



# ASIA - PACIFIC BRONCHIECTASIS & NTM CONFERENCE

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## WELCOME TO THE ASIA-PACIFIC BRONCHIECTASIS & NTM CONFERENCE

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the first-ever conference fully dedicated to bronchiectasis and NTMs in the Asia-Pacific region. The inaugural Asia-Pacific Bronchiectasis & NTM Conference (APBC) will be held in Tokyo from 13–15 November 2026.

Bronchiectasis is a highly heterogeneous disease, and its causes, manifestation and management can vary significantly across populations and countries.

APBC 2026 will reflect the diverse nature and the clinical realities of bronchiectasis and NTMs across the Asia-Pacific region, giving centre-stage to regional data, real-life clinical experience and scientific development.

This conference will bring together and grow the Asia-Pacific bronchiectasis & NTM community - to share our research and knowledge, develop new collaborations, inspire new projects, compare clinical practices, and discuss standards of care relevant to our patients. It is also a platform to empower scientists and clinicians from across the region, and to shine a light on the significant achievements already made in bronchiectasis and NTM research and care.

Furthermore, we are privileged to welcome renowned experts in bronchiectasis and NTM from across the globe. Their participation will foster rich cultural exchanges and provide valuable insights into diverse healthcare systems, significantly elevating the scientific excellence and international significance of our event.

I warmly encourage you to attend and actively contribute, by submitting your abstract, engaging in meaningful discussions, and helping us grow and strengthen the Asia-Pacific Bronchiectasis & NTM community - together.

I look forward to welcoming you to Tokyo in November 2026.

Warm regards

*Professor Kozo Morimoto*

*Chair, Asia Pacific Bronchiectasis & NTM Conference (APBC 2026)*





## CONFERENCE CHAIR

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**Kozo Morimoto (Tokyo)**

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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**Takanori Asakura (Tokyo)**

**Sanjay Chotirmall (Singapore)**

**Raja Dhar (Kolkata)**

**Worarat Imsanguan (Chiang Rai)**

**Ryo Kozu (Nagasaki)**

**Lucy Morgan (Sydney)**

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## TOPICS

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### BRONCHIECTASIS & NTM

Aetiology	Guidelines
Airway Clearance	Management
Bacteriophage therapy	Microbiome
Clinical Trials	Pathophysiology
Co-infections	Refractory NTM
Comorbidities	Registries
Diagnosis	Surgical Treatments
Environmental conditions	Treatments
Epidemiology	

## SPECIALTIES

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The Conference Programme has been designed to fulfil the latest educational needs of professionals operating in the following specialities:

**Respiratory Medicine**  
**Infectious Diseases &**  
**Virology**

**Internal Medicine**  
**Paediatrics**  
**Microbiology**

**Radiology**  
**Physiotherapy**  
**Nurses**

## VENUE

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### Tokyo Garden Terrace Kioicho Conference Center

〒102-0094 Tokyo, Chiyoda City, Kioicho, 1-4,

Tokyo, Japan



## INVITED FACULTY

Aflah Syazatul Syakirin Sirol (Kuala Lumpur)

Agarwal Ritesh (Chandigarh)

Aksamit Timothy (Rochester)

Aliberti Stefano (Milan)

Asakura Takanori (Tokyo)

Bell Scott (Brisbane)

Blasi Francesco (Milan)

Chang Anne (Brisbane)

Cheng Chiao-Feng (Taipei)

Chotirmall Sanjay (Singapore)

Daley Charles (Denver)

Dhar Raja (Kolkata)

Dissanayake Neranjan (Colombo)

Imsanguan Worarat (Chiang Rai)

Irfan Muhammad (Karachi)

Jo Kyung-Wook (Seoul)

Keicho Naoto (Tokyo)

Kim Joong-Yub (Seoul)

Kozu Ryo (Nagasaki)

Kudoh Shoji (Tokyo)

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Matsuyama Masashi (Ibaraki)

Morgan Lucy (Sydney)

Morimoto Kozo (Tokyo)

Namkoong Ho (Tokyo)

Nguyen Kim Cuong (Hanoi)

Nishimura Tomoyasu (Tokyo)

Oh Yeon-Mok (Seoul)

Pereirasamy Lalitha (Penang)

Phuong Phan Thu (Hanoi)

Poh Ernest (Kuala Lumpur)

Pan Sheng Wei (Taipei)

Shen Xi-Yue (Shanghai)

Shu Chin-Chung (Taipei)

Suwatanaponched Thitiporn  
(Bangkok)

Tan Shera (Singapore)

Thomson Rachel (Brisbane)

Wang Hao-Chien (Taipei)

Winthrop Kevin (Portland)

Xu Jin-fu (Shanghai)

Yim Jae-Joon (Seoul)

Zhou Hua (Zhejiang)



## November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### 13.30 – 13.45 OPENING ADDRESS

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Welcome address by:

JRS President  
President of Fukuji Hospital  
Kozo Morimoto (Tokyo) – APBC 2026 Chair

