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New Perspectives on Exotic and Heavy Hadrons

25–28 August 2026

60th Anniversary Hall, Inha University, Incheon, Korea

Welcome

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to welcome you to the workshop "New Perspectives on Exotic and Heavy Hadrons", to be held from 25 to 28 August 2026 at the 60th Anniversary Hall of Inha University, Incheon, Korea.

Since the observation of the tetraquark state X by the Belle Collaboration and of the heavy pentaquark states P_c by the LHCb Collaboration, more than seventy new heavy hadrons have been reported, many of them exotic. The null result of the GlueX experiment on P_c in J/ψ photoproduction, together with the ongoing pion-beam programme at J-PARC and upcoming results from the LHC, BESIII, and Belle & Belle II, makes this an opportune moment to discuss the prospects of the field. The workshop brings together experimentalists and theorists, with particular emphasis on the participation of young scientists.

The scientific programme covers hadron spectroscopy, hadron–hadron interactions and reactions, hadron structure, QCD and QCD-inspired approaches, exotic nuclei and multiquark systems, and future experimental programmes and facilities.

Programme

The programme comprises 51 contributed talks of 25 minutes each (including discussion), organized in 13 sessions over four days. The full timetable is available on the workshop website and will be updated there without further notice — please check it shortly before the workshop: <https://n-ext.inha.ac.kr/event/899/>

Sessions begin at 13:15 on Tuesday 25 August (after registration and the opening) and at 09:00 on each following day. The workshop closes at approximately 15:55 on Friday 28 August. Please take this into account when arranging your travel.

Information for Speakers

- Each talk is allocated 25 minutes in total; we suggest about 20 minutes of presentation and 5 minutes of discussion. Please keep to your time so that the sessions run as scheduled.
- Please check your session and time slot on the workshop website in advance.
- Presentations will be given from the conference PC. Please bring your slides in PDF or PowerPoint format on a USB drive and hand them to the staff at the registration desk no later than the break preceding your session.
- Personal laptops may also be connected to the projector via HDMI. For laptops without an HDMI port, a USB-C/Thunderbolt-to-HDMI adaptor will be available.

Registration and Check-in

There is no registration fee for this workshop.

Registration opens at 12:00 on Tuesday 25 August in the lobby of the 60th Anniversary Hall and remains open at the registration desk throughout the workshop. Name badges and workshop materials will be distributed there.

Venue

Address: 60th Anniversary Hall, Inha University, 100 Inha-ro, Michuhol-gu, Incheon 22212, Korea

Session room: Room 106, 1st floor

Registration desk: Lobby of the 60th Anniversary Hall; open from 12:00 on 25 August and each morning from 08:30 thereafter.

Organizing office: Building 5, Room 5E367 (east side of Building 5)

Wi-Fi: exotic2026 (password: exotic2026!)

Emergency contact: +82 10-6674-4887

Access and Transportation

Inha University is located in Michuhol-gu, Incheon, about 30 km from Incheon International Airport (ICN).

From Incheon International Airport:

- By taxi: go to taxi stop No. 20 after clearing customs. The fare is approximately KRW 50,000 and the journey takes less than one hour. This is the simplest option on arrival with luggage.
- By metro: take the AREX towards Seoul Station, transfer to the Incheon Subway Line at Gyeyang Station, transfer to the Suin Line at Woninjae Station, and get off at Inha Univ. Station. Take exit 5; the university is on your left.
- By metro and bus/taxi: take the AREX to Gyeyang Station, transfer to the Incheon Subway Line to Bupyeong Station, transfer to Seoul Metro Line 1 to Juan Station, leave by exit 2, and take bus No. 511 or a taxi to the campus.

To return to the airport, follow the same routes in reverse.

Route diagrams and a campus map showing the walking route to the 60th Anniversary Hall from Inha Univ. Station and from the Inhadaehakmun bus stop are available on the venue page: <https://n-ext.inha.ac.kr/event/899/page/56-venue>

Accommodation

Participants are asked to arrange their own accommodation. A list of recommended hotels near the campus — in Dongincheon, near Juan Station, in Songdo, and near Soraepogu Station — with indicative nightly rates and booking links is available on the workshop website: <https://n-ext.inha.ac.kr/event/899/page/57-accommodation>

As no rooms have been blocked for the workshop, we recommend booking early.

A separate sheet with the Korean address of each recommended hotel is attached; you may show it to a taxi driver on arrival.

Meals

Boxed lunches will be provided at the workshop venue on 26, 27, and 28 August, at the times shown in the programme. Coffee breaks will be served in the same location. No lunch is arranged for 25 August, as the sessions begin in the afternoon.

Participants requiring halal or other special meals are asked to inform the organizers in advance so that we can arrange them.

Banquet and Social Programme

Welcome reception and dinner: 25 August 2026, 18:30 — Gyeongbokgung Songdo (경복궁 송도본점), 120 Cheongnyang-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

Dinner: 26 August 2026, 18:30 — 260 Do Songdo Yuwonji (260 도 송도유원지점), 581-4 Ongnyeondong, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

Workshop banquet: 27 August 2026, 18:30 — Junghwaru (중화루), 12 Hongyemun-ro, Jemulpo-gu, Incheon

All participants are invited to the welcome reception, the dinner, and the banquet at no cost. Please inform the organizers in advance of any dietary requirements.

All three venues are off campus, roughly 20–30 minutes away by taxi. Details on how to get there will be announced at the workshop.

Weather and Practical Notes

Late August in Incheon is warm and humid, with daytime temperatures typically around 28–30 °C and occasional rain. The session room is air-conditioned, so a light jacket may be useful indoors. Current forecasts are available from the Korea Meteorological Administration (<https://www.kma.go.kr/neng/>).

Visa and Invitation Letters

Most attendees from visa-waiver countries (e.g. the United States, EU member states, Japan, and Singapore) may enter the Republic of Korea visa-free for academic visits of up to 90 days. Participants from other countries (e.g. China, Russia, Vietnam) may need to apply for a C-3 Short-Term Visit visa; please check your requirements at <https://www.visa.go.kr> and select "Short Term Visit" as the purpose of your visit.

Participants who still require an official invitation letter should contact the organizers as soon as possible.

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We look forward to welcoming you in Incheon.