



The 25th Nagasaki International Course on Research Ethics

**Pompe Hall in Sakamoto Campus, Nagasaki University,
Nagasaki, Japan
10-12 June 2026**

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Course description

This international course is an overview of research ethics, focusing on the ethics of health research. This course will cover the following: a) historical background, principles, and guidelines of research ethics; b) structure, roles, and functions of research ethics committees; c) ethical considerations in health research such as those related to informed consent, conflict of interest, and risk and benefit evaluation; and d) ethical issues and methodologies in different health research fields (genetics research, epidemiological and social research and paediatric research) in the context of national, regional, and international collaborative research.

Course objectives

The general objectives of this course are: a) To demonstrate a common understanding of the ethical principles in health research and b) To utilize the ethical principles in reviewing different considerations and issues related to various health research fields.

Course format

This course will (to a large extent) be organized as interactive learning where the participants will work on a number of problem cases. The case studies will illustrate the main points made in the lectures and presentations. It will be a three-day intensive course. English is a common language in the course, however, the lecturers and mentors are able to communicate in other 3 languages, i.e. Japanese, Filipino, and Thai. Comprehensive background materials will be provided to the participants.

Course participants

The target participants for this course are postgraduate students, researchers in biomedical sciences (including health social sciences), and members of research ethics committees.

Course organizers

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Faculty

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Facilitators: Tsuyoshi Kihara (Nagasaki University), Konosuke Morimoto (Nagasaki University), Michiko Toizumi (Nagasaki University)

Course venue

Pompe Hall in Sakamoto Campus, Nagasaki University

Course fee

Free to all participants

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Application

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Course outline

First Day

June 10, 2026 (Wednesday)

- 08:45 ***Inaugural session***
Facilitators: Kenji Hirayama
Introduction to the workshop
Presentation of participants
- 09:15 ***Introduction to research ethics:
History and the need of an ethical review system***
Juntra Karbwang (SIDER-FERCAP Foundation)
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 ***Roles and functions of research ethics committees***
Phanthipa Wongwai (Khon Kaen University, Thailand)
- 11:15 ***Informed consent***
Juntra Karbwang (SIDER-FERCAP Foundation)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 ***Conflict of interest***
Kwanchanok Yimtae (Mahidol University, Thailand)
- 13:30 ***Vulnerability, Risks and benefits evaluation***
Cristina Torres (FERCAP-Philippines)
- 14:15 Break
- 14:30 ***Case Study 1: Group discussion***
Facilitators: Kwanchanok Yimtae, Cristina Torres, Phanthipa Wongwai, Kenji Hirayama, Juntra Karbwang, Tsuyoshi Kihara, Dhouhabel Bhim Gopal, Michiko Toizumi
- 15:30 ***Case Study 1: Reporting and Plenary discussion***
Moderators: Juntra Karbwang & Kwanchanok Yimtae
- 17:00 End of day one

Second Day

June 11, 2026 (Thursday)

- 08:30 ***Ethical issues in pharmacogenomics research***
 Kenji Hirayama (Nagasaki University, Japan)
- 09:00 ***Ethical issues in Emergency Medicine Research***
 Kwanchanok Yimtae (Mahidol University, Thailand)
- 09:45 ***Ethical issues in public health and social research***
 Cristina Torres (FERCAP-Philippines)
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 ***Ethical issues in paediatric research***
 Phanthipa Wongwai (Khon Kaen University, Thailand)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 ***Case Study 2: Group discussion***
- Facilitators: Kwanchanok Yimtae, Cristina Torres, Phanthipa Wongwai, Kenji Hirayama, Juntra Karbwang, Tsuyoshi Kihara, Konosuke Morimoto, Dhoubhabel Bhim Gopal, Michiko Toizumi
- 15:00 Break
- 15:30 ***Case Study 2: Reporting and Plenary discussion***
 Moderators: Juntra Karbwang & Kwanchanok Yimtae
- 17:00 End of day two

Third Day

June 12, 2026(Friday)

- 09:00 ***Ethical issues in international health research:***
 Study design, informed consent, level of care, post trial
 benefit
 Cristina Torres (FERCAP-Philippines)
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 ***Plenary discussion***
 Cristina Torres, Juntra Karbwang, Kwanchanok Yimtae, Phanthipa Wongwai
- 12:00 ***Presentation of certificate***
 Kenji Hirayama
- End of the course**