

# **The 13th International Conference of School as Learning Community**

**How Teachers Learn from/with Children:  
Theories in Practice of School as Learning Communities**

## **Overview**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 1st 2026**

**Gakushuin University, Tokyo, Japan**

**The conference is held face to face and online.**

# Overview of the Conference

## February 27th: School Visit

Asabano Elementary School, Sakado-City, Saitama Prefecture: 10:15 am – 5:00 pm (Three busses depart at 8:15 am from Main Gate of Gakushuin University.)

## February 28th: Opening Remarks and Keynote Speeches

West 2 Building Room 201, Gakushuin University:

9:00am- 5:30pm

9:00am- 9:30am	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
9:30am-10:00am	<b>Keynote 1 Manabu Sato</b> The University of Tokyo, Japan
10:00am-10:30am	<b>Keynote 2 Peter Dudley</b> University of Cambridge, U.K.
10:30am-11:00am	<b>Keynote 3 Luz Maria Stella Moreno Medrano (On-line)</b> Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico
11:00am-11:30am	<b>Break</b>
11:30am-12:00am	<b>Keynote 4 Christine Kim-Eng Lee</b> National Institute of Education, Singapore
12:00am-12:30am	<b>Keynote 5 Kiyomi Akita</b> Gakushuin University, Japan
12:30am- 2:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00pm- 2:30pm	<b>Keynote 6 Sumar Hendayana</b> Indonesia University of Education, Indonesia
2:30pm- 3:00pm	<b>Keynote 7 Anunthavorasakul Athapol</b> Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
3:00pm- 3:30pm	<b>Keynote 8 Woojung, Son</b> Korean Institute of Learning Community, South Korea
3:30pm- 4:00pm	<b>Keynote 9 Sachiko Asai</b> The University of Tokyo, Japan
4:00pm- 4:20pm	<b>Break</b>
4:20pm- 5:30pm	<b>Discussion</b>
6:00pm- 8:00pm	<b>Reception Party (6,000 JPY)</b> Dining Large Room, Gakushuin University, In the campus

## March 1st: Plenary Symposia, Sessions and Closing Remarks

Plenary Symposia and Closing Remarks: West 2 Building Room 201, Gakushuin University

Sessions: West 2 Building Room 203,204,205, 304, 305, 306, 403

9:00am-10:30	<p><b>Plenary Symposium A</b></p> <p><b>Yoshiko Kitada</b> Saitama University, Japan</p> <p><b>Faikhanta Chatree (On-line)</b> Kasetsart University, Thailand</p> <p><b>Yuta, Suzuki</b> Institute of Science Tokyo, Japan</p>
10:30am-10:40am	<b>Break</b>
10:40am-12:10am	<p><b>Plenary Symposium B</b></p> <p><b>Tomoyuki Morita</b> Yamagata University, Japan</p> <p><b>Khong Thi Diem Hang</b> Monash University, Vietnam</p> <p><b>Chun-Yi Lin</b> National Taiwan Normal University, Chinese Taipei</p> <p><b>Asep Supriatna (On-line)</b> Indonesia University of Education, Indonesia</p>
12:10am-1:10pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:10pm- 2:50pm	<p><b>Sessions</b></p> <p><u>Sessions Face to Face</u></p> <p><b>Session1, 2: Practical Case and Its Interpretation</b></p> <p><b>Session 3,4: Collaborative Learning of SLC</b></p> <p><b>Session 5, 6, 7: Professional Development and School Reform</b></p> <p><u>Sessions Online</u></p> <p><b>Session 8</b></p> <p><b>Session 9</b></p> <p><b>Session 10</b></p>
3:00pm-4:00pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

# School Visit

## February 27th Observation of Lessons and Lesson Study

### Location

**Asabano Elementary School: Sakado-City, Saitama Prefecture.**

810 Ooaza Asaba, Sakado City, Saitama Prefecture, 350-0238 Japan

### Brief Introduction

### Time Table

10:00	Arrival to the Asabano Elementary School: Brief Introduction
10:15 - 10:25	Welcome event by students
10:25 - 11:10	Observation of all the classrooms
11:20 - 12:05	Observation of All the Classrooms
12:05- 13:00	(Lunch Break)
13:00 - 13:40	Interviews to the principal and
13:45 - 14:30	Proposal lesson (6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
14:30 - 14:45	(Short Break)
14:45 - 15:25	- Lesson study by all the teachers of the Asabano Elementary School
15:25 - 15:50	Commentaries by Tomoyuki Morita and Yuta Suzuki
15:50 - 16:30	Exchange of commentaries by SLC global colleagues
16:30	Closing

### Transport

At 8:15 AM Three busses (at most 105 people) pick up the foreign visitors at the main gate of Gakushuin University. Check-in begins at 7:45 AM.

At 7:00 PM The busses come back to the main gate of Gakushuin University

### Attentions

- (1) Japanese – English impromptu translation is supported. You are provided with a translation receiver for listening the translation at the school.
- (2) Lunch is served at the Asabano Elementary School.
- (3) Registration fee is free, But the fee for the school visit is 4,000 JPN including transportation, a receiver for impromptu translation from Japanese to English and lunch).

