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### Greeting from the Editorial Office

**W**elcome to the latest issue of the APSIPA Newsletter!

The APSIPA ASC 2026 Call for Papers is now open! ASC 2026 will take place on November 9-12, 2026 in Hanoi, Vietnam. We would love to see your latest work come to the program.

Another important update: APSIPA Transactions on Signal and Information Processing is now published by Emerald Publishing. If you are planning a journal submission, please check the updated journal page for the latest information.

On a personal note, watching athletes at the Winter Olympics congratulate each other across nationalities after the competition was a great reminder: excellence is something we recognize and celebrate together. That spirit feels very APSIPA to me—strong debate, high standards, and genuine respect.

Thanks for reading, and I hope you enjoy this issue!

*Yuichi Tanaka*  
EiC of the APSIPA Newsletter



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## Momentum, Milestones, and New Horizons: A Message from the President

*Woon-Seng Gan (President of APSIPA)*

**D**ear APSIPA Members,

Time truly flies. As I write this, January 2026 has already passed, and we are moving swiftly through the first quarter of the new year.

Looking back, 2025 was an exceptionally busy and rewarding year for me. I was deeply honored to be tasked with hosting **ASC 2025** here in Singapore, and I am relieved and proud to say that it was a resounding success. It was a milestone year where we introduced several new initiatives: our first grand **3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition**, the Grand Challenge, thematic workshops, and insightful perspective sessions. Together, we achieved a record-breaking attendance of more than **600 participants!**

This year, we aim to build on that momentum as we approach our **18th Annual Summit in Hanoi, Vietnam**. Under the leadership of General Chair **Prof. Nguyen Linh Trung**, ASC 2026 promises to be another flagship event. I strongly encourage everyone to get involved early: <https://apsipa2026.org/>.

- **Empowering Future Leaders:** As announced at the APSIPA Assembly last October, we are taking a significant step in leadership renewal. In March, we will launch our inaugural **APSIPA Mid-Career Excellence Award 2026**. The primary objective of this award is to identify and gather outstanding young members, giving them a platform to lead and grow the association.

*Details on eligibility and nominations can be found here: [APSIPA Awards](#)*

We also continue to celebrate research excellence through the **APSIPA Sadaoki Furui Prize Award** for papers published in the APSIPA Transactions on Signal and Information Processing. With our journal now holding an **Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) of 3.2**, there has never been a better time to submit your work.

- **Expanding Our Student Ecosystem:** We are committed to creating more opportunities for the next generation. Following the success of the inaugural 3MT competition for our local chapters last year, we hope to “cast our net wider” in 2026. We aim to include students from other regions and provide increased travel support for those attending ASC to participate in competitions, challenges, and presentations.
- **How to Get Involved:** APSIPA is more than an organization; it is a platform for your growth. We actively seek involvement from **students, advisors, academics, researchers, engineers, industry partners, and others** to join us in shaping the future of Signal and Information Processing in this era of “Multimodal AI Agent.”



Here is how you can contribute today:

- Join your Local Chapter: [Chapter Activities](#)
- Compete: [3MT Competition Details](#)
- Participate: Submit and review papers for [ASC 2026](#)
- Publish: Submit to our [APSIPA Transactions](#)
- Lead: Join one of our nine [Technical Committees](#)

APSIPA is a “professional home” (and closer to home!) for all of us. I look forward to hearing your comments, suggestions, and ideas on how we can benefit everyone in our community.

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# APSIPA ASC 2026

APSIPA Annual Summit and Conference 2026



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## Time and Location

November 9-12, 2026, Hanoi, Vietnam

## Conference theme

Signal and information processing for aligning human-machine generalization

## Introduction

APSIPA ASC is the annual conference organized by Asia-Pacific Signal and Information Processing Association (APSIPA). Founded in 2009, APSIPA aims to promote research and education in signal processing, information technology, and communications.

APSIPA ASC in Hanoi, Vietnam will be the 18th edition, and we are calling for submissions in all aspects of applications. Please refer to the conference web page (<https://apsipa2026.org>) for full information. All accepted papers will be included in IEEE Xplore. The technical program includes, but not limited to the following areas:

## Topics

- Signal Processing Systems: Design and Implementation
- Signal and Information Processing Theory and Methods
- Speech, Language, and Audio
- Biomedical Signal Processing and Systems
- Image, Video, and Multimedia
- Multimedia Security and Forensics
- Wireless Communications and Networking
- Deep Learning: Algorithms, Implementations, and Applications
- Signal and Information Processing in Education
- Medical Signal Acquisition, Analysis and Processing
- Internet of Things Technology
- Data Analytics and Machine Learning
- Human Biometrics and Security Systems
- Signal and Information Processing for Smart Systems
- Multimodal AI
- Generative AI and Large Language Models
- Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence for Education

