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Opening Ceremony: Welcome to MoodleMoot Japan 2026

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It's with immense pleasure and a sense of genuine excitement that I welcome you to MoodleMoot JAPAN 2026, in the beautiful city of Shizuoka.

This year's theme, "Moodle: Supporting all domains: STEM, Medicine, Languages and Beyond," reflects a challenge and an opportunity. While, as a language teacher myself, it is fantastic to see the impressive work language educators have done with Moodle, I also yearn to broaden our vision. I want to see us collectively unlock Moodle's full potential –envisioning its application across all disciplines, from the fields of science, technology, education, and mathematics (STEM) to the arts and humanities. This isn't just about using Moodle; it's about reimagining what's possible in education.

For teachers of STEM subjects, we have two keynote addresses that will focus on Mathematics, and specifically the STACK question type for Moodle. Prof. Chris Sangwin of the University of Edinburgh, the original creator of the STACK question type will be joining us. Also, Dr. Yasuyuki Nakamura of Nagoya University, who is a well-known proponent and researcher of the STACK. So, as you can see, this year's program is headlined with some strong offerings for mathematics.

Additionally, we live in a time of unprecedented change. Though this has been true for most of my life, the rapid advancement of AI has certainly accelerated this change much, much more. As such, we need to share our knowledge and find our way forward together. There isn't a single all-knowing authority to guide us, which means we must rely on our collective intelligence and experience. To cultivate this collaborative spirit, we're reintroducing poster presentations - a direct invitation to share your insights concisely and ignite meaningful conversations. And, inspired by the innovative approach of Defcon, we're launching "Villages" – dedicated spaces for focused discussion and the generation of new ideas; no presenter, no "sage-on-the-stage" just people coming together to discuss a topic and share their perspectives. I'm particularly excited to see what directions these Villages will take us in!

My hope for MoodleMoot JAPAN 2026 is that it becomes more than just a conference; I want it to be a catalyst for innovation, a place where connections are forged and new pathways are revealed. Your active participation –your insights, your questions, your enthusiasm –is essential to making that happen. I encourage you to engage fully, challenge assumptions, and share your unique perspective.

Let's work together to improve the future of learning in Japan with Moodle. I am looking forward to the conversations, the discoveries, and the inspiration we will all experience together in Shizuoka.

Adam Jenkins

Conference Chair, MoodleMoot JAPAN 2026

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