

Asian Chemical Biology Initiative**2026 Chiang Mai Meeting**<https://www.acbi2026cmi.com/>**Meeting Venue**

Kantary Hills Hotel Chiang Mai

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<https://www.kantaryhills-chiangmai.com/>**Friday, January 30, 2026**

- 18:30 Arrive anytime on January 30 & Enjoy free time
Departure for Dinner Networking
Please get together at the hotel lobby and walk to the dinner venue
- 19:00 **Dinner Networking @ KIEW-KAI-KA (ACBI Members Only)**
The Michelin-starred Northern Thai Seafood restaurant that Chiangmai University professors highly recommend. About a 10-minute walk from the hotel.
<https://www.chiangmaicitylife.com/citylife-places/kiew-kai-ka/>
- 21:00 End of Day 1

Saturday, January 31, 2026

- 8:00 **Welcome to ACBI Chiang Mai Meeting (Uesugi, Kyoto)**
(Venue: Doi Luang Room, Second Floor)

*The goal of the scientific session is to stimulate collaboration among participants. The scientific sessions are completely closed under a confidential agreement. Presentations will be kept strictly confidential, and abstracts will not be provided. **Please give a presentation focusing on ONE particular ongoing or unpublished research project in your research group. Please avoid showcasing multiple past achievements. No need to acknowledge the organizers at the beginning of the presentation. Please leave at least 1 min for Q&A.***

Scientific Session 1 (Doi Luang Room, Second Floor)**Chairs: Ho Jeong Kwon (Yonsei), Micha Fridman (Tel Aviv), Midori Arai (Keio)**

- 8:12 Young-Tae Chang (POSTECH)
- 8:24 Kazuya Kikuchi (Osaka)
- 8:36 Takeaki Ozawa (Tokyo)
- 8:48 Jun-Seok Lee (Seoul)
- 9:00 Yuval Ebenstein (Tel Aviv)
- 9:12 Xin Zhang (Westlake)
- 9:24 Tasuku Hirayama (Gifu)
- 9:36 Dan Yang (Westlake)
- 9:48 Jay Chanat Aonbangkhen (Chulalongkorn)
- 10:00 Doron Shabat (Tel Aviv)
- 10:12 Bengang Xing (PolyU)
- 10:24 Huan Wang (Nanjing)

10:36-11:00 **Coffee Break**

Scientific Session 2 (Venue: Doi Luang Room, Second Floor)

Chairs: Sandeep Verma (IIT), Dan Yang (Westlake), Jay Chant Aonbangkhen (Chulalongkorn)

11:00 Youhei Sohma (Wakayama Med)
 11:12 Shi-Zheng Luo (BUCT) (Canceled)
 11:24 Yuki Goto (Kyoto)
 11:36 Ja-Hyoung Ryu (UNIST)
 11:48 Hideaki Kakeya (Kyoto)
 12:00 Chayasith Tao Uttamapinant (VISTEC)
 12:12 Eylon Yavin (Hebrew)
 12:24 Midori Arai (Keio)
 12:36 Go Hirai (Kyushu)
 12:48 Yan-Mei Li (Tsinghua)

13:00-14:00 **Networking Lunch (ACBI Members Only)**
 Special Thai Lunch @ Party Room

Scientific Session 3 (Venue: Doi Luang Room, Second Floor)

Chairs: Hyun-Suk Lim (POSTECH), Minoru Yoshida (RIKEN)

14:00 Ming-Wei Wang (SIDSSE)
 14:12 Dehua Yang (CAS)
 14:24 Sun Choi (Ewha)
 14:36 Govindaraju Thimmaiah (JNCASR)
 14:48 Sandeep Verma (IIT)

15:00-15:30 **Coffee Break**
Please individually discuss any potential collaborations during this coffee break

Scientific Session 4 (Venue: Doi Luang Room, Second Floor)

Chairs: Mikiko Sodeoka (RIKEN), Yan-Mei Li (Tsinghua)

15:30 Qian Zhao (PolyU)
 15:42 Masaki Kita (Nagoya)
 15:54 Fumi Nagatsugi (Tohoku)
 16:06 Jiranan Chotitumnavee (Mahidol)
 16:18 Masaya Imoto (Juntendo)

16:30 **End of Day 2**

16:45 **Networking Excursion: Chiang Mai Old Town**
 Bus transportation will be provided. Participants are kindly requested to gather in the hotel lobby prior to departure.

This networking excursion offers a cultural journey through the historic heart of Chiang Mai. The program includes admission to Wat Phra Singh, one of northern Thailand's most revered Buddhist temples, which reflects centuries of spiritual and artistic heritage. Following the temple visit, participants will enjoy ample free time to explore the Chiang Mai Old Town. Surrounded by ancient city walls and moats, the Old Town is rich in history and charm, featuring traditional wooden houses, local craft shops, cafés, and vibrant street

life—an ideal setting for informal networking and cultural immersion.

After the Old Town visit, the bus will transport participants directly to the dinner venue.

19:00

Networking Dinner @ Nara Thai Cuisine Chiang Mai (ACBI Members Only)

A contemporary Thai restaurant in Chiang Mai's vibrant One Nimman district. Nara Thai Cuisine One Nimman is known for its refined take on classic Thai dishes, offering a relaxed and welcoming setting to unwind and network after a conference day.

