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Preliminary Joining Instructions

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Information Processing Society of Japan /Information Technology Standards Commission of Japan(IPSJ /ITSCJ)

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Meeting location

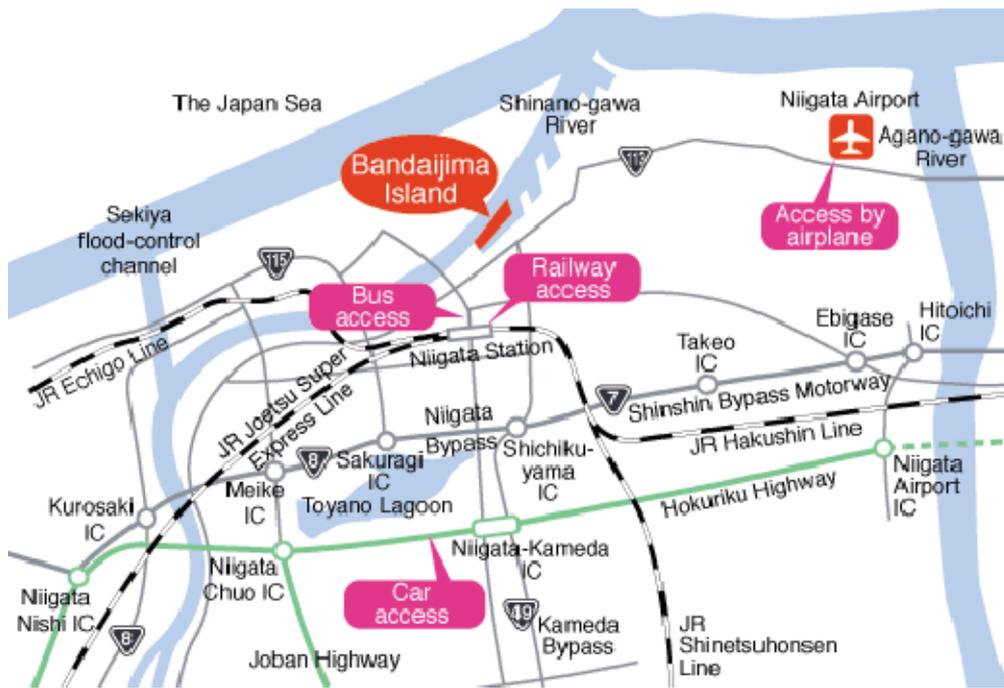
Toki Messe Niigata Convention Center

Address: 6-1, Bandai-jima, Niigata-city, 950-0078, Japan

Web: <http://www.tokimesse.com/english/>

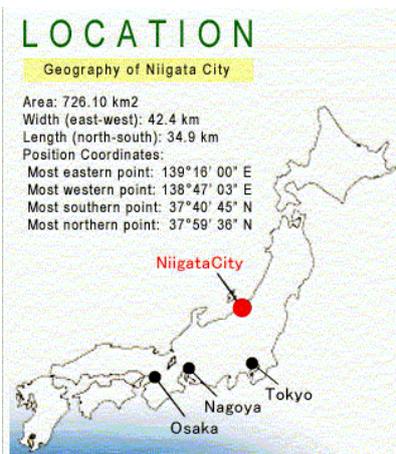


(When you take a taxi from Niigata International Airport or Niigata Station and go to the venue, give a hard copy of the above map to a driver pointing out the place)



About Niigata

The city of Niigata lies on about the same latitude as Tianjin, Lisbon and San Francisco. Located 250 km north-northwest of Tokyo, Niigata City is two hours away from the capital by bullet train on the Joetsu Shinkansen line. Niigata City has a population of 810,000 and an area of 726.1 km². It also has a rich natural environment with many bodies of water, including the Sea of Japan, the Shinano River, the Agano River, lagoons and wetlands. The fertile fields of the vast Echigo Plain produce a multitude of rice-based products and agricultural produce in addition to making Niigata Japan's number one producer of tulips and various other flowers. Niigata City's transportation infrastructure is equipped with an international airport and seaport, high-speed bullet train, and a network of highways. With both a sound commercial base and the largest area of rice-fields in all of Japan, Niigata city's unique characteristics and capabilities combine to make it a distinctly attractive city. Details are available at http://www.city.niigata.jp/e_page/e_index.html. Chinese, Korean and Russian web pages are also available from the menu of the top English page.



Cities having close relationship with Niigata



Meeting schedule outlines

Registration: May 23rd(Sun) - 28th(Fri) 09:00-17:00

Meetings:

SC7 Plenary meeting: May 24th(Mon) 10:00-11:00. 28th(Fri)
13:30-15:30

Advisory Group meeting: May 23rd(Sun) 10:00-, 27th(Thu) 18:00-

WGs meeting: May 24th(Mon) 11:30-18:00.