## Important deadlines

- Proposals for Special Sessions, Perspective Panels, Tutorials, Schools, Grand Challenges, Workshops:
- Proposal acceptance:
- Paper submission:
- Paper acceptance:
- Camera-ready paper submission:
- Registration:

February 25, 2026

March 1, 2026

April 1, 2026

June 1, 2026

June 15, 2026

June 15, 2026



## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

*Seishi Takamura (EiC, APSIPA Transactions on Signal and Information Processing)*

I am honored to assume the role of Editor-in-Chief of APSIPA Transactions on Signal and Information Processing (TSIP), succeeding Prof. C.-C. Jay Kuo, whose leadership has significantly strengthened the journal and established a solid foundation for its continued growth. I am pleased to work together with our new Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Jiaying Liu, and the Editorial Board in advancing the journal's next phase.

One of our immediate priorities is to further improve the efficiency and transparency of the review process. We will continue efforts to shorten the turnaround time while maintaining rigorous and fair peer review standards. Timely editorial decisions are essential for supporting authors and enhancing the overall publication experience.

Looking ahead, expanding the journal's visibility and impact remains a key objective. Inclusion in the Science Citation Index (SCI) is an important milestone that will help attract high-quality submissions from broader research communities and emerging interdisciplinary areas. With the continued support of APSIPA members, reviewers, and authors, we aim to further strengthen TSIP as a leading venue for signal and information processing research.

Some updates regarding TSIP are as follows:

The TSIP publisher was acquired by Emerald Publishing last year. Accordingly, the journal is now hosted at <https://www.emerald.com/atsip>. Unfortunately, the migration has taken longer than expected, and some contents are still not fully updated or are temporarily missing. If necessary, readers may refer to the archived version available [here](#). We apologize for any inconvenience.

Some of the Special Issues planned for 2026 include:

- Recent Developments in Object Detection Technologies for Mobile/Edge Devices
- Generative AI for Advanced Video Synthesis, Editing, and Enhancement
- Invited Papers from APSIPA ASC 2025
- Recent Advances in Music Processing (due date extended to June 30, 2026)
- Advancements in Privacy, Security, and Integrity of Neural Networks: Attacks and Defenses (due date August 30, 2026)

I sincerely thank our community for its continued contributions and support.



## Call for Papers: Recent Advances in Music Processing

### APSIPA Transactions on Signal and Information Processing (ATSIP)

The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence is reshaping the way music is created, analyzed, and understood. Music AI has become a focal topic within the broader AI research landscape. Emerging technologies, ranging from music generation and music understanding to multimodal processing, are driving paradigm shifts in both the music industry and music research.

This special issue aims to bring together researchers from diverse academic disciplines and industry to present the latest developments in music processing. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Music signal processing
- Symbolic and audio music generation
- Music information retrieval
- Multimodal data processing with music
- Music processing with large language models (LLMs)
- Human-centered music processing
- Culture-specific music processing
- Datasets, evaluation, and reproducibility in music AI
- Music AI and ethics

#### Submission and Review Process

All submitted manuscripts will undergo a formal peer-review process (single-blind) in a first come, first serve basis. The target timeline for the first-round decision is 5 weeks, followed by 2 weeks for revision. The total review duration will typically range from 8 to 12 weeks (depending on one or two revision rounds). Accepted papers will be published open access immediately upon acceptance. Once all papers are published, they will be compiled into an online book featuring an editorial by the guest editorial team. Papers not accepted within the publication window will be transferred to the journal's regular track for further consideration.

#### Submit the paper

<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/apsipa>

#### For detailed submission instructions, please refer to:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20260102034438/https://www.nowpublishers.com/Journal/AuthorInstructions/SIP>

#### Important Dates

- Submission Open: January 1, 2026
- Submission Deadline: ~~March 1, 2026~~ **June 30, 2026 (Extended!)**

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## Call for Papers: Advancements in Privacy, Security, and Integrity of Neural Networks: Attacks and Defenses

### APSIPA Transactions on Signal and Information Processing (ATSIP)

The widespread deployment of deep neural networks (DNNs) in healthcare, finance, autonomous systems, and generative AI has heightened concerns about security, robustness, and integrity. AI models are increasingly vulnerable to adversarial perturbations, poisoning, backdoor attacks, unauthorized retraining, and model extraction, which can silently compromise performance in safety-critical applications.

