



Izumo Taisha

SPINTECH<sup>6</sup> will highlight fundamental physical phenomena related to spin-dependent effects in condensed matters and advances in the development of new spintronics materials, structures, and devices, including quantum information hardware and concepts. The school will take place during the first half of the week to orient new comers and students to this emerging field, and will be followed by a conference aiming at stimulating the progress in new materials, measurement, and theory of spintronics systems.

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## a little about Matsue (松江)

Matsue City in Shimane Prefecture is known as the home of Ancient Japan. Two Japanese deities, Izanagi and Izanami, married and created the various islands of Japan and gave birth to many other deities including Amaterasu-ōmikami (god of the rising sun) who governs the celestial realm and Susanoo (god of the ocean) who governs the terrestrial world. The landing of Susanoo at Matsue (Izumo) marked the beginning of Ancient Japan. Izumo Taisha, which we will visit during the conference, is home to Susanoo's descendant who established Ancient Japan. Izumo Taisha is considered to be one of the most important shrines in Japan. All the eight million deities in Japan leave their shrines every October to gather at Izumo Taisha. We will also visit Matsue Castle and the world renowned Japanese Garden at Adachi Museum.

Coincidentally, the annual two-day Matsue Fireworks display will be held the weekend right after the conference. This is a huge event in Matsue with a total of 9000 skyrockets fired. Participants who are continuing their stay after the conference are encouraged to enjoy the annual Matsue Fireworks display by Lake Shinji.



Sunset at Lake Shinji



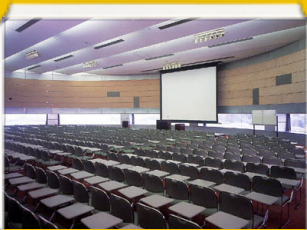
Matsue Castle



Matsue Fireworks



Adachi Museum



Venue: Shimane Prefectural Convention Center "Kunibiki Messe" ([www.kunibikimesse.jp/en/index.html](http://www.kunibikimesse.jp/en/index.html))  
Accommodations: Plenty of western and Japanese style hotels within 10-minute walking distance.

Traveling to Matsue: -

Izumo Airport, 5 daily flights to/from Tokyo and Osaka and 2 to/from Nagoya  
(30 minutes from the airport to the conference site by bus)  
Yonago Airport, 5 daily flights to/from Tokyo and 1 to/from Nagoya  
(50 minutes from the airport to the conference site by bus)

