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Congress Information

9TH ASIA-PACIFIC CONGRESS ON DEAFNESS

40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE JAPANESE DEAF EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Date	Monday, October 9 - Thursday, October 12, 2006
Venue	Tokyo Area: Bunkyo Civic Hall and Chinzan-so, Tokyo 10-8 Sekiguchi 2-chome Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, 112-8667, Japan Ichikawa Area: School for the Deaf, University of Tsukuba 2-2-1 Konodai Ichikawa City, Chiba, 272-8560, Japan Tsukuba Area: Tsukuba University of Technology 4-3-15 Amakubo Tsukuba City, Ibaraki, 305-8520, Japan
Official Languages	English and Japanese
Homepage	http://www.apcd-2006.com/

Greetings



President of the 9th Asia-Pacific Congress on Deafness

Ms. Akiko Santo

Member of the House of Councilors

(President of the Education and Welfare Association for Deaf People)

In Japan, education for the hearing impaired started more than 130 years ago. In accordance with changes in the times, the view on handicaps and the educational philosophy have also changed in various ways. However, it is necessary to hand down to the next generation the immutable part as the base of the expertise in education for the hearing impaired that was inherited from the previous generation during a long history.

It is also important now to focus on development of new educational devices and approaches according to progress of scientific technology and improvement of educational environments. In addition, they must be shared by many people regardless of their races or age.

We hope that many people will visit Japan from many nations in the Asia-Pacific region under the theme of this congress, “Inheritance, Innovation, and Sharing” of the Expertise in Education for the Hearing Impaired. We sincerely expect that the visitors will exchange their educational information and present their research for reconfirmation of this orientation.

Inheritance, Innovation, and Sharing of the Expertise in Education for the Hearing Impaired



Chairperson of the Executive Committee for the Session of the APCD
Naoki Ohnuma, Ph. D.
(President, Tsukuba University of Technology)

In Japan, there is an educational system under which children with hearing difficulties are allowed to learn at ordinary educational institutions from kindergartens to universities. In addition to this, there are about 100 deaf schools for children with relatively serious hearing difficulties (severe-to-profound), as well as one national university for the hearing impaired. The feature of these educational institutions for the hearing impaired is the special education program, which is arranged continuously over 22 years, starting with very young babies and ending with university education.

The Japanese Association of Educational Research for the Deaf is composed of 5,200 teachers involved in the education over 22 years. The national convention has been held annually for the Association by the deaf schools throughout Japan by turn. This research convention will commemorate the 40th anniversary in 2006. The convention focuses on open research lessons in the classrooms and discussion of researched teaching methods rather than presentation of scholarly research at the academic conference. Its tradition, which is largely educationally practical, has been inherited over a long time.

The executive committee of the APCD has determined that the APCD session held first in Japan should be jointly organized with the 40th Convention for the Japanese Association of Educational Research for the Deaf. This is because we, the members of the committee, hope that you will discuss the solutions of the issues related to development of people with hearing difficulties in the Asia-Pacific region and in the world through observation of classroom lessons at Japanese deaf schools, and reports on educational practices by Japanese teachers.

To promote the growth and social independence of children with hearing difficulties, expertise is particularly required from the persons involved. Not only in Japan but also in the nations of the Asia-Pacific region, the contents, methods, skills, knowledge and other elements of the education for the hearing impaired, which has been established based on the practices by the forerunners, are not smoothly handed down to the next generation. It is indispensable to “hand down” expertise in the education for the hearing impaired. In addition, under the recent scientific progress and social changes, “innovation” towards creation of new environments for the education of the hearing impaired, such as cochlear implants, information guarantee by making full use of IT, and the role of the sign language. And finally, it is most important for us, experts in the Asia-Pacific region, to properly “share” the educational assets inherited and innovated in each nation with mutual understanding of the differences in the conditions of our nations and our cultures.

We have prepared two venues in the center of Tokyo: the site for the plenary session, where you can touch a modern city developed science-technologically (“Bunkyo Civic Hall”), and the site for sectional meetings, where you can take a walk in a traditionally beautiful Japanese garden (“Chinzan-so”).

We are sincerely looking forward to seeing you in Japan at the APCD 2006.