### 13.45 – 14.25 OPENING LECTURE

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Chair: Kozo Morimoto (Tokyo)

#### 13.45 – 14.25 The bronchiectasis duo: Unique Challenges and Opportunities for Bronchiectasis and NTM-PD in the Asia-Pacific Region

Sanjay Chotirmall (Singapore) – Bronchiectasis  
Jae-Joon Yim (Seoul) – NTM

### 14.25 – 16.00 SESSION I: BRONCHIECTASIS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION – PART I

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Chairs: Timothy Aksamit (Rochester), Stefano Aliberti (Milan)

#### 14.25 – 15.45 Asia-Pacific Bronchiectasis: Review and updates from the Registry data and beyond

ABR:	Lucy Morgan (Sydney)
BE-China:	Jin-Fu Xu (Shanghai)
EMBARC - India:	Raja Dhar (Kolkata)
KMBARC:	Yeon-Mok Oh (Seoul)
JNMBR:	Takanori Asakura (Tokyo)
TBARC:	Hao-Chien Wang (Taipei)

Malaysia	Ernest Poh (Kuala Lumpur)
Pakistan	Muhammad Irfan (Karachi))
Vietnam	Phan Thu Phuong (Hanoi)

#### 15.45 – 16.00 Discussion

### 16.00 – 16.30 COFFEE BREAK

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## November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### 16.30 – 17.45 **SESSION II: NTM IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**

Chairs: Ernest Poh (Kuala Lumpur), Shera Tan (Singapore)

16.30 – 16.45 **NTM Lung Disease in Asia Pacific: Species Distribution, Antibiotic Susceptibility, and Clinical Outcomes**

Yong Soo Kwon (Seoul)

16.45 – 17.00 **Immune Endotypes in NTM-PD: Defining Host-Response Patterns to Guide Precision Management**

Kevin Winthrop (Portland)

17.00 – 17.15 **Why NTMs Persist: Bacterial Determinants Beyond Classical Drug Resistance**

Tomoyasu Nishimura (Tokyo)

17.15 – 17.30 **Environmental Reservoir for NTM: Water, Soil, and Beyond**

Scott Bell (Brisbane)

17.30 – 17.45 **Discussion**

### 17.45 – 18.15 **KEYNOTE LECTURE I**

Chair: Francesco Blasi (Milan)

17.45 – 18.15 **Contributions of Asia-Pacific researchers to the diagnosis and treatment of NTM-PD**

Shoji Kudoh (Tokyo)

*This lecture will be in Japanese with simultaneous translation in English.*

### 18.15 – 19.15 **SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM**

### 19.15 – 20.15 **WELCOME RECEPTION**



## November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### 08.30 – 09.15 RISING STARS SESSION

Chairs: Lucy Morgan (Sydney), Kozo Morimoto (Tokyo), Jin-Fu Xu (Shanghai)

#### 08.30 – 08.45 Rising Star presentation N.1

Speaker tbd

#### 08.45 – 09.00 Rising Star presentation N.2

Speaker tbd

#### 09.00 – 09.15 Discussion

### 09.15 – 10.15 SESSION III: UPDATE ON PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

Chairs: Kevin Winthrop (Portland), Jae-Joon Yim (Seoul)

#### 09.15 – 09.30 The airway ecosystem: mucus, cilia and microbiome

Takanori Asakura (Tokyo)

#### 09.30 – 09.45 The Evolving Role of Chest CT in NTM-PD – From Treatment Decisions to Predicting Recurrence

Thitiporn Suwatanaponched (Bangkok)

#### 09.45 – 10.00 Frontline Management against NTM-PD: When, How, and How Long?

Hua Zhou (Zhejiang)

#### 10.00 – 10.15 Discussion

### 10.15 – 10.45 COFFEE BREAK

### 10.45 – 12.00 SESSION IV: BRONCHIECTASIS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION – PART II

Chairs: Raja Dhar (Kolkata), Chin-Chung Shu (Taipei)

#### 10.45 – 11.00 Post-Tuberculosis Bronchiectasis in Southeast Asia: Epidemiology, Imaging Patterns, and Treatment Implications

Yeon-Mok Oh (Seoul)

#### 11.00 – 11.15 Cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis, is it really rare in Asian people?

Xi-yue Shen (Shanghai)

#### 11.15 – 11.30 Bronchiectasis and fungal airway disease

Ritesh Agarwal (Chandigarh)

#### 11.30 – 11.45 Pseudomonas aeruginosa in bronchiectasis: the evolution and conservation

Joong-Yub Kim (Seoul)

#### 11.45 – 12.00 Discussion



## November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### 12.00 – 12.30 KEYNOTE LECTURE II

Chair: *tbd*

12.00 – 12.25 Paediatric bronchiectasis – its relevance to adults especially in the Asia-Pacific region

*Anne Chang (Brisbane)*

12.25 – 12:30 Discussion

### 12.30 – 13.15 BRONCHIECTASIS DEBATE

Chairs: *Timothy Aksamit (Rochester), Yeon-Mok Oh (Seoul)*

12.30 – 13.15 Can ERS and CHEST Bronchiectasis Guidelines be applied to Asia-Pacific Patient Population?