<https://naracuisine.com/>

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Scientific Session 5 (Venue: Doi Luang Room, Second Floor)

Chairs: Bengang Xing (PolyU), Takayoshi Suzuki (Osaka)

- 8:20 [Ho Jeong Kwon \(Yonsei\)](#)
- 8:32 [Minoru Yoshida \(RIKEN\)](#)
- 8:44 [Yongseok Choi \(Korea\)](#)
- 8:56 [Liyun Zhang \(Nankai\)](#)
- 9:08 [Shinya Hagihara \(RIKEN\)](#)
- 9:20 [Micha Fridman \(Tel Aviv\)](#)
- 9:32 [Zou Peng \(Peking\)](#)
- 9:44 [Akio Ojida \(Kyushu\)](#)
- 9:56 [Xiaoguang Lei \(Peking\)](#)

10:08-10:30 **Coffee Break**

Scientific Session 6 (Venue: Doi Luang Room, Second Floor)

Chairs: Eylon Yavin (Hebrew), Jun-Seok Lee (Seoul)

- 10:30 [Mikiko Sodeoka \(RIKEN\)](#)
- 10:42 [Amir Goldbourt \(Tel Aviv\)](#)
- 10:54 [Takayoshi Suzuki \(Osaka\)](#)
- 11:06 [Fumika Yakushiji \(Nagasaki\)](#)
- 11:18 [Hyun-Suk Lim \(POSTECH\)](#)
- 11:30 [Hiroyuki Nakamura \(Science Tokyo\)](#)
- 11:42 [YongXiang Chen \(Tsinghua\)](#)
- 11:54 [Jing Yu \(Tsinghua\) \(Canceled\)](#)
- 12:06 [Motonari Uesugi \(Kyoto\)](#)

12:15-13:15 **Student Registration & Lunch (Party Room)**

Networking Lunch (Complimentary for Local Students and Professors)

Tutorials for Chemical Biology (Venue: Doi Luang + Doi Nang Rooms, Second Floor)

- 13:30 Introduction to Chemical Biology (M. Uesugi, Kyoto U)
- 13:40 Bioimaging 1 (Y. Chang, POSTECH)
- 13:50 Bioimaging 2 (T. Ozawa, U Tokyo)
- 14:00 Chemical Genetics (X. Lei, Peking U)
- 14:10 Study Chemical Biology Abroad (Pattaporn, Khon Kaen U)

Interview of Local Student Candidates (Venue: Doi Luang + Doi Nang Rooms, Second Floor)*PI & Students***Student Interview Part I**

14:30	Interview Session #1
14:40	Interview Session #2
14:50	Interview Session #3
15:00	Interview Session #4
15:10	Interview Session #5
15:20	Interview Session #6

15:30-16:00 **Coffee Break**

Student Interview Part II

16:00	Interview Session #7
16:10	Interview Session #8
16:20	Interview Session #9
16:30	Interview Session #10
16:40	Interview Session #11
16:50	Interview Session #12

17:00 **End of Day 3**

Departure or Free Time

The meeting venue is located in Chiang Mai's lively Nimman area, known for its trendy cafés, international restaurants, boutique shops, and vibrant nightlife. Around the venue, you'll find many dining options to suit all tastes. On Sunday evening, the famous Old Town Night Market is also worth a visit. If you are not joining the Chiang Mai University visit on Monday, you can catch a night returning flight.

Monday, February 2, 2026

Hotel checkout

Visit to Chiang Mai University

9:30	Please meet at the hotel lobby at 9:30 AM. We will take a bus to the College of Pharmacy, Chiang Mai University.
10:00	Welcome remarks and introduction of Chiang Mai University
10:15	Thai Session 1. Assoc. Prof. Dr.Chalermpong Saenjum 2. Assoc. Prof. Dr.Piyarat Nimmanpipug 3. Dr.Narainrit Karuna
10:25	Brief Q&A and networking discussions Prof. of Practice Dr. Supat Jiranusornkul & Assoc. Prof. Dr.Chalermpong Saenjum
11:35	Research lab and facility tour
12:00	End of Day 4 and departure

Registration Fees

- Meeting Attendees from ACBI, Israel, and Thailand: USD 300/person
- Accompanying Persons: USD 150/person
- Free invitation for Thai Session speakers

Event Website

- Meeting attendees are encouraged to leverage the event website before/during/after the event period: [https://www.acbi2026cmi.com/!](https://www.acbi2026cmi.com/)



Event Website

NDA (Non-Disclosure Agreement)

- All ACBI 2026 Chiang Mai Meeting Attendees (Scientific Sessions & Thai Session) are requested to complete and sign the **Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)** via the following link (<https://form.jotform.com/253540390208452>) **before noon on Saturday, January 30, 2026**.
- This essential step is crucial to maintaining the confidentiality of sensitive information to be discussed during our session.
- **If you cannot access the NDA form from your home country, please complete the NDA while you are in Chiang Mai.**



NDA

Last Updated: Sunday, January 25, 2026