



JAPOS: 100 Years of Japanese Public Astronomical Observatories 1926 - 2026

What is JAPOS?

Japan Public Observatory Society (JAPOS) is a nationwide network of public astronomical observatories, planetariums, science museums, and astronomy educators.

Founded to promote public engagement with astronomy, JAPOS supports education, outreach, research, and collaboration among observatories throughout Japan.

100 Years of Public Observatory in Japan

In 2026, Japanese Public Astronomical Observatories celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Since 1926, 312 public astronomical observatories have been established across Japan. Today, JAPOS connects more than 200 astronomy educators and observatory professionals and over 150 observatories, organizations, and corporate members in a nationwide network for public astronomy and outreach.

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- The history of Japanese public observatories
- Observatory statistics and nationwide surveys
- Telescope distribution maps
- Information about JAPOS activities

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International Collaboration

JAPOS promotes international networking and cooperation among astronomy educators, observatories, planetariums, and science centers worldwide. We welcome opportunities for collaboration, exchange, and partnership.

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