



ASIA - PACIFIC BRONCHIECTASIS & NTM CONFERENCE

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Chair: Prof. Kozo Morimoto

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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

Kozo Morimoto (Tokyo)

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Takanori Asakura (Tokyo)

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Jae-Joon Yim (Seoul)

SPECIALTIES

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**



TOPICS

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	

VENUE

Tokyo Garden Terrace Kioicho Conference Center

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

LANGUAGES / TRANSLATION

All programme, except for a few sessions in Japanese as specified in the programme, will be conducted in English.

Real-time translation in multiple languages will be available via the AI-powered KUDO app. We invite participants to bring headphone for their mobile to use KUDO app.

RECORDED MATERIAL

The programme is accessible only on-site.

Pending the authorisation by speakers and chairs, all the sessions will be recorded and available on-line on the conference website starting from November 18th, for the following 4 months for all the registered participants.



INVITED FACULTY

Addrizzo-Harris Doreen (New York)
Aflah Syazatul Syakirin Sirol (Kuala Lumpur)
Agarwal Ritesh (Chandigarh)
Aksamit Timothy (Rochester)
Aliberti Stefano (Milan)
Asakura Takanori (Tokyo)
Bell Scott (Brisbane)
Blasi Francesco (Milan)
Chalmers James D. (Oxford)
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)
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Kudoh Shoji (Tokyo)
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Shen Xi-Yue (Shanghai)
Shu Chin-Chung (Taipei)
Suwatanapongched Thitiporn (Bangkok)
Tan Shera (Singapore)
Thomson Rachel (Brisbane)
Wang Hao-Chien (Taipei)
Winthrop Kevin (Portland)
Yim Jae-Joon (Seoul)
Zhou Hua (Zhejiang)



November 13th, 2026

13.00 – 13.20 OPENING ADDRESS

Welcome address by:

Yasuhiko Nishioka (Tokushima) - JRS President

Shoji Kudoh (Tokyo) - President of Fukujuji Hospital

Kozo Morimoto (Tokyo) – APBC 2026 Chair

13.20 – 14.00 OPENING LECTURE

Chair: Kozo Morimoto (Tokyo)

13.20 – 14.00 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

14.00 – 16.00 SESSION I: BRONCHIECTASIS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND BEYOND I

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

14.00 – 15.00 Asia-Pacific Bronchiectasis: Review and updates from the Registry data and beyond

ABR: Lucy Morgan (Sydney)

BE-China: Haiwen Lu (Shanghai)

INBARC: 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 Thu Phuong Phan (Hanoi)

15.00 – 15.40 The Experience of other continents

U.S. Registry and CCN

Doreen Addrizzo – Harris (New York)

EMBARC

James D. Chalmers (Oxford)

15.40 – 16.00 Panel Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 COFFEE BREAK



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16.30 – 17.00 KEYNOTE LECTURE I

Chair: Francesco Blasi (Milan)

16.30 – 17.00 Establishing Macrolide Therapy for Diffuse Panbronchiolitis: A Japanese Contribution That Paved the Way for Bronchiectasis Treatment

Shoji Kudoh (Tokyo)

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

17.00 – 18.15 SESSION II: NTM IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

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

17.00 – 17.15 NTM Lung Disease in Asia Pacific: Species Distribution, Antibiotic Susceptibility, and Clinical Outcomes

Yong Soo Kwon (Seoul)

17.15 – 17.30 Immune Endotypes in NTM-PD: Defining Host-Response Patterns to Guide Precision Management

Kevin Winthrop (Portland)

17.30 – 17.45 Why NTMs Persist: Bacterial Determinants Beyond Classical Drug Resistance

Tomoyasu Nishimura (Tokyo)

17.45 – 18.00 Environmental Reservoir for NTM: Water, Soil, and Beyond

Scott Bell (Brisbane)

18.00 – 18.15 Discussion

18.15 – 19.15 SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM

19.15 – 20.15 WELCOME RECEPTION



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08.30 – 09.15 RISING STARS SESSION

Chairs: Lucy Morgan (Sydney), Kozo Morimoto (Tokyo), Sanjay Chotirmall (Singapore)

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), Chin-Chung Shu (Taipei)

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 Suwatanapongched (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

Chairs: Raja Dhar (Kolkata), Jae-Joon Yim (Seoul) (Taipei)

10.45 – 11.00 Post-Tuberculosis Bronchiectasis in 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



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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 Haiwen Lu (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



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08.30 – 09.50 SESSION VII: DIFFICULT CASES

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

08.30 – 08.50 NTM in adult-onset immunodeficiency syndrome

Worarat Imsanguan (Chiang Rai)

08.50 – 09.10 Mixed NTM Infections: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection during the course of NTM-PD

Timothy Aksamit (Rochester)

09.10 – 09.30 Management of *Mycobacterium Abscessus*-PD

Cuong Kim Nguyen (Hanoi)

09.30 – 09.50 Management of refractory MAC cases

Jae-Joon Yim (Seoul)

09.50 – 10.20 KEYNOTE LECTURE IV

Chair: Charles Daley (Denver)

09.50 – 10.20 Educating the next generation

Francesco Blasi (Milan)

10.20 – 11.20 SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM

11.20 – 11.50 COFFEE BREAK



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11.50 – 12.20 KEYNOTE LECTURE V

Chair: *tbd*

11.50 – 12.15 Clinical Trials in Bronchiectasis and NTM-PD: Progress, Pitfalls, and the Path Forward

Charles Daley (Denver)

12.15 – 12.20 Discussion

12.20 – 13.15 SESSION VIII: UPDATE ON CLINICAL TRIALS AND TREATMENTS

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

12.20 – 12.35 Oral presentation

Speaker tbd

12.35 – 12.50 Oral presentation

Speaker tbd

12.50 – 13.05 MycobacterioPHAGE therapy: Where We Are Now, and the Road Ahead

Chin-Chung Shu (Taipei)

13.05 – 13.15 Discussion

13.15 – 13.30 CLOSING REMARKS

Kozo Morimoto

Rising Stars and Poster Prizes

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