

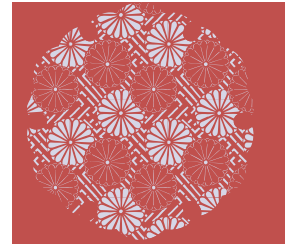
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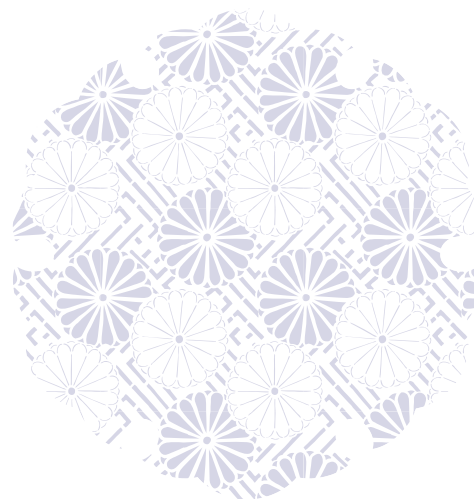
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Proposal to Host
15th International CLEFT Congress
October 19th-24th, 2025
Kyoto International Conference Center



Japanese Cleft Palate Association

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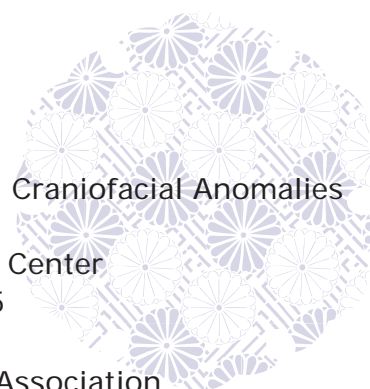
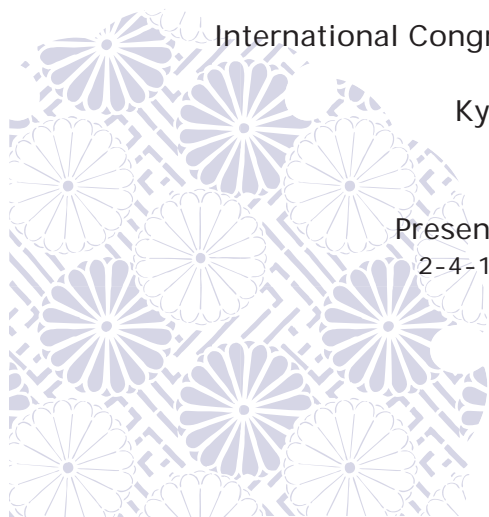
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Summary of Our Proposal

CLEFT 2025 in KYOTO

We would like to welcome you to Kyoto for the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies.

The Japanese Cleft Palate Association



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The ancient capital of Japan



Proposed Dates

19th - 24th October 2025

The timing of this conference gives CLEFT 2025 delegates the chance to experience many people's favorite time of year in Kyoto. Autumn means glorious blue skies, warm temperatures (mid-20s C), and little chance of rain. It is a great time for exploring the city.



Best Time in Kyoto to Create Cleft History!

Historic **Jidai Matsuri Festival** will be held on Oct. 22.

Proposed Venue

Kyoto International Conference Center [ICC Kyoto]



ICC Kyoto is Japan's flagship congress facility.

Proposal Overview

Academic Prestige

Japanese Cleft Palate Association (JCPA) (**more than 3,000 members**) is one of the largest in the world. JCPA is a long-established multidisciplinary association **with approximately 40 years experience.**

Robust Local Support & Sound Finances

JCPA fund for scholarships, awards and publications is already in place.
Full support of **Kyoto Convention and Visitors Bureau and Japanese Government**

Cost Effective

Internationally competitive hotel rates
Low-cost travel and dining
NO TIPPING/GRATUITIES

Ease of Access

Direct flights from major hubs worldwide
Integrated subway & bus networks are navigated easily in English.
Convenient transportation by train to Kyoto

Comfort & Safety

World-class hotels: Ritz Carlton (2014), Four Seasons (2016), Hyatt, Westin as well as respected Japanese brands
The incredible **service, hospitality and quality, for which Japan is famous.**
Japan's renowned track record of safety and security

Attractive Congress Venue

Japan's flagship congress facility, ICC Kyoto
Practical and user friendly auditorium layout, plentiful networking space, spacious Japanese gardens, seamless fiber-optic network throughout all venues, stunning surroundings
ICC boasts a 46-year history as Japan's leading international congress center

Culture & Sightseeing Attractions

Kyoto was the capital for over 1,000 years and remains the spiritual home of Japan.
Attractive excursion options
2000 Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines
17 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites
The birthplace of Japanese cultural icons: **Tea Ceremony** and Flower Arrangement
Countless opportunities for hands-on experience of Japanese arts and crafts

Delicious dining

Sample the finest Japanese cuisine in a traditional atmosphere
Kyoto features 7, 3-star Michelin restaurants.
In addition to traditional Japanese dining, Kyoto also offers a multitude of international restaurants.

JAPANESE CLEFT PALATE ASSOCIATION



The Japanese Cleft Palate Association (JCPA) was established in 1977 to improve the treatment for patients with cleft lip and/or palate (CL/P), to promote the research for the prevention of CL/P, to share the information about CL/P and to promote mutual collaboration.

JCPA has been thriving for more than 30 years and consists of more than 3000 active members from a wide variety of specialties such as plastic surgery, otorhinolaryngology, oral-maxillofacial surgery, speech pathology, orthodontics, prosthodontics and pediatric dentistry.

More than 700 attendees regularly attend the annual meeting. Three volumes of the official Journal of Japanese Cleft Palate Association are published per year.