*Stefano Aliberti (Milan) for ERS Guidelines*

*Rachel Thomson (Brisbane) for CHEST Guidelines*

*Raja Dhar (Kolkata) and Jin-Fu Xu (Shanghai) from Asia-Pacific*

### 13.15 – 14.15 LUNCH and POSTER SESSIONS

### 14.15 – 14.35 LECTURE

Chair: *Lucy Morgan (Sydney)*

14.15 – 14.30 Cultural influences and beliefs in the diagnosis and management of bronchiectasis and NTM

*Syazatul Syakirin Sirol Aflah (Kuala Lumpur)*

14.30 – 14.35 Discussion



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### 14.35 – 15.50 SESSION V: MECHANISMS THAT MATTER

Chairs: Ho Namkoong (Tokyo), Shera Tan (Singapore)

- 14.35 – 14.50 **Airway Epithelium and Immune Crosstalk in Bronchiectasis**  
*Liang Li (Shenzhen)*
- 14.50 – 15.05 **Ciliary Abnormalities and the Genetic Basis of Bronchiectasis in Asia: Focus on Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia**  
*Naoto Keicho (Tokyo)*
- 15.05 – 15.20 **Aging and Innate Immunity in NTM-PD: What Can We Do About the Host?**  
*Masashi Matsuyama (Ibaraki)*
- 15.20 – 15.35 **Immune Exhaustion in NTM Pulmonary Disease: Implications for Pathogenesis and Treatment**  
*Sheng Wei Pan (Taipei)*
- 15.35 – 15.50 **Discussion**

### 15.50 – 16.20 COFFEE BREAK

### 16.20 – 17.15 SESSION VI: COMORBIDITIES

Chairs: Yong Soo Kwon (Seoul), Lalitha Pereirasamy (Penang)

- 16.20 – 16.35 **Severe Asthma with associated Bronchiectasis**  
*Hisako Matsumoto (Osaka)*
- 16.35 – 16.50 **COPD and Bronchiectasis**  
*Neranjana Dissanayake (Colombo)*
- 16.50 – 17.05 **Connective tissue disease associated to Bronchiectasis**  
*Chiao-Feng Cheng (Taipei)*
- 17.05 – 17.15 **Discussion**

### 17.15 – 17.40 KEYNOTE LECTURE III

Chair: Ryo Kozu (Nagasaki)

- 17.15 – 17.35 **Physiotherapy and rehabilitation in bronchiectasis and NTM-PD: An Asia-Pacific perspective**  
*Annemarie Lee (Melbourne)*
- 17.35 – 17.40 **Discussion**

### 17.40 – 18.10 SPONSORED LECTURE



## November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### 08.30 – 09.00 KEYNOTE LECTURE IV

Chair: Charles Daley (Denver)

#### 08:30 – 09:00 Educating the next generation

Francesco Blasi (Milan)

### 09.00 – 10.20 SESSION VII: DIFFICULT CASES

Chairs: Stefano Aliberti (Milan), Phan Thu Phuong (Hanoi)

#### 09.00 – 09.20 NTM in adult-onset immunodeficiency syndrome

Worarat Imsanguan (Chiang Rai)

#### 09.20 – 09.40 Mixed NTM Infections: Pseudomonas aeruginosa infection during the course of NTM-PD

Timothy Aksamit (Rochester)

#### 09.40 – 10.00 Management of Mycobacterium Abscessus-PD

Cuong Nguyen Kim (Hanoi)

#### 10.00 – 10.20 Management of refractory MAC cases

Kyung-Wook Jo (Seoul)

### 10.20 – 10.45 KEYNOTE LECTURE V or SPONSORED LECTURE

### 10.45 – 11.15 COFFEE BREAK



## November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### 11.15 – 11.45 KEYNOTE LECTURE V

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Chair: *tbd*

11.15 – 11.40 **Clinical Trials in Bronchiectasis and NTM-PD: Progress, Pitfalls, and the Path Forward**

*Charles Daley (Denver)*

11.40 – 11.45 **Discussion**

### 11.45 – 12.40 SESSION VIII: UPDATE ON CLINICAL TRIALS AND TREATMENTS

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Chairs: *Sanjay Chotirmall (Singapore), Rachel Thomson (Brisbane)*

11.45 – 12.00 **Oral presentation**

*Speaker tbd*

12.00 – 12.15 **Oral presentation**

*Speaker tbd*

12.15 – 12.30 **MycobacterioPHAGE therapy: Where We Are Now, and the Road Ahead**

*Chin-Chung Shu (Taipei)*

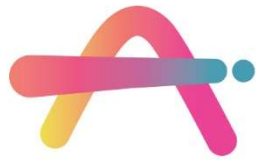
12.30 – 12.40 **Discussion**

### 12.40 – 13.00 CLOSING REMARKS

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*Kozo Morimoto*

Rising Stars and Poster Prizes



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