

# CONGRESS PRACTICAL GUIDE

The following information is to facilitate your participation in the 41<sup>st</sup> APAO Congress in Hong Kong, China. If you have any queries during the Congress or require assistance, please visit our Registration Counter.

## Event Name

The 41<sup>st</sup> Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress in conjunction with the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting Hong Kong Ophthalmological Symposium.

## Venue

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC)  
1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong, China

## Name Badge Collection

Council members can collect their name badges during the council meeting on February 4, 2026.

All other attendees, including delegates, accompanying persons, and exhibitors, may collect their name badges at one of the following locations:

### 1. Airport Registration Counter

Participants arriving by air may collect their name badges at the APAO registration counter located in the Baggage Reclaim Hall B of Hong Kong International Airport. The counter's operating hours are 10:30 to 18:00 daily from February 3 to 6.

### 2. Self-Service Check-in Kiosks

Self-service check-in kiosks for badge collection are located in the Concourse on Level 5 of the HKCEC. The operating hours are as follows:

	Date	Time
Group Registration and Exhibitors	February 4	11:00 – 18:00
All Delegates and Exhibitors	February 4	14:00 – 18:00
	February 5 – 7	07:30 – 18:00
	February 8	08:00 – 12:00

### 3. Registration Counter

The Registration Counter is also located in the Concourse on Level 5 of the HKCEC. It will open to delegates and exhibitors during the same operating hours listed above.

## Name Badge Use

The name badge serves as the official pass for entry into:

- all Scientific Sessions;
- the Exhibition Hall; and
- the Opening Ceremony/ Award Ceremony.

Please always wear the badge during the Congress.

All badges are nontransferable. Replacement name badges for delegates and accompanying persons are available at the Venue Registration Counter for an administrative fee of US\$20 per badge.

Accompanying persons, visitor and exhibitors may enter only the Exhibition Hall, the Eye Care Exhibition, the Opening Ceremony and the Award Ceremony.

## On-Site Payment

On-site payment with cash and credit card can be made at the Venue Registration Counter during its opening hours. Cash and credit card payment is accepted in Hong Kong Dollars. Cheques are not accepted.

## Ribbon & Delegate Bag Collection

Delegate bags are available at the Delegate Materials Pick-Up Counter in the Exhibition Hall 5FG. You can present your badge there to collect your ribbons (if any) and delegate bag.

## Dress Code

Please wear business attire or your national costume at the Opening Ceremony. Business casual is appropriate at congress sessions and social functions.

## Internet Connection

Wi-Fi service is available at the venue. However, due to high demand during the Congress, we recommend that you bring your own devices with mobile data to ensure a smooth connection.

## Congress Mobile App

The Congress mobile app is a user-friendly, interactive tool to enhance your Congress experience. It features all the scientific sessions and instruction courses, posters, e-posters, video abstracts, general information, and a floor plan. Please download the app by scanning the QR code on your name badge.

You are recommended to update the app regularly. If you need assistance downloading the app or navigating its functions, please visit the Registration Counter.

## Publications

The Final Program, Abstract Book, and Exhibition Directory are available in the PDF format at <https://2026.apaophth.org/publications/>.

## Speaker Ready Room

An Online Speaker Ready Room is available from January 5 to 23:59 February 2, 2026 (Hong Kong Time, GMT+8) via the Congress System. All speakers are strongly encouraged to utilize this platform to conveniently upload their PowerPoint presentation files **before** the Congress. This will allow you to skip the long waits in the on-site speaker ready room, which has limited capacity.

In case you have not uploaded your file to the Online Speaker Ready Room before the Congress, please visit the Onsite Speaker Ready Room when you arrive at the venue. The locations and opening hours are as below:

S222 (L2)	
Date	Time
February 4, 2026	14:00 - 18:00
February 5 - 7, 2026	07:30 - 18:00
February 8, 2026	07:30 - 12:00

N204-205 (L2)	
Date	Time
February 4, 2026	14:00 - 18:00
February 5 - 7, 2026	07:30 - 18:00
February 8, 2026	07:30 - 12:00

Chancellor Room Foyer (L4)	
Date	Time
February 4, 2026	14:00 - 18:00
February 5 - 7, 2026	07:30 - 18:00

All files must be uploaded at least two (2) hours prior to the start of your session. The computers in the Speaker Ready Room will have configurations similar to those in the session rooms. It is imperative that you review your presentation in the Speaker Ready Room and resolve any compatibility and formatting issues.