Activities of JCPA

Editorial Committee

Official Journal:

Journal of Japanese Cleft Palate Association

Academic Committee

Academic Survey Committee

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

International Relations Committee

Information Technology Committee

Distinguished Paper Award Committee

Distinguished Poster Presentation

Award Committee

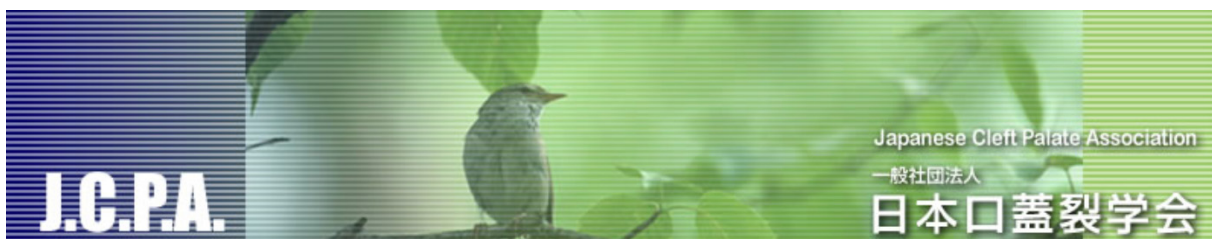
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Guideline Committee

Future Design Committee

Certified Membership Committee

Ethic Committee



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Invitation from JCPA



July 11th, 2016

Welcome Message from the President of the Japanese Cleft Palate Association

All Members

International Confederation for Cleft Lip and Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Japanese Cleft Palate Association, I am delighted to invite you to the International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies in 2025 in Kyoto, Japan.

This congress will be organized by the Japanese Cleft Palate Association, which consists of more than 3,000 active members. We are proud that the government of Japan and Kyoto regional governments have offered us their full support.

We hope that, by sharing the latest information in cleft and craniofacial care, the Kyoto Congress in 2025 will bring in a remarkable advancement of treatment results. Also this will prove a great boon to patients with oral clefts and related craniofacial anomalies, and provide a basis for helping children more effectively than ever before.

The congress city, Kyoto, is the spiritual home of Japan and it embodies 1,200 years of Japanese history. Also in recent times Kyoto made its mark by hosting a range of world-level meetings and becoming the scene of significant events such as the settlement of the well-known "Kyoto Protocol" for ecology In 1997, which was signed in our proposed venue, Kyoto International Conference Center.

We would like to learn from this history of positive interaction between natural surroundings and human activities in Kyoto to help us improve provision of our clinical care to our patients. Therefore, we are confident that, the congress held in Kyoto will provide you a high quality meeting. We would be honored if Kyoto were selected as the venue and vow to produce the most successful CLEFT yet.

We look forward welcoming you to Kyoto, Japan in 2025. Please make Kyoto, Japan your choice for our 15th International Congress.

Sincerely yours,

Shigehiko Suzuki, M.D., Ph.D.

President of the Japanese Cleft Palate Association

Invitation from Japanese Government



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Japan Tourism Agency Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

July 12, 2016

International Confederation for Cleft Lip and Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies

Dear Executive Committee members,

It is my great pleasure to support Kyoto City in its candidacy to be the host city of the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies. I believe that this conference is one of the most significant and prestigious international gatherings in its field, and it would be a great honour if Japan is selected as the host country.

To promote the multidisciplinary treatment of patients with cleft lip and palate and of patients with craniofacial anomalies, the Japanese Cleft Palate Association was established in 1977. It has been active for nearly 40 years since then. Japan has been participating in this congress from the time it started and has been enthusiastically presenting the results of clinical research conducted in Japan on cleft lip and palate and related craniofacial anomalies for many years. Therefore, I strongly believe that holding this congress in Japan would contribute to the world by advancing treatment and research in this field.

Kyoto, a candidate venue for the next congress, has hosted many large international conventions, including medical congresses attended by more than 5,000 participants. The city has extensive facilities and experience in hosting such large-scale congresses. And as Japan's ancient capital, Kyoto is rich in UNESCO World Heritages, such as the Golden Pavilion and Kiyomizu Temple, and in traditional culture and events such as tea ceremony, Ikebana flower arrangement, all of which have been passed down from old days.

We sincerely look forward to welcoming all participants to Japan, and we truly hope that the congress will be held in Kyoto.

Yours sincerely,

Akihiko Tamura

Commissioner

Japan Tourism Agency

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

Invitation from Japanese Government



July 11, 2016



Dear Executive Committee members,
International Confederation for Cleft Lip and
Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I write to extend my full support for Japan's bid to host the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies.

The proposed host city of Kyoto has been designated as an International Convention City by the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. Kyoto has successfully hosted a large number of important international conventions. Thanks to Kyoto's organizing expertise, numerous attractions and warm hospitality, convention delegates always leave with happy memories of a successful and uniquely enjoyable event.


As the ancient capital of Japan, Kyoto is one of Japan's most important tourism destinations. Its many historical attractions, UNESCO World Cultural Heritage sites and beautiful natural scenery attract millions of tourists in all seasons. Kyoto meets all the requirements for your international meeting, and will serve as an inspiring environment for every program.

We acknowledge that international conferences are a key factor in vitalizing industry. The intensive exchange of knowledge and studies contributes to the global development of academic fields. At the same time, we strongly believe that Japan can provide substantial contributions to your conference as a cutting-edge leader in research and development in the medical sciences.

As president of the Japan National Tourism Organization, I am convinced that holding the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies in Japan would ensure a memorable and successful meeting.

I encourage you to select Japan as the site for your conference and I look forward to the pleasure of welcoming you and your delegates to Japan in 2025.

Yours very sincerely,


Ryoichi Matsuyama
President
Japan National Tourism Organization

New ideas start here

Invitation from City of Kyoto



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July 2016

Prof. Jyotsna Murthy
President
The International Confederation for Cleft Lip and Palate
and Related Craniofacial Anomalies

Dear Prof. Jyotsna Murthy,

It is my pleasure and great honor as Mayor to invite the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies to be held in Kyoto in 2025. I would like to introduce briefly some of the attractions of my city.

Kyoto is the ancient capital of Japan and is recognized worldwide as the country's historical, cultural and spiritual heart. Kyoto's countless shrines, temples, and architectural masterpieces include fourteen UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites, and each reflects the legacy of the myriad Japanese traditions that were born here.

It is this ingrained culture of innovation that sets Kyoto apart and provides the perfect environment for no less than 38 institutions of higher learning as well as a plethora of research facilities, cementing the city's status as an academic and scientific center. Consequently, many of Japan's brightest academics are active here.

