

Conference of the International Planetarium Society 2026

BID Paper

"One Earth, One Sky"



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01. Letters of Invitation

To the President of the International Planetarium Society and to the esteemed members of the IPS Council

Fukuoka City and the Fukuoka City Science Museum are pleased to announce our candidacy as hosts for the 2026 congress of the International Planetarium Society (IPS). In June of 2026 it will have been 30 years since the IPS held the 1996 iteration of the event in Osaka, and with this return to Japan we seek to help contribute to the IPS' main objectives of "facilitating information exchange among its members" and "advancing developments in the world of planetariums".

Japan is one of the most planetarium-rich countries in the world, with every one of the 47 prefectures having a permanent planetarium and nearly 300 planetariums open to the public. Planetariums are so firmly ingrained in the Japanese people's daily lives that according to a report by the Japan Planetarium Association, in a normal year nearly 8 million would visit the planetariums annually, and 3 million continue to do so now even as COVID-19 forces many museums and planetariums to close.

There are a variety of planetariums close to the Fukuoka City Science Museum all within an hour's drive of each other, allowing visitors to compare and enjoy their unique characteristics.

Fukuoka City is highly regarded worldwide as an easy city to live in and has been ranked in the top 25 of the "World's Most Livable Cities" every year for more than 10 years. The city is smartly designed and compact, with the city center and museum located less than an hour from the international airport. Not only is it close to the airport but the city is also blessed with abundant nature where it is in close proximity to both the mountains and sea.

The city's commitment to universal city design is an ongoing project, evolving day-by-day. By March of next year, the Fukuoka City Subway will be extended, making transit from Fukuoka Airport to the Fukuoka City Science Museum simple, smooth, and environmentally friendly.

The dome theater (planetarium) at the Fukuoka City Science Museum is equipped with an integrated system called "Gemini Star Σ Fukuoka", a system which allows visitors to experience a projection of the starry night sky with such vivid realism it is as if you were really outside with crystal clear viewing conditions. At 25 meters in diameter the dome is spacious and comfortable, and it has 220 seats including reclining and paired seats, as well as wheelchair spaces.

In addition to the planetarium, the Fukuoka City Science Museum has been actively engaged in joint research and other activities with Kyushu University national university corporation since its opening, and in April 2020 was the first in Japan to offer online courses in collaboration with researchers living overseas, among many other initiatives.

The museum also offers a full range of activities for local schools. Almost all fourth-grade students visit the science museum and planetarium at least once, participating in hands-on exhibits and experimental classes. In pursuing these initiatives our aim is to create a "people-oriented" science museum that is rooted in the community and helps people, especially children, become more curious and inspired by the world around them.

We can't wait to welcome all of you from around the world to Fukuoka at IPS 2026!



Tetsukazu Yahara
Director, Fukuoka City Science Museum



02. Letters of Support



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02. Letters of Support



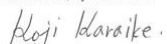
May 9, 2022
Kaoru Kimura,
President
International Planetarium Society

Dear Ms. Kimura,

On behalf of the Kyushu Tourism Promotion Organization (KTPO), I warmly welcome the hosting of the "2026 International Planetarium Society (IPS) International Conference" in Fukuoka. KTPO is a DMO which represents the seven prefectures of Kyushu, including Fukuoka.

Kyushu is an island located in the southwestern part of Japan, blessed with magnificent nature, rich food culture, history and traditional culture dating back to mythical times. Fukuoka City has long flourished as the gateway between Kyushu and other parts of Japan, and foreign countries including those in Asia. From Fukuoka, visitors can travel 1-2 hours by well-developed high-speed rail or highway to visit various parts of Kyushu and enjoy the local attractions such as the beautiful blue sea, lush green mountains, abundant seafood, and mountain delicacies. There are also hundreds of hot spring resorts throughout Kyushu that will provide one with warm hospitality and healing.

We would like to invite IPS members to experience the great nature and culture of Kyushu during the pre and post-conference tours. I sincerely look forward to welcoming IPS members to Fukuoka, Kyushu in 2026.


Koji Karaike
Chairman, Kyushu Tourism Promotion Organization

7F Denki Building Kyosokan, 2-1-82 Watanabedori,
Chuo-ku, Fukuoka 810-0004, Japan



Fukuoka City

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Professor Kaoru Kimura,
President,
The International Planetarium Society (IPS)

May 11, 2022



RE: Fukuoka City as host of the
Conference of the International Planetarium Society (IPS 2026 Conference)

Dear Professor Kimura,

Greetings from Fukuoka, Japan.

The city of Fukuoka has a population of 1.6 million, and the number continues to grow. The city is full of energy, with the presence of many young people and universities making research and startups active. Fukuoka is easily accessed as well, with direct flights to many Asian cities. Fukuoka is also a compact city, and our airport, port, central railway station, and convention area are all within a 2.5 kilometer radius. Visitors praise the city for its world class access from the airport to the city center, which is only 10 minutes by subway.

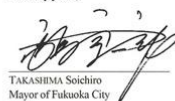
Fukuoka is an ideal convention destination, regularly ranking among the top cities for number of international conventions hosted in Japan. To date, we have succeeded in hosting many international conferences, such as the Communicating Astronomy with the Public Conference 2018. Fukuoka has accumulated many achievements as a MICE city, with more recent events ranging from government-level meetings such as the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meetings to large-scale international sporting events including the Rugby World Cup 2019 and the FINA World Championships Fukuoka, which was postponed 2 years to 2023 due to COVID-19.

Furthermore, we boast plenty of attractions that participants will be able to enjoy after the conference including delicious cuisine, abundant nature, and exciting entertainment.

By presenting the very latest planetarium research here in Fukuoka City, we believe that hosting the IPS 2026 Conference will be a significant opportunity for our city to contribute to the development of planetariums not only in Japan but also around the world. In collaboration with the Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Fukuoka City Science Museum, "Team Fukuoka" will strive to offer the utmost in assistance to the organizer if we are chosen to host the conference.