## Asabano Elementary School in Sakado City

Asabano Elementary School is located in Sakado-City, about one hour by train from Tokyo. The school was founded 53 years ago, integrating neighbor schools. It contains 448 children and 30 teachers and staffs. The area is a bit distant from the central of the city, so it is one of the hardest schools in the city, and lots of students are not good of socio-economic situation. The school introduced SLC approach about 10 years ago, and has drastically empowered it under thoughtful leadership of the principal Hiromi Osawa since 2024.

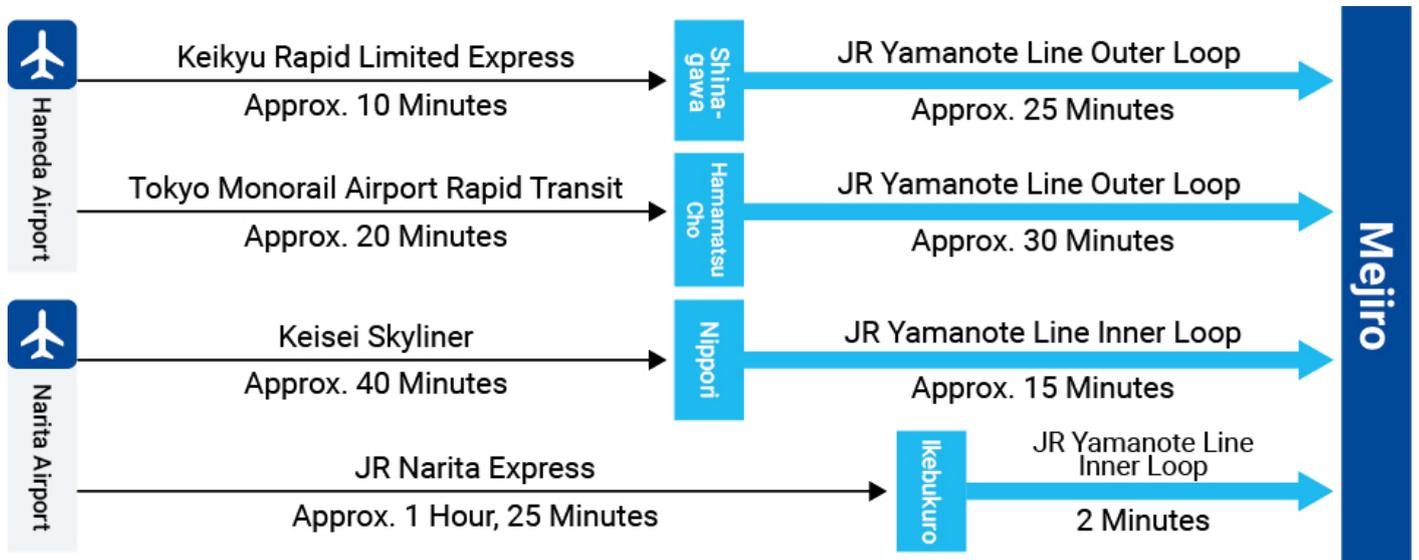
The motto of the school is “School brimming with smiles, nurturing the strength to live”.  
1. Teachers possessing a sense of mission and responsibility, rich professionalism and strong collegiality, 2. School that grow up children with families and community.

Sakado-City Board of Education

The superintendent Masahisa Ota launched dynamic school reform of School as Learning Community approach from 2024. Currently all of 12 elementary schools and 7 junior secondary schools implement SLC approach and perform great success.