I am confident that Kyoto is a most suitable venue for your meeting. Convenient access is facilitated by flights from around the globe to Kansai International Airport, and our subway system provides easy travel from the conference site to hotels and sightseeing points of interest.

Recently Kyoto was ranked No.1 on the list of Top Cities Overall in the Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards 2015 for two consecutive years. I am sure that the conference delegations will be able to have special experiences besides academics.

On behalf of all Kyoto citizens, I extend a cordial invitation to you and your delegates to experience Kyoto, where traditional and modern Japan flourish in delightful harmony. We look forward to welcoming the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies in 2025.

Yours faithfully,

門川 大作

Daisaku Kadokawa
Mayor of Kyoto

Invitation from Kyoto Prefecture

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KEIJI YAMADA
GOVERNOR
July 4th, 2016

Prof. Jyotsna Murthy
President
The International Confederation for Cleft Lip and Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies

Dear Prof. Jyotsna Murthy,

On behalf of everyone in Kyoto, I would like to express our delight at having been decided by the Japanese Cleft Palate Association as a candidate city for hosting the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies to be held in Kyoto in 2025.

Kyoto was the political and cultural capital of Japan for over 1000 years until the end of 19th century. Throughout its long history, Kyoto became a home for more than 2,000 shrines and temples, including several UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Kyoto is not only a historic city but also a city of cutting-edge technology. Kyoto has always built new cultures upon its rich tradition, unleashing its own innovative power to develop hi-tech industries, such as game industries, information and communications technologies, and biotechnologies. In addition, Kyoto is an academic research city possessing a large number of universities and research institutions. It is also an environmentally advanced city that can serve as a role model for low-carbon and recycling-centric societies.

For these reasons, I am convinced that Kyoto is an ideal setting for the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies in 2025. We are honoured to support Kyoto's candidature and are pleased to host the conference at Kyoto International Conference Center. We are looking forward to welcoming you.

Sincerely yours,

Keiji Yamada
Governor
Kyoto Prefecture

Tree, Flowers and Bird of Kyoto Prefecture



Kitayama cedar



Cherry blossom



Shearwater



Soga chrysanthemum



Wild pink

Local Organizing Committee for Cleft 2025 in Kyoto

President:	Shigehiko Suzuki, MD, PhD Professor, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan
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Co-General:	Takayoshi Sakai, DDS, PhD Professor, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan
Treasurer:	Koichi Ueda, MD, PhD Professor, Osaka Medical College, Osaka, Japan

Steering members



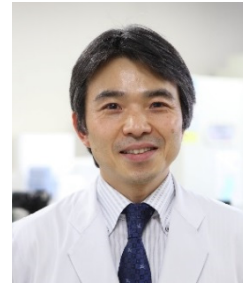
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Yuri Fujiwara

Local Organizing Committee Continued

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Associate Professor, Tohoku University, Sendai,
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Associate Professor, Hokkaido University,
Sapporo, Japan
- Koichi Ueda, MD, PhD
Professor, Osaka Medical College, Osaka,
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Professor, Showa University, Tokyo, Japan

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Local Organizing Committee Continued

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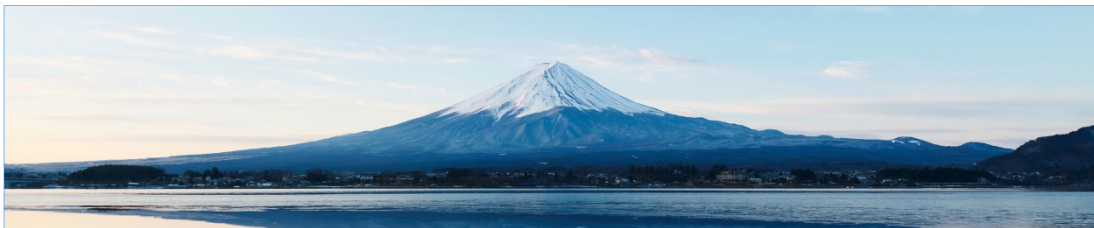
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Why Japan?

1. Japanese Cleft Palate Association (JCPA) is one of the largest national academic Associations **boasting a membership of over 3,000**, but we have never been given the opportunity to host an International conference.
2. JCPA is a long-standing and effective multidisciplinary **association with a history of more than 30 years** and is fully qualified to organize a successful meeting with sound financial management.
3. The JCPA annual meeting regularly attracts 700 delegates. **This strong track record shows that we can ensure the success of the International Congress.**
4. Active involvement of Japanese delegates - A large number of papers have been presented by Japanese delegates in the International Congresses.
5. Treatments for patients with clefts and craniofacial anomalies in Japan are **multidisciplinary and of the highest quality.**
6. The JCPA currently has more than **20 million yen (approximately 200,000 USD)** on hand and is in the process of soliciting additional funding. The fund will covers **scholarships to help younger professionals and/or those from developing countries**, the awards and the cost of publishing the proceedings. The fund will be replenished in the future with the support of commercial sponsors.
7. JCPA hopes to contribute to The International Confederation for Cleft Lip and Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies academically and financially.
8. **Cooperative support from the national government**, Japan National Tourism Organization and Kyoto local governments has already been confirmed.
9. Japan is politically stable **and the cities are safe and secure**. Delegates will enjoy pristine city streets and excellent transport services. Japan has no political or religious prejudices and offers a warm welcome to all visitors.
10. Japanese has the highest standard in meeting production, congress professionals and equipment technology. Japan can ensure participants in CLEFT 2025 a **rewarding and enjoyable conference experience.**



Why Kyoto?

Japan's Most Popular and Quintessentially Japanese Destination

Voted most popular destination two years in a row by Travel + Leisure magazine. Kyoto features 1,200 years of Japanese history and tradition, a stunning total of 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites all located less than 30 minutes apart.



Tradition meets Innovation



In the city's long history, Kyoto has always been a center of cultural and technological innovation within Japan. 47 universities as well as numerous research institutions and forward-thinking corporations proudly uphold Kyoto's tradition of innovation on the world stage.

Excellent Accommodation Options

From affordable accommodations to the lap of luxury, Kyoto hotels and ryokan (traditional Japanese inns) meet guests' every need with famous Kyoto hospitality.