I would sincerely appreciate your consideration in selecting Fukuoka to be the host city for the IPS 2026 Conference.

Sincerely yours,


TAKASHIMA Soichiro
Mayor of Fukuoka City
Japan



 Meeting Place
Fukuoka

April 19, 2022

Kaoru Kimura,
President
International Planetarium Society



Dear Ms. Kimura,

On behalf of Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau (FCVB) and our supporting companies in Fukuoka, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for this opportunity to invite the conference of the International Planetarium Society (IPS) in 2026.

FCVB has been dedicated to host international and domestic conventions as well as promoting tourism for almost 30 years. In 2014, Fukuoka city was designated as one of 5 Top Japan's Global MICE Strategic Cities, and expectations from local industry-government-academia community produced "Meeting Place Fukuoka" (MPF) which has been launched as a very first One-Stop Destination Management Organization in Japan with experts from major travel agencies, PCOs, transit industries and convention facilities alongside the existing FCVB staffs.

Since then, MPF has been focusing on not only attracting worldwide Business Events but also boosting local academic and industrial development such as Next-generation Technologies, Creative Industries, Medical science, Food business, Sports and Interactions among Asia.

With these circumstances, I am very pleased to have IPS members in Fukuoka and hope them to enjoy gaining the new knowledge and experience our culture.

I am truly looking forward to welcoming all the participants of IPS here in Fukuoka.


Hiromichi Tanigawa
President, Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau

Please review Appendix-1 for each messages



03. Theme “One Earth, One Sky”

In this world there are many regions and countries, and in these regions and countries there are various languages, cultures, and societies. Each of these regions faces various problems, and in this world there are problems that we should tackle together. However, we have but one world, and the skies expanding above are the same for us all. We would like to take the opportunity to both reevaluate our relationship to the sky and to find ways to share it, as it is a common human resource and the basis of so many of our cultures and lifestyles. We believe that planetariums are integral to the realization of these goals.

There are two primary reasons why Fukuoka, Japan is the perfect candidate for this event. First, planetarium culture is firmly rooted in Japan. There are many major planetarium makers and related companies in Japan, and the number of open planetariums is the second largest in the world. Many people experience the planetarium through learning projections (among other means), and it has become an integral part of their lives. Far from solely being technologically advanced, the content that is projected at these shows is unique and has led to the formation of a unique planetarium culture.

Secondly, Fukuoka is considered a gateway to the world, especially the rest of Asia. Its long history as a base of trade with other Asian countries has led to its cosmopolitan and international flavor today, complete with an international airport that is easily accessible from the city center. Visitors from many differing countries abound, often coming for exchanges in various industries, academia, culture, and economics. Holding the event here will allow one to come in contact with a diverse range of different planetariums, from Asia to the world beyond. This, we believe, will in turn lead to expanded horizons and new possibilities.

We recommend the following themes for the session:

- The Connection between Citizens and Planetariums / Astronomy*
- Astronomy / Non-Astronomy Education with Planetariums*
- Live Presentations in Planetarium*
- Cutting-edge Technologies for Immersive Media (Full-dome / VR)*
- Astronomical Cultures (including folk traditions, art, literature, manga, etc.).*

We also offer keynote speeches on the subject of cutting-edge astronomy in Japan and astronomical communication. In addition, you can visit neighboring planetariums, public observatories, research institutes, and more with the latest technology.

We hope that you will kindly consider Fukuoka.



04. Conference Duration & Program

We would like to propose 11th June - 20th June for IPS2026.

Day & Date		Programs & Event
thu.	11-June	Film Festival-1
fri.	12-June	Film Festival-1
sat.	13-June	Council Meeting, Registration, Social Event (Council Dinner)
sun.	14-June	Council Meeting, Registration, Social Event (Welcome Party)
mon.	15-June	Opening Ceremony, Keynote, Sessions, Vender Exhibition
tue.	16-June	Sessions, Demos, Vender Exhibition, Social Event (Star Party)
wed.	17-June	Sessions, Vender Exhibition, Excursion
thu.	18-June	Sessions, Award lunch, Keynote, Vender Exhibition
fri.	19-June	Sessions, Keynote, Vender Exhibition, Banquet
sat.	20-June	Post Conference Tour

Please review Appendix-2 for more details



05. Conference Facilities

We would like to use 2 facilities.

