

G. Special Events, Transportation and General Information

Special Events

1. *Technical Tour A (Date: Nov. 28(Tue.))*

TECHNICAL TOUR TO TSUKUBA RESEARCH AREA

Full day tour visiting institutes in the Tsukuba Science City. A convenient bus-ride, with lunch.

Participants will visit the following research institutes under the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and a brewery company.

National Research Institute of Agricultural Engineering (Research fields: Land Improvement, Hydraulic Engineering, Structural Engineering, etc.)

National Food Research Institute

Tsukuba Agriculture Research Hall (National Agriculture Research Center)

Asahi Breweries, Ltd. (Ibaraki Brewery)

Participants who wish to make reservation for the congress after the bus tour should please go to the reservation desk at University Hall.

[Tour fare: 7,000 yen/person]

(Tour fare as published in second announcement has been reduced)

A minimum of 30 participants is required for this tour.

2. *Technical Tour B1 (Date: Dec. 2(Sat.)-3 (Sun.))*

TECHNICAL TOUR TO IBARAKI AND TOCHIGI PREFECTURES

1 night/2 days tour visiting places around Tsukuba Science City and a famous shrine in Japan.

Participants leaving for Narita Airport may use the same tour bus.

Kasumigaura Canal Project, Ibaraki Prefecture

Nikko City, an old and famous city of a beautiful shrine of Toshogu

Narita International Airport

[Tour fare: 28,000 yen/person in the case of two persons occupying one room]

[Tour fare: 29,500 yen/person in the case of one person occupying one room]

(Tour fares as published in second announcement have been reduced)

A minimum of 30 participants is required for this tour.

3. *Technical Tour B2 (Date: Dec. 2(Sat.)- 4 (Mon.))*

TECHNICAL TOUR TO AICHI, SHIGA AND NARA PREFECTURES

2 nights/3 days tour visiting places Aichi Canal Project, Aichi Prefecture

the Joint Experiment Center for Water Purification on Lake Biwa-Yodo River

Kyoto, the previous capital city of Japan (794 - 1868)

Kansai Science City

Nara, a former capital city of Japan (710 - 794)

Kansai International Airport

[Tour fare: 61,000 yen/person in the case of two persons occupying one room]

[Tour fare: 67,000 yen/person in the case of one person occupying one room]

(Tour fares as published in second announcement has been reduced)

A minimum of 30 participants is required for this tour.

Tour guides will accompany participants on technical tour B1 and B2.

4. *Welcome Reception*

A welcome reception will be held on the first day of registration (Nov. 28) at 6:00pm in the University Hall Restaurant. Light snacks and drinks will be served in "Welcome Reception". The fee of "Welcome Reception" is included in the registration fee.

5. *Banquet*

"Banquet" will be held at 6:00pm on the second day of the congress (Nov. 30) in the party room of Tsukuba Daichi Hotel. In "Banquet", the foods and drinks will be served in buffet style. The fee for the "Banquet" is not included in the registration fee. Participants who wish to attend the banquet should make reservation (Cost: 5,000yen/person).

6. *Optional Tours*

- a . Japanese Tea Ceremony and wearing of Kimono (traditional dress) at Hotel.
[Date: Nov.29, fare: 10,000 yen/person]
- b . Tokyo One Day Tour (Imperial Palace Plaza, Asakusa, Sumida River Cruise, Tokyo Tower) with lunch.
[Date: Nov.30, Dec.1, fare: 13,000 yen/person]
- c . Tokyo Night Tour (Tokyo Bay night cruise) with supper.
[Date: Nov.29, fare: 22,000 yen/person]
- d . Tokyo Disneyland Tour with passport (entrance fee).
[Date: Dec.1, fare: 12,000 yen/person]

The schedule of the optional tours has been confirmed. If you would like to make any changes in tours, please contact JTB.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the Tsukuba area is developed.

1. From New Tokyo International Airport to Tsukuba Center, limousine bus service is available. The departure time of the bus from the airport is 7:20, 9:05, 10:35, 12:50, 14:35, 16:15, 17:20, 18:40 and 20:00 hours as of June 2000. Local bus services are available from the Tsukuba Center bus terminal to University of Tsukuba Hall.
2. One can also travel directly from JR Tokyo Station, Yaesu Minami Gate, to Tsukuba Center by Joban express bus, which departs at frequent intervals of 15 minutes. Local bus services are available from the Tsukuba Center bus terminal to University of Tsukuba Hall.
3. From JR Ueno Station in Tokyo, one can board the Joban Railway Line and reach the Hitachinouchiku and Arakawaoki Stations, which are the stations nearest to the Tsukuba Science City. Direct bus services are available from these stations to University of Tsukuba.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Language

The official language of the Congress will be English

Proceedings

The official Proceedings of the Congress will be published and provided to all participants at the registration desk during the Congress.

Tentative Schedule and Further Information

The information on the Congress site, maps, and updates on the scientific programs will be available through the **World Wide Web. URL:<http://bee2.en.a.u-tokyo.ac.jp/cigr2000/>**

Passport

A valid passport is required of all people entering Japan. Passports must be valid for longer than the period of stay in Japan.

Visa

Visitors of some nationalities must obtain a Visa prior to arrival. Visa application forms and further information can be obtained from Japanese Embassies, Consulates, and some travel agencies. As Visas may take some time to process (in case more than one month), please make sure to apply early.

Climate and Clothing

The weather during the end of November and early December in Tsukuba is fine and average day temperature is about 10 .

Currency

Yen is the basic unit of Japanese currency. Notes come in 10000, 5000, 2000 and 1000, Yen denominations. Coins are minted in 500, 100, 50, 10, 5 and 1 Yen denominations.

Bank, Travelers Checks and Credit Cards

Banks are open from 9:00 am- 3:00 pm on Monday to Friday. Some smaller branches might not accept foreign currency. The most commonly accepted credit cards are Visa, Master Card, American Express and Diners Club.

Sales Tax

All purchases attract 5% of the amount of goods as consumption tax.

Lunches

Lunches during the congress sessions are not included in the fee. A list of restaurants and snack bars located near the University Hall, where delegates will find preferential rates and facilities for a short-time lunch, will be provided at the registration desk.

Time Difference

Japan Standard Time is 9 hours ahead of GMT.

Electric Power

The electrical service is 100V, 50 Hz in Tsukuba. The connection for appliance is a parallel 2-pin plug. Devices from other countries require adapters to fit Japanese connections.