25th(Tue)-27th(Thu) 09:00-18:00,

28th(Fri) 09:00-12:30

Social Events:

Welcome reception: May 24th(Mon) 18:00

Delegation dinner: May 26th(Wed) 18:30-

Social function: [TBD]

Facilities fee

Delegates are requested to contribute a Facilities fee of JPY 10,000 (approximately US\$ 110).

The facilities fee may be pre-paid by Visa or Mastercard.

Alternately, you may pay on site by cash (Japanese Yen).

Plenary registration

Registration will be started in February, 2010.

Transportation

1. From abroad

There are two convenient airports available.

(1) New Tokyo International Airport(Narita International Airport)

<http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/index.html>

(2) Niigata International Airport

<http://www.niigata-airport.gr.jp/>

2. From Airports to Niigata

(1) Narita International Airport

The convenient way to get to Niigata from Narita International Airport is to use a bullet train(Shinkansen). However, as Shinkansens depart only from Tokyo Station, you first get there. The Narita Express(N'EX) is most convenient for you to move from Narita International Airport to Tokyo Station. Be sure to get off at Tokyo Station, as N'EX may go farther beyond Tokyo Station.

(about 1 hour, 2,940yen)

(see web site <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/index.html>)

From Tokyo Station you take Joetsu-Shinkansen to get to Niigata Station. They are several lines of Shinkansen in Tokyo Station. Be sure to take "Joetsu-Shinkansen".

(about 1 hours 40minutes by the fastest ones, about 2 hours by others. Fare is 10,270yen. Fares are subject to seasons)

We are sorry, but there is no connection flights from Narita International Airport to Niigata International Airport.

(2) Niigata International Airport (IATA Airport Code: KIJ)

It is really convenient to get to Niigata via Niigata International Airport from abroad. There are two way to get to Niigata Station.

Taxi (20 minutes, 2,500yen, approximately)

Airport bus (25 minutes, 400yen, departing synchronized with an arrival of airplane).

You should by a bus ticket in advance from a ticketing machine near the bus stop.

You can also get directly to the conference venue from Niigata International airport by the following transportation;

Taxi (20 minutes, 2,500yen, approximately)

3. From Niigata Station to the conference venue

Bandai Exit of JR Niigata Station is the most convenient exit to the conference venue. We recommend to take this exit.

Taxis

You can find a taxi stand a little bit to your left hand side just when you leave the Bandai Exit.

Taxi is convenient for you to move from Niigata Station to Toki Messe Convention Center.

(about 5 minutes, 900yen)

Buses

You can also find a bus terminal to your left hand side of the Bandai Exit.

Take a bus arriving at No.5 track. Buses depart every 20 minutes and it takes around 10 minutes to the conference venue.

It costs you 200 yen.

NOTE: Taxis may not and buses do not accept credit cards. You should prepare necessary amount of cash. The best way to reach your destination without mistake is to print out this page and show the following to a bus or taxi driver pointing out the red part of the map. He/she will have pleasure to help you. Gratuity is not our custom.

Accommodations

There are no conference-rate hotels for Niigata meeting.

A list of recommended hotels will be announced in February 2010 on web-site.

VISA and entry requirements

Please consult to Japanese embassy or your travel agency for the VISA and entry requirements. If you need an invitation letter for acquisition of a Visa, please contact Ms. Ayuko Nagasawa (inq-sc7niigata@itscj.ipsj.or.jp) as soon as possible.

Currency

Japanese currency is Japanese YEN(JPY).

Just for your information, in Nov. 2009, approximate exchange rates are USD 1 = JPY 90, and EUR 1 = JPY 135 .

Major currencies(e.g., USD, EUR) can be exchanged at the banks(Mon-Fri 09:00-15:00), post office(Mon-Fri 09:00-16:00) or the major hotels.

24-hour ATMs are available in the city of Niigata.
Various worldwide credit cards(e.g. AMEX, VISA, MASTERS, DINERS) are available in major hotels, shops, and restaurants.
However, it is strongly recommended to have some amounts of Japanese Yen in cash in case of credit cards unavailability. Except for special areas like international airports, foreign currencies are not accepted.

Electricity supply

The power supply is 100 volts and 50 Hertz. Plugs should have two flatpins(it is compatible with the 2-pins plugs in USA).

Local time

Universal Coordinated Time (=GMT) by 9 hours (UTC+9, JST)

Climate

In May, average temperature of Niigata is between 20-24°C(93-100°F) in maximum, and 12-18°C(78-90°F) in minimum.

Please also see Niigata Web page <http://www.nvcb.or.jp/en/gaiyou.html>.