

Updated: 10th March, 2023

**Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University April 2023 Entrance Ceremony**  
**Change of Venue and Time of Entrance Ceremony**

1. April 2023 Entrance Ceremony (Updated: 10th March, 2023)

Date: April 1, 2023 (Saturday)

Time: 11:00am-1:40 pm (Registration: 10:00am)

Place: Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Campus  
(1-1 Jumonjibaru, Beppu, Oita Prefecture)

Ceremony Venue: New students: face-to-face style in the gymnasium

Parents: Live-streaming at Millennium Hall (1st floor)

Parents: Live-streaming at Building F (1<sup>st</sup> floor of Student Union)

Time	Content	Place
10:00	Reception	New Students : Gymnasium Parents : Will watch broadcast at Millenium Hall or Building F.
11:00~12:00	Special Address: Specially Appointed Professor, Otake Fumio Osaka University Center for Infectious Disease Education and Research (CiDER)	
12:00~12:30	Short break	
12:30~13:00	Entrance Ceremony	
13:00~13:40	Welcome Performance *Please enjoy traditional dances and music of the countries and regions featured in APU's annual Multicultural Week event.	

2. Welcome program

Date : April 1, 2023 (Saturday)

Time : 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

\*Welcome program can be enjoyed during the overlapping time with the entrance ceremony (11:00 am - 1:40 pm).

Place: Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Campus

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On the day of the event, we have prepared a program for you to enjoy on campus from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Content	Details
Campus Tour for families (Updated: 10th March, 2023)	10:00-16:00 *The tours will not be held during 11:00-12:00 (Keynote Speech) and 12:30-13:00 (Entrance Ceremony)
Student Performance	Please enjoy the students' performances.
Meals	The cafeteria will offer special lunch plates for the entrance ceremony, food stalls by students, and international cuisine from food trucks. Light refreshments will also be available at Cafe Olive, the new cafe in the Green Commons.
Photo Booth	Enjoy taking photos with your new friends and family at the welcome boards, photo booths, or with AR photo frames that can be used anywhere on campus. Be sure to post them on social media as well.

### 3. Change of Campus Tour Date for Families of New Students (Updated: 10th March, 2023)

The campus tour originally scheduled for Friday, March 31, as announced on page 60 of the Admission Procedures Manual, will now be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, the day of the entrance ceremony.

If you wish to attend, please visit the following meeting place during the following time. Current students and staff in charge will give a brief tour of the campus in small groups.

Time	10:00-16:00 *The tours will not be held during 11:00-12:00 (Keynote Speech) and 12:30-13:00 (Entrance Ceremony)
Meeting place	APU Classroom Building (Building F) Please refer to the campus map for location. ( <a href="https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/20230222_campus_map_E.pdf">https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/20230222_campus_map_E.pdf</a> )
Duration	Approximately 20 minutes
Summary	While the current students and staff in charge of the tour highlight the characteristics of the university and student life, visitors will tour AP House 5 (completed in Spring 2023), the library and other

	facilities in the center of the campus, and arrive at the Green Commons (academic building completed in Spring 2023), which is the final stop of the tour.
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#### 4. Pre-event of the Entrance Ceremony (Updated: 10th March, 2023)

Pre-event will be planned on the APU campus to celebrate APU .Details will be announced within the official university website (<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/>) in early March.

Date: Friday, March 31, 2023

Time: 17:00 - 20:00

Place: On the APU campus

Target: New students entering in April 2023, their parents and guardians, and current students who wish to attend

Activities : • Stage Performance

(K-POP dance, street dance, Tsugaru shamisen and Japanese drums, Alumni and current student bands performance.)

• Food stalls by students

(Bangladeshi cuisine, Vietnamese cuisine and dumplings)

• Fireworks (8 minutes between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm)

• Cafeteria will be open until 7:30 p.m.

\* In the event of rain, some details will be changed.

#### 5. For inquiries regarding the entrance ceremony, please contact the Administration Office.at

[campus-2@apu.ac.jp](mailto:campus-2@apu.ac.jp)

For other inquiries to the university, please check the university's website here.

