

LAWASIA's Data Protection Workshop in Tokyo

LAW ASIA Communications, Technology & Data Protection Committee

Concept Note:

With the advancement of globalization and the digital economy, the cross-border transfer of personal data is increasing, and in the Asia-Pacific region, legal systems for personal data protection vary widely and are often complex. Clarifying the regulations and practical challenges surrounding cross-border data transfers and ensuring interoperability between systems has become an urgent issue in legal practice. Moreover, as legal cultures and historical contexts differ from those of Western countries, some Asian nations are attempting to introduce EU-style data protection regimes, making it increasingly necessary to examine the possibilities and limitations of such legal transplants from a theoretical perspective.

LAWASIA has hosted Annual Conference sessions (e.g., cross-border data transfer in 2022, data breaches and theft in 2023, and medical AI and data protection in 2024), as well as country-specific workshops in collaboration with local associations (such as the 2022 webinar by the Tokyo Bar Association and the 2024 workshop with the Bar Association of Sri Lanka). However, there has not yet been a comprehensive forum to understand the recent significant transformations in data protection law across the Asia-Pacific as a whole. Recognizing this need, Communications, Technology & Data Protection Committee of LAWASIA sees value in providing such a platform for its members and broader stakeholders alike. This workshop aims to offer a wide opportunity to learn about and exchange insights on the latest developments in data protection law in the region, contributing to both practical and academic fields.

Theme: 'Data Protection Laws on the Move in the Asia-Pacific Region'

Sponsorship: Japan Federation of Bar Associations

Chuo University, Institute of Comparative Law in Japan

Date: 29-30 August 2025

Place: Chuo University, Korakuen Campus, Building #3 14th Floor
(1-13-27 Kasuga, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 112-8551)

*The location has been changed to the Korakuen Campus from Surugadai Campus.

Fee: Free of charge

Registration: [Register](#) by August 20.

Registration may close before the deadline if all seats are filled

Tentative Program:

29 August (Fri)	
10:00-12:30	Academic Session (voluntary participation) <i>Invited professors' talks on the cutting topics such as neurotechnology, AI and robotics, and cross-border data flow in relation to data protection laws.</i>
14:00-15:00	Registrations
15:00-15:15	Opening Remarks
15:15-15:45	Keynote Speech : <i>inviting an expert on Neurotechnology</i>

16:00–17:15	<p>Session 1: Crossing Data Protection Laws and Artificial Intelligence Laws</p> <p><i>Since AI training often involves the use of personal data, personal data protection laws also come into play in the context of AI usage. This prompts consideration of how data protection laws and AI laws can create synergies.</i></p>
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30 August (Sat)	
9:30–10:45	<p>Session 2: Profiling and Scoring</p> <p><i>Consider the actual use and legal regulation of profiling technologies and scoring in the Asia-Pacific region. Is the kind of social scoring seen in China present in other regions? To what extent are credit scores used by financial institutions and predictive policing by law enforcement agencies permitted?</i></p>
11:00–12:15	<p>Presentation: 12 Landmark Judgements on Data Protection</p> <p><i>Speakers from 12 countries will each give a five-minute presentation introducing landmark cases related to data protection law.</i></p>
13:30–14:45	<p>Session 3: Biodata Protection: Data Protection in Human Bodies</p> <p><i>Fingerprint identification began to be used in India and has since become widespread across the Asia-Pacific region. Technologies such as facial recognition, voice, iris scanning, and even emotion detection are now widely used as tools for identifying individuals. How do personal data protection laws address these challenges?</i></p>