Since trained models represent significant intellectual and computational investments, protecting ownership, detecting tampering, and verifying authenticity have become key research priorities. Techniques such as watermarking, fingerprinting, reversible data hiding, and forensic analysis offer promising solutions without degrading model performance.

The rapid growth of generative AI further raises issues of authenticity and provenance. Integrity-preserving mechanisms, along with complementary tools such as blockchain-based audit trails, can support secure verification and accountability.

This Special Issue invites contributions on adversarial robustness, integrity-preserving methods, and secure verification frameworks for neural networks and AI-generated systems. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Adversarial perturbation detection and certified defenses
- Model poisoning and backdoor attack mitigation
- Integrity verification and tamper detection in neural networks
- Digital watermarking and fingerprinting for model protection
- Neural network forensics and authenticity verification
- Detection of unauthorized retraining and model extraction
- Security of generative AI systems
- Privacy-preserving and secure neural network design
- Blockchain-supported model provenance and audit mechanisms (complementary)

#### Submission and Review Process

All submitted manuscripts will undergo a formal single-blind peer-review process. Papers will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Accepted papers will be published open access upon acceptance and later compiled into the Special Issue collection. Manuscripts not accepted within the publication window may be transferred to the journal's regular track.

#### Submit the paper

<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/apsipa>

#### For detailed submission instructions, please refer to:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20260102034438/https://www.nowpublishers.com/Journal/AuthorInstructions/SIP>

#### Important Dates

- Submission Open: Feb 20, 2026
- Submission Deadline: August 30, 2026

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## Invitation to Join the APSIPA LinkedIn Page

*Woon-Seng Gan (President of APSIPA) and APSIPA HQ*

We are pleased to announce that APSIPA has launched its [LinkedIn Page](#)! This platform is designed to strengthen our connection with members and to share the latest news, events, and opportunities across the fields of signal and information processing. By following our LinkedIn Page, you will be able to:

- Stay updated with APSIPA announcements, conferences, and activities
- Learn about research highlights, seminars, local chapter events, and technical activities
- Engage with a network of researchers across the Asia-Pacific region
- Help expand and enhance the visibility and impact of the APSIPA community

We warmly invite all members to follow and connect with us on LinkedIn. Let's continue building a strong and engaged APSIPA community together!



*APSIPA LinkedIn Page.*



## Taiwan Local Chapter

*Wen-Hsiao Peng (Taiwan Local Chapter Chair)*

Established on May 20, 2020, the APSIPA Taiwan Local Chapter has served as a hub for fostering collaboration and talent exchange between Taiwan and the broader Asia-Pacific academic and industrial communities. In 2025, the Chapter organized a series of events, including:

(A) Organizing special sessions and tutorials at APSIPA ASC 2025.

<https://www.apsipa2025.org/wp/tutorial-1/>

(B) Inviting industry leaders to share insights on recent advances in physical AI.

In January 2025, APSIPA Taiwan kicked off the year with a seminar at National Chung Cheng University organized by Prof. Rachel Chiang. The seminar featured Prof. Masayuki Tanimoto from Japan, a pioneer in Free Viewpoint Television (FTV), who delivered a talk titled “Development of FTV and Its Standardization in MPEG”.



*Talk by Prof. Tanimoto.*

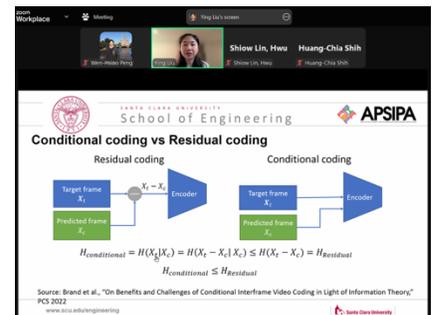
In June 2025, Dr. Ming-Yu Liu, Vice President of Research at NVIDIA, delivered two high-profile academic lectures in Taiwan. The series commenced on June 11 at National Taiwan University, hosted by Prof. Pei-Yun Tsai, and continued on June 12 at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, hosted by Prof. Wen-Hsiao Peng. These lectures spotlighted the Cosmos foundation models—specifically Cosmos-Predict, Cosmos-Transfer, and Cosmos-Reason. Dr. Liu elucidated how these models can help train intelligent agents with simulated yet realistic video dynamics.



*Talk by Dr. Liu.*

(C) Hosting online and on-site seminars to strengthen connections between the Taiwan APSIPA community and global experts.

In June 2025, an online presentation by Dr. Ying Liu, titled “Conditional Information-Aware Neural Image and Video Coding,” unpacked the theoretical foundation of conditional coding and explored its use across neural image coding, GAN-driven video compression, human-machine collaborative tasks, and multimodal visual representation.



