

**First International Conference of URCRAS (Universal Ramen Culture Research
Association for Social Sciences)**

1. Main theme; Japanese Ramen and Culinary Culture

Hosted by URCRAS Corp. (Universal Ramen Culture Research Association for Social Sciences) and co-hosted by the University of Hong Kong

2. Date: 25 February 2024 (Sunday)

3. Venue: The University of Hong Kong and Online

4. Participation Free of Charge

5. Zoom URL

Time: Feb 25, 2024 10:00 AM Hong Kong SAR

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6.

Program:

10:00-10:30 Opening Ceremony

- YUI Kiyomitsu, Professor, Yamato University, Trustee of URCRAS 10 minutes
- TACHIBANA Akira, Associate Professor, Yamato University, Executive Trustee of URCRAS

20 minutes

10:30~11:30 Keynote Speech

- OHNISHI Masuo Representative of TSURUMEN (Online from USA 21:30~22:30 in local time)

11:30~13:00 break

13:00~15:00 Session1 (120 minutes) Current State of Japanese Ramen

Presenters (20 minutes each: 15 minutes talk followed by Q & A) 6 presentations

- AMANO Kensaku (Yamato Univ. Professor)
- NAGAI Ryuta (Yamato Univ. College student URCRAS Executive Trustee)
- Monika Nawrocka (University of Warsaw, Chair of Japanese Studies)

- NAGASU Masaaki (Yamato Univ. Professor)
- Melody / Lavender (The University of Hong Kong, Master's Course student)
- FUKUDA Miki (Yamato Univ. Associate Professor)
- MATSUBAYASHI Kaoru (Yamato Univ. Professor)
- Lavender Lui (University of Hong Kong)

15:20～15:40 Break

15:40～17:40 Session2 (120 minutes) Performance of Japanese Food in the World

Excellent college students report from the world; Presentation 10 minutes each, 7 minutes talk followed by 3 minutes Q 6A.: 12 presenters

- KAKUTO Kaede (Yamato Univ. college student) on Coffee culture
- NISHIHATA Toshiki (Yamato Univ. college student) On Oden
- NOMURA Inochi (Yamato Univ. college student) On Cafe
- AZUMA Nozomi (Yamato Univ. college student) On Curry
- MATSUBAYASHI Kaoru (Yamato Univ. Professor) On Kanikama (crab- flavored and textured fish cake)
- College student from Innsbruck University 2 presentations
- College student from University of Warsaw 2 presentations
- College student from the University of Hong Kong, 2 presentations

17:40～18:00 Closing session

3 Purpose

Participants from different background, such as researchers, students, businessperson, and (Ramen) shop owners, will gather at the University of Hong Kong. As this is the first conference of the URCRAS, students will bring their own experience on Ramen culture in their country to celebrate the occasion. The contributions are planned to be published in the official Journal, *Ramen Map in the World*.