<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/contents/contact.html/>

#### 6. Information

- Regarding Wearing of Masks

Please wear masks in the gymnasium where the ceremony for new students will be held. Other than the above, all other ceremonies on campus and outdoors may be conducted without the use of masks. Please note that the measures to be taken may be changed depending on the situation of the new coronavirus infection. In such a case, we will announce it on the official website of the university (<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/>).

-Live Streaming

The entrance ceremony will be simultaneously live-streamed to parents on campus and to

those who are unable to visit the campus. Information on how to stream the ceremony will be available on the official university website (<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/>).

#### -Transportation Information

Please use public transportation to get to campus; on April 1, there will be an additional bus service from JR Beppu Station to APU. (Please note that you cannot come to APU by car.)

Route 1: Oita Kotsu Bus No. 50 from the East Exit of Beppu Station

Fare: 570 yen one way

Travel time: approx. 35 minutes

Route 2: Oita Kotsu Bus No. 51 from the East Exit of Beppu Station, take

Fare: 570 yen one way

Travel time: approx. 40 minutes

Route 3: Kamenoi Bus No. 5 (via Noguchihara) or No. 41 (Safari Line) from the West Exit of Beppu Station, Fare: 570 yen one way

Travel time: approx. 35 minutes

Route 4: Kamenoi Bus No. 24 (via Shinko-machi) from the East Exit of Beppu Station, Fare: 570 yen one way

Travel time: approx. 40 minutes

#### Traffic Access Links

<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/contents/access.html/>

#### Campus Map

[https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/20230222\\_campus\\_map\\_E.pdf](https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/20230222_campus_map_E.pdf)

#### Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. How should I dress for the entrance ceremony?

A1: There is no set dress code. Most students wear suits, but international students often wear ethnic costumes, and many domestic students wear kimono.

Q2. Can parents attend the ceremony face-to-face on campus?

A2. Parents will be able to watch the live webcast at a separate ceremony site on campus.

Q3. Is there anything I need to bring on the day of the entrance ceremony?

A3. For the keynote speech, we recommend that you prepare something that you can take

notes on. There will be other events in addition to the ceremony, so you may also want to bring your smartphone and money for food.

Q4. Do I need cash for meals on campus?

A4. Please be sure to have cash ready.

(Cash is also accepted at student food stalls and kitchen cars.)

Q5 Can I use various types of transportation IC cards on the bus?

A5: Yes, you can use IC cards for buses in addition to cash.

Q6. Can I come to the campus by private car?

A6. Please use public transportation (buses) to get to the campus.

Q7: Is there a limit to the number of people who can visit the campus?

A7. There is no limit to the number of people who can visit the campus. However, this is subject to change depending on the future spread of the new coronavirus infection. In this case, we will notify you on the official university website (<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/>).

Q8. How can I sign up for the campus tour for parents?

A8. Information will be posted on the official university website (<https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/>) in early March.

To all accepted students and their parents/guardians

APU would like to extend a hearty welcome to all students who have been accepted into APU.

Although we had originally announced that the April 2023 Entrance Ceremony would be held in Beppu City, we have elected to change the location and time of the ceremony and hold it on APU's campus. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the change in location and time. The reasons for this change are as follows.

Firstly, APU has positioned this April as the "New APU," as it will be the first time since its establishment to open a new college, making it a three-college system. In conjunction with this, APU is constructing a new academic building, a Green Commons full of innovation, as well as a new AP House, both of which will allow for greater interaction between students, faculty, staff, and the local community. We would like you to be among the first to explore these new buildings.

Furthermore, now that pandemic restrictions have finally settled down, we would like to acknowledge the numerous pandemic-related challenges that everyone has overcome. Indeed, this is a perfect opportunity to warmly welcome students to their new university lives in the melting pot of over 100 cultures that is our campus and show parents & guardians a small slice of life in APU's unparalleled international educational environment.

On the day leading up to and the day of the entrance ceremony, we have prepared a number of events to welcome new students and to commemorate the New APU.

I sincerely hope that this coming first of April will be a day of connection between each and every one of you and the world, and hope that it resonates in your memory for years to come. I am looking forward to meeting you all on this momentous occasion.

February 22, 2023

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