

The 41st National Toilet Symposium 2025

Toilets that are Kind to Everyone

—Exploring Restrooms in Transportation Infrastructure—Railways, Airports, Expressways, and
Roadside Stations (Michi-no-Eki) —

1. Purpose

The toilet environments in transportation infrastructure—such as railways, airports, expressways, and roadside stations (hereinafter referred to as "transportation infrastructure")—have undergone significant improvement in recent years. Efforts have been made to incorporate universal design, consider privacy, enhance security, and address various needs in addition to cleanliness and convenience.

Additionally, there is a growing demand for new perspectives in toilet design and management as the society changes. With increased social participation by women and improved mobility for people with disabilities, older adults, and LGBTQ+ individuals, It becomes essential for toilets in transportation infrastructure to be designed and operated with an understanding of diversity. Designing restrooms that everyone can use with peace of mind is a key element in supporting free mobilization and is directly connected to realizing an inclusive society.

This symposium will focus on the roles of the toilets in the transportation infrastructure and and showcase the latest initiatives. We would like to deepen discussion on "Toilets that are kind to everyone" based on the diverse perspectives. We will explore the challenges and possibilities for a future achievement where everyone can travel comfortably by examining the social impact of improvements to restroom environments.

2. Overview

Date: Monday, November 10, 2025

Venue: Multipurpose Hall, B2 Floor, Japan Society for the Promotion of Machine Industry

※Online streaming is also planned.

Participation Fee: Free / Venue capacity: Max: 240 people

Organizer: Japan Toilet Association (JTA)

The official language of the symposium is Japanese.

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3. Tentative Program

10:00	～	10:30	Open / Registration	
10:30	～	10:40	Opening Remarks	
10:40	～	11:25	◆ Keynote 1	The Evolving Role of Roadside Stations (Michi-no-Eki) – Regional Toilets and Disaster Prevention Hubs in the Third Stage
11:25	～	12:10	◆ Keynote 2	Planning and Operation of Toilets in Transportation Infrastructure
12:10	～	13:00	Break / Lunch	
13:00	～	14:00	◆ Session 1	Why the Toilets in Transportation Infrastructure are so Crowded?
14:00	～	14:45	◆ Session 2	How can We Eliminate Long Queues? Future Toilet Planning
14:45	～	15:05	◆ Session 3	A New Era of Preparedness in Men's Toilets – The Current Situation of the Sanitary Box Installment
15:05	～	15:15	Break / Setup	
15:15	～	15:55	◆ Member Activity Presentations 1 (Individuals / Groups)	
15:55	～	16:25	◆ Member Activity Presentations 2 (Corporations / Organizations)	
16:25	～	16:30	Closing Remarks / Closing	
17:15			◆ Banquet (including announcement of JTA Toilet Award in 2025 results)	

Please note that this symposium will be conducted in Japanese only.