Fukuoka City Science Museum



Hakata International Exhibition Hall & Conference Center



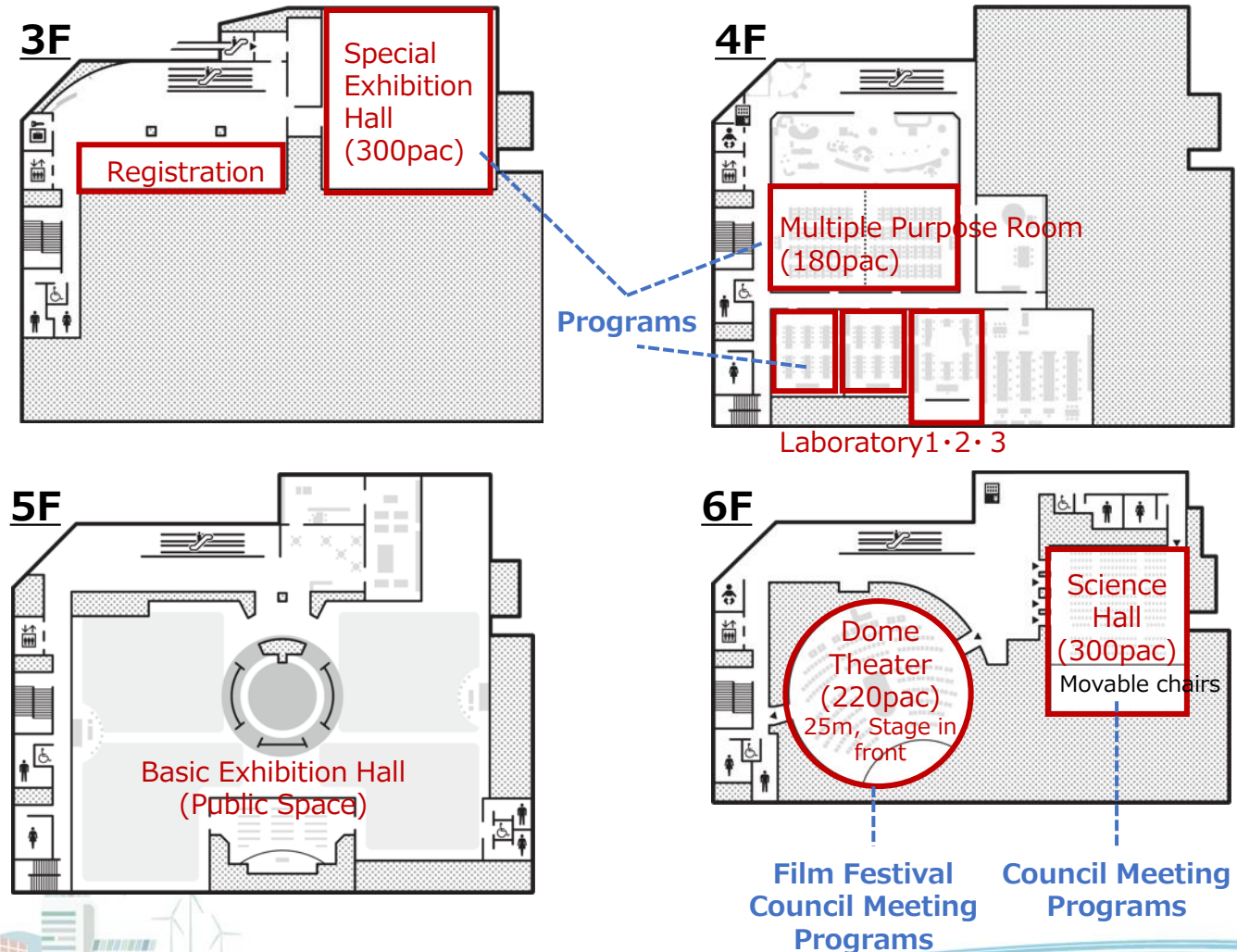
05. Conference Facilities

► Fukuoka City Science Museum



Participants will be divided into three groups and will tour each floor to participate in each program.

Floor Plan



05. Conference Facilities

► Fukuoka City Science Museum



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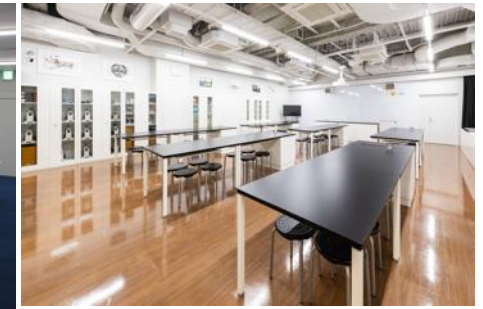


Special Exhibition Hall

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Multiple Purpose Room



Laboratory3

5F



Basic Exhibition Hall

6F



Dome Theater



Science Hall (with seats)



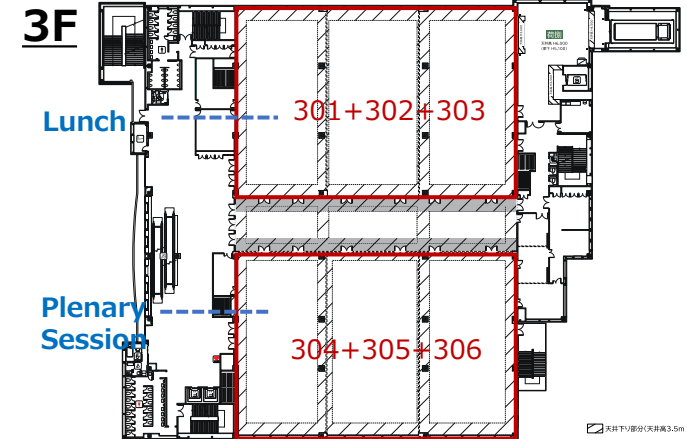
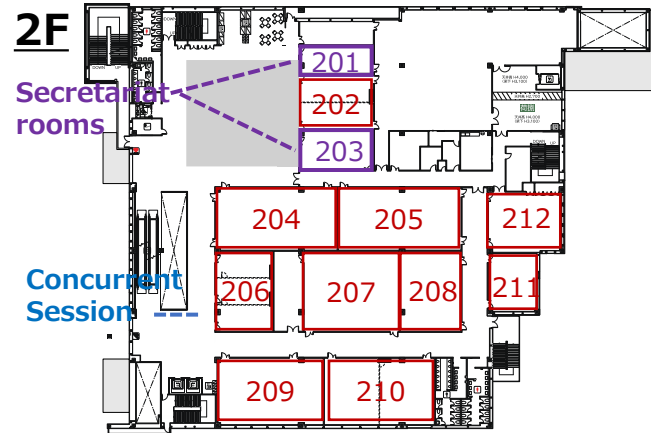
Science Hall (without seats)



