Greetings From the President

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On behalf of JACET, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the **65th JACET International Convention (Osaka, 2026)**, held at Ritsumeikan University under the theme, **"Connecting Worlds Through Applied Linguistics: Shaping the Future of Theory, Assessment, and Practice."** The theme of this year's convention reflects JACET's continuing commitment to enriching its academic activities by fostering dialogue between applied linguistics and other fields of research, while also promoting greater exchange with applied linguistics scholars and academic communities overseas. At this year's convention, we are honored to welcome two distinguished plenary speakers: **Amit Sevak, CEO of the ETS Research Institute, and Professor Shin'ichiro Ishikawa of Kobe University**. Both bring a wealth of expertise and experience that will undoubtedly inspire meaningful discussion throughout the convention.

As part of JACET's efforts to foster collaboration across applied linguistics and related fields, JAAL in JACET, which has traditionally been held in winter, will take place alongside the JACET International Convention this year. **JAAL in JACET (Summer 2026)** will be held at the same venue on Day 2 of the convention. We are also delighted to welcome **Dr. Kensaku Yoshida, President of JACTFL**, who will deliver a special invited lecture.

We are living in an era in which it is increasingly difficult to anticipate the future direction of language education research and practice. Rapid changes in global affairs, together with continuing technological advances, including the development of artificial intelligence, are having a profound impact on both our research and educational practices. Against this backdrop, the **Fifth JACET Comprehensive Survey on the Current State of English Education**, conducted with the cooperation of JACET members since last year's international convention, has begun to provide a clearer picture of recent developments in English language education at institutions of higher education. At this convention, we will share some of the findings from our analysis of the survey data through a poster presentation.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all the plenary and invited speakers, presenters, participants, supporting members, and dedicated members of the organizing committee who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes. I also extend my deepest gratitude to Ritsumeikan University for providing the venue for this year's convention—an ideal academic setting in the heart of Osaka.

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