Easy Access



Trains, buses and hotel shuttle taxis offer easy access from the Airport. Domestic transfer flights and bullet trains to arrive in Kyoto. Once you arrive, our easy-to-understand integrated mass transit system with English signs makes it convenient to get around.

Proposed Congress Outline

Proposed Dates

October 19th - 24th, 2025

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Delegates who attend CLEFT 2025 in Kyoto, will be able to enjoy the rare experience of attending an authentic Japanese festival. On October 22nd, traditional **Jidai Matsuri** Festival will be held in Kyoto. This is one of the three most remarkable festivals in Kyoto.

On the same night, the **Kurama Fire Festival** will also be held. It is said that it re-enacts the scene in ancient Japan when an enshrined deity was greeted after traveling from the Imperial Palace to Kurama village. On the evening of the 22nd locals will parade through the streets wearing straw warrior sandals, and carrying giant torches and yelling along the way until they gather at the shrine. The two portable shrines surrounded by the sparks from torches is an incredible sight to see.



Jidai Matsuri Festival



Kurama no Himatsuri (Kurama Fire Festival)

Proposed Agenda

October 2025	Morning					Afternoon				Evening
19 (Sun.)										Get-Together Cocktail
20 (Mon.)	Opening Celemony	KEYNOTE	Oral Sessions	Coffee	Oral Sessions	Lunch	Oral Sessions	Coffee	Oral Sessions	Welcome Receptions
21 (Tue.)		KEYNOTE	Oral Sessions	Coffee	Oral Sessions	Lunch	Oral Sessions	Coffee	Oral Sessions	
22 (Wed.)		KEYNOTE	Oral Sessions	Coffee	Oral Sessions	Kyoto City Tour				
23 (Thu.)		KEYNOTE	Oral Sessions	Coffee	Oral Sessions	Lunch	Oral Sessions	Coffee	General Assembly	Banquet
24 (Fri.)		KEYNOTE	Oral Sessions	Coffee	Oral Sessions	Lunch	Oral Sessions	Closing Celemony		

We are planning to have oral sessions for five days. Task force reports will be presented orally. Poster presentations/commercial exhibitions will be open on October 20th – 23rd.

Proposed Venue

Kyoto International Conference Center [ICC Kyoto]

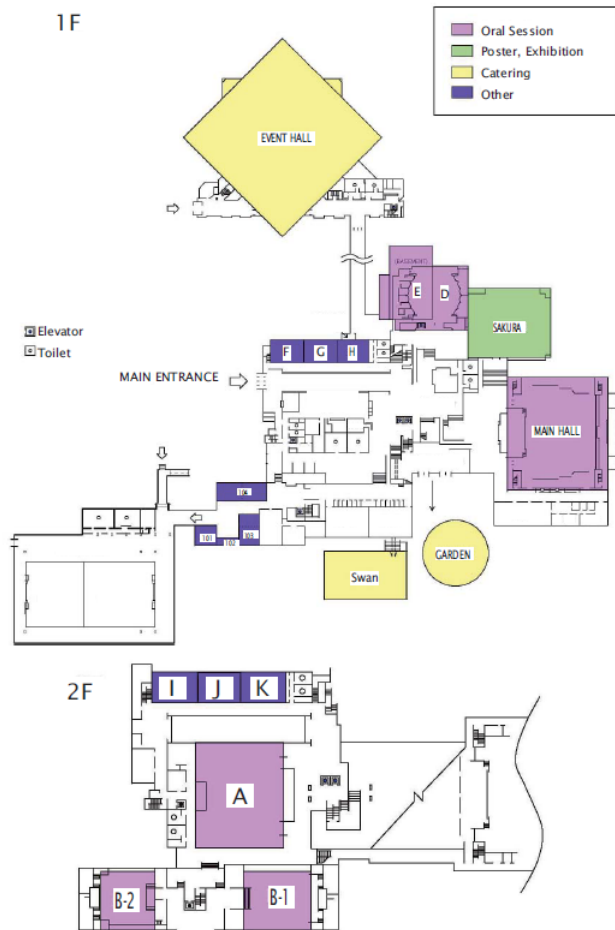


Kyoto International Conference Center (ICC Kyoto) opened in 1966, as Japan's first world class international conference facility in Japan.

ICC Kyoto covers a vast 156,000 m² site that features a Main Building, Annex, Event Hall, and a beautiful Japanese garden as well as car parking for 450 vehicles. Together with the adjacent hotel and subway station, the site serves as a state-of-the-art, user-friendly complex devoted exclusively to conferences.

ICC Kyoto boasts more than 70 conference rooms including 9 halls with simultaneous interpretation equipment. The Main Building, Annex Hall and Event Hall are connected by indoor passageways and linked by a digital network system comprising more than 600 fiber-optic cables. This network makes live video relay easy, enabling large-scale conferences of more than 7,000 people.

ICC Kyoto is dedicated to conferences of the highest international standard. Countless conferences have been held successfully here at ICC Kyoto.



We are planning to use six rooms for oral presentations. Rooms for Posters/Exhibitions are in the same building.

Grand Prince Hotel Kyoto – The Main Congress Hotel

The closest hotel to ICC Kyoto is the Grand Prince Hotel Kyoto. It is connected by covered walkway and is a mere 3-minutes from ICC Kyoto Main Entrance.

Grand Prince Hotel Kyoto offers 309 rooms. Seven meeting rooms, including the Prince Hall (1,140 square meters) and the Gold Room (423 square meters), are available for banquets and congresses.



Supporters

Japanese Government:

Japan Tourism Agency, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO)

Regional Government

City of Kyoto
Kyoto Prefecture

Academic Societies :

Japan Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Japanese Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
Japanese Orthodontic Society
Japanese Association of Communication Disorders
Japan Society of Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery
Japanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry
Japan Prosthodontic Society
The Japan Society of Logopedics and Phonantrics
The Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society of Japan
Japanese Association of Speech-Language-Hearing Therapists

Support letters from Associate Academic Societies

JAPAN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY



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Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Japan Society of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, I have great pleasure in inviting all of you to visit Japan in 2025 if all of you fully agree on Japan to be host to organize the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and related Craniofacial Anomalies in the next 8 years.