Organizers

The 9th Asia – Pacific Congress on Deafness Organizing Committee

Japanese Association of Educational Research for the Deaf

- School for the Deaf, University of Tsukuba
- Tsukuba University of Technology
- University of Tsukuba
- Japanese Association of Educational Research for the Deaf
- All Japan Association of Deaf School Principals
- All Japan Association of Deaf School Vice Principals
- Japan PTA School for the Deaf
- The National Institute of Special Education
- Education and Welfare Association for Deaf People
- All Japan Association of Parents of the Deaf
- All Japan Association of Deaf School Principals who went retirement
- Association of Educational Research for the Deaf
- Teachers Conference of Specific class for Speech and Hearing Handicapped Children

Organizing Committee

President	Ms. Akiko Santo (President of Education and Welfare Association for Deaf People; Member of the House of Councilors)
Vice President	Mr. Yoshikazu Akiya (Chairperson of Japanese Association of Educational Research for the Deaf; Principal of Tachikawa School for the Deaf)
Vice President	Mr. Shigekazu Hayashi (Chairperson of All Japan Association of Deaf School Principals; Principal of Katsushika School for the Deaf)
Chairperson	Dr. Naoki Ohnuma (Chairperson of APCD 2006 in Japan; President of Tsukuba University of Technology)
Vice Chairperson	Mr. Nobuyuki Suzuki (Chairperson of Kanto Deaf Education Conference; Principal of Shizuoka School for the Deaf)
Vice Chairperson	Dr. Sawa Saito (Professor of University of Tsukuba; Principal of School for the Deaf, University of Tsukuba)

Supporter's Organization

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (On a negotiating process)

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (On a negotiating process)

Tokyo Metropolitan Government (On a negotiating process)

Chiba Prefecture Government (On a negotiating process)

Congress Schedule

	Time	Contents		Venue			
Oct. 9th (Mon.)	a.m.	Registration		Bunkyo Civic Hall, Tokyo			
		Opening Ceremony					
	Break						
p.m.	Keynote Address						
	Plenary Session I						
Oct. 10th (Tue.)	a.m.	Oral Session	Poster Session	Chinzan-So, Tokyo			
		Break					
	p.m.	Oral Session	Poster Session				
		Break					
		Reception					
Oct. 11th (Wed.)	a.m.	(A) Open Day at School	(B) Campus Tour	(A) School for the Deaf University of Tsukuba, Ichikawa City	(B) Tsukuba University of Technology, Tsukuba City		
		Break					
	p.m.	Conference and Report on Class Work / Working Group Session	Oral Session				
Oct. 12th (Thr.)	a.m.	Keynote Lecture		Bunkyo Civic Hall, Tokyo			
		Plenary Session II					
	Closing Ceremony						
p.m.	Break						
	Study Visit				Tokyo Metropolitan Ohtsuka School for the Deaf	Tokyo Metropolitan Katsushika School for the Deaf	

Notes:

- Please select your choice of visit (A) or (B) for October 11.
- Keynote Address and Plenary Session will be with a sign-language interpreter and simultaneous interpreter.

Schedule is subject to change. Please check the updated news on our website.

Official Homepage <http://www.apcd-2006.com/>

Outline of the Congress

Inheritance, Innovation, and Sharing Education for the Deaf by Sharing Our Experience.

The 9th Asia-Pacific Congress on Deafness is jointly organized with the 40th Convention for Japanese Association of Educational Research for the Deaf which has contributed to the development of education for the deaf for 40 years. All participants are expected to share educational assets and apply them to improve the quality of education.

Keynote Address

Monday, October 9, 2006, p.m. at Bunkyo Civic Hall

Theme: The past, the present and the future of the Asian Pacific Congress of the Deaf

Ms. Bow Sui-may (Hong Kong,China) Chair, APCD; Former Principal of Hong Kong Scholl for the Deaf

Plenary Session I

Monday, October 9, 2006, p.m. at Bunkyo Civic Hall

Theme: Education for the Deaf in Asian Pacific region, Today.

1. To be announced. (China)

2. Dr. Mailwan Tammasaeng (Thailand) Chair, Academic Committee of the Foundation for the Deaf

3. Ms. Charmaine Mendis (Sri Lanka) Audiologist of St. Joseph School of the Deaf

4. Prof. Byung-Ha Kim (Korea) Professor at Department of Special Education, Faculty of Education, Taegu University

5. Mr. Shigekazu Hayashi (Japan) Chairperson of All Japan Association of Deaf School Principals

6. Ms. Yolanda Capulong (Philippines) Superintended of Philippines School for the Deaf

Open Campus Tour

Wednesday, October 11, 2006, a.m.

