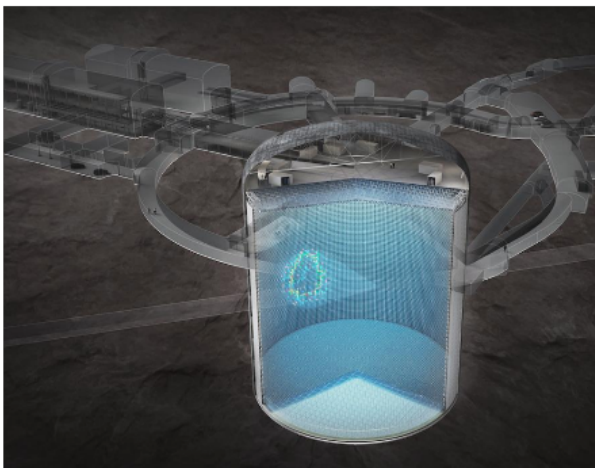
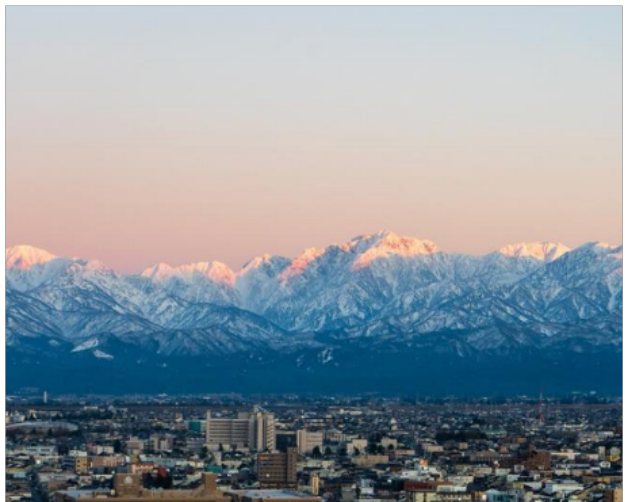


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ICFA Seminar 2026

3-6 November 2026, Toyama / Japan



Introduction

Every three years, the [International Committee for Future Accelerators \(ICFA\)](#) organises a seminar on ‘Future Perspectives in High Energy Physics’. This is a four-day international exchange of information focusing on plans for future facilities in the field of particle physics. The meeting, which is open only to invited guests, is attended by the directors of most of the world's major laboratories in this field, senior particle and accelerator physicists, and science officials from several countries. The 14th ICFA seminar is being organised by KEK, the Japanese High Energy Accelerator Research Organisation.

Previous seminars took place at [DESY /Hamburg \(Germany\) in 2023](#) and 1993, in Ottawa (Canada) in 2017, in Beijing (China) in 2014, at CERN (Switzerland) in 2011 and 2002, at SLAC (USA) in 2008, at Kyungpook National University (Korea) in 2005, at Fermilab (USA) in 1999, at KEK in Tsukuba (Japan) in 1996 and 1984, at IHEP (Russia) in 1990, and at BNL (USA) in 1987.

Dates, venue, and travel information

The seminar will take place from 3-6 November 2026 (Tuesday–Friday) at [Toyama International Conference Center](#) in Toyama City (Toyama prefecture, Hokuriku region).

Toyama City – located in the north-eastern Hokuriku region of Japan – is reachable by plane from Tokyo’s Haneda airport (about 1 hour) and by Shinkansen from Tokyo (2 hours).



Figure 1: Getting to Toyama by plane or train.

Contact

In case of general questions about the seminar and its contents, please contact ICFA directly by sending an email to this address:

icfa-contact@listserv.fnal.gov

In case of inquiries about the local organization, accommodation, visa questions etc., please direct your mail to the local organisation committee:

icfa2026-contact@ml.post.kek.jp

Registration and seminar fee

Registration for invited participants (these will receive a personalized invitation letter from ICFA) will be opened in April 2026. The registration can be found on this INDICO page:

<https://conference-indico.kek.jp/event/362/>

The registration fee for the seminar is 37,000 JPY (around 200 Euro or 230 US\$) without the tour to Hyper-Kamiokande or 42,000 JPY (around 230 Euro or 260 US\$) including the tour.

The registration fee includes the welcome reception on Tuesday, the dinner on Thursday, all coffee breaks and lunch on Tuesday (served with lunch boxes at the conference venue).

Accompanying guests are also welcome to attend the reception and conference dinner for an additional fee of 10,000 JPY per person.

Please note that cancellation requests must be submitted to the local organisers (icfa2026-contact@ml.post.kek.jp) by 12 October 2026; a 6% transaction fee will be deducted for cancellation refunds due to the use of a third-party payment system.

Agenda

The detailed agenda for the seminar is still developing, but a rough overview specifying the sessions, breaks and social events is shown on the next page. Topical scientific sessions are complemented by community-oriented topics. The entire workshop is framed by a number of social events:

- a welcome reception on Tuesday, 3 November,
- a workshop dinner on Thursday, 5 November, and
- the possibility of participating in a tour to the Hyper-Kamiokande site on Friday, 6 November (see below).

