

## **APRIM2026 Fourth Circular: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Asia-Pacific Regional IAU Meeting (APRIM2026)

Hong Kong 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026; <https://aprim2026.org/>



**Advancing global frontier research and cross-regional collaboration in astronomy, astrophysics, and space science - hands across the Asia-Pacific under the IAU**

### **Important APRIM Updates since last circular:**

- 1. We have received >570 abstracts.** *We are working hard to include as many talks as possible over multiple parallel sessions with others as posters.*
  - a. There are 14 plenary and 51 Invited speakers across 9 themes.*
  - b. With IAU and LSR travel grants we are helping 58 young and early career astrophysicists to attend from developing countries in the Asia Pacific*
- 2. Space Sustainability** – this theme has been elevated to a full parallel meeting now endorsed and supported by the International Academy of Astronautics: <https://iaaspace.org/event/space-debris-and-sustainability-conference-2026/> and the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA).
  - a. Topics include: Space Situational Awareness, Space Traffic Management and Debris Remediation Technologies,*
  - b. Foci include: International co-operation and policy and efforts with addressing the serious impacts on optical and radio astronomy*
- 3. Astronomy Public Outreach and Education** – *There is now also a full half-day specialist communication forum event added with the support of the HK Education Bureau and local Astronomical Societies (stay tuned for further details)*
- 4. Radio, mm and sub mm astronomy** – *There is now also a full half-day specialist SKAO event as part of this overall theme*

## Remaining Key Dates for APRIM 2026

- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Deadline for visa assistance requests
- 4-8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Official conference dates
- Registrations will remain open until 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 two weeks before the event: <https://aprim2026.org/registration/> but we will permit on-site registrations.

### **The exciting APRIM Social Program is effectively complete:**

- Welcome reception (drinks, canapes) in the HKCEC on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 6-9pm – this is included in the registration fee
- Conference dinner cruise on Victoria Harbour Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 7-10pm. Tickets \$950HKD/person. This price covers the cruise, live entertainment, buffet dinner and free flow beer, wine, soft drinks for the first 1.5 hours (APRIM themed specially brewed beer can also be purchased on board). See: <https://www.eventbrite.hk/e/aprim-2026-harbour-cruise-and-conference-dinner-invitation-only-tickets-1984521117083>. Only 450 tickets are available so if you do want to go on the dinner cruise please book early – it is an event not to be missed!
- Special conference “World Premiere” classical music concert of a new 10 piece Symphony on the theme of Cosmology composed by HK based award winning composer Shirley Choi. Will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May in the HKU Grand Hall from 7pm. Tickets priced in 3 tiers: \$300, \$340 and \$380 HKD. About 800 tickets will be available and these will also be sold to the general public. So again if you do want to go to this concert we recommend booking early. The weblinks in English and Chinese for this are:  
中文頁面: <https://art-mate.net/tc/doc/93813>  
English Page: <https://art-mate.net/en/doc/93813>
- Also we now have World famous Chinese-American artist Bing Yi being sponsored to create a new ink-art piece on the theme of Cosmology that will be installed in the conference venue. See: <https://www.inkstudio.com.cn/artists/75-bingyi/> She will, for the first time, forgo her career long black-ink style for indigo blue in another World premiere event for APRIM2026 – not to be missed!
- Finally, one of our sponsors Galaxy Scientific Group, is organizing a “once in a lifetime opportunity” for a Tibet sightseeing and Astronomy tour. Please see: <https://www.astro.hk/blogs/title/351/Tibet-Sightseeing-and-Astronomy-Tour> for further details – a rare and exciting adventure.

## APRIM Program highlights and opportunities

- **Distinguished Plenary Speakers:** Plenary sessions will feature six laureates of the Nobel, Shaw and Gruber prizes and other eminent speakers, covering transformative discoveries across multiple disciplines.
- **Forum to Establish Regional Collaborations:** APRIM offers excellent opportunities for delegates to forge partnerships across the Asia-Pacific and to promote scientific exchange and interdisciplinary cooperation.
- **Global Recognition:** Organised under the IAU, APRIM2026 is arguably the largest astronomy conference in the Asia-Pacific.

## **APRIM2026 welcomes participation from a broad spectrum of communities:**

- **Scientists and Researchers:** Share research findings, build collaborations
- **Educators and Outreach Professionals:** Advance public engagement and STEM education
- **Students and Early-Career Scholars:** Connect with leading experts and explore academic pathways
- **Engineers and Technical Experts:** Discover innovations at the intersection of science and technology
- **Policy Makers and Institutional Representatives:** Join critical discussions on space sustainability and science policy.

### **Stay Updated**

Conference updates, session details, and speaker announcements will be published and regularly updated on the official website: <https://aprim2026.org/>. Join us in Hong Kong in May 2026 as we celebrate the frontiers of discovery in astronomy, astrophysics, and space science—and strengthen the bonds of global scientific collaboration.

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