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The 2023 ONLINE Conference of the Japanese Society For Mother Tongue, Heritage  
Language, and Bilingual Education (MHB) August 3-6, 2023

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The purpose of the Japanese Society for Mother Tongue, Heritage Language, and Bilingual Education (MHB) is to explore language education methods, theories, and research methods related to how infants, children, students, and other learners in multilingual environments in Japan and abroad acquire multilingual skills.

The 2023 conference will be held under the theme "In Search of Equity in Language Education: Reconsidering Bilingual Deaf Education" and will be held online from August 3 to 6, 2023.

In MHB's research areas of language education, including teaching Japanese as a heritage language overseas, Deaf and hard-of-hearing children, CLD children in Japan, and minority languages, securing information accessibility, language rights, and the right to education for learners are not always guaranteed. This is because providing "Equality" of opportunity for all learners does not guarantee "Equity" of results. This year's MHB conference will focus on the theme of "Equity in Language Education". We hope you will join us in discussing bilingualism in Deaf Education.

Professor Professor Ruth Swanwick (University of Leeds), Dr. Daniel Fobi, and Mr. Richard Doku, all specialists in deaf education, will deliver the keynote address on the theme, "Bi-Multilingual early childhood deaf education: cross-context conversation."

In addition, Dr. Soya Mori (Institute of Developing Economics) will give a special lecture titled "A Deaf person's self-advocacy: Life strategies related to Sign Language." This special lecture will be open to those who have not registered to attend the conference.

Other sessions will include the panel, two workshops, research presentations by MHB members, and a special roundtable. For more information, please see the conference outline.

Since MHB has members in many parts of the world, we will try to make it possible for as many people as possible to participate. We will also do our best to guarantee information for all participants. We will announce how to register for general participation at a later date. We look forward to your active participation.

The 2023 MHB Conference Organizing Committee

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**【Outline of the Conference】**

Date: Thursday, August 3, 2023 - Sunday, August 6, 2023, Online

Theme: In Search of Equity in Language Education: Reconsidering Bilingual Deaf Education

## **【Program】**

Thursday, August 3

15:00-18:00 Workshop I [pre-shared recording with Japanese subtitles +live discussions]

Title: Introduction to ethnography: As a research method of everyday language practices

Lecturer: Dr. Makoto Shibayama (Otsuma Women's University)

Friday, August 4

16:00-18:30 Keynote Speech [pre-shared recording with Japanese subtitles + live session with simultaneous translation into Japanese and Japanese Sign Language]

Professor Ruth Swanwick (University of Leeds), Dr. Daniel Fobi, and Mr. Richard Doku, all specialists in deaf education, will deliver the keynote address on the theme, "Bi-Multilingual early childhood deaf education: cross-context conversation."

Saturday, August 5

9:30-12:00 Panel Session [with Japanese Sign Language Interpreting]

Theme: "Language and Identity"

Speakers :

(1) Dr. Mokotuna Kitahara (Hokkaido University)

(2) Dr. Nozomi Tomita (Harvard University)

(3) Dr. Ohri Richa (Chiba University)

10:30 Announcement of the publication of a special issue of the Research Journal from the Society

11:00 General Meeting [with Japanese Sign Language Interpreting]

13:00 Special Lecture [with Japanese Sign Language Interpreting]

Speaker: Dr. Soya Mori (Institute of Developing Economies)

Title: "Self-Advocacy of the Deaf: Life Strategies related to Sign Language

15:00-17:00 Research presentations by members [with Japanese Sign Language Interpreting in one room]

16:00-17:00 Special Roundtable "Deaf youth discuss Deaf education" [with Japanese Sign Language Interpreting]

August 6 (Sunday)

13:00-15:30 Research presentations by members [with Japanese Sign Language Interpreting in one room]

16:00-18:00

Workshop II

Lecturer: Dr. Naomi Kano (Kokugakuin University)

Title: "Language Teaching Methods Utilizing Multiple Languages - A Practical Session for Developing Literacy

**【How to register】** Wix is used for conference registration. Wix user registration is required in conjunction with conference registration. Registration will be made via the conference site, and details will be provided later.

※ Non-members of the MHB are also welcome to attend the conference, but those who wish to participate in the MHB2023 conference at the general (student) member price must first pay the MHB annual membership fee for the year 2023. If you wish to become a new member, please apply for membership at "Membership Information" <https://mhb.jp/admission> You can register for the cloud service called MiiT+ first, then pay the annual membership fee by credit card there.