We sincerely support and hope the conference engage experts and scientists in this field from all over the world, and look forward to active discussion towards health of people with cleft palate and related craniofacial anomalies.

I do hope you will support us by voting for Japan to be the host for the forthcoming Congress in 2025.

Best Regards,

Ko Hosokawa, M.D., Ph.D.

The President of the Japan Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

JAPANESE SOCIETY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS



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Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Japanese Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, it is my great pleasure to support the Japanese Cleft Palate association as the organizer for the bid of the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies in 2025.

Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan, was the center of politics and culture for over a thousand years. Kyoto is proudly the culture heart of Japan and considered the true home of all Japan.

I truly believe that Kyoto is the most suitable venue to host CLEFT 2025. I very much hope that Kyoto will win the bid and arrange the best 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies.


Sincerely yours,

Kenichi Kurita, D.D.S., Ph.D.
The President of the Japanese Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

Support letters from Associate Academic Societies (Continued)

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The Japanese Orthodontic Society

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Japanese Orthodontic Society, we would like to invite all of you to support the bidding for Kyoto, Japan to be the host of the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies, on the year 2025.


We believe that the Japanese Cleft Palate Association will do a good job in the forthcoming Congress 2025.

Look forward to welcoming you in Kyoto, Japan.

Noriyoshi Shimizu
Noriyoshi Shimizu, D.D.S., Ph.D.

President
Japanese Orthodontic Society

JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS



日本コミュニケーション障害学会
Japanese Association of Communication Disorders

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Japanese Association of Communication Disorders, we would like to invite all of you to support the bidding for Kyoto, Japan to be the host of the 15th international congress on cleft palate and related craniofacial anomalies, in 2025. Cleft patients need special care from various specialists. In forthcoming congress in Kyoto, all participants will be able to share expertise, exchange knowledge and information on a global level. We are sure that everyone will have a lot of opportunity to make new friends and have precious experiences in CLEFT 2025.

We will look forward to welcoming you in Kyoto, Japan.


Yours sincerely,

Kiyoshi Otsu

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JAPAN SOCIETY OF CRANIO-MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGERY



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June 6 2016

Dear Colleagues,

International Confederation for Cleft Lip and Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies hold an international congress every four years, and it will be held in Kyoto in 2025 if all of you fully agree on Japan to be the host in Cleft 2025.


Kyoto is an ancient capital of Japan with a history of more than 1200 years since its foundation in 794. It preserves the aspects of transitional Japanese culture, and also it is well known as the place where "Kyoto Protocol" for ecology was signed in the Kyoto International Congress Center.

I hope that Kyoto will be selected as the venue for CLEFT 2025

Sincerely yours

Shigehiko Kawakami
Shigehiko Kawakami, M.D., Ph.D.
Chairman of Board of Directors
Japan Society of Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery

JAPANESE SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY



Japanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Japan!

As a member of co-operating organization of the 15th International congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies, it will be pleasure to have all of you in Kyoto, Japan.


I look forward to a high level scientific discussion on issues related to cleft palate and related craniofacial anomalies.

I am sure that all of you will enjoy not only the academic discussion but also the beautiful part of this beautiful country.

I do hope you will support us by voting for Japan to be the host for the forthcoming Congress in 2025.

Shigenari Kimoto, D.D.S., Ph.D.

President
Japanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry



Best Time in Kyoto to Create Cleft History!

Support letters from Associate Academic Societies (Continued)

JAPAN PROSTHODONTIC SOCIETY

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June 21, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Japan Prosthodontic Society, it is my pleasure, as a member of co-organizing organizations, to invite the International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies to Kyoto in 2025.

Kyoto is the ancient imperial capital and is recognized worldwide as the country's historical, cultural and spiritual heart. There are numbers of shrines, temples, and architectural masterpieces, and they reflect the legacy of the myriad of Japanese traditions that were born here.


I am confident that Kyoto is the most suitable venue for the forthcoming international meeting. We look forward to welcoming the Cleft 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Hidoo Matsumura, D.D.S., Ph.D.
President
Japan Prosthodontic Society

THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF LOGOPEDICS AND PHONIATRICS

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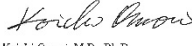
Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Japan Society of Logopedics and Phoniatrics, it is my great pleasure to invite the International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies to Kyoto, Japan in 2025.

I look forward to a high level academic discussion on issues related cleft palate and related craniofacial anomalies. Kyoto is an ancient capital of Japan with a history of more than 1200 years. The countless number of shrines, temples, and architectural masterpieces reflect the legacy of the myriad of Japanese traditions that were born here.


I truly believe that Kyoto is the most suitable place to host CLEFT 2025. I do hope you will support us by voting for Japan to be the host for the forthcoming Congress.

Sincerely yours,



Keiichi Omori, M.D., Ph.D.
President
The Japan Society of Logopedics and Phoniatrics

The OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF JAPAN

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Dear Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society, Inc. of Japan, we would like to invite all of you to support the bidding for Kyoto, Japan to be the host of the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies, on the year 2025.

All visitors to Kyoto are impressed by its 1100 years of history as the capital of Japan: 17 UNESCO World Culture Heritage Sites are situated in a cityscape dominated by 2000 temples and shrines.

I truly believe that Kyoto is the most suitable venue for the International Congress, and we will look forward to welcome you in Kyoto, Japan.

Sincerely yours,



Hiroshi Moriama
President
The Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society of Japan, Inc.

JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING THERAPISTS

 一般社団法人
日本語聴覚士協会
Japanese Association of
Speech-Language-Hearing Therapists

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Japanese Speech-Language-Hearing Therapists, it is my great pleasure to support the Japanese Cleft Palate association as the organizer for the bid of the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies in 2025.

Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan, was the center of politics and culture for over a thousand years. Kyoto is proudly the culture heart of Japan and considered the true home of all Japan.

I truly believe that Kyoto is the most suitable venue to host CLEFT 2025. I hope that Kyoto will win the bid and arrange the best 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies.

