
Date: 24-25 November 2012 – Hong Kong

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

Submission Deadline: August 15, 2012 (Hong Kong Time)

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Background

City University of Hong Kong and Society of Japanese Language Education will hold a Symposium in November 2012. This symposium will be the ninth in a series of international symposiums on Japanese Language Education and Japanese Studies held every two years in Hong Kong. The event has already established itself as a tradition among the scholars and educators in this area. This symposium is in collaboration with colleagues from other local universities and colleges in Hong Kong. Therefore, this event will become the focus of attention of all scholars and educators of Japanese language and Japanese Studies in Hong Kong and can be considered as a major event. In addition, the symposium has a strong attendance record of participants from Mainland China, Macau, Taiwan, Korea, Singapore, other East and South East Asian countries. This time we are looking forward to expanding the scope of the participants even further to include Oceania, Europe and America.

Theme of the Symposium

We expect this symposium to foster communication and exchange among a large number of educators and researchers in Japanese studies, as well as among those interested in Japan. This
year, the theme of the symposium is Interactivity, Praxis and Possibilities. The focus on interactivity would encourage further intercultural understanding and raise the level of education and research. The symposium provides an opportunity for discussion of current developments and research on a range of cultural and teaching issues related to Japan, and or among East Asian societies (i.e., Japan, China, Taiwan and South Korea). We welcome scholars, students, and practitioners from all disciplinary backgrounds who are interested in Japanese studies.

**Conference Registration:** Registration for the symposium will be available on the symposium official web-site in June 2012. Please go to the registration page at [http://www.japanese-edu.org.hk/sympo/](http://www.japanese-edu.org.hk/sympo/) for further details.

**Paper submission:**

1. The deadline is August 15, 2012 (Wednesday) HK time. Please submit your paper as email attachment to our official website. Our secretariat will send you an acknowledgement of receipt via email based on your information provided through on-line registration.

**Important dates:**

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The deadline is HK time 11:59 p.m.; late submission will not be accepted. In addition, presenters with their papers accepted are requested to “pay the registration fee OR send a confirmation of participation to our symposium secretariat” by **25 Sep 2012**. Your registration will be cancelled if we do not receive your payment or confirmation by the due date. For details, please refer to our official website -- “Registration” page.

2. In order to promote interactivity, which is also the theme of the 2012 symposium, we welcome researchers, teachers and practitioners for paper submission. Two types of submissions are available which include: “Research Paper” and “Practical Report.” Particularly, for practical report, you may share your teaching experience (in-class/out-of-class), etc.

   - **Research Paper** – based on prior studies, report your method, analysis and further findings, etc.
   - **Practical Report** – based on theory or particular problems, and report your findings based on your in-class or out-of-class teaching experience, etc.

3. Abstract submission (research paper / practical report): an abstract of about 1,200 words (2 pages, including all tables/figures/references) – **due 15th Aug 2012**.

4. Draft of manuscript (research paper only, “Optional”): a manuscript of up to 5,000 words (or 10 pages) – **due 15th Oct 2012**. For those who have submitted full-length papers/manuscripts by 15 Oct 2012, their papers will be included as electronic conference proceedings which
will be distributed at the symposium. In addition, selected submissions (full-length papers) will be considered for publication in a special issue.

5. Apart from the above submissions, we also call for proposals of panel session. A proposal comprised of about 3500 words (3-5 pages) – **due 15th Aug 2012**. Full-length manuscripts (Optional): About 6500 words (13 pages) – **due 15 Oct 2012**.

6. Presentation guidelines:
   - Oral presentation (research paper / practical report) – 20 minutes, 10 minutes for Q & A
   - Panel session (3-5 presenters) – 60 minutes, including Q & A

7. A style guide and templates can be downloaded from the official website.

8. Submissions of manuscripts: Selected submissions are considered for publication in a special issue which is tentatively scheduled in Feb 2014. Details of paper submission will be available at the official website later.

9. Apart from English paper submission, we also accept papers in Japanese and Chinese. Please visit our official website for details.

**Tentative Programme Schedule (Updated on 5 June 2012)**

**Day 1**
- 9:20 - 10:00 Opening Ceremony
- 10:00 - 11:00 Keynote Speech A – Japanese Language Education
- 11:00 - 11:10 Break
- 11:10 - 12:10 Keynote Speech B – Japanese Studies
- 12:10 - 13:15 Lunch
- 13:15 - 14:45 Parallel Sessions / Panel session
- 14:45 - 15:00 Break
- 15:00 - 16:30 Parallel Sessions / Panel session
- 16:30 - 16:45 Break
- 16:45 - 17:45 Parallel Sessions / Panel session
- 17:45 - 18:00 Break
- 18:00 - 19:00 Keynote Speech C – Japanese Language Education

**Day 2**
- 9:30 - 11:00 Parallel Sessions / Panel session
- 11:00 - 11:15 Break
- 11:15 - 12:45 Keynote Speech / Panel session
- 12:45 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 15:00 Keynote Speech D – Japanese Studies
- 15:00 - 15:10 Break
- 15:10 - 16:40 Forum
- 16:40 - 17:00 Break
- 17:00 - 18:00 Closing Ceremony
- 18:00 Symposium Dinner
For further information: Details regarding the meeting venue and the symposium are available at http://www.japanese-edu.org.hk/sympo/. For questions regarding the symposium and submissions, please contact our secretariat at: hksympo2012@japanese-edu.org.hk.

(Updated on 20th Jun 2012)