(A) School for the Deaf, University of Tsukuba, Ichikawa City

(B) Tsukuba University of Technology, Tsukuba City

Research associations according to departments

Wednesday, October 11, 2006, p.m.

School for the Deaf, University of Tsukuba National deaf school for nearly 300 infants, pupils, and students learning at its kindergarten through to the specialized post high school course.

Tsukuba University of Technology The only national university for students with hearing and visual impairments

Keynote Lecture

Thursday, October 12, 2006, a.m. at Bunkyo Civic Hall

Theme: Prospective Education for the Deaf

Prof. Greg Leigh (Australia)

Assistant Chief Executive, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children

Plenary Session II

Thursday, October 12, 2006, a.m. at Bunkyo Civic Hall

Yutaka Osugi

Japanese Federation of the Deaf

To be announced.

Japan Oral School for the Deaf

Official Program

Opening Ceremony

Time: Monday, October 9, 2006

Venue: Bunkyo Civic Hall, Tokyo

The Whole Japanese School for the Deaf Art Exhibition

Time: Monday, October 9, 2006

Venue: Bunkyo Civic Hall, Tokyo

Reception

Time: Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Venue: Chinzan-so Orion Hall *Included in registration fees

Chinzan-so, is situated in a historical and scenic part of the city.

The Chinzan-so Garden covers an area of up to 66,000 square meters is rich in historic remains and artifacts.

Closing Ceremony

Time: Thursday, October 12, 2006

Venue: Bunkyo Civic Hall, Tokyo

Study Visit

Time: Thursday, October 12, 2006, p.m.

Visit: Tokyo Metropolitan Katsushika School for the Deaf

Tokyo Metropolitan Ohtsuka School for the Deaf

Katsushika School - School for education of kindergarten infants to senior high school students in the vocational course

Ohtsuka School - School for education of kindergarten infants to junior high school students

* A limousine will pick you up and take you back to either of the schools you have chosen.

Call for Papers

Submission should be in English only, and should include an abstract of about 250 words, and the e-mail address of the corresponding author.

The accepted paper will be presented in the Oral or Poster Sessions during the Congress.

Submission of a paper should be regarded as assurance that, should the paper be accepted, at least one of the authors will attend the conference to present the work.

Presenters should not fail to register for the congress.

Submission of a paper should be made no later than **Thursday April 20, 2006**.

Acceptance notification will be sent via e-mail by **Saturday, May 20, 2006**.

Presentation

- I . To be presented 15 minutes or less including discussion at the Congress
Oral Session Presentation in PowerPoint with projector.
* A notebook computer installed with Power Point 2002 or 2003, and hooked to the LDC projector, will be available for all your presentations.
Otherwise, please prepare a notebook that can be hooked to the projector.
- II . To be presented Within 80cm in width x 150cm in length
in Poster form

* You may enter both Oral Session and Poster Session. Participants, who will present papers in "College and Continuing Education" at Tsukuba University of Technology on Wednesday, October 11, are granted permission to join in Oral Session of Paper Topics 1-8, 10 and 11 held at Chinzan-so, on Tuesday, October 10.

Paper Topics

Topics 1-8, 10 and 11

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Venue: Chinzan-so, Tokyo

Topics 9

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Venue: Tsukuba University of Technology, Tsukuba City

Select one from the following.

1. Early Intervention

The early identification and intervention, Parents' involvement, Play and language development, Cognitive and linguistic development.

2. Preschool Education

Parents' involvement, Language development, Teaching design.

3. Development of Language Skills

Speech, Reading, Writing, Pronunciation, Vocabulary building, Teaching design.

4. Communication

Cued speech, Sign language, Bilingual bicultural program, Total communication, Computer-aid speech.

5. Instruction

Instructional design and development, School subjects (Math., Science, History, etc), Thinking skills program

6. Students with Special Needs

Multi-handicapped children, Multi-cultural approach.

7. Organization and Administration of Schools and Programs

Student exchanging, Mainstreaming, Philosophy and Practice of the Education for the Deaf in the country or the school.