※ If you are currently an associate member and wish to change your membership status to a general member, please do the same through MiiT+. Please note that the payment methods for the annual membership fee and conference registration fee are different for MHB members.

※ The MHB Conference Organizing Committee will make every effort to provide the best possible environment for the online conference. However, please note that we cannot guarantee that there will be no problems due to issues such as poor internet connection.

※ Applications to the conference will close when the number of participants reaches the maximum capacity.

#### **【Registration and Participation Fee】**

- Period: Sometime in July
- Pre-registration is required for all events, and no on-site registration is permitted.

• The fees are as follows. The "Special Lecture" is free of charge and does not require conference registration.

#### MHB2023 Conference Registration Fee

General members and student members: 3,000 yen

Associate members and non-members: 4,000 yen

If you need a receipt and certificate of participation issued by the MHB Society, please contact the MHB Society 2023 Conference Organizing Committee.

Please note that we will not accept any payment cancellation for any reason.

### **【Application Guidelines for Research Presentations】**

#### 1. Details of the application

Research related to the research areas of the MHB Society that have not yet been published. It is not limited to this year's research topics.

For the objectives and subject areas of the MHB Society, please refer to the Society's Regulations at <https://mhb.jp/kaisoku>.

#### 2. Language of presentation

Japanese, English, and Japanese Sign Language (however, words in other languages may be included for illustrative purposes).

#### 3. Deadline

Deadline: May 31, 2023 (Wed.) 23:00 (Tokyo time: UTC+9) **Applications are now closed.**

Applications are open only to MHB members (general members and student members) (\*Yearly membership fee for 2023 must have been paid). All co-presenters and the first presenter must be members of the society. Please refer to <https://mhb.jp/admission> for information on how to register as a member of the society and where to pay the annual membership fee.

All co-presenters as well as the first presenter must register for the conference.

One person cannot be the first presenter for more than one presentation.

The time slots for oral presentations cannot be selected.

#### 4. Presentation categories

- (1) Oral presentation (research presentation/practical report)
- (2) Short presentation (research presentation, practice report, demonstration)

#### 5. Presentation format and time

##### (1) Format

Oral presentation: The main focus is on providing information on a coherent body of research and practice reports. For the first 18 minutes, the presenter will give a one-way presentation to the participants using the ZOOM meeting, and this will be followed by 10 minutes of Q&A.

Short presentation: The purpose of short presentations is to deepen the discussion on emerging research, practice reports, teaching materials, etc. in an exchange of ideas. (Please refrain from presenting at the planning stage before data collection.) The first 8 minutes of the presentation will be given by the presenter using a ZOOM meeting in one direction to the participants, followed by a 20-minute exchange of opinions.

##### (2) Presentation time

Oral presentation: 18 minutes for presentation + 10 minutes for Q&A, total 28 minutes

Short presentation: 8 minutes for presentation + 20 minutes for Q&A, total 28 minutes

#### 6. Application Procedures

Please download the following three documents (click to access the documents when you are connected to the Internet).

(1) [2023MHB\\_AppForm](#)

(2) [2023MHB\\_guide](#)

(3) [2023MHB\\_template](#)

Please fill in (1), follow the instructions in (2), prepare your application manuscript using (3), and send (1) and (3) by the specified method. 9.

#### 7. Acceptance/rejection criteria

Oral presentation:

- (1) Whether the theme is appropriate for MHB

(2) Whether the research/practical theme contributes to the advancement of practice and research in mother tongue, heritage language, and bilingual education.

(3) If it is a research presentation, whether it clearly states the motivation for the research, a review of previous research, and the position of the research, and if it is a report of practice, whether it clearly states the significance of the practice, together with the research theme and methods, the results and discussion.

(4) Whether the presentation's content is recognized as unique, original, and significant compared with previous research.

Short presentation:

(1) Whether the theme is appropriate for MHB

(2) Whether the contents of the presentation are unique, original, and significant in comparison with previous studies, practices, and teaching materials

#### 8. Notification of acceptance or rejection

The notification of acceptance will be notified by e-mail by Monday, June 19, 2023.

Contact: The 2023 MHB Conference Organizing Committee [taikai@mhb.jp](mailto:taikai@mhb.jp)