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# The International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress will be held in Kagoshima, Japan, 2–5 September 2010

## President's Message



The 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (**ISDE 2010 Congress**) will be held from September 2 to 5, 2010 in Kagoshima, Japan. We would like to invite our colleagues from all over the world to the congress where you will have a multitude of opportunities to exchange opinions on the state-of-the-art diagnosis and treatment of esophageal disorders and to further your understanding of this field. The Congress will include oral and poster sessions as well as symposia and international workshop where participants can freely exchange ideas.

**Abstract** will be accepted for consideration from October 1, 2009–January 15, 2010. Travel awards are planned for 30 abstracts containing descriptions of original. We are delighted to announce that the publisher of our journal, *Diseases of the Esophagus*, will fund two **Wiley-Blackwell Young Investigator Awards** for original research submitted for the 2010 ISDE Congress.

Details regarding abstract session, such as submission site and length requirements are available on the **Congress website** (<http://www2.convention.co.jp/isde2010/index.html>). Submission from a lot of colleagues is expected.

The ISDE 2010 Congress will provide participants not only a wealth of scientific knowledge but also an opportunity to enjoy the charming traditions of rural Japan. We also guarantee that Kagoshima's pristine nature and warm hospitality will make your stay a truly memorable one. Shiroyama Kanko Hotel, the venue of the congress, is located on the top of the hill looking over Kinko Bay to the magnificent Sakurajima, an active volcano. On behalf of the Congress organizers, I would like to invite you to join us in making this Congress a highly successful one.

**Takashi AIKOU**  
President of the ISDE 2010 Congress

### IMPORTANT DATES:

January 15, 2010	Deadline submission of abstracts
March 1, 2010	Early registration closes
Mid-March, 2010	Notification of acceptance /rejection of abstracts
July 15, 2010	Deadline for cancellation refunds

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Kagoshima’s symbolic Sakurajima is a volcanic island, which floats in the sea only 4km from South Kyushu’s hub city, Kagoshima. It is one of the world’s greatest active volcanoes at 1,117 meters tall and 50km round. The volcano, which appeared on the south rim of Aira Caldera, is a stratovolcano consisting of two peaks, the North Peak and the South Peak, and has been repeating major eruptions. Among them, in a major eruption in 1914, lava filled a 400-meter wide strait causing the island to connect with Osumi Peninsula on the opposite shore. Approximately 10 billion ton of lava, a volume without parallel in the world, flowed out. There is an observatory with a view of the summit midway up the mountain where you can feel the power of the active volcano spewing smoke up close.



“Photograph provided by Kagoshima Prefecture Visitors Bureau”  
Yakushima is a circular island about 130km circumference approximately 60km southwest of Cape Sata at Kyushu’s southernmost tip. Having mysterious virgin forests and a diverse range of peculiar ecosystems, is referred to as the Galapagos of East Asia.  
The largest confirmed Yaku cedar is 25.3m tall and 16.4m round.