

International Workshop on Muslim-Friendly Tourism and Digital Transformation

Date and Time: Sunday, June 7, 2026, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Format: Hybrid event at Ritsumeikan University OIC (TBD) and via Zoom

Organizers: Research Center for Gastronomic Arts and Sciences, and Asia-Japan Research Institute, Ritsumeikan University

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To promote the development of the foodservice industry—one that meets the needs of people with diverse dietary preferences and practices, including Muslims with varying interpretations of halal, as well as vegetarians and vegans—we are developing a comprehensive system for exchanging food and dining information via smartphone apps and other platforms. We will engage in preliminary discussions to lay the groundwork for building an international platform where food business operators can provide information, customers who visit restaurants can share reviews, and social media users acting as volunteers can bridge the information gap between businesses and consumers, thereby fostering a virtual community built on mutual trust.

Part 1: Keynote Speeches 2:00pm. – 3:40pm.

· Dr. ARATA Mariko (Professor, College of Gastronomy Management, Ritsumeikan University) & Mutiara Fakriyah (Graduate of the Master's Program, Graduate School of Gastronomy Management, Ritsumeikan University)

“What is “Muslim-Friendly” ? How to overcome issues related to Halal food in restaurants in non-Islamic countries”

· Dr. Anat Denyinghot (Deputy Director of the Halal Science Institute at Chulalongkorn University)

“Halal Science and Digital Innovation for Building Trust in Muslim-Friendly Tourism: Thailand’ s Experience Challenges”

· Mr. Nur Wahid (Director of Professional Certification Body of Indonesian Council of Ulama (LSP MUI), Commissioner of Indonesia Halal Training and Education Centre (IHATEC)

“Muslim Friendly Tourism How to Provide Services for Muslim Travelers”

Part 2 : Discussion 4:00pm~5:00pm

★If you would like to get an invitation to this workshop, please send an e-mail titled “Muslim-friendly workshop on 7th June” to the organizer: Arata Marikomarl7140@fc.ritsumei.ac.jp
Please specify your identity and why you are interested.