Sincerely yours,



Junichi Fukaura
The President of the Japanese Association of Speech-Language-Hearing Therapists

Scholarship and Awards

Considering recent economic conditions, outsourced funds are not reliable. In response, JCPA has already created our own fund of ¥20,000,000 JPY (about \$200,000 USD) for the international congress. This is enough to cover the scholarships, awards and publication of the proceedings. As for the scholarships to help younger professionals and/or those from developing nations, we are planning to provide up to ¥200,000 JPY (about \$2,000 USD) for 20 delegates. This fund will be topped up in the future with the support of commercial sponsors.

**Our own fund = ¥20,000,000 JPY
(about \$200,000 USD)**



About Kyoto

Visitors are always enchanted by Kyoto's rich culture and 1200 years of history. Once the ancient capital of Japan, Kyoto's historic cityscape is dominated by over 2000 temples and shrines and boasts 17 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites.



This friendly city of 1.5 million people offers endless opportunities for your congress to gain meaningful hands-on experience of rich Japanese culture through tea ceremony, sake brewing, kimono wearing, swordsmanship and more. Japan is renowned for its safety. Kyoto's user friendly qualities and compact layout makes us a wonderful place for strolling and exploring during free time. From the moment of arrival at Kansai International Airport – just 75 minutes from the city center - guests of Kyoto are pampered with clear multilingual signs and clean, efficient transport choices.

Basic Facts about Kyoto

Current population: 1.5 million

Average October temperatures: Maximum 20.8 °C; Minimum 11.7 °C

City center: Approx. 10 km (6 miles) north to south, 8 km (5 miles) east to west

Geography: Basin surrounded by low mountains on the west, north & east

Topography: Gently slopes downward to the south; bisected by crystal clear rivers

Urban layout: Easy-to-navigate north/south, east/west grid of bustling streets

Transportation: Comprehensive and integrated urban transport network

Architecture: modern buildings harmonized with ancient temples, shrines, workshops and dwellings

Heartfelt Welcome and Warm Hospitality

Kyoto has been welcoming visitors for more than 1000 years.

Visitors will be greeted with a smile and given a warm reception everywhere they go.

In Japan, we pride ourselves in giving the best service to everyone, with no need to tip.

Our accommodations range from familiar international hotel brands to traditional inns.



The Cultural Heart of Japan

Kyoto is home to:
More than 2000 Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines
17 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites
Noh Theatre Masterpiece of the Oral & Intangible
Heritage (UNESCO)
Headquarters of tea ceremony and flower
arrangement schools.
Five schools of Maiko and Geiko geisha



Tradition meets Innovation

Kyoto is home to: Nintendo, Kyocera, Omron, Shimadzu
and around 40 higher education & and research institutions as well as Kyoto University,
which has produced a large proportion of Japanese Nobel laureates

Comfort & Safety

Japan and especially Kyoto are noted for being very safe. Subways, stations and bus terminals are clean and well lit. Even young children commute to school alone. You should have no major safety concerns when travelling here. Women generally feel comfortable travelling alone in the city at any hour of the day.

Also, the Kyoto Convention and Visitors Bureau entered into a special partnership agreement with the Kyoto Prefectural Police, deepening Kyoto's commitment to the continued safety of all our visitors.

Costs

Expenses incurred by travelers in Kyoto are on average considerably cheaper than that of other large cities including Tokyo, New York and London. In fact, travelers are invariably very satisfied that with the low prices that Kyoto offers. There is a wide selection of accommodations and dining to meet any budget.

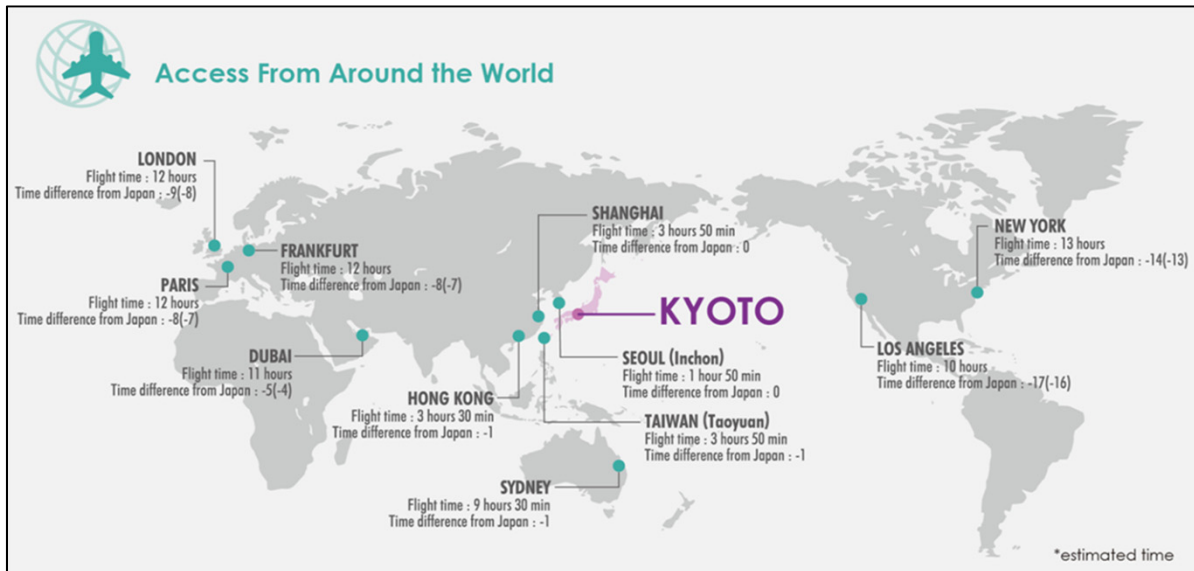
Furthermore tipping is not practiced in Japan. It is the custom in Japan to give all customers excellent service without expecting tips or charging service fees.



