

Centre for International Academic Cooperation (KIWi)

KIWi Connect: German-Japanese Cooperation in Medical Research (Online)

Friday, 23 October 2026

09:00 am - 11:00 am (German time)

04:00 pm - 06:00 pm (Japanese time)

Duration: 1,5 h (event) + 0,5 h (after-show exchange opportunity)

Event language: English; German and Japanese translation can be provided spontaneously

Background

Japanese and German higher education institutions are already cooperating successfully in currently over 800 partnerships across a wide spectrum of subjects and research topics. Scientific cooperation between the two countries can be expected to intensify further, with STEM and medical subjects representing a shared priority for scientific collaboration on both sides.

Not only do economic and demographic developments pave a common ground for cooperation. Starting 2026, Japan is now also officially associated to Horizon Europe, the European Union's framework programme for research and innovation. Approximately a third of Japan's participations in Horizon Europe have focused on natural science-related projects, while social sciences and engineering and technology each account for about one-fourth of the collaborations. However, cooperation in medical and health sciences under Horizon Europe's cluster for health is notably low, presenting excellent opportunities for future expansion.

This KIWi Connect will take a closer look at the field of medical research and the well-established cooperation between Japan and Germany in this area. It aims to further enhance dialogue and collaboration by providing opportunities to address the following questions:

- How can suitable partners in Japan's medical research sector be identified?
- What are the best strategies for developing strong academic collaborations and establishing a sustainable partner network?
- Where can funding be sought from both the German and the Japanese sides?

Agenda

Start 09:00 - 09:15 am (German time) 04:00 - 04:15 pm (Japanese time)	<u>Welcome</u> Axel Karpenstein or Laura Blecken DAAD Regional Office Tokyo <u>Moderation</u> Sabine Beißwenger DAAD
09:15 - 10:15 am (German time) 04.15 - 05:15 pm (Japanese time)	<u>German-Japanese Cooperation Projects</u> Good Practice Example 1 Privatdozent Dr. med. habil. Dr. med. dent. Philipp Thoenissen Goethe University Frankfurt Good Practice Example 2 Prof. Dr. med. Joachim Thiery Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel
10:15 - 10:30 am (German time) 05:15 - 05:30 pm (Japanese time)	<u>Funding Information</u> Overview of DAAD & Japanese funding options DAAD / DAAD Regional Office Tokyo
10:30 - 11:00 am (German time) 05:30 - 06:00 pm (Japanese time)	<u>Optional After Show Exchange</u> Open forum for sharing experiences and questions between all speakers and participants

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