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Announcement of the 30th Small powertrains and Energy systems Technology Conference (SETC2026)

Dear all:

It is our pleasure to announce that Society of Automotive Engineers of Japan, Inc. (JSAE) will host the 30th Small powertrains and Energy systems Technology Conference (SETC2026), which will be held in October 2026 at Kyoto International Exhibition Hall “MIYAKO MESSE” in Kyoto, Japan.

SETC is the only conference that focuses on technology for small power sources used in motorcycles, agricultural machinery, generators, outboard motors, unmanned vehicles, and similar applications, as well as the components used in these systems—excluding automobiles, large aircraft, large vessels, and locomotives.

Since the inaugural conference was held in Milwaukee, USA, in 1989, SETC has taken place in various regions around the world, hosted by SAE International and JSAE alternatively. The 30th commemorative conference will be held in Kyoto in 2026.

The History of SETC

<u>Year</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Hosted-by</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Hosted-by</u>
2005	Bangkok	Thailand	JSAE	2014	Pisa	Italy	SAE
2006	San-Antonio	USA	SAE	2015	Osaka	Japan	JSAE
2007	Niigata	Japan	JSAE	2016	Charleston	USA	SAE
2008	Milwaukee	USA	SAE	2017	Jakarta	Indonesia	JSAE
2009	Penang	Malaysia	JSAE	2018	Duesseldorf	Germany	SAE
2010	Linz	Austria	SAE	2019	Hiroshima	Japan	JSAE
2011	Sapporo	Japan	JSAE	2022	Himeji	Japan	JSAE
2012	Madison	USA	SAE	2023	Minneapolis	USA	SAE
2013	Taipei	Taiwan	JSAE	2024	Bangkok	Thailand	JSAE
				2025*	Florence	Italy	SAE

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The area of concern covers a wide range of technological fields, including internal combustion engines and electric motors, materials, measurements, simulations, engine controls, fuels, lubricants, and parts and components (such as vehicle bodies, suspensions, transmissions, and electrical and electronic components), as well as safety, vehicle dynamics, driving performance, and environmental impact—provided that these topics are closely related to small powertrain and energy system technologies. Over 300 engineers and researchers from industry, academia, and research institutes in more than 20 countries around the world will gather at the conference.

In addition to technical paper presentations, the program encompasses a comprehensive array of activities, including technical visits to prominent local production and research facilities, plenary sessions featuring distinguished speakers and panel discussions on timely and inspiring topics, technical exhibitions hosted by leading companies, and poster sessions conducted by university researchers. Collectively, these events serve as a platform for meaningful engagement and the exchange of knowledge among participants from diverse regions, sectors, and academic disciplines.

The SETC2026 Steering Committee sincerely seeks your continued understanding, support, and collaboration in making the Kyoto conference a remarkable and successful gathering.

Yours sincerely,

Yuji Marui, Honda Motor Co., LTD.

Chairman of the SETC2026 Steering Committee

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The 30th Small powertrains and Energy systems Technology Conference

Period from October 27, Tuesday to October 29, Thursday, 2026

Venue Miyako Messe Convention Center

Tentative Program

October 26	Technical Visits and Pre-registration
October 27	Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speech, Technical Session, Exhibition and Welcome Reception
October 28	Plenary Session, Technical Session, Exhibition and Banquet
October 29	Technical Session, Exhibition and Closing Ceremony

Organized by Society of Automotive Engineers of Japan, Inc. (JSAE)

Co-organized by SAE International

Supported by Japan Land Engine Manufacturers Association (LEMA)

Committees SETC2026 Steering Committee / JSAE

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