International Access

Kansai International Airport: Main Gateway

The closest international gateway to Kyoto is Kansai International Airport (KIX)



Japan is one of the closest destinations in Asia

Europe to

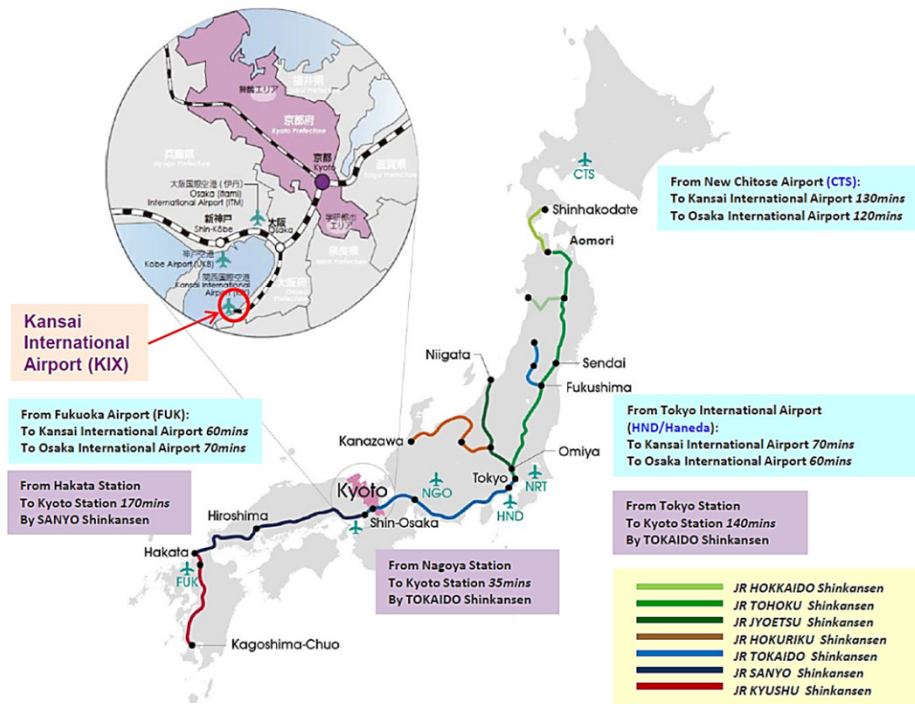
Japan 12 hours
 Hong Kong 13 hours
 Singapore 14 hours
 Melbourne 21hours

USA West Coast to

Japan 10 hours
 Buenos Aires 12 hours
 Hong Kong 15 hours
 Singapore 17 hours
 Melbourne 18hours

Japan takes the 'far' out of the Far East

Excellent International and Domestic Access



Kyoto is so well connected to the rest of Japan that you can choose to land at any of the international gateways around the country.

For example a popular route is landing in Tokyo Haneda (HND) and taking a connecting flight to Osaka Itami (ITM). From ITM, Skygate Taxis that take you to your hotel door in about an hour for a fixed price are highly recommended.

Experience of the *Shinkansen* (Bullet train)

The alternative way from Tokyo, Nagoya and Fukuoka is taking the *Shinkansen* (Bullet train of Japan Railway lines). Travelling on the Shinkansen is always an enjoyable experience.



Kyoto City Transportation

Thirty-Minute City

Kyoto is often referred to as the “30 minute city”; because most destinations can be reached within half an hour from almost anywhere in the city.

Two City Subway lines: north-south and east-west, end-to-end in 25 minutes.

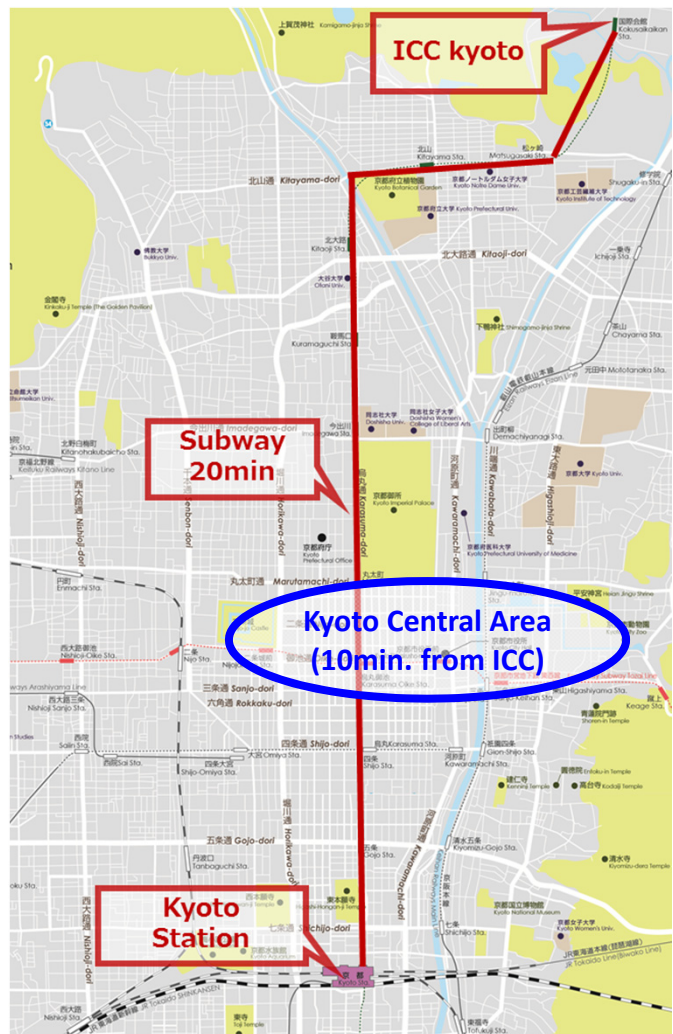
Subway station signs are marked in English, Chinese, Korean and Japanese.

Bus destinations are announced in English and Japanese and all bus stops are named and labelled. First time visitors can easily follow the bus map.

Taxis are plentiful: English speaking and licensed tour guide drivers are available.

Sightseeing spots & hotels are located near subway stations and bus stops.

Kyoto Convention Pass travel discounts are available for conferences.



*Standard design shown.

Special discount tickets are available exclusively for convention participants!

Accommodation in Kyoto

Many hotels are located along the subway lines allowing easy access to the Congress venue and famous sightseeing places. Even in the economy hotels, a safe and comfortable stay is guaranteed.

