Party	Cafeteria		
Jul. 28(Tue.)	Morning	Field study	Abashiri Prison Museum	Toyoko inn Abashiri	B/L/-
	Afternoon	Field study and lecture	Agriculture in Okhotsk (No. 26 Farming Group)		
		Campus tour and Field study	Experimental Plot		
		Field study	Okhotsk Ryuhyo Museum		
Jul. 29(Wed.)	Morning	Field study	Shiretoko Nature Center	Nonkey Land Higashimokoto	B/L/-
	Afternoon	Field study	Ezo Deer Farm		
		Shopping	Supermarket		
Jul.30(Thu.)	Morning	Field study and lecture	Shibetsu Salmon Science Museum	Nonkey Land Higashimokoto	B/L/-
	Afternoon	Field Study	Kiyosato Shochu Distillery		
Jul. 31(Fri.)	Morning	Field study	Lake Tofutsu Waterfowl and Wetland Center	Students' dormitory	B/L/-
	Afternoon	Field study	Kin-jirushi Wasabi Co., Ltd. – Okhotsk Factory		
	15:05~17:00	Departure back to Tokyo	Memambetsu Airport		

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Aug. 1(Sat.)	Morning	Free time	-	Students' dormitory	-/L/-
	12:30~13:15	Lunch time	International Center, Setagaya campus		
	13:30~15:30	High school poster sessions and English Café	International Center, Setagaya campus		
	Evening	Free time	-		
Aug. 2(Sun.)	All day	Free time	-	Students' dormitory	-/-/-
Aug. 3(Mon.)	All day	Workshop	International Center, Setagaya campus	Students' dormitory	-/-/-
Aug. 4(Tue.)	9:00~13:30	Workshop(rehearsal)	International Center, Setagaya campus	Students' dormitory	-/-/D
	14:00~16:00	Final Presentations			
	16:30~18:00	Closing ceremony and farewell party			
Aug. 5(Wed.)	-	Departure	-	-	-/-/-



## Program fee

**Estimated Cost:** Approximately **JPY 100,000**, which includes round-trip airfare from Tokyo to Hokkaido, accommodation, and entrance fees to facilities.

A portion of the total participation fee (**JPY 53,630**) will be collected in advance as a non-refundable **application deposit**. Further details regarding the payment method and deadline will be communicated to all successful applicants in due course

**Note 1:** The program fee does not include round-trip airfare between the participant's home country and Tokyo, Japan.

**Note 2:** The program fee, as well as any bank charges, transaction fees, or related costs, shall be borne by the participant or their home university.

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## Cancellation Policy

Cancellation fees will apply from the moment the application deposit is paid. The cancellation fee will be equivalent to the full amount of the application deposit.



## How and where to apply

Invitation letters are sent to all global partner universities, and interested students must apply through their home universities via the office responsible for CIEP or related international programs. Please consult the relevant office at your university for detailed application procedures and deadlines.

Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI) will review applications from nominated students and conduct a screening process to select suitable participants for the CIEP Program. **Please note that, due to limited accommodation capacity, we may not be able to accept all nominated applicants.**

# Required Application Documents

Please submit the following documents to us by the given deadline(May 11, 2026) via the following Google Forms:

**Submission Google Form: <https://forms.gle/MWLfRb3w782RxW6k8>**

- **University Acronym Approval Letter Form A**

**Note:** This document must be officially signed or stamped (with the official seal) by the university official in charge of CIEP or related programs at your university.

- **Student Application Form B**

**Note:** Carefully fill in all sections and include a face photo

- **A brief personal statement (must not exceed one A4 page),** explaining your reasons for applying to participate in CIEP (Feel free to use any template of your choice)
- **Your passport 's bio-data page(Picture or PDF)**

Please scan the QR code below to download Form A and Form B



URL: <https://shorturl.at/34x80>

## Who may join?

- Preferably undergraduate students considered by NODAI and partner universities qualified to participate
- English proficiency is required, as the entire course is conducted in English

## Program completion grants 4 undergraduate credits from Tokyo NODAI.

◀ Sustainable Agriculture in Asia 2 credit units

◀ Field Study of Food and Environment 2 credit units

**Please note that** these courses are offered in the second semester; therefore, official transcripts for the 2026 program will be available in March 2027.



