

Note for SCESAP-AMBL field course participants:

1. Make sure to send us your CV with accurate personal information that appears on your passport, so that we can prepare and send you official documents that are needed for your visa application and entry into Japan. Do this in well advance of the course.
2. We recommend you to obtain an international travel insurance to cover the whole period of your travel and stay in Japan, as unexpected incidents do occur and emergency medical costs can be very expensive without an adequate insurance cover.
3. During the course, accommodation (shared, sexes separate) and meals will be provided at the AMBL dormitory. (If you have special requirements, please let us know; we'll try our best to cater to your needs).
4. Aim to arrive at the AMBL before 16:00 on the day the course starts, unless otherwise instructed by the staff. Participants are advised to look at the travel information provided on the AMBL website (<http://ambl-ku.jp/>; see Amakusa symposium 2012 legacy info). Participants from outside Japan may arrive one day before the course starts, if convenient (accommodation is available at the dormitory). Travelling from Fukuoka to Amakusa via Nagasaki is discouraged, as there is a high chance of boat cancellation due to unfavourable sea conditions.
5. Plan your return flight from Fukuoka at least one day after the course ends, as it may take well over 5h to travel from AMBL to Fukuoka.
6. Course fees (in JPY) will be collected by the staff on your arrival.
7. Important things to bring with you: laptop PC (with English dictionary) for data analysis and presentation; swimwear (summer); footwear suitable for working on slippery shores; hat for protection of your face/head; towels and toiletries. Although a PC for communal use is available at the lab, it is highly recommended that you bring your own laptop. A digital camera (preferably water-proof) will be very useful during the course. Diving equipment is available from the AMBL, but numbers/sizes are limited (for summer only).
8. In the summer field course, students are expected to make a presentation of their current/past research/project work in English (this does not apply to the spring course). Please make sure to prepare your material in English, including figures and tables. Note that you have multiple nationalities in your audience!
9. Details of course schedule will be handed out on the first day of the course.