## Access from the airport

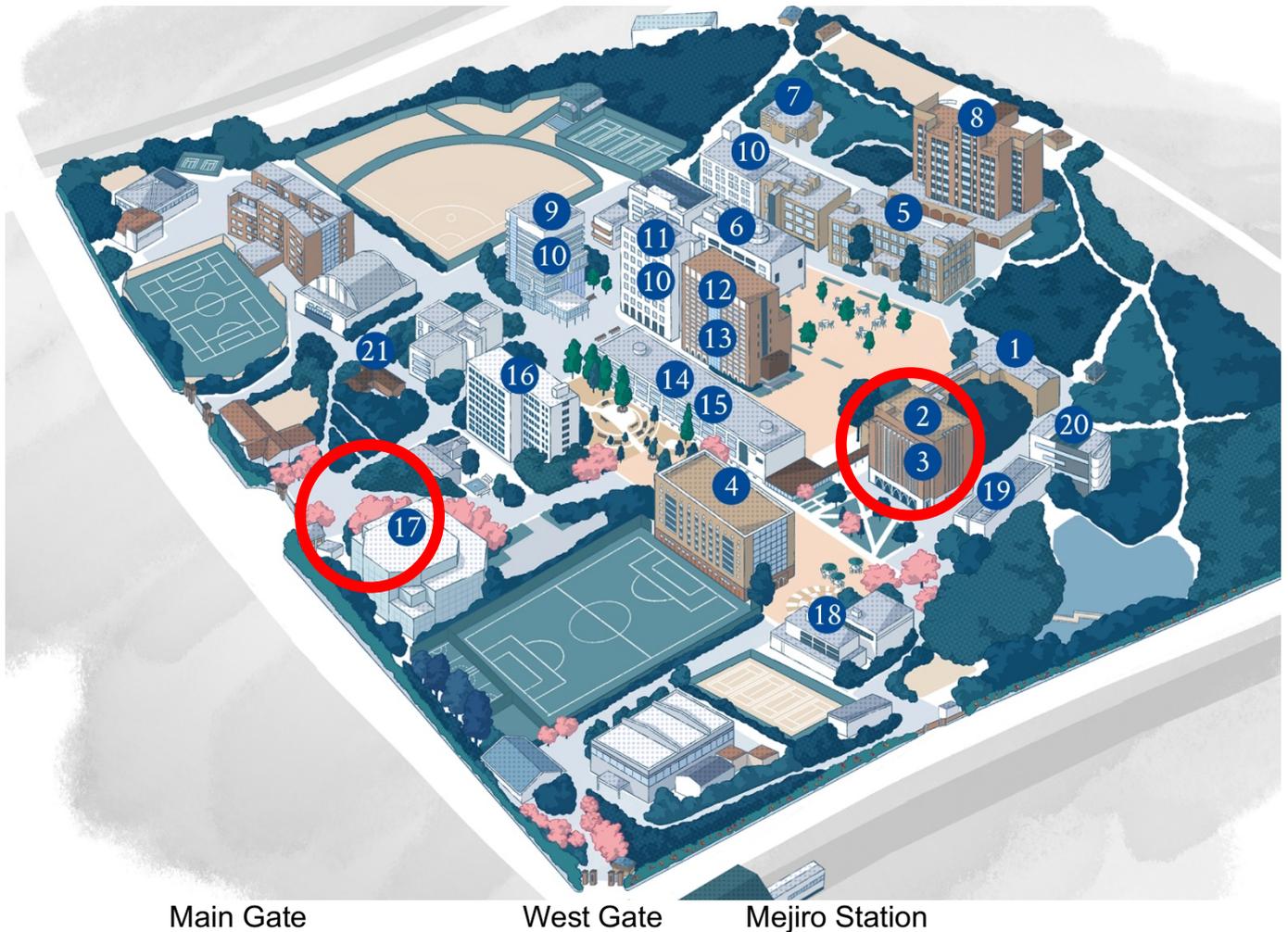


Gakushuin University is located very close to the Mejiro Station. Just 1 minute walk.

Venue of the conference: West 2 Building: Room 201  
Gakushuin University



## Campus Map of Gakushuin University



③ is the venue of the conference on February 28 and March 1, West 2 Building.

**February 27. 7:45am to 8:am**

The busses will wait for you, foreign visitors only, at **the main gate, near ⑰ building**, to depart for school visit. The main gate is located about 5 minutes walk from the Mejiro Station.

On the day, the busses will be back to the main gate of Gakushuin University at 7 pm.

# Online Information

February 27: School Visit

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82495559900?pwd=QS7JW11kL9XaMyHgd1ebAIWvJdabSq.1>

February 28: Opening Remarks and Keynote Speeches

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87523150900?pwd=2bhQolbhc3Eo6i9IQ5O2dJ4MEI0eKL.1>

March 1: Plenary Symposia and Closing Remarks

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82913130439?pwd=y6HzncbMcKoP8Jf9lB6KuDb4ahGrc6.1>

March 1: Sessions : Face to face

Session 1: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81916906292?pwd=CzA33XDX4gyBmf2rKYKzik6BFqkO7S.1>

Session 2: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85867795847?pwd=RgnvRCEniHgW2UVD4deozwLWFnOMR9.1>

Session 3: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89641189150?pwd=28LyhH2283Xw56CDxeLj6ak4WmBZ4l.1>

Session 4: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83019320871?pwd=oig6bp25daGLbU3GdOtt6qhXyV0t2B.1>

Session 5: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87186986020?pwd=za4TcPUfOy24nfaFIOC1h0QcdMtaAC.1>

Session 6: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85950011187?pwd=VY13tSF3Xv8lZkBuWNxwgLicdLy7pE.1>

Session:7: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86754928740?pwd=QrqVqz4r0j8RcoHgPb78QAOkxjC7yr.1>

Sessions: Online

Session 8: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83113499169?pwd=EFoICptpFiGybFUVqRFiOqY39dCAng.1>

Session 9: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421204604?pwd=FXlvamOAghD1VTGn0uDwU27G5TmUCD.1>

Session 10: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913089993?pwd=bs0YofQsjsPJaGufbJanjsvyUxdmqW.1>

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**2月27日** 学校訪問

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84570733548?pwd=1WaJRzoPnnsOcCuRlpc6bgTKuJJiI.1>

**2月28日** 開幕式と基調講演

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81189974379?pwd=QZ2fIPPQ4wofL9asdoWgnk3GUv2qqM.1>

**3月1日** 全体シンポと閉幕式

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85994869982?pwd=LGEhGcEK07ynp5q4YDjVItXgMciCpy.1>