

# Japanese Council of Science Museums

The Japanese Council of Science Museums (JCSM) is a nationwide organization of museums in Japan, was founded in 1971 in order to establish closer mutual communication and cooperation between museums and institutions such as natural history museums, science centers, general museums, zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, planetariums and others, as well as contributing to promote museum activities to the societies.

More than 220 affiliated museums, subscriber members and supporting members participate in activities of JCSM at the present.

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## Annual fees or actual expenditure equivalent Subscriber member fees and Supporting member fees

Regular members	Museums of trustees, National Museums, Museums or/and educational facilities of prefectural government; city governments; government-decreed city	At 20,000 yen above
	Other museums, institutions and educational facilities	10,000 yen
Subscriber members		4,000 yen
Supporting members		At 50,000 yen above

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## Benefits to Affiliated Members

JCSM provides a variety of learning sessions and information services to the affiliates who are involved in the management of museums.

Please join to the membership for making your museum even more attractive.



General meeting



Study Tour at leading overseas science museums



Presentation on research  
at international advanced science museums

## Promoting Networking among Museums

### 1. General meetings (June, February)

Report the project master plan and the annual budget, and holding a lecture on high interest topic to museum workers.

### 2. Annual symposium (February)

Having a discussion on common issues in the museums and presenting results or products of museum activities.

### 3. Tours of recent museum exhibits

Conducting a back-yard tour to newly-opened institutions or renovated permanent exhibits in the museums in conjunction with the annual symposium and general meeting.

## Providing Training Courses

### 1. Curator training course (November)

Co-host of JCSM and National Museum of Nature and Science (NMNS), provide courses approx. 4days for collection and preserve specimens, research, exhibit, and educational program.

### 2. JCSM study tour (January)

JCSM has sent official delegations to the leading science museums and facilities in foreign countries in order to research on operation, exhibition and educational program. (approx. 10 days)

### 3. Research at international advanced science museums

Select few curators by educational carrier or research papers, and send them to museums and educational facilities in Euro-American nations.

## Provide Latest Information

### 1. Publish "JCSM News"

(in odd months/6 times per year)

Articles feature on museum operation, exhibition, education, maintain materials/specimens and research. Report on updated overseas museums information; Announcement of special exhibitions; Information on renovated exhibits/museums.

### 2. Official website of JCSM

Posts various contents and necessary information are available on the website as well such as announcement from the secretariat, detailed information on public invitations, reports on training projects, discussions and case presentations from research symposiums. Past JCSM News are also available.

### 3. Utilize email list

This is a sort of closed social community in JCSM among called upon like-minded members using their email addresses for data gathering or having discussion on specific topics.

## Full-scale Support for Museum Activities

Supporting to conduct or coordinate a traveling exhibition or other special exhibitions which are produced by National Museum of Nature and Science or other institutions to enrich the museum activities/programs. The museums should be paid for the shipping fee and shipping insurance but the rental cost for its exhibition is free of charge.



"Japan's Biodiversity and How to  
Preserve It - Living in the Midst of  
a Balance o Living Things"



"Japanese Scientists as Nobel Laureates"

