

9th IEEE-RAS International Conference on Soft Robotics

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Human-centered Soft Robotics for Social Challenges

The IEEE-RAS International Conference on Soft Robotics (**RoboSoft 2026**), will be held in Kanazawa, Japan, in the spring of 2026. Known as the “City of Gold,” **Kanazawa** is celebrated for its rich cultural heritage, stunning landscapes, and world-renowned craftsmanship—an inspiring setting for the cutting-edge field of soft robotics.

We look forward to bringing together leading researchers, engineers, and practitioners from around the globe to share the latest breakthroughs, innovations, and future directions of our rapidly evolving discipline.



Important dates (to be updated)

- Submission of Contributed Papers: **October 15th, 2025**
- Submission of Workshop proposal: **October 31st, 2025**
- Notification of Workshop acceptance: **December 20th, 2025**
- Notification of Paper Acceptance: **January 15th, 2026**
- Submission of Late Breaking Result: **February 15th, 2026**

Main venue

- **Traditional Music Hall (TMH) at Ishikawa Ongakudo**



Social events

- Welcome Party: will take place at **Kanazawa Castle Park**
- Banquet: is planned to be held at **ANA Crowne Plaza Kanazawa**
- Farewell Party: is planned to be held at **Tsuji Family Garden**
- Traditional Crafts Workshop tour: e.g. **Kaga Fly Fishing Lures, Kaga Temari**



Kanazawa Castle Park



Tsuji Family Garden



Kaga Fly Fishing Lures



Kaga Temari (a folk-art handball)

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