# Academic Credit Fee

This fee applies **only to participants from universities that do not have an academic agreement (Memorandum of Understanding: MoU) with Tokyo University of Agriculture.**

Participants may choose not to receive academic credits. If you decide not to receive credits, you are not required to pay the academic credit fee.

**Academic Credit Fee: JPY 90,000, this includes:**

- Credit Registration Fee: JPY 30,000
- Course Fee: JPY 60,000

**Note:** Students from universities that have an academic agreement (MoU) with Tokyo University of Agriculture **are exempt from paying the academic credit fee.**





## University of California, Davis

The CIEP Program was absolutely spectacular, and I'm extremely grateful that I had the privilege of participating. The professors and staff involved did an excellent job, and I want to thank all of them for making the program what it was, even with unexpected setbacks. I hope to see a greater diversity of students come and participate in the program, so that everyone can get to see the beauty of Hokkaido, and learn about how we can improve agriculture and conservation in our own home countries. I will do my best to recommend the program to other students at UC Davis, and I hope that one day we can have a partnership placard on display, too! If there's ever an update to the program where it goes somewhere else, I would love to participate again. Thank you all so much for everything!



## Tokyo NODAI

I was able to interact with many different people over the course of two weeks, and it turned out to be a truly meaningful experience.



## University of the Philippines Los Baños

I just wanna say I appreciate how well executed this program was. Everything went smoothly and I really had a great time making friends, as well as witnessing and learning about the agricultural sector in Hokkaido. For that, I want to thank all the senseis that made this trip possible, as well as Toki-san who seemed to be the chief organizer especially during our trip in Hokkaido. I learned so much from each of you and all my classmates. Thank you for everything. I will see you all again soon.



## National Chung Hsing University

I've attended similar university visits before, but this one was the best. Many thanks for your excellent hosting (every NODAI's students & teachers).



## IPB University

I really enjoyed this program. At first, I felt really afraid of everything. The thought that I was the only person from my country and that this was my first time joining an exchange kept running through my head: “How will I survive this program with no one I know?” But all the CIEP participants were really kind. It might have been only 13 days that we were together, but leaving the CIEP program was so hard for me. Just when everything finally felt right, after a lot of adaptation and disagreements, everyone began to understand each other and feel comfortable together. And then, we ran out of time. It’s bittersweet, but I’m leaving with not just lessons and experiences, but also friendships and memories that will stay with me far beyond these 13 days.



## University of Tsukuba

Japan is a dream land for many including me and I must say I have the best experience of it during the CIEP program since I came 10 months ago. And I want to say thank for you for the opportunity to be a part of this great program.



*Blink and it's a  
memory*



**“CIEP brings so much joy and memories  
beyond the four corners of a classroom”**

*The late Prof. Salvador Catelo*

*August 3, 2023*





# CIEP, in pictures

## ~Field trip in Hokkaido~





# CIEP, in pictures

~Workshop, cultural exchanges & Lectures~





Welcome to  Japan

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# Recommended Airport

We recommend that participants arrive at **Tokyo Haneda Airport**, as it is the closest international airport to our campus. Narita International Airport can also be used.

Please note that there will be no airport pickup service, so all participants will need to travel to the campus on their own.

This guidebook includes simple instructions on how to get to the campus by taxi or by bus.

Note: Information on traveling from Narita International Airport to the campus is also included.

# Taking taxi at Haneda Airport

After arriving at Haneda Airport, please exit through any of the doors located in front of the arrival area. Outside, you will find bus stands numbered from **0 to 19**.

