

Tuesday 3 February 2026 | 08:30–11:00

Venue: [Kompasset, Fram Centre](#)

**Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Norway-Japan Academic  
Network Annual Seminar**

# **Japan and the Polar Regions**

## **Program**

*(Organisers: Professor Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen (UiT), Federica Eyja Scarpa (UiT))*

### **08:30–08:50 — Welcome and Networking**

Coffee, tea, and a light breakfast will be served.

### **08:50–09:00 — Welcome from the Seminar Chair and Introduction of the Agenda for the JSPS NJAN Annual Seminar: Japan and the Polar Regions**

- Prof. Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen (UiT), Board Member JSPS NJAN

### **09:00–09:10 — Remarks by Ambassador Katsuhiko Takahashi**

- Katsuhiko Takahashi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for International Economic Affairs, Arctic Affairs and Women, Peace and Security, Japan

### **09:10–09:20 — Greetings by JSPS Stockholm Office and presentation of opportunity engagement with JSPS NJAN**

- Mr. Naoya Inatani, Deputy Director
- Ms. Mana Oshima, International Program Associate

**09:20–09:55 — *Research experience at a young age determines a long research career*, Keynote by Prof. Hiroyuki Enomoto**

- Prof. Hiroyuki Enomoto, Vice-Director, National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR)

**09:55–10:05 — Coffee Break**

**10:05–10:40 — Panel: Japan and Arctic Science, Technology and Affairs**

**Moderator:** Prof. Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen (UiT), Board Member JSPS NJAN

**Panelists:**

1. **Prof. Jun Inoue**, National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR)
2. **Mr. Yoshiaki Mori**, Research Fellow at the Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation.
3. **Ms Yui Nakama**, Assistant Manager for Space and Defence Strategic Partnership, Aerospace and National Security Division, NEC
4. **Prof. Jose Puppim de Oliveira**, Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV EAESP)
5. **Dr Gunnar Rekvig (UiT)**, Project Manager, Centre for the Ocean and the Arctic, UiT The Arctic University of Norway
6. **Prof. Tetsuo Sueyoshi**, Project Professor, National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR)
7. **Dr Florian Vidal**, Research Fellow, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

**10:40–10:55 — Next generation & future cooperation**

**Moderator:** Federica Eyja Scarpa, Executive Coordinator, Society and Advanced Technology in the Arctic (SATA) 2.1, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

**Panelists:**

- **Chris Rune Andersen**, PhD fellow, UiT The Arctic University of Norway
- **Emil Vesleng Hansen**, MA student, UiT The Arctic University of Norway
- **Yara Nieuwenhuis**, MA student, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

**10:55–11:00 — Concluding Remarks**

- Prof. Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen (UiT), Board Member JSPS NJAN