



Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, & Technology (MEXT) & U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Annual Meeting

Wednesday & Thursday, September 23-24, 2026

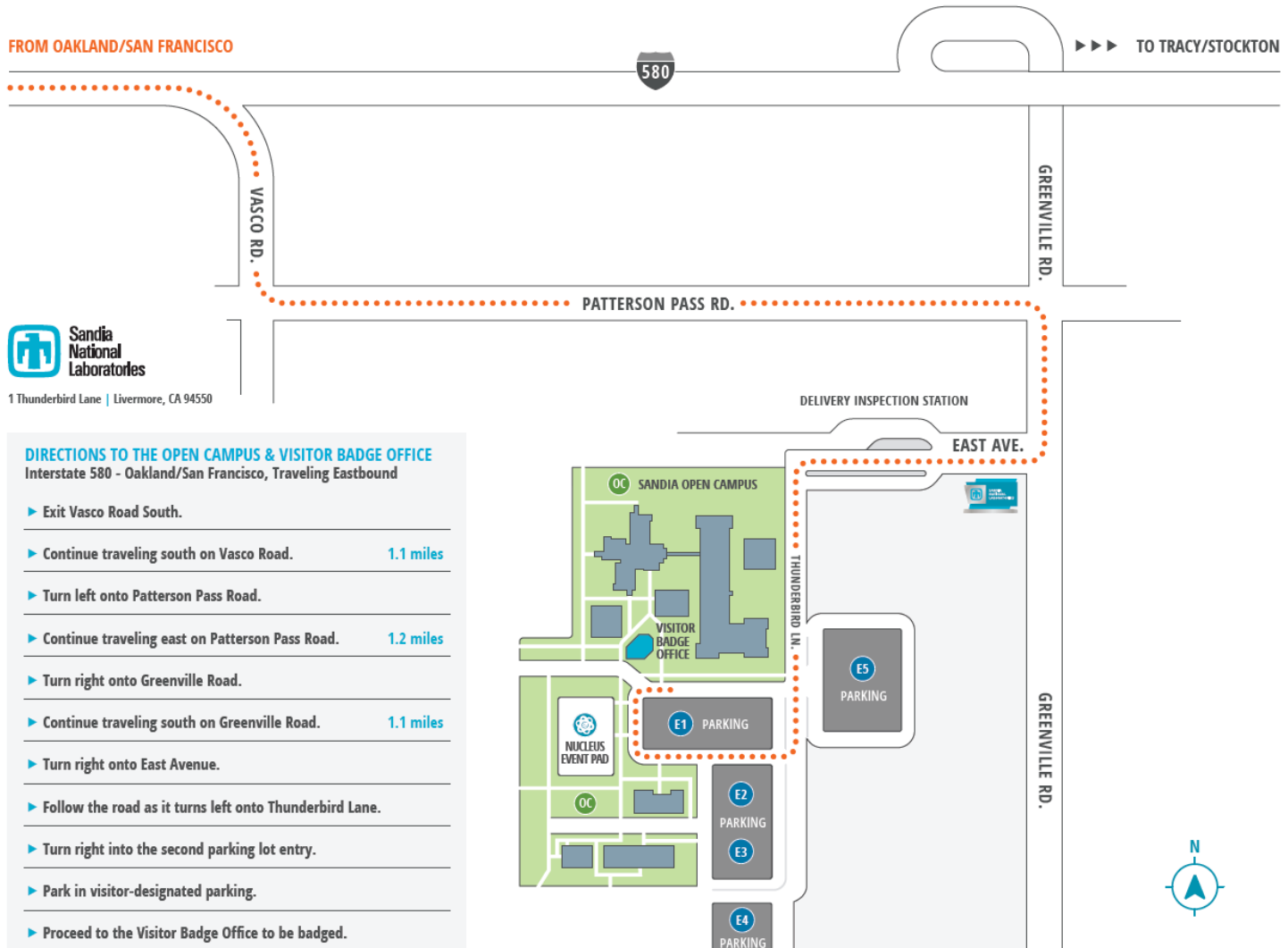
Meeting Attire: Business Casual

Purpose of the Visit: Sandia National Laboratories' CA campus is hosting this year's meeting for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, & Technology (MEXT) to facilitate joint research & development projects, personnel exchanges, and shared access to facilities.

Security Notice: Sandia has restrictions on where electronic devices, such as phones, laptops and their associated media are allowed. More information on these devices and where they are allowed will be provided by your host. Tobacco products are prohibited at all Sandia locations, including e-cigarettes, cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco/snuff.

SANDIA VISITOR GUIDANCE AND PLANNING PREPARATION

Map & Directions

**Please ensure you bring photo identification:**

Non-US citizens: Passport and any appropriate supplementary documentation.