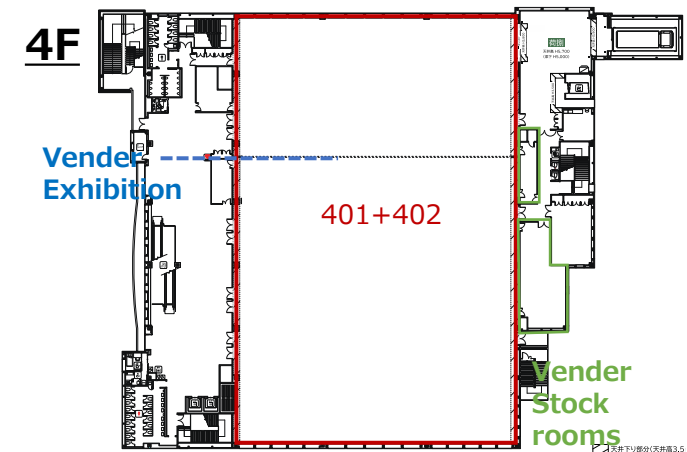
05. Conference Facilities

► Hakata International Exhibition Hall & Conference Center

Floor Plan



Rooms	Capacity (pacs)		㎡	Height
	Theater	School		
201	48	36	54	3.0m
202	90	72	108	3.0m
203	-	16	75	3.0m
204	222	132	199	3.0m
205	212	132	199	3.0m
206	72	48	129	3.0m
207	228	120	199	3.0m
208	114	63	127	3.0m
209	194	108	190	3.0m
210	196	120	198	3.0m
211	63	45	80	3.0m
212	118	72	119	3.0m
301+302+303	880	810	1,308	5.0m
304+305+306	844	810	913	5.0m
401+402	2,004	1,917	2,986	6.0m



05. Conference Facilities

► Hakata International Exhibition Hall & Conference Center



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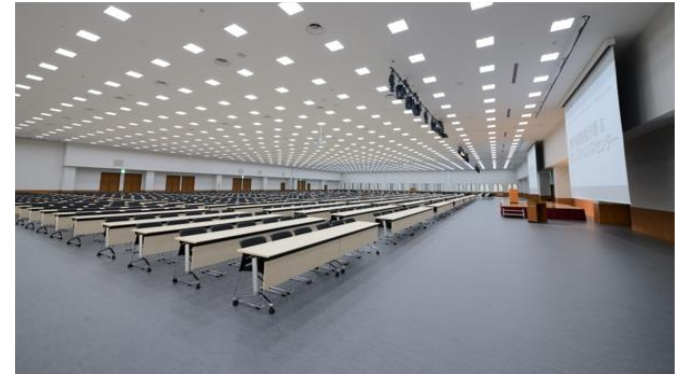
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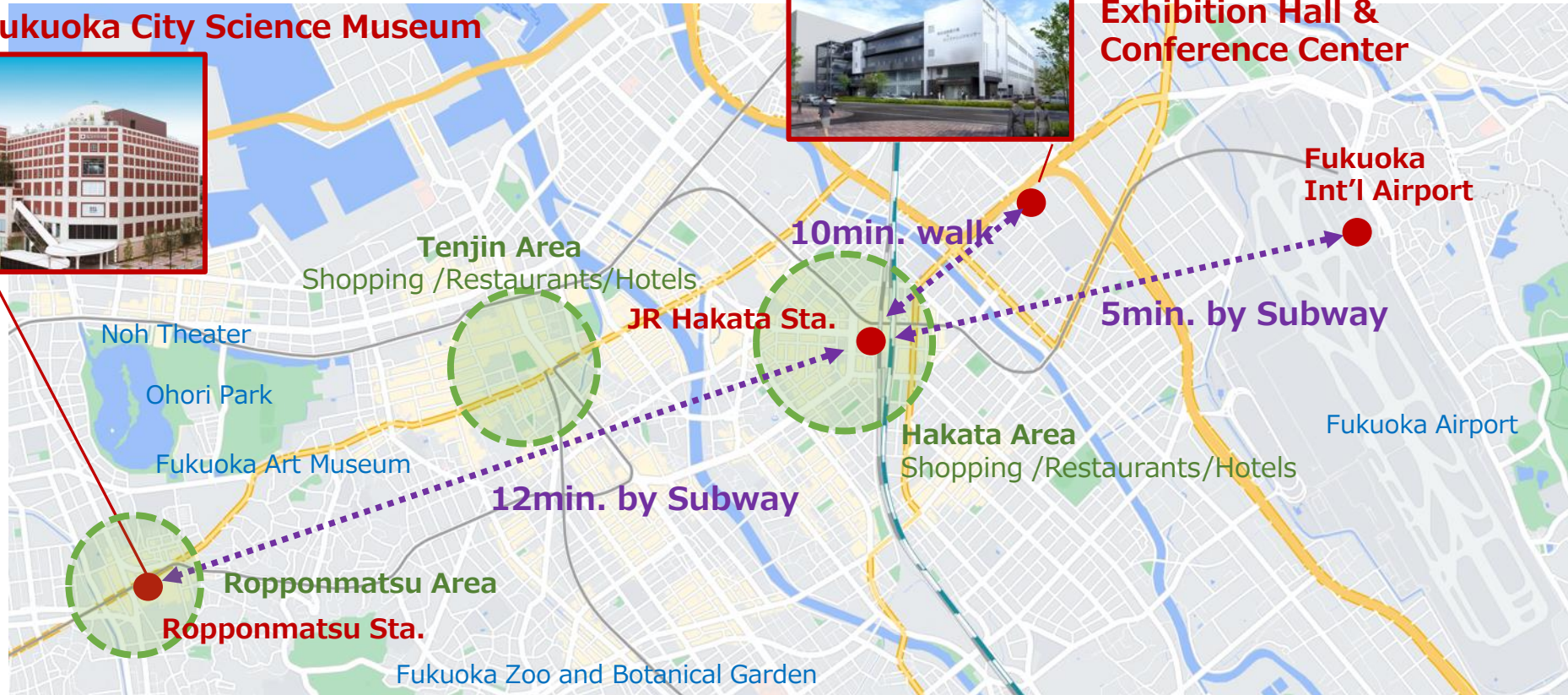
05. Conference Facilities

► Location and Access

Fukuoka City Science Museum



Hakata International Exhibition Hall & Conference Center



JR Hakata station is the major transportation hub.
There are variety of shopping areas, restaurants and hotels.



