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Tokyo to host WCPT General Meeting and WCPT Congress 2023

The WCPT General Meeting and Congress in 2023 will be hosted by the Japanese Physical Therapy Association and take place in Tokyo, WCPT's Executive Board has announced.

The announcement was made on 9 May at the WCPT General Meeting in Geneva, and follows a bidding and reviewing process. The Japanese Physical Therapy Association (JPTA) has been a member of WCPT since 1970 and, with more than 83,500 members, is the largest of WCPT's 121 member organisations.

WCPT President Emma Stokes said: 'It is exciting for WCPT to have received so much interest in hosting the General Meeting and Congress. It will be wonderful to welcome delegates from around the world to Tokyo. Holding the General Meeting and WCPT2023 in Japan continues our commitment to reach and build physical therapy communities across the world.'

The WCPT Executive Board was particularly impressed by the commitment and preparation shown by JPTA in its congress bid, which has strong backing from other member organisations in the region.

Emma said: 'JPTA is very committed to making the congress a great success and we are looking forward to working with the Japanese physical therapy community to deliver another exciting global event.'

Kazuto Handa, President of JPTA, said: 'Welcoming the world of physical therapy to WCPT Congress 2023 goes with our tradition of hospitality and provides an excellent opportunity for our members to learn from diverse international experience. We will do everything we can to ensure the General Meeting and WCPT2023 is a success.'

Tokyo is one of the 47 prefectures of Japan and has served as the country's capital since 1869. The city mixes the ultramodern and the traditional, from neon-lit skyscrapers to historic temples. The opulent Meiji Shinto Shrine is known for its towering gate and surrounding woods. The Imperial Palace sits amid large public gardens. The city's many museums offer exhibits ranging from classical art (in the Tokyo National Museum) to a reconstructed kabuki theater (in the Edo-Tokyo Museum).

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About physical therapy

Physical therapists (also known as physiotherapists) are experts in developing and maintaining people's ability to move and function throughout their lives. With an advanced understanding of how the body moves and what keeps it from moving well, they promote wellness, mobility and independence. They treat and prevent many problems caused by pain, illness, disability and disease, sport and work related injuries, ageing and inactivity.

Physical therapists are educated over several years, giving them a full knowledge of the body's systems and the skills to treat a wide range of problems. This education is usually university-based, at a level that allows physical therapists to practise independently. Continuing education ensures that they keep up to date with the latest advances in research and practice. Many physical therapists are engaged in research themselves.

About WCPT

WCPT is the profession's global body representing over 450,000 physical therapists/physiotherapists from member organisations in 121 countries. More information: www.wcpt.org.



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