US citizens without HSPD-12s: Unexpired physical REAL ID compliant identification will be required for badge issuance.

Please retain your badge overnight, ensuring it is in your possession upon arrival on Thursday, 09/24.

All badges will be collected upon Thursday's event conclusion.

Rental vehicles and Rideshares are both good options for arrival to/pickup from parking lot E1.

For Rideshares the GPS address is 1 Thunderbird Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, (accessing campus from Greenville Rd).

Photo Opportunity and Usage:

During your visit photos may be taken and images captured that could be used on Sandia National Laboratories' social media platforms, news articles, other official publication, and communications. If you would like to opt out and prohibit your images from being published or shared, please advise Dan Brandt @ djbran@sandia.gov or (505) 525-5451.

**Wednesday, September 23, 2026****Sandia California Visitor Badge Office***1 Thunderbird Lane, Livermore, CA 94550*

7:00a Meet Visitors for Sandia Badging Dan Brandt
Senior Executive Protocol Officer (505) 525-5451
 Erika Tsang
Executive Protocol & Strategic Engagements

Building 904, Courtyard

8:00 Event Name Tags & Light Breakfast.....Erika Tsang
Executive Protocol & Strategic Engagements

Building 904, Auditorium

Attendees: MEXT & DOE Visitors, Hal Finkel, Thuc Hoang, Kiyoshi Kurihara, Satoshi Matsuoka, Takashi Shimokawabe, David Richards, Ron Brightwell, Robin Blume-Kohout, participating Sandians, Dan Brandt, Erika Tsang

9:00 Security & Meeting Logistics Ron Brightwell
Manager, Scalable System Software
 David Richards
Scientist, Center for Applied Scientific Computing, LLNL

9:10 Welcome to Sandia Ron Brightwell
Manager, Scalable System Software

9:20 Program UpdatesHal Finkel
Associate Director for Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy
 Thuc Hoang
Deputy Assistant Deputy Administrator, Advanced Simulation & Computing, NNSA, U.S. Department of Energy
 Satoshi Matsuoka
Director, RIKEN Center for Computational Science, Japan
 Kiyoshi Kurihara
Director, Office for the Promotion of Computing Science, Research Promotion Bureau, MEXT, Japan

9:50 Break

10:20 Keynote Talk* Robin Blume-Kohout
Co-Director, Sandia's Quantum Performance Lab

**The State of the Unitary: Today's and Tomorrow's Quantum Computers*

**Wednesday, September 23, 2026****Building 904, Auditorium**

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11:20 Genesis Program Update Hal Finkel
 Associate Director for Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy
 Rick Stevens
 Associate Laboratory Director for Computing, Environment, & Life Sciences (CELS) Directorate, ANL

11:50 Project Highlight* Takashi Shimokawabe
 University of Tokyo
 **Porting NICAM, a Large-Scale Atmospheric Model Written in Fortran, to Kokkos Using an AI Coding Agent*

Building 904, Courtyard

12:10p Lunch
 **Photo Opportunity*

Buildings 903, 904, 905 Conference Rooms

Attendees: MEXT & DOE Visitors, participating Sandians

1:30 Working Group Session #1
 **Working Group attendees/locations are dynamic in real time*

3:00 Break

3:30 Working Group Session #2

5:00 Depart for Dinner Rental & Personal Vehicles, Rideshares

Terra Mia Ristorante Italiano

4040 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550
 (925) 456-3333

6:00 Banquet
 **Business Casual*

Thursday, September 24, 2026**Building 904, Courtyard**

8:00a Light Breakfast

Building 904, Auditorium*Attendees: MEXT & DOE Visitors, David Richards, Jackie Chen, participating Sandians, Dan Brandt*

9:00 Invited Talk* Jackie Chen
Distinguished Science Sandia Fellow
**High-Performance Computing, Experiments, and AI Elucidating Chemical Physics & Engine Combustion*

Buildings 903, 904, 905, Conference Rooms*Attendees: MEXT & DOE Visitors, participating Sandians*

9:45 Working Group Session #3
**Working Group attendees/locations are dynamic in real time*

10:30 Break

Building 904, Auditorium*Attendees: MEXT & DOE Visitors, participating Sandians*

11:00 Working Group Outbriefs
**4 @ 15 minutes*

Building 904, Courtyard

12:00p Lunch

Building 904, Auditorium*Attendees: MEXT & DOE Visitors, David Richards, Ron Brightwell, participating Sandians,*

1:30 Working Group Outbriefs
**7 @ 15 minutes*

3:15 Break

3:45 Meeting Wrap Up Ron Brightwell
Manager, Scalable System Software
 David Richards
Scientist, Center for Applied Scientific Computing, LLNL

4:15 Adjourn