05. Conference Facilities

► Surrounding Areas

* Hakata Area (Food, Entertainment, Shopping and Hotels)



Hakata Station



Hakata Station Night Illumination



Canal City Hakata (Shopping mall) & Grand Hyatt Fukuoka



* Ropponmatsu Area & Ohori Park (Culture and Park)



Ropponmatsu Station



Ohori Park



Ohori Park Night Illumination



Ohori Park Japanese Garden

There are many parks, cultural facilities and shopping areas



Ohori Park Noh Theater



Fukuoka Art Museum



06. Why Fukuoka

(1) Easy access from Asia

Fukuoka is easily accessible from Asia. Within a 1-2 hour flight, participants can visit Seoul and Busan in South Korea or Shanghai in China. We can recruit many participants from Asia, and participants from other parts of the world can easily travel to neighboring countries.

【Flight】 Partial List

City	Flight Hours	Flights/week
Helsinki	10h25m	6
Seoul	1h20m	240
Busan	55m	84
Taipei	2h40m	86
Shanghai	2h00m	42
Beijing	4h15m	28
Hong Kong	3h55m	62
Manila	3h55m	28
Bangkok	5h55m	36
Singapore	6h35m	14
Hanoi	5h05m	14
Ho Chi Minh	5h30m	8
Kuala Lumpur	6h15m	8
Honolulu	7h35m	8

732 direct flights per week
(As of 2019)



06. Why Fukuoka

(2) Experience hosting international conferences

As for experience in hosting events with a similar theme, 4 years ago Fukuoka held the International Astronomical Union's Communicating Astronomy with the Public 2018 (CAP 2018) event. With our experience from CAP 2018 we firmly believe that we can deliver a successful event. Even with the IPS event's considerably larger scale, our experience in holding conventions and partnerships with neighboring universities and academic institutions make us a highly qualified candidate for the event.

Conferences & Events	Year	Participants
56th International Astronautical Congress	2005	1,400
ICA (Int'l Communication Association) 66th Annual Conference	2016	2,000
Linons Clubs International 99th International Convention	2016	35,000
The 23rd International Display Workshops	2016	1,100
Astronomical Society of Japan Annual Meeting	2017	1,200
4th World Social Science Forum	2018	1,000
RubyKaigi 2019	2019	1,000
G20 Young Entrepreneurs' Summit (G20 YEA)	2019	2,000
24th Optoelectronics and Communications Conference	2019	650
6th Congress of ASCNP	2019	1,500

(3) Easy and Friendly City for Residents and Visitors

Fukuoka promotes and upholds the concept of "Universal City Fukuoka", a city concept that promotes ease of living and visiting for guests and residents of all kinds. In line with this philosophy it almost goes without saying that the museum is equipped with facilities such as wheelchair access, accessible restrooms, and multi-lingual tablets in the exhibition rooms.

Fukuoka aims to be a city in which everyone can shine with vitality and enthusiasm, no matter their nationality, age, gender, or disabilities. Fukuoka City is also working hard to provide support to LGBT couples and their families by introducing a partnership pledge based on policy we developed in 2008.



06. Why Fukuoka

(4) Variety of Nearby Planetarium Facilities

Japan is one of the world's premier planetarium event related countries and Fukuoka is the region with the second largest number of planetariums after Tokyo. The fact that there are many planetariums with differing manufacturers (Konica Minolta Planetarium Co., Ltd., GOTO INC, Carl Zeiss AG) all in close proximity to one another is one of Fukuoka's major advantages as an IPS venue, where people from various positions and with varying perspectives related to planetariums all participate.

A half day Excursion

We pick up some planetarium from the list and plan a half day tour.

Fukuoka City Science Museum

Equipment by Konica Minolta Planetarium Co., Ltd.

Kitakyushu City Science Museum Space Labo

Equipment delivered by GOTO INC.

Munakata Yurix Planetarium

Equipment by Carl Zeiss AG

Fukuoka Science Museum (Kurume City)

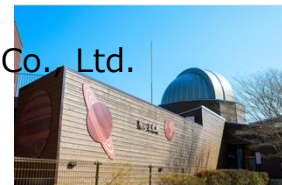
Equipment by GOTO INC.



Hoshino Bunkakan

Equipmen by Konica Minolta Planetarium Co. Ltd.

*Due to the limited number of seat,
a reservation is required.



Omuta Cultural Center

Equipment by Konica Minolta Planetarium Co. Ltd.

*Due to the limited number of seat,
a reservation is required.



06. Why Fukuoka

(5) Support From Local Community

One of the unique features of the Fukuoka City Science Museum is that it is housed in a commercial complex. This makes it quite simple and convenient to get there by public transport. Additionally, the close connection that the museum has fostered over time with both the local community and businesses means that there are plenty of volunteers from among the citizens that are more than willing to lend a hand during the event. Hosting an event in the science museum means that you will be receiving the welcome of the entire local community.



(6) Rich Natural Environment

The close proximity between the city's urban center and rich nature on its outskirts is one of the major reasons Fukuoka is globally acclaimed as a city easy to live in, and with this natural environment come locations that are well-suited for astronomical observation, such as the Itoshima Peninsula, Hoshinomura in Yame city, and Okagaki town.



07. Fukuoka City General Information

【About Fukuoka】

Location : East Longitude 130°24'06'' / North Latitude 33°35'24''

Area: 343.99km²

Population: 1,619,893 (1-April-2022)

Temperature: 22.6 °C (AVG LOW) – 27.6°C (AVL HIGH) in June

Goal: To be a leader city in Asia with harmony between people, environment, and urban vitality

Promotion: Please visit our information site below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33Iz5t8BhYs>

<http://facts.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/en/tag/1/index.php>

<https://yokanavi.com/en/appeal/>



07. Fukuoka City General Information

【We are proud of ...】

The shortness of the access time to the airport among 48 cities in the world (GPCI 2021)

Foreign people also like Fukuoka!
Growth rate of foreign residents is No.1 in Japan

Easy access for traveling and business trip!
Extensive network for domestic and international travel

Talking of summer... The beach!
The number of beaches with good water quality is No.1 in Japan

Technique that makes bus and train runs perfect!
Inner-city transportation services in Fukuoka have gained a high reputation worldwide (GPCI2018)

Low prices—one reason Fukuoka is so livable
Consumer price index for food is lowest in Japan



Work Hard,
Play More Hard!