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome session			
09:30 - 10:00	Opening keynote: Where are we today?	QCD session	Accelerators, R&D, projects, studies I	Astro, astroparticle, cosmology session
10:00 - 10:50	Higgs / EWK / top session I	The community perspective (incl. ECR, diversity, ...)		
10:50-11:20	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
11:20 - 12:35	Higgs/EWK/top session II	Software, computing, data session	Accelerators, R&D, projects, studies II	Summary talk: Where do we go from here?
12:35 - 13:50	Lunch break	Lunch break	Sustainable future colliders	ICFA Chairperson hand-over and farewell
13:50 - 15:35	Flavour session		Lunch break	
15:35 - 16:05	Science communication, outreach and citizen science	Neutrino session	Report from ICFA	
16:05 - 16:35	Coffee break	Coffee break	European Strategy Outcome	
16:35 - 18:15	EFT fits and searches for new physics	Instrumentation session	Panel: The role of the HEP World Labs in planning future colliders: collaboration or competition?	
19:00 - XX:XX	Welcome reception		Coffee break	
			Dark matter session	
			19:00 - XX:XX	
			Conference dinner	

Figure 2: Agenda outline of the ICFA seminar 2026

Accommodation

More than 10 hotels are within walking distance of the seminar venue. A list of major hotels is available on the INDICO page.

In addition, some rooms have been reserved by the local organising committee until end of May 2026. Please check the hotel information provided on the INDICO page as early as possible and make your reservation at your earliest convenience.

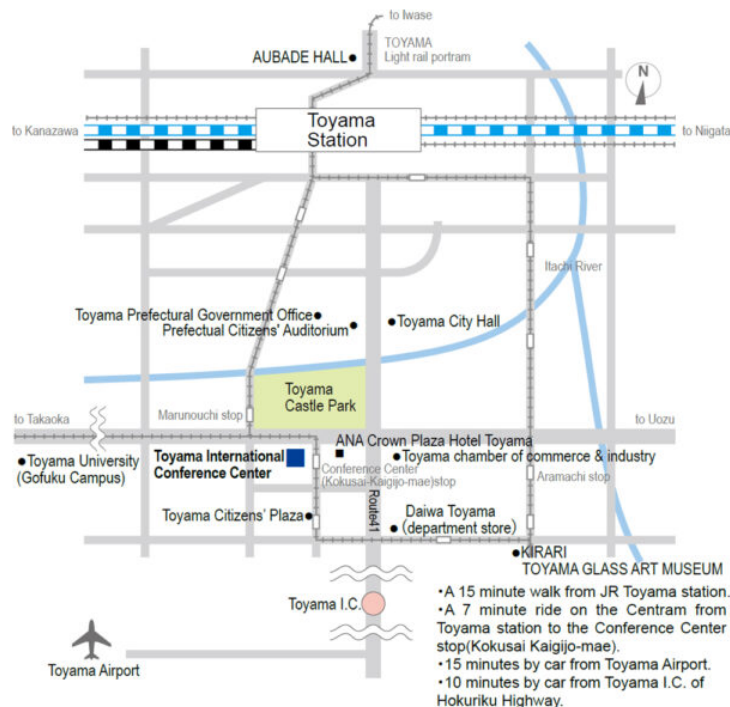


Figure 3: Schematic sketch of downtown Toyama city (source Toyama tourism).

Toyama, and getting around there

Located on the northern coast of central Japan, Toyama is the capital of Toyama Prefecture and serves as a gateway between the Sea of Japan and the Japanese Alps. The city is known for its striking natural setting, where a compact urban center is framed by the dramatic peaks of the Tateyama Mountain Range. At the time of the seminar, temperatures are expected to range from 7°C to 21°C. A light jacket will be useful.

Figures 2 and 3 show Toyama city center. Note that the walking distance from Toyama train station to the conference venue is 10-15 minutes, about 1 km.

The conference center is reachable from Toyama station by bus (stop “Joshi koen-mae”, approx. 5 min) or tram (“Kokusai kaigijo-mae” station, approx. 7 min) or by

walking. From the airport, a taxi takes about 15 minutes; the airport bus takes about 25 min (“Sogawa” stop).



Figure 4: Map of downtown Toyama city (source Google maps). Walking distance from the train station to the conference venue is about 15 minutes, or roughly 1 km.

Getting around in Toyama is easy – there is an excellent and easy-to-use bus and tram network.

Toyama experiences a humid continental climate, with warm summers and notably snowy winters - among the heaviest snowfall in Japan - creating a distinct seasonal character. The region’s geography is defined by fertile plains, clear rivers, and proximity to both mountains and coastline, offering a rich natural environment and scenic beauty throughout the year.

Toyama Prefecture is part of the Hokuriku region and is renowned for its pristine natural landscapes, including the Northern Japan Alps and Toyama Bay. The area is celebrated for its fresh seafood, traditional culture, and high quality of life, blending natural abundance with modern infrastructure.

Tour to Hyper-K

A tour to the Hyper-Kamiokande site is planned in the afternoon of Friday, 6 November 2026, after the end of the official workshop programme.

Hyper-K is located about 40 km away from Toyama city. Buses will be chartered for transportation. The number of available seats is limited to 150, and your interest must be

made clear during the registration process. Please note that registration for the Hyper-K tour may close prior to the registration deadline if the maximum capacity is reached.

General information on Toyama and the region

- The autumn foliage season is from September to October in the mountains and from October to November in the plains. In October, snow may flicker near the top of Tateyama.
- The Kurobe Gorge trolley car is in regular operation until mid-November, so don't miss the short autumn foliage season.
- More information (and some information on this page): <https://visit-toyama-japan.com/en>
- Official Toyama City site: <https://www.toyamashi-kankoukyoukai.jp/en/>
- Official travel directions: <https://www.toyamashi-kankoukyoukai.jp/en/access/>
- Japan Travel official Hokuriku region site: <https://www.japan.travel/de/destinations/hokuriku-shinetsu/>
- Transport in Toyama city: <https://www.toyamashi-kankoukyoukai.jp/en/access-in-toyama/>



Figure 5: Impressions from Toyama and the region.