The PowerPoint files you have uploaded onto the computer in the Speaker Ready Room will be automatically transmitted to the laptop computer at the podium before your session begins.

As a backup, we suggest bringing a copy of your presentation file on a USB drive to the on-site session room. However, please note that this is for contingency purposes only and should not be considered a substitute for uploading your file ahead of time.

## Scientific Posters

### Paper Posters

Paper posters are displayed in Exhibition Halls 5FG & 5E.

Delegates can use the image scanner to scan the posters. They will be directed to an audio recording made by the author where applicable.

Poster discussion sessions will be conducted at the Showcase Theatre in Exhibition Hall 5E according to the following schedule:

## Date: February 6

	Time	Topics
Session 1	09:00 - 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Retilight: A Novel Innovative 3D printed Portable LED Endoillumination for Vitreoretinal Surgery</li> <li>Deep Learning-Based Prediction of Secondary Glaucoma Following Retinal Surgery: Toward Personalized Risk Stratification</li> <li>Development and Validation of a Predictive Model for Blindness After Lens Extraction Surgery in Acute Primary Angle Closure: A Multicenter Longitudinal Study</li> <li>Pattern of Ocular Trauma in Sabah, Malaysia: A Prospective Observational Study in a Tertiary Centre</li> <li>Association of Screen Time, Sleep Quality, and Its Association With Dry Eye Among Medical Students: A Study From North India</li> </ul>
Session 2	11:15 - 11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of the Eyesi Cataract Surgery Simulator in Phacoemulsification Surgery by Ophthalmology Residents</li> <li>A Successful Case of Refractory MRSA Infection in an Anophthalmic Socket</li> <li>Adalimumab Reprograms M1 Macrophages to Promote CD4+ T Cell Apoptosis and Attenuate Th1/Th17 Responses in Behçet's Disease and Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada Syndrome</li> <li>Genome-Wide Association Study of Human Retinal Electrical Signals Highlights Locus in CNGB3</li> <li>24-2C Grids to Detect Central Visual Field Function in Early-Stage Primary Open Angle Glaucoma: A Prospective Study</li> </ul>
Session 3	12:00 - 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taxonomic Structure and Diversity of the Ocular Surface Microbiota in Children With and Without Myopia: A 16S rRNA Sequencing Study</li> <li>Comparison of Subretinal Fibrosis Development Between Aflibercept and Faricimab Treatment in Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration</li> <li>Anatomical and Patient-Reported Outcomes of Bevacizumab Versus Ranibizumab in Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration: A Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Active-Controlled, Phase III Trial</li> <li>Improved Surgical Efficiency and Vision with Optimized Phacoemulsification Settings</li> </ul>

**E-Posters & Videos**

Delegates may view e-posters and videos either on-site at the E-Poster and Video Stations (located in Exhibition Halls 5FG and 5E) or online through the Congress mobile app. Viewers will be directed to an audio recording made by the author where applicable.

**Exhibition**

The Exhibition Hall will be open at the following schedule:

Date	Time
February 5 – 7	09:00 – 18:00

**Photography**

Some of the sessions will be filmed and audio-recorded. Official photographers will be present over the course of the Congress to take photos for APAO’s record and use on its website, publications, social media platforms and other communication channels.

If you have any concern with your photograph being taken or the session recorded, please contact the APAO office.

**Event Courtesy**

**No Smoking**

Smoking, including carrying any lighted cigar, pipe, cigarette or naked flame, or using e-cigarettes, is strictly prohibited.

**Mobile Phones**

Please respect presenters and your fellow delegates by ensuring that your mobile devices are in silent mode during sessions.

**Photography / Videography in the Exhibition Hall**

Attendees wishing to take photos or videos of an exhibit must obtain permission from the relevant exhibitor beforehand.

**Photography / Videography of Scientific Sessions**

Photography and video recording of scientific sessions are strictly prohibited, except for media representatives who have obtained prior permission from APAO.