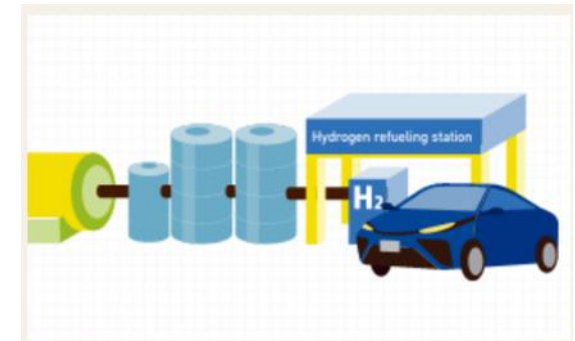
07. Fukuoka City General Information

【We take care of people and environment】

Protect, connect and grow for the future
Greenery in Fukuoka City is No.1 in Japan

Fukuoka City is a pioneer in using reclaimed water!
Number of supply spots and supply area of reclaimed water

World's first! World's only!
A project for producing hydrogen from sewage.
-World's first hydrogen refueling station producing
hydrogen from sewage



07. Fukuoka City General Information

[We love food...]

We are the city of cuisine

Ranking of the best cities for food in Japan

Get safe and fresh fruit and vegetables at "Vege-Fru Stadium".

– Volume of fruit and vegetables sold at central wholesale markets –

No chicken, no life... almost...

Chicken meat expenditure/purchase quantity and number of yakitori restaurants are No.1 in Japan

It's actually a very competitive area for sweets!?

- Number of sweets shops and price of sweets -

Special local dishes in Fukuoka!

-Number of Ramen, Motsunabe and Gyoza restaurants-



07. Fukuoka City General Information

【We love food...】



Tonkotsu Ramen



Mizutaki



Sushi



Mentaiko



Yakitori



Motsu-Nabe



Chicken Karaage



Udon

Vegetarian and Muslim friendly meals are also available.



07. Fukuoka General Information

[Accommodation]

There are **variety of hotels** around JR Hakata Station.

We recommend the Hotel Nikko Fukuoka for the VIP accommodation and as a Banquet venue.



Hotel Nikko Fukuoka

Hotel	Capacity (Room)	Single Rm Inc. Breakfast, tax and service fees		Distance from Hakata Station	
		JPY	USD	By Bus	On foot
Hotel Forza	235+113	7,000-	58	-	3min
Comfort Hotel Hakata	242	7,000-	58	-	3min
Toyoko Inn Hakata Ekimae	257	7,000-	58	-	4min
Canal City Fukuoka Washington Hotel	432	8,000.-	67	10min	20min
Hakata Green Hotel Annex	180	8,000-	67	-	1min
Hotel Cliocourt Hakata	177	8,000-	67	-	1min
Hotel Route inn Hakata	253	9,000-	75	-	3min
JR Kyushu hotel Blossam Hakata Chuo	247	12,000-	92	-	2min
Richmond Hotel Hakata Ekimae	216	12,000-	92	-	3min
Oriental Hotel Fukuoka Hakata Station	221	12,000-	92	-	1min
Nishitetsu Hotel Croom	503	12,000-	92	-	4min
Miyako Hotel Hakata	208	20,000-	167	-	1min
ANA Crown Plaza Hotel	320	20,000-	167	1min	3min
Hotel Nikko Fukuoka	360	25,000-	208	-	3min
Grand Hyatt Fukuoka	372	27,000-	225	10min	20min

Above rate is according to April 2022.



08. Japan as a Conference Destination

[Reliable Public Transportation Network]

Japan has one of the most efficient public transportation networks in the world. The Japanese transport system, including the shinkansen (bullet train), is characterized by its punctuality, excellent service, and cleanliness. Visitors to Japan are also welcomed by a range of discounted tickets, which allow them to travel in comfort around the country at a reasonable cost.



Local train



Bullet Train

Bullet Train

■ Airports

There are seven international airports in Japan with more than 10,000 international arrivals per year from a total of 97 airports (2019). Traveling by airplane is a unique way to enjoy Japan as an island nation. Below are a few of the major airports in Japan



08. Japan as a Conference Destination

[Reliable Public Transportation Network]

■ Shinkansen (bullet train)

Shinkansen run all over Japan from north to south. In 2022, a new line is scheduled to open in Nagasaki, a famous tourist destination close to Fukuoka.



■ Discount tickets

Japan Rail Pass

The Japan Rail Pass offers visitors to Japan unlimited use of JR trains nationwide for one, two or three weeks at a cost of only JPY29,650, JPY47,250 and JPY60,450 respectively. There are also many regional rail passes that cover part of the country at an even cheaper price. For more information:

<http://www.japanrailpass.net/en/index.html>

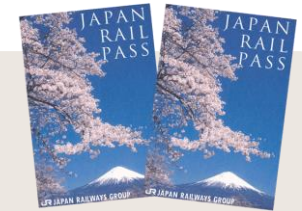
JAL Japan Explorer Pass

ANA Experience JAPAN Fare

Travelers who hold a passport issued by any country other than Japan, and have international return tickets on any airline, can book a domestic flight with ANA and JAL at a special fare of JPY5,500, JPY7,700 or JPY11,000. For more information:

https://www.world.jal.co.jp/world/en/japan_explorer_pass/lp

https://www.ana.co.jp/en/us/promotions/share/experience_jp



08. Japan as a Conference Destination

[For more information about travel]

■ Japan Official Travel App

The Japan Official Travel App is the official smartphone app provided by JNTO, delivering up-to-date information about traveling in Japan for a safe and comfortable journey. The app is provided in four languages: Chinese (Simplified/Traditional), English, and Korean. Besides being a great information tool, it also has a lot of functions including a transit search tool and offline maps.