8. Education and Work

A transition education, Career choice, Vocational education, Employment and Socio-economic characteristic.

9. College and Continuing Education

Higher education, Continuing education for the Deaf.

10. Educational Audiology and Medical Aspect

Auditory learning, Hearing aids and fitting technology, Cochlear implant, Prevention of deafness.

11. Psychological Development and Physical / Mental Health

Social skill intervention program, Residential program, Identity development, Self-concept in deaf adolescents.

Call for Papers

Paper Submission

I . Submission to APCD2006 will be conducted electronically on the congress website, both for the Oral and Paper Sessions. No hard copies are accepted.

Website for submission is: Publication Committee <http://www.apcd-2006.com/>

If you do not receive an e-mail of acknowledgement within a certain number of days, please contact
apcd@deaf-s.tsukuba.ac.jp

II . If your paper is adopted, acceptance notification will be sent by e-mail from the Committee.

Inquiry

For any inquiry regarding the Congress and submission of paper, please contact APCD Secretariat.

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Subcommittee for Home Education

This section meeting is planned and operated by parents. They have organized two lectures that will help you to understand the risks of e-mail and drugs and to help prevent the risks through home education. It also arranges three sub-sectional meetings to report and study successful cases, problems, and measures of home education applied according to growing stages of pupils and students.

I. General meeting

Lecture 1 "Potential Risks in E-mail and Chatting (Tentative title)"

Lecturer: Person from the Metropolitan Police Department

Lecture 2 "Drug Abuse"

Lecturer: Mr. Yoshihisa Ito (Professor at College of Pharmacy, Nihon University)

II. Section meetings

(1) Kindergarten and elementary school children

(2) Junior and senior high school students

(3) College students and working people

* Submission to APCD 2006 will be conducted electronically on the congress website, both for Oral and Paper Sessions.

Registration

Registration (Fees in Japanese Yen Per Person)

1US\$ = JPY120.66 As of Dec. 2005

	On / Before Sept 1 ST , 2006	On-site
Delegate	JPY 35,000	JPY 40,000
Student *1	JPY 25,000	JPY 30,000
Accompanying person	JPY 10,000	JPY 10,000

Congress Registration Fees Include:

Overseas Delegate

- Admission to the Opening, Closing Ceremony and the Closing Session
- Final Program and some writing materials
- Congress Bag & name tag
- Coffee breaks
- Reception
- Conference Participation Certificate
- Transfer (Oct.11 for Open Campus Tour)
- Study visit

Overseas Student

- Same as Delegate

Accompanying Person

- Congress Bag & name tag
- Reception

Registration Deadline: September 1st, 2006

Registration via the website will close on September 1st, 2006.

After September 1st, 2006, please register on-site.

Method of Registration

Congress Registration via the Website, Post or fax will close on June 1st, 2006.

(Notes)*1

Registration as Student should be accompanied by a copy of Student ID Card.
Students without the ID are registered as Delegates.

Registration at the Congress Site

Registration will also take place at the Congress site.

Method of Payment

Payment should be in the form of:

- One of the following credit cards:
1. VISA 2. MasterCard 3. Diners Club 4. AMEX 5. JCB
- A bank transfer to JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc. (Message: CD101923-435)
Account at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd. Shin-Marunouchi Branch (swift code: BOTKJPJT)
1-4-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 Japan (Account number: 4760343)

Cancellation for Registration

All cancellations must be notified in writing to the Organizing Secretariat c/o JTB GMT.

All cancellations will be dealt with after the congress.

Cancellation received by September 1st, 2006 ----- JPY5,000

Cancellation received after September 1st, 2006 ----- 100% of the congress fees

Hotel Accommodations and Tour

Hotel Accommodations

JTB GMT has booked rooms at hotels in Tokyo for the Congress period. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt of application form. If the hotel of your first choice is fully booked, you will be assigned to a room at a hotel in the same grade.

