KOIAS and the International Ambiances Network: Partnership Signing

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During the inaugural conference of the Society for Atmospheric Studies (SOFAS), held in Kobe in September 2026, the Kobe Institute for Atmospheric Studies (KOIAS) formalised a partnership with the International Ambiances Network. The signing ceremony took place at the ANA Crowne Plaza Kobe, following the founding of SOFAS.

The International Ambiances Network brings together researchers and practitioners working across architecture, urban studies, design, the social sciences, and the humanities to investigate the sensory and experiential qualities of environments. Its participation in the inaugural SOFAS conference provided an opportunity to introduce the network's activities and to explore connections between research on ambiances and the developing field of Atmospheric Studies.

The agreement was signed by Prof. Yuho Hisayama, Director of KOIAS, together with Damien Masson and Nicolas Remy, Co-Directors of the International Ambiances Network. The ceremony marked a significant step in strengthening international dialogue and institutional cooperation between established research communities concerned with atmospheres, ambiances, and lived experience.

Taking place in conjunction with the establishment of SOFAS, the partnership reflects KOIAS's commitment to building sustained international connections and fostering interdisciplinary exchange in Atmospheric Studies.



Representatives of KOIAS and the International Ambiances Network with the signed agreements.



Signing of the partnership agreement during the inaugural SOFAS conference.