■ Useful information from JNTO

JNTO Global Site: <https://www.japan.travel/en/>
There are also 25 other JNTO websites in different languages and regions. You can select your preferred language from "Select Language" at the bottom left of the global English site. You will surely discover a new Japan!

[Safety information and support]

■ The App has safety assistance features

The Japan Official Travel App introduced above has an alert notification function that warns you of emergencies such as natural disasters and abnormal weather. The app provides helpful information on what to do when an emergency occurs, including directions to emergency shelters, where to get medical assistance, contact information for embassies, and a communication card with useful phrases to help those with no knowledge of the Japanese language.

■ 24 hour hotline

JNTO operates a visitor hotline 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, available in various languages in case of accidents and emergencies. For further details: <https://www.japan.travel/en/plan/hotline/>



08. Japan as a Conference Destination

[Visa Information – 68 countries and regions exempt from visa]

- As of December 2019, nationals and citizens of the 68 countries and regions shown below are not required to obtain a visa to enter Japan if their trip is for tourism, commerce, conferences, visiting relatives/acquaintances, and so on.
- For more information: Exemption of Visa (Short-Term Stay)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html

Great Hospitality

Japan is known for its high standards when it comes to hospitality. Traditional Japanese hospitality is deeply rooted in a culture of courtesy and consideration of others, especially towards visitors. Hospitality remains a key part of Japanese culture today. Satisfaction surveys of visitors to Japan show that 95% of respondents are either "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with their trip, and a massive 94% want to visit again (2019 JTA Consumption Trend Survey for Foreigners Visiting Japan).



Africa (3)

Lesotho, Mauritius, Tunisia

Asia (9)

Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan

Europe (37)

Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Latin America and the Caribbean (12)

Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Surinam, Uruguay

Middle East (2)

Israel, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

North America (2)

Canada, United States

Oceania (2)

Australia, New Zealand



08. Japan as a Conference Destination

[Time Zone]

+9 hours (GMT) (+14 hours from EST and +17 hours from PST). Japan does not observe daylight savings time.

[Business Hours]

Banks: 9:00 – 15:00. Closed Sat, Sun and holidays.

Post offices: 9:00 – 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun and holidays.

Retail stores: 10:00 – 20:00. Usually also open Sat, Sun and holidays.

[Electricity]

Voltage: 100V AC (throughout Japan). **Sockets:** Standard flat two-pin.

Electrical Current: 50Hz (Tokyo and Eastern Japan), 60Hz (Kyoto, Osaka and rest of Western Japan).

[Money and Currency Exchange]

Only Japanese yen (JPY) is accepted at the majority of stores and restaurants. Certain foreign currencies may be accepted at a limited number of hotels, restaurants and souvenir shops. Recently, many automatic money exchangers have been installed around town. Credit card cash advances are also available at most ATMs. You can exchange your currency to yen at foreign exchange banks

[Language]

The official language of Japan is Japanese.

Most people involved in the travel industry speak English.



09. Post Conference Tour

【For Nature Lovers】

Hot Springs_ Ureshino
(1hr by car)



Hot Springs_ Yufuin



Hot Springs_ Beppu
(2hrs by car/train)



UNESCO World Heritage Yakushima
(1hr by air)



UNESCO Global Geopark Aso Volcano
(2.5hrs by car)



09. Post Conference Tour

[For History and Culture Lovers]

Arita ware (porcelain)

(1.5hrs by car)



UNESCO World Heritage

Hidden Christian Sites in the Nagasaki Region



Nagasaki Peace Park

(2hrs by train)



UNESCO World Heritage

Sacred Island of Okinoshima and Associated Sites in the Munakata Region (45min by car)



Kumamoto Castle & Suizenji Park

(40min by bullet train)



10. Accompany Tour

【Kids Tour】



Fukuoka City Science Museum
5F Exhibition Hall



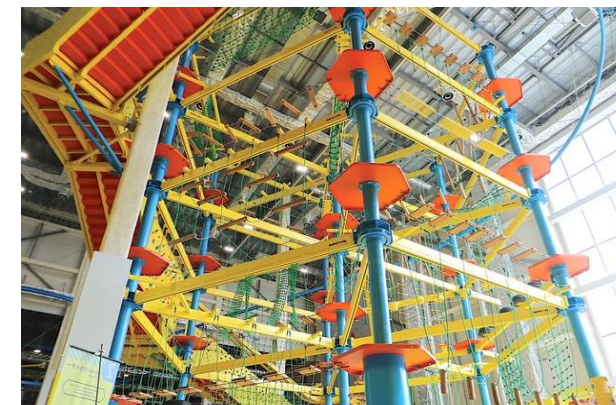
UminoNakamichi Seaside Park



KidZania@ Lalaport Shopping Center



Nobolt (Indoor Athletic Facilities)
Bouldering, Rope Athletic, Ball Pool, Trampoline, Cybersports



10. Accompany Tour

[Short Trip]



Kushida Shrine and Hakata Traditional Craft & Design Museum



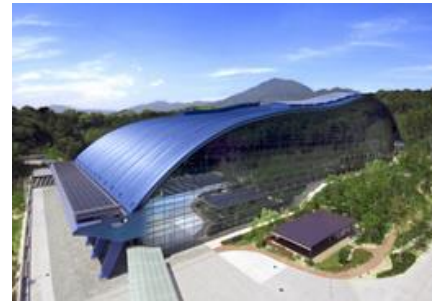
Old Shrine_Dazaifu Tenmangu



Japanese Garden @ Ohori Park



Hakata Old Town



Kyushu National Museum



Kabuki@Hakataza Theater



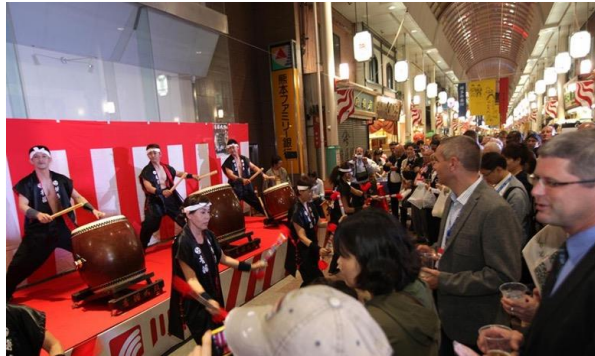
Kabuki



11. Something FUN ! ! (Optional)

[Social Events at Local Shopping Arcade (Nakasu Kawabata)]

