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World Physiotherapy confirms location for congress in 2025

The World Physiotherapy Congress 2025 will be hosted by the Japanese Physical Therapy Association and take place in Tokyo, the World Physiotherapy board has announced.

The dates for the congress will be Thursday 29 May-Saturday 31 May 2025.

Tokyo had previously been announced as the location for the general meeting and congress in 2023. However, travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic made it impossible to hold these activities in Japan in 2023.

The [Japanese Physical Therapy Association \(JPTA\)](#) has been a member of World Physiotherapy since 1970 and, with more than 107,000 members, is the largest of World Physiotherapy's 127 member organisations.

Emma Stokes, World Physiotherapy president, said: "We are grateful it has been possible to reschedule the congress in Tokyo from 2023 so that we can be there in 2025. It will be wonderful to welcome congress participants from around the world to Tokyo. Holding our congress in Japan continues our commitment to reach and build physiotherapy communities across the world.

"JPTA is very committed to making the congress a great success and we are looking forward to working with the Japanese physiotherapy community to deliver another exciting global event."

Hideyuki Saito, Japanese Physical Therapy Association president, said: "We understood the difficult decision World Physiotherapy made to not hold the congress in Japan in 2023, due to COVID-19.

"However, we are very pleased that we have emerged from that difficult situation and we look forward to hosting the World Physiotherapy Congress in Tokyo in 2025. The year 2025 also marks JPTA's 60th anniversary. We look forward to sharing with the participants from all over the world the 60 years of development of physiotherapy in Japan, our approach to physiotherapy and advocacy as the society with the highest aged population in the world.

"We will continue to work with World Physiotherapy to support holding a highly successful congress in 2025."

Kana Nomoto, [Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau \(TCVB\)](#) director of sales, said: "It is a great pleasure for Tokyo to be the host city for the World Physiotherapy Congress 2025 after the Covid-19 pandemic impacted plans to host the congress in 2023.

"Tokyo, Japan's bustling capital city, is a modern, vibrant megalopolis that combines business, knowledge, creativity, and innovation. The city offers a unique experience for all visitors - they can choose from over 100,000 restaurants, including 200 Michelin-starred restaurants, enjoy one of its 80-plus parks, immerse

themselves in the aesthetics of a Japanese tea ceremony, or indulge in a night of unique Japanese culture at a Kabuki theatre.

“Tokyo is ready to welcome all World Physiotherapy delegates to our exciting city in 2025.”

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About physiotherapy

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.

Physiotherapists 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 physiotherapists to practise independently. Continuing education ensures that they keep up to date with the latest advances in research and practice. Many physiotherapists are engaged in research themselves.

About World Physiotherapy

World Physiotherapy is the profession's global body representing over 600,000 physiotherapists from member organisations in 127 countries/territories. More information: www.world.physio