No.	Hotel Name (Check-in & out time)	Room Rates		Address / Phone / Fax / Access to the hotel
		Single with bath	Twin with bath	
1	Four Seasons Hotel (12:00/12:00)	JPY37,160*	JPY37,360	10-8 Sekiguchi 2-chome, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 112-8667 Phone: +81-3-3943-2222 / Fax: +81-3-3943-2300 15 min. by taxi from JR Takadanobaba Station
2	Rihga Royal Hotel Tokyo (12:00/12:00)	JPY22,145	JPY24,455	1-104-19 Totsukamachi, Shinjuku Tokyo 169-8613 Phone: +81-3-5285-1121 / Fax: +81-3-5285-4321 10 min.by shuttle bus from JR Takadanobaba Station
3	Tokyo Dome Hotel (14:00/12:00)	JPY15,115	JPY18,480	1-3-61 Kouraku, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 112-8562 Phone: +81-3-5805-2111 / Fax: +81-3-5805-2200 2 min.walk from JR Suidobashi Station
4	Hotel Metropolitan Edmont (14:00/12:00)	JPY12,137	JPY16,947	3-10-8 Iidabashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8130 Phone: +81-3-3237-1111 / Fax: +81-3-3234-4371 5 min.walk from JR Iidabashi or Suidobashi Station
5	Tokyo Green Hotel Ochanomizu (15:00/10:00)	JPY7,900	N.A.	2-6 Kanda Awajicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0063 Phone: +81-3-3255-4161 / Fax: +81-3-3255-4962 5min.walk from JR Ochanomizu Station
6	Suidobashi Grand Hotel (14:00/10:00)	JPY8,085	JPY13,860	1-33-2 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033 Phone: +81-3-3816-2101 / Fax: +81-3-3812-2332 5 min.walk from JR Suidobashi Station (East Exit)
7	Tokyo Green Hotel Suidobashi (15:00/10:00)	JPY7,350	JPY14,700	1-1-16 Misakicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0061 Phone: +81-3-3295-4161 / Fax: +81-3-3295-8764 3 min.walk from JR Suidobashi Station (East Exit)

Notes:

- Room rates include service charge, a 5 % consumption tax and hotel tax where applicable.
- Room rates include no meals.
- * Indicates single occupancy of a twin or double room.

Cancellation for Hotel Accommodations

In the event of cancellation, written notification should be sent to JTB GMT.

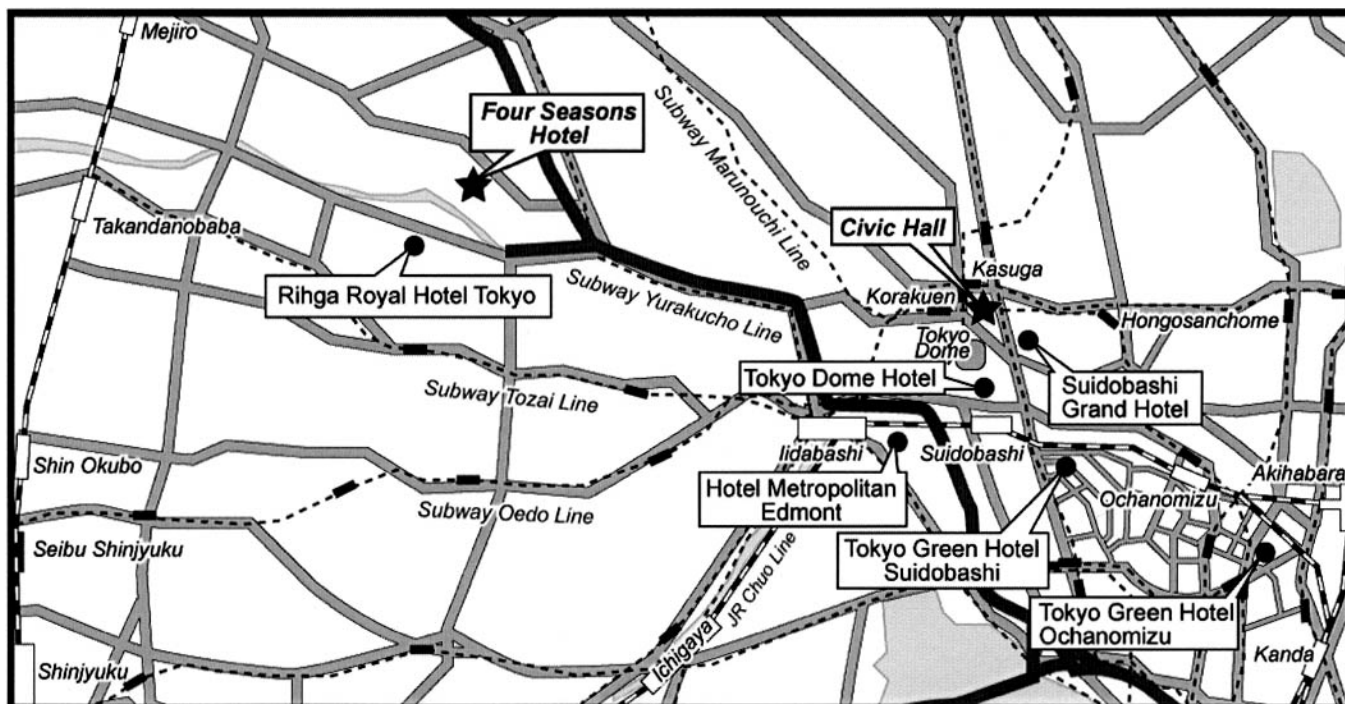
The following cancellation fees will be deducted before refunding.