Experience the Japanese Local culture and food



11. Something FUN ! ! (Optional)

Committee Dinner at Kushida Shrine (Nakasu Kawabata)



❖ Seasonal



11. Something FUN ! ! (Optional) 【Cultural Experience】



Kimono fitting



Rickshaw



Cooking Japanese sweets



Origami practice



Origami



Tea Ceremony



12. Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau (FCVB)



FCVB provide support before, during and after your conference

FCVB will not only offer financial support, we will also be your ONE STOP SHOP to help you at each stage of the conference. Our team of English speakers will introduce you to local English speaking vendors and can step in to act as translators/interpreters when required.

Arranging venue inspection



Arranging local performances



Onsite tourist information



Providing materials



Subvention

FCVB offers the subvention to the conventions with onsite overseas participants more than 50 pax. The amount of the subvention depends on the number of overseas participants.



13. Budget

as of 16-May-2022

Income				
Items	Unit Price (USD)	Quantity	Amount (USD)	Memo
1. Registration fees			<u>315,000</u>	Paid Participants 600
Member Early Birds	@400	350p	140,000	
Member Regular	@500	100p	50,000	
Member Onsite	@600	0p	0	
Non Member Early Birds	@500	100p	50,000	
Non Member Regular	@600	50p	30,000	
Non Member Onsite	@700	0p	0	
Gala Dinner	@150	300p	45,000	
2. Sponsorship			<u>345,000</u>	
Pratinum Sponsor	@30,000	3p	90,000	
Gold Sponsor	@15,000	7p	105,000	
Silver Sopnsor	@10,000	10p	100,000	
Bronze Sponsor	@5,000	10p	50,000	
3. AD			<u>44,000</u>	
HP Banner (6 month)	@3,300	10	33,000	
Program book (a4)	@1,100	10	11,000	
4. Others			<u>20,000</u>	
FCVB Funds	@20,000	1	20,000	
Total			<u>724,000</u>	

Expenditure		
Items	Quant.	Amount (USD)
(A) Preparation		<u>99,415</u>
1 Secretariat Office Personnel	1unit	27,950
2 Circular & Printings	1unit	17,900
3 HP	1unit	7,440
4 Abstract submission and Program	1unit	14,300
5 Online Registration Sysytem	1unit	14,325
6 Speaker and Visa support	1unit	17,500
(B) Onsite Management		<u>522,230</u>
1 Venue Rental fees	1unit	230,000
2 Equipment	1unit	67,250
3 Signage and Exhibition	1unit	28,480
4 Onsite management Personnel fees	1unit	36,600
5 Participants Support	1unit	18,900
6 Food and Caterting	1unit	132,000
7 Excursion	1unit	9,000
(C) PCO Management fees		<u>31,082</u>
Sub total		652,727
Consumption Tax (10%)		65,273
Total		<u>718,000</u>

6,000



14. Local Organizing Committee

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 Museum



Looking forward to seeing you in Fukuoka 2026



Appendix-2

Conference Duration & Program



Conference Duration & Program

			30	9	00	30	10	00	30	11	00	30	12	00	30	13	00	30	14	00	30	15	00	30	16	00	30	17	00	30	18	00	30	19	00	30	20	00	30	21	00
Day	Venue	Room																																							
Pre-1 thu. 11-June	FCSM	Dome Theater	Film Festival -1																																						
Pre-2 fri. 12-June	FCSM	Dome Theater	Film Festival -1																																						
Pre-3 sat. 13-June	FCSM	Dome Theater	Council Meeting																																						
Pre-4 sun. 14-June	FCSM	Science Hall	Council Meeting																																						
	Oohori Park	Japanese Garden Noh Theater Fukuoka City Art Museum															walk 10min		Registration & Welcome (Social Event)																						
Day-1 mon. 15-June	HECC	401+402															Vender Exhibition										Happy Hour														
		304+305+306 Plenary	Registration		Opening Ceremony, Keynote								Concurrent Sessions																												
		301 + 302 + 303															Lunch																								
		204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212															Concurrent Sessions (9 parallels are available)																								
Day-2 tue. 16-June	HECC	401+402	Vender Exhibition																																						
		304+305+306, 204, 205, 206, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212	Concurrent Sessions (10 parallels are available)						Lunch on your own Transport to FCSM																																
	FCSM	Dome Theater Science Hall Others															Sessions at Museum						Demo 1		Demo 2		Demo 3														

			9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
Day	Venue	Room	30	00	30	00	30	00	30	00	30	00	30	00	30	00	
Day-3 wed. 17-June	HECC	401+402	Vender Exhibition														
		204, 205, 206, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212	Concurrent Sessions (8 parallels are available)														
	TBA	TBA							Lunch								
										Excursion							
Day-4 thu. 18-June	HECC	401+402	Vender Exhibition														
	HECC	304+305+306, 204, 205, 206, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212	Concurrent Sessions (9 parallels are available)							Concurrent Sessions (9 parallels are available)							
	HECC	301 + 302 + 303						Award Lunch Keynote Business Meeting									
Day-5 fri. 19-June	HECC	401+402	Vender Exhibition														
	HECC	304+305+306, 204, 205, 206, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212	Concurrent Sessions (10 parallels are available)							Concurrent Sessions		Closing Ceremony					
	HECC	301 + 302 + 303						Lunch Keynote									
	TBA	TBA											Banquet				
Day-6 sat. 20-June	TBA	TBA	Post Conference Tour														

FCSM: Fukuoka City Science Museum
HECC: Hakata Int'l Exhibition Hall & Conference Center