

Access to Kyoto from the Kansai and Osaka Airports

We have informed all the participants about the booking of the Airport Shuttle bus (MK SKYGATE SHUTTLE) by email (the application form for booking is available at our website). If you have not booked it, the following transport is available from one of the airports to Kyoto.

From the Kansai International Airport

1. The express train 'HARUKA' from the Kansai Airport station to the Kyoto station. The train runs every half an hour from 6:34 to 22:16. It takes about 75 minutes and costs about 3,690 Yen. From the Kyoto station to your hotels, taxi is available in front and back of the station. It costs about 2,000 Yen.

2. The direct bus from the Kansai airport to the Kyoto station. The bus runs every one hour from 7:00 to 21:45. It takes about 105 minutes and costs 2,500 Yen. From the Kyoto station to your hotels, see the above.

3. The direct bus from the Kansai airport to the Demachiyana station. This bus runs only once a day and departs the airport at 18.45. It takes about 135 minutes and costs 2,500 Yen. The Demachiyana station is much closer to the Holiday Inn and the Yoshida Main campus of the Kyoto University than the Kyoto station. From this station to the Holiday Inn or an accommodation around the Yoshida Main campus it costs about 1,000 Yen by taxi.

From the Osaka (Itami) Airport

1. The direct bus from the Osaka Airport to the Kyoto station. The bus runs every 20 minutes from 8:00 to 20:55. It takes about an hour and costs 1,280 Yen. From the Kyoto station to your hotels, taxi is available in front and back of the station. It costs about 2,000 Yen.

Money exchange and ATM services

We strongly recommend the participants from abroad to exchange sufficient money into Japanese Yen or withdraw Yen in cash at the ATMs by card at the airport. Transportation (trains, taxis and buses), small restaurants and shops accept cash only. No tip is needed in the restaurants, hotels and taxis.

Credit cards may be used to withdraw cash at the ATMs in various banks and convenience stores, but the type of credit card they accept depends on respective banks and stores. Please check it by the marks noticed at each ATM. Also, please note that most of the ATMs may not give instructions in English.

At the ATMs in all the post offices, credit card AND cash card with the following affiliation can be used to withdraw cash: VISA, VISA ELECTRON, PLUS, MasterCard, Maestro, Cirrus, American Express, Diners Club, JCB, China Unionpay. There are many small post offices in the central area of Kyoto and several of them are located around the Main campus of the Kyoto University. The ATMs in the post offices offer an instruction in English. The ATMs at the main post offices---one close to the Holiday Inn and another next to the Kyoto station---are open from 0:05 (7:00 on Monday) to 23:40 (20:00 on Sunday). The available time of those at the small post offices is more limited; it depends on respective office.

Banks are normally open from 9:00 to 15:00 from Monday to Friday.

Transportation

Buses and trains are the chief means of public transport in the city. Taxis are also very convenient. They are not so expensive (no tip is needed), and are easy to catch on any street in the city. Public transportations and taxis can be utilized by cash. Few taxis accept credit cards, so if you want to pay by card, please make sure if the driver accepts the card.

There are a few types of prepaid card usable both for trains and buses around Kyoto and Osaka. They can be purchased (by cash) at the stations and the shop on the underground floor of the Clock Tower.

Registration and Information

A registration desk will be open in the foyer of the Kyoto University Clock Tower, from 2.00 p.m. till 7.00 p.m. on Monday 31st August. On Tuesday 1st September a registration desk will be open there from 9.00 a.m. till 4.00 p.m. Thereafter there will be an information desk in the foyer of Clock Tower. The conference assistants (distinguishable with their orange T-shirts) are also available to help you..

Please note that we accept any of your payment (the registration fee if you have not paid it yet, the fee for the excursion, the cost for making photocopies of your handouts, etc.) by CASH ONLY.

Handout

We request all the participants to prepare the handouts for their presentation by themselves. If you are unable to do so, please bring a master copy of your handout to the Handout desk at the foyer of the Clock Tower at the time of registration. A conference assistant will help you to make the required number of its photocopies at the cost of ten yen per one-side sheet. Photocopying machines are also available on the

underground floor of the Clock Tower. Participants can use them by purchasing a prepaid photocopying-card (by cash) at the shop on the same floor, but the number of the machines is limited. The machines cost you ten yen per one-side sheet to photocopy.

Equipment

Each lecture room is equipped with a PC, a projector, a screen and microphones. If you plan to use a PC, a projector and/or any other devices to present your paper, please let us know when and what you will need to the Technical desk at the time of registration. A conference assistant will help you to check the feasibility of your equipment (USB, CD, laptop, etc.) before your presentation.

Printing machines and PCs are placed in the Lecture Room I in the Main Building of the Graduate School of Letters (School Building).

Internet Connection

Lecture Room I in the Main Building of the Graduate School of Letters (School Building) offers wireless access to the participants as a free service.

Emergency Contact

In an emergency **only**, you can contact the Secretariat by cell-phone (within Japan): 09040362346 (Akamatsu), 08014183127 (Fujii) and 09098794770 (Yokochi) – but **neither after 10 p.m. nor before 8.30 a.m.**

New Information on our website

As we informed the participants recently by email, the following new information has been uploaded on our website:

1. Detailed programme,
2. Timetable,
3. Airport Shuttle, and
4. Excursion Information.