Up to 10 days before the first night of stay -----	None
9 to 2 days before-----	20% of one night room charge
1 day before -----	80% of one night room charge
On the day of arrival or no notice given -----	100% of one night room charge

Tour

*For other package tours, please refer to **Sunrise Tours** : <http://www.jtbgmt.com/sunrisetour/cd>

Hotel Map



Application and Payment for Hotel Accommodation

Participants wishing to register, reserve hotel accommodations and/or tours should complete the application form and fax it to reach JTB GMT **no later than September 10, 2006.** (Confirmation sheet will be sent by JTB GMT.)

Application should be accompanied by a remittance covering the hotel deposit (one night room charge) and/or total tour fare. (The hotel deposit will be credited to your bill. All hotel expenses deducting the hotel deposit should be paid directly to the hotel.)

No reservation will be confirmed in the absence of this payment. Personal checks are not accepted. All payment must be in Japanese yen. If the remitter's name is different from the participant's name or the remittance covers more than one person, please inform us of the name of each participant.

Method of Payment

Payment should be in the form of:

- One of the following credit cards:

1. VISA 2. MasterCard 3. Diners Club 4. AMEX 5. JCB

- A bank transfer to JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc. (Message: CD101923-435)

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**For Further
Information**

Registration / Hotel Applications / Tours

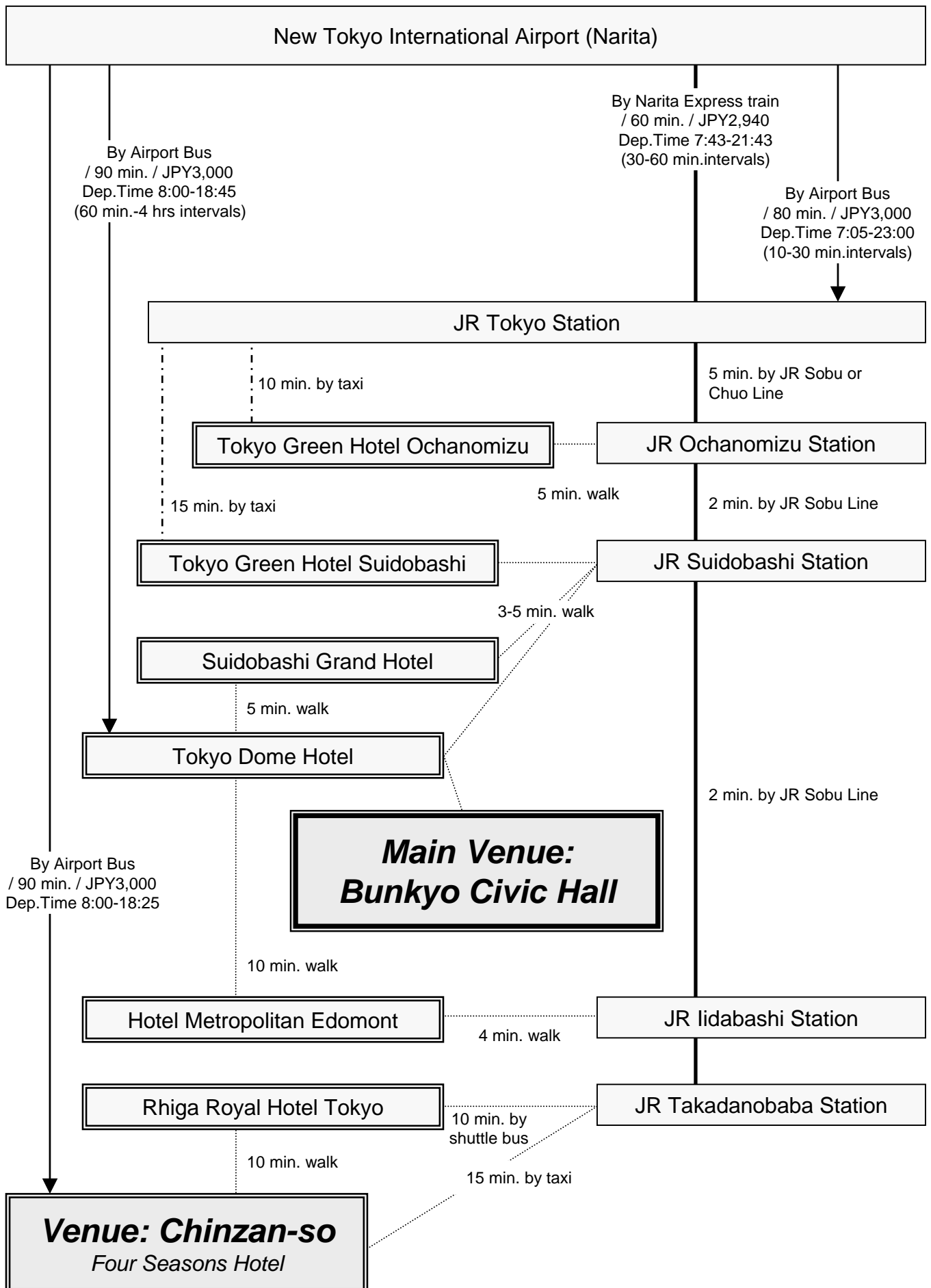
JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc. (JTB GMT) has been appointed as official agent for the Congress and will handle registration, hotel accommodations and tours.

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General Information

Passport and Visa

To visit Japan, you must have a valid passport. A visa is required for citizens of countries that do not have visa-exempt agreements with Japan. Please contact the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate for visa requirements.

Duty Free Import