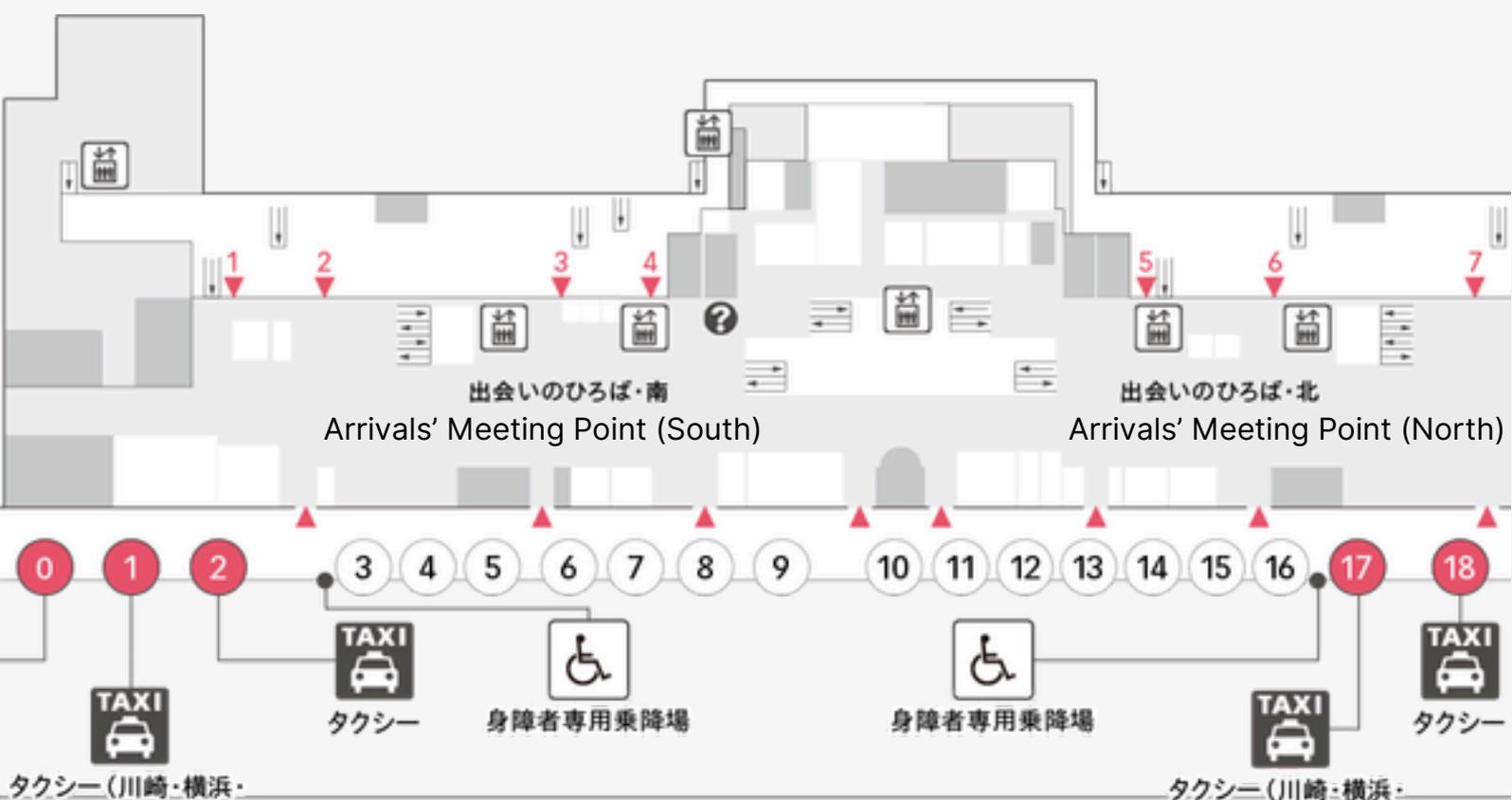
- **Stands 0 and 19** are for hire cars (private car services). These require advance reservations and are usually more expensive than taxis.
- **Stands 2 and 18** are taxi stands. You can take a taxi to Tokyo NODAI by showing the driver our campus address below:

**〒156-8502 東京都世田谷区桜丘1丁目1-1**  
**【1-1-1sakuragaoka, setagaya-Ku, Tokyo】**

For more details, please refer to the map on the next page.



# Taking taxi at Haneda Airport



## Exit

Please use the exits marked with upward-pointing red triangles on the map above.

## Taxi stands

Please walk to stand number 2 if you arrive at the South Wing, or stand number 18 if you arrive at the North Wing.

These stands are located close to each other, so you may use either one (No. 2 or No. 18).

