

## Press Release: For Immediate Release

# Tokyo to Host the World Confederation for Physical Therapy General Meeting and Congress in 2023

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The Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau (TCVB) is delighted to announce that Tokyo has placed the winning bid to host the World Confederation for Physical Therapy General Meeting and Congress in 2023\* at the Tokyo International Forum on May 30 - June 4, 2023.

The WCPT Congress in 2023 is expected to be one of WCPT's largest with over 6,000 delegates from over 120 countries, as the Japanese Physical Therapy Association (JPTA) is currently WCPT's largest member organisation. As part of the congress a range of events will be planned to maximise participation from physical therapists in Japan and the global physical therapy community.

The WCPT Executive Board was impressed by the commitment and preparation shown by JPTA in its congress bid as well as the opportunities presented by Tokyo. JPTA has strong backing from other member organisations in the region. At the WCPT General Meeting held in Geneva on 9 May 2019, WCPT President Emma Stokes said "JPTA is very committed to making the congress a great success and we are looking forward to working with the Japanese physical therapy community to deliver another exciting global event".

### \*About World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT)

Founded in 1951, the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) is the sole international voice for physical therapy, representing more than 450,000 physical therapists worldwide through its 121 member organisations. The WCPT operates as a non-profit organization and is registered as a charity in the UK.

WCPT believes every individual is entitled to the highest possible standard of culturally appropriate healthcare delivered in an atmosphere of trust and respect for human dignity, underpinned by sound clinical reasoning and scientific evidence.

### \*About Japanese Physical Therapy Association (JPTA)

Japanese Physical Therapy Association (JPTA) was founded on July 17, 1966, by 110 licensed physical therapists with the aim of enhancing medical care, insurance system and the social welfare system of Japan and improving the working environment around physical therapists. It was approved as an official association by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in January 1972 and became a member of WCPT in 1974. In 1990, it was recognized by the Science Council of Japan as an academic research organization.

### About the Business Events Team at the Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Business Events Team at the Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau (TCVB) serves as a one-stop shop for meeting/event planners and organizers seeking for assistance in successfully bidding to host international business events in Tokyo - the 5th ranked convention city in the world according to the UIA International Meetings Statistics Report.

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