Personal effects and professional equipment can be brought into Japan duty free as long as the customs officer deems their contents and quantities reasonable. You can also bring in 400 cigarettes, 500 grams of tobacco or 100 cigars; 3 bottles of alcoholic beverages; 2 ounces of perfume; and gifts and souvenirs whose total market price is less than 200,000 yen or its equivalent. There is no allowance for tobacco or alcoholic beverages for persons aged 19 years or younger. Strictly prohibited are firearms and other types of weapons, and narcotics.

Insurance

The organizer cannot accept responsibility for accidents that might occur. Delegates are encouraged to purchase travel insurance before leaving your home country. Insurance plans typically cover accidental loss of belongings, medical costs in case of injury or illness, and other possible risks of international travel.

Climate

The temperature in Tokyo during the period of the congress ranges between 21-25 degrees Celsius.

Currency Exchange

Only Japanese yen (¥) is acceptable at regular stores and restaurants. Certain foreign currencies may be accepted at a limited number of hotels, restaurants and souvenir shops. You can buy yen at foreign exchange banks and other authorized money exchangers on presentation of your passport.

Traveler's Checks and Credit Cards

Traveler's checks are accepted only by leading banks and major hotels in principal cities, and the use of traveler's checks in Japan is not as popular as in some other countries. VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, American Express and JCB are widely accepted at hotels, department stores, shops, restaurants and nightclubs.

Tipping

In Japan, tips are not necessary anywhere, even at hotels and restaurants.

Electricity

Electric current is uniformly 100 volts, AC, throughout Japan, but with two different cycles: 50 in eastern Japan including Utsunomiya and Tokyo, and 60 in western Japan including Kyoto and Osaka. Leading hotels in major cities have two outlets of 100 and 220 volts but their sockets usually accept a two-leg plug only.

Shopping

Shops and other sales outlets in Japan are generally open on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays as well as weekdays from 10:00 to 20:00. Department stores, however, are closed during one weekday, differing by store, and certain specialty shops may not open on Sundays and national holidays.