## Address

Be sure to show the driver the address of our campus.

ALTERNATIVELY, BY BUS

# From Haneda airport



For those who prefer to travel by bus from **Haneda Airport**, you can purchase a ticket at the counter for a bus bound for **Shibuya**.

Please note: The last stop of this bus is **Shibuya Fukuras Station**. From there, walk for about 5 minutes to **Shibuya Station**, and then take any of the following public **buses to get to our campus**

- Bus number 24 bound for Seijogakuen mae station
- Bus number 23 bound for Soshigaya Okura Station
- Bus number 22 bound for Yoga Station

**Please get off at “Nodai-mae” (also shown as “Nodai Front” on some buses), which is directly in front of our campus’s main entrance.**

## **In case of any trouble, Contact us**

Office number (calls only until 17:00): **Tel: +81-3-5477-2560**

After 17:00, please contact us via Microsoft Teams (details will be provided to all participants).

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**Recommendation: Taxis from Narita Airport are more expensive. Taking the bus to Shibuya Station is recommended. If your budget allows, a taxi may be used for greater convenience.**

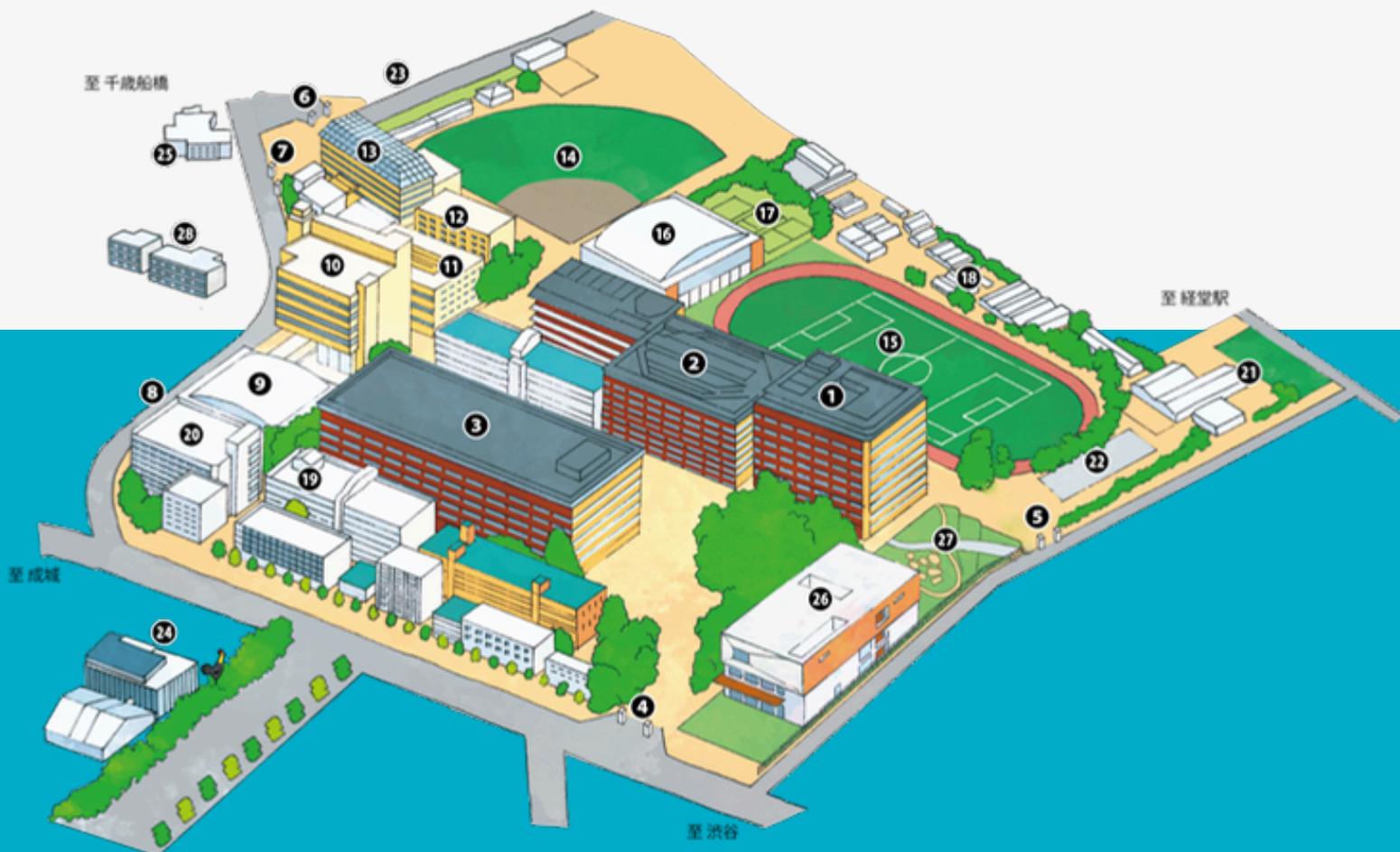
# Meeting Venue

Our staff will be waiting for you on the **2nd floor of the International Center**. The building is located directly in front of the main entrance.

**NOTE:** This building has prayer rooms.



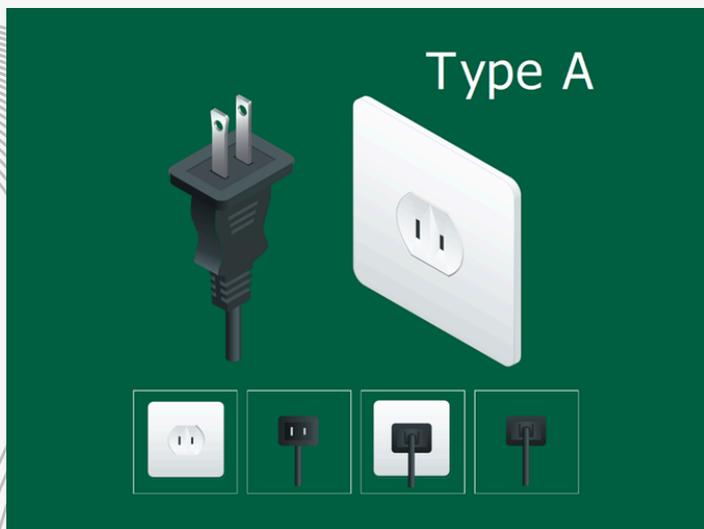
The main entrance is marked as **No. 4** on the map below, and the meeting venue is **No. 26**.



# Recommendations

## Electricity and Power Plug Sockets

Power plug sockets in Japan: Mostly type A (Standard voltage: 100 V / Frequency: 50 / 60 Hz. ). Please bring adaptors.



