Schedule

Day 1 September 17, 2026

Welcome Reception

❖Venue: Hotel Springs Makuhari ❖Language: English (No Interpretation)

Time	Program
18:15-20:00	Master of Ceremony: Prof. Emi Nishina, Director of the Library, OUJ Greetings by Prof. Masaya Iwanaga, President of OUJ Prof. Jongoh Kim, President of KNOU

Day 2 September 18, 2026

Seminar

Back to the Roots: Universality and Cultural Specificity of Distance Education

❖Venue: AV Hall in the OUJ Library ❖Language: English

MC: Prof. Kumiko Aoki, OUJ

Time	Program
10:00-10:20	**Opening Ceremony** Opening Remarks by Prof. Masaya Iwanaga, President of OUJ Prof. Jongoh Kim, President of KNOU
10:20-11:40	**Session 1 Sub-Theme: The Significance of Interaction in Learning** Session Chair: Prof. Yumiko Nara, OUJ **Remote Education of Historical Research Skills — Practice and Possibilities** Presenter: Assoc. Prof. Akira Konita, OUJ **Educational Interaction in Early Childhood and Higher Education** Presenter: Prof. Jooyeon Ryu, KNOU
11:40-13:40	**Lunch**
13:40-15:00	**Session 2 Sub-Theme: Pedagogical Traditions and Innovations** Session Chair: Prof. Kei Iida, OUJ **Preserving Tradition, Augmenting Instruction: Two AI-Scaffolded Assessment Designs at Korea National Open University** Presenter: Prof. Namhyung Lee, KNOU **Is a Virtual Geological Excursion Merely an Alternative to an On-site Excursion, or Can It Go Beyond?** Presenter: Prof. Soichi Omori, OUJ
15:00-15:20	**Break**
15:20-15:50	**Discussion** Moderator: Prof. Kumiko Aoki, OUJ
15:50-16:00	**Closing Ceremony** Closing Remarks by Mr. Michiyasu Takahashi, Chairperson of OUJ Foundation