*Talk by Dr. Liu.*



In August 2025, Dr. Nantheera (Pui) Anantrasirichai from the University of Bristol, UK delivered a talk at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU) titled “Video Enhancement for Challenging Environments.” Her presentation explored deep learning approaches for restoring real-world videos degraded by noise, blur, and other artifacts. She highlighted techniques for multi-frame alignment and enhancement that effectively reduce flicker while supporting real-time performance.

In January 2026, the APSIPA Taiwan Chapter held a focused Workshop on Visual Signal Processing, Coding and Applications at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU). The event was organized by Prof. Wen-Hsiao Peng and co-organized by experts from NYCU, Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU), and National Chung Cheng University (CCU), including Prof. Byeunwgo Jeon, Prof. Rachel Chiang, Prof. Hsu-Feng Hsiao, Prof. Chin-Chun Huang, Prof. Yu-Lun Liu. The workshop provided a valuable platform for knowledge exchange on emerging techniques in neural video codecs, 3D geometry compression, and generative AI. Key presentations covered advanced topics such as Mamba-based point cloud compression, constrained viewpoint Gaussian splatting, and degradation modeling in diffusion models, highlighting significant advancements in visual computing and restoration.



*Talk by Dr. Anantrasirichai.*



*Workshop snapshot.*

(D) Extending outreach to the signal processing community in Brazil.

In February 2025, Prof. Wen-Hsiao Peng visited the Federal University of Pelotas (UFPel) in Brazil to deliver a distinguished academic lecture. Hosted by the IEEE Student Branch at UFPel on February 21, this reach-out event marked a significant extension of the APSIPA Taiwan Chapter's activities, successfully bridging the research communities of Taiwan and Latin America.



*Snapshot during Prof. Peng's Brazil visit.*

## Japan Local Chapter

Norihide Kitaoka (Former Japan Local Chapter Chair)

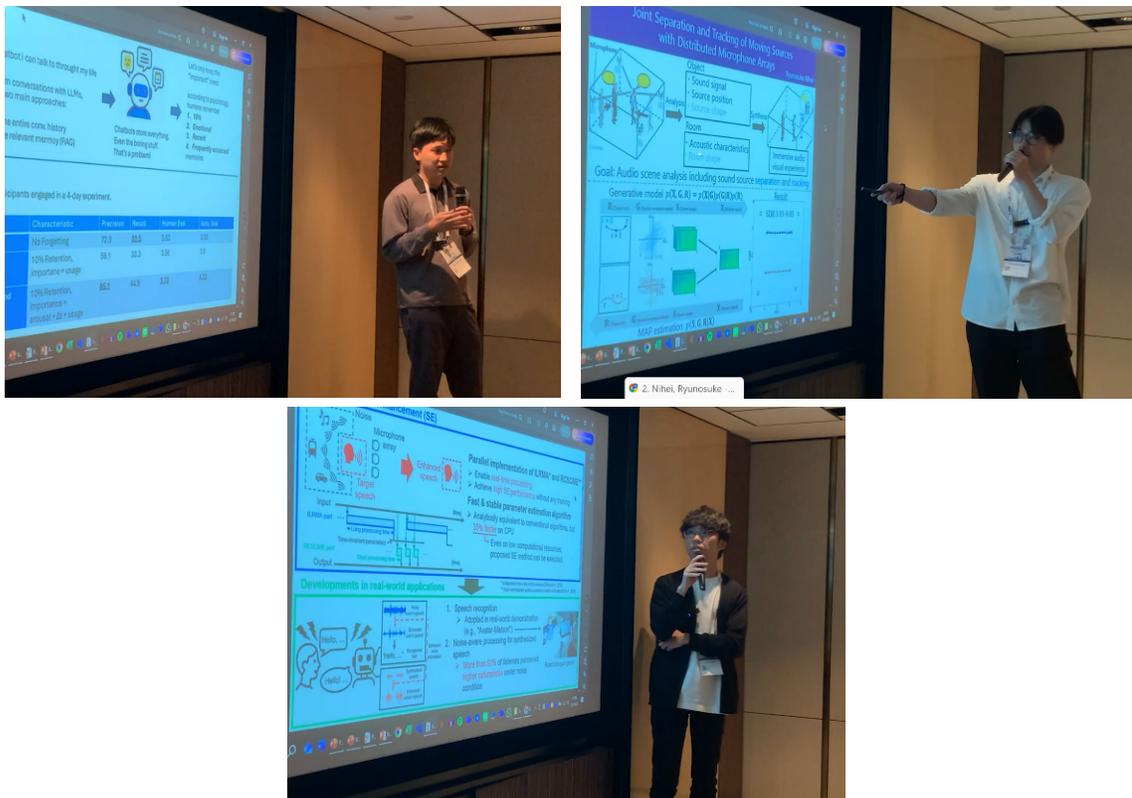
Local round of 3MT Thesis Competition was held on Aug. 19. Ten participants presented their theses and three of them were selected to be finalists. They made presentations in APSIPA ASC 2025, and Ryuichi Sumida won the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up. Congratulations!

