

Greetings From the President

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On behalf of JACET, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 64th JACET International Convention (Tokyo, 2025), held at Waseda University under the theme *Enhancing English Teacher Capabilities for a New Era*. This year's theme reflects the significant and ongoing transformations in our field. In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the educational landscape continues to develop rapidly, shaped by growing global mobility and the accelerating influence of generative AI. These developments prompt us to reevaluate the fundamental aspects of English language education, including its goals, content, and methodologies.

In this time of change, it is essential that we reflect on what it means to be an English teacher today and explore the new capabilities educators are expected to cultivate. This convention aims to provide a platform for critical dialogue on how we, as educators and researchers, can adapt, lead, and collaborate to meet emerging challenges. JACET's strength lies in the diversity of its members, ideas, and academic approaches. I firmly believe this diversity empowers us to respond to the complex demands of our time with creativity and insight.

We are honored to welcome three distinguished plenary speakers: Professor Aurelio Vilbar (University of the Philippines Cebu), Professor Ee Ling Low (Nanyang Technological University), and Professor Tetsuo Baba (Tokyo Gakugei University). Each brings a wealth of expertise and experience that will no doubt inspire meaningful discussions throughout the convention.

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



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