## Wi-Fi and SIM card

On campus, free Wi-Fi is available, however, it is recommended to get a pocket Wi-Fi or SIM card at the airport to secure your internet access throughout your stay.

## Medicines

Please bring your own medications if you use them, as it may be difficult to find the exact type in Japan.

# Money Exchange

We recommend exchanging money at the airport to avoid any inconvenience.

However,

- The rates at the airport may be slightly lower than at places such as Shinjuku and Shibuya. Only those who are familiar with these areas should consider exchanging money there.
- Some banks also offer currency exchange, specifically for USD and Japanese Yen.



# Weather (Aug.-Sept.)

**Tokyo:** August and September are generally hot and humid, with occasional sudden rain showers.

**Hokkaido:** The weather is milder and more comfortable than Tokyo, with cooler temperatures and lower humidity.



## Temperature ranges

Tokyo: 28°C - 35°C

Hokkaido: 20°C - 25°C

## What to wear

- Light, breathable clothing
- Long pants
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Light Jacket for evenings in Hokkaido that you can easily add or remove
- Hat and Sunglasses
- Umbrella for sudden rain

# Others

## Smoking and alcohol use

Smoking in public areas, including within the campus, is **highly prohibited**. Please smoke only in the designated areas. **Individuals under the age of 20 are prohibited from smoking or consuming alcohol in Japan.**

## Convenience Stores

These stores are open 24 hours

## Drug stores and prayer rooms

There is a drugstore in front of the main entrance, and prayer rooms are located within the International Center Building





**We're excited to welcome you to CIEP  
and look forward to an amazing  
experience**

*together!*

**Contact Information:**

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