- **Upcoming Event**

APSIPA Japan Chapter co-organizes a SIG-meeting in Naha, Okinawa, from Mar. 2 to 4 and hold a short oral presentation session.

- **New Chapter Chair**

Professor Yoshinobu Kajikawa has become new Japan Chapter Chair from April 2026.



Japan Local Round of 3MT Thesis Competition.



## Vietnam Local Chapter

*Nguyen Linh Trung, Tran Duc Tan, Tran Thi Thuy Quynh, Le Thi Lan, and Do Thanh Ha  
(Vietnam Local Chapter Board Members)*

**D**ear Colleagues,

In 2022, following the suggestion of Prof. Kosin Chamnongthai, we successfully organized the 1st APSIPA Workshop on Signal and Information Processing in Vietnam in Hanoi, hosted by Vietnam National University, Hanoi (VNU). The event attracted strong participation from the local community and has since evolved into an annual series:

- 2023 edition: Hosted by Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST) in Hanoi
- 2024 edition: Hosted by Hanoi University of Industry (HaUI) in Hanoi
- 2025 edition: Hosted by the Industrial University of Ho Chi Minh City (IUH)

These workshops have significantly boosted interest and engagement in APSIPA activities across Vietnam. We were delighted to officially establish the APSIPA Vietnam Chapter in 2023, which has fostered greater coordination and collaboration among Vietnamese colleagues. The APSIPA community in Vietnam continues to grow steadily.

Notably, at APSIPA ASC 2025, our member Nguyen Le Quynh Thu won the prize in the inaugural 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Competition—a proud achievement for the chapter.

This year, we are focusing our efforts on organizing APSIPA ASC 2026, the 18th Asia-Pacific Signal and Information Processing Association Annual Summit and Conference. It will take place from November 9–12, 2026, in Hanoi, co-organized by VNU and HUST. Please find in this Newsletter the Call for Papers of the event. We warmly look forward to welcoming you to Hanoi, Vietnam—making new friends, exploring potential collaborations, and strengthening the APSIPA community together.



## APSIPA Distinguished Lecturer Program

*Isao Echizen (VP - Institutional Relations and Education Program)*

**A**PSIPA has established the Distinguished Lecturer Program (DLP) to serve its communities by organizing lectures given by distinguished experts. APSIPA DLP is an educational program that promotes the research and development of signal and information processing in the Asia Pacific region. We have concluded reviewing the nominations, and the following eight experts have been selected for the APSIPA Distinguished Lecturers.

### **APSIPA Distinguished Lecturers for 2026-2027:**

**Heming Sun**, Yokohama National University

**Jui-Chiu Chiang**, National Chung Cheng University

**Junhui Hou**, City University of Hong Kong

**Kazushi Ikeda**, Nara Institute of Science and Technology

**Qiuping Jiang**, Ningbo University

**Shinnosuke Takamichi**, Keio University

**Wan-Jen Huang**, National Sun Yat-sen University

**Wuttipong Kumwilaisak**, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

APSIPA Distinguished Lecturers are distinguished experts who are willing to give lectures to achieve the objectives of the program. Many of them have already given lectures at APSIPA-related events and are scheduled to give lectures at the APSIPA ASC2026 and APSIPA Autumn School to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam. We encourage APSIPA members to take advantage of this program.



## Summary of Links

- APSIPA ASC 2026: <https://apsipa2026.org/>
- APSIPA ASC 2025: <https://www.apsipa2025.org/>
- APSIPA Transaction on Signal and Information Processing:  
<https://www.emerald.com/atsip>
  - Paper submission: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/apsipa>
- APSIPA Industrial Activities: <http://www.apsipa.org/industrial.htm>
- APSIPA Friend Labs: <http://www.apsipa.org/friendlab/FriendLabs.htm>
- APSIPA Membership Registration/Renewal:  
<http://www.apsipa.org/reg.asp>
- APSIPA Local Chapters: <http://www.apsipa.org/chapter/index.html>
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