Hotel Classification

Superior Luxury hotels (A Class)
equivalent to 4-5 star
\$250 to 1,000 USD

- Grande Prince Hotel Kyoto
- Kyoto Brighton Hotel
- The Ritz-Carlton Kyoto
- Kyoto Hotel Okura
- Westin Miyako Hotel Kyoto
- Hyatt Regency Kyoto
- Four Seasons Hotel Kyoto
- Hotel Granvia Kyoto

Luxury hotels (B Class)
equivalent to 4 star
\$150 to 250 USD

- Hotel Monterey Kyoto
- Kyoto Royal Hotel & Spa
- Kyoto Tokyu Hotel
- ANA Crown Plaza Hotel
- Kyoto Century Hotel
- Rihga Royal Hotel Kyoto

Standard tourist/business hotels (C Class)
equivalent to 3 star
\$80 to 150 USD

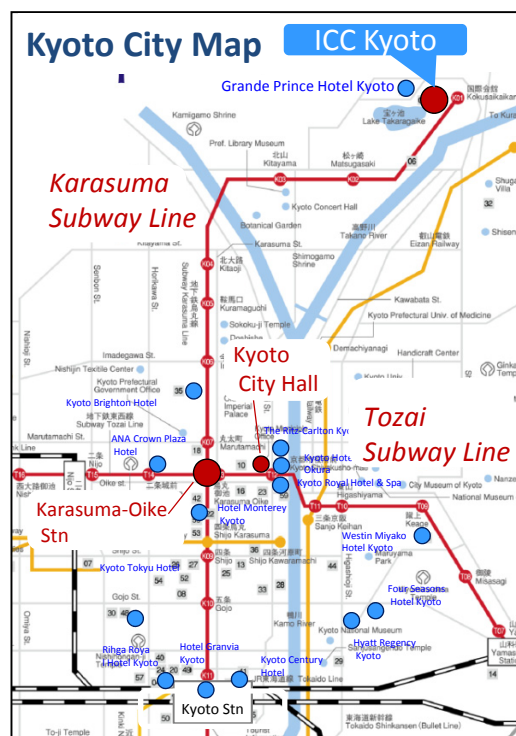
More than 40 hotels are available.

Economy hotels (E Class)
\$40 to 120 USD

More than 30 hotels are available.
Great value for money with spotlessness
that you expect from Japanese service.

*Fee above includes tax and service charges.
*Room charges are referring to actual room
charges of July, 2016
(1 USD = 100 JPY)

Location of Class A & B Hotels (●)



Just 10min from the city center
(Karasuma-Oike Stn) to ICC-Kyoto by
subway. The subway is completely safe.



Ryokan (Japanese Inn)

Traditional Japanese accommodation
in tatami mat rooms and futons to
sleep on. Recently popular with
international visitors.

Entertainment in Kyoto

Kyoto Imperial Palace

Take a guided tour of the Kyoto Imperial Palace, which was the residence of the Emperor for more than one thousand years. Then follow up with a walk on the incredible nightingale floors of Nijo Castle, the home of the Shogun and the seat of his power.



UNESCO

Enjoy one of the seventeen sites that have been designated World Cultural Heritage Sites. Kamigamo and Shimogamo shrines mark the foundation of the city.

Sake

Fushimi in the south of Kyoto is famous for its pure water and high quality rice that are combined to craft some of the finest sake. The scenery of the brewing districts has not changed in centuries and makes a wonderful atmosphere for viewing the production process and tasting the result.



Walking

The Arashiyama Sagano area is where local people go to relax in the countryside. The wide river, numerous temples, curiosity shops, and ancient countryside make for a pleasant stroll. You can enjoy the beautiful view of the river from an open deck train; or take a ride down the river rapids.



Gardens

There are thousands of delightful private, public, and temple gardens to be enjoyed in Kyoto.

A tour of lesser known spectacular gardens is the perfect way to entertain your guests.



Experience of Traditional Japanese Culture

Kyoto offers you the opportunity to incorporate traditional Japanese culture into your programme: motivation & rewards; team-building; breaks between sessions; spouse programmes; optional tours; entertainment & attractions.



Tea Ceremony

Enjoy the serene atmosphere and the beautiful taste of the emerald green tea



Kimono

Completely enveloped in the Japanese spirit



Calligraphy

Make a lasting impression of your experience in Kyoto.



Origami

Enjoyable for all ages.



Japanese Flower Arranging

Known as "the way of the flowers" reflect in beauty in nature



Zen Meditation

Take a moment to relax and rejuvenate between sessions

Kyoto Dining

Japanese cuisine is enjoying international popularity for its exquisite flavours and health benefits. In Kyoto you will experience the very best Japanese cuisine that the world has to offer.

What to Eat

Experience formal Kyoto Kaiseki Ryori, a many-course meal made from seasonal dishes, famous Kyoto tofu, yuba (related to tofu), fu (wheat gluten), mizu-taki chicken, obanzai (Kyoto home-style cooking), and Shojin Zen vegetarian menus; as well as well-known favourites such as tempura, sushi & sashimi, noodles, okonomiyaki & takoyaki, sukiyaki & shabushabu, yakiniku & teppan yaki dishes grilled on hot plates or over charcoal, eel dishes, and Japanese confectionary. You might also like to try locally produced vegetables that all come with the Kyoto marque.

Where to Eat

Where you eat is as important as what you eat in Kyoto. Take the opportunity to try a selection of the following: cheap noodle bars and kissaten coffee shops, evening fun at an izakaya bar, familiar international fast food chains, casual diners and international ethnic restaurants, refurbished historic timber machiya town house restaurants that cater to all from formal to chic to casual.



Top Tips

Most restaurants have pictorial menus, English listings, replicas of food outside, or all of the above to help the international traveler enjoy their Kyoto culinary experience. International foods are also plentiful due to a significant expatriate population. From Chinese to Mexican, Indian to French, there is certain to be a taste of whatever country you call home.

Kyoto Shopping



What to Buy

The best and brightest of artisans and craftspeople are gathered in Kyoto developing the schools of magnificent Kiyomizu-ware ceramics, Yuzen decoration and Nishijin weaving of kimono fabrics, lacquer ware, woodblock prints, handmade paper, Japanese umbrellas, bamboo crafts, cloisonné, Damascene, dolls, accessories, folding fans, sake and other handiworks.

Japan is strongly associated with electronics goods and Kyoto is no exception being the proud home of global leaders such as Omron, Kyocera and Nintendo.



Where to Buy

There are many Kyoto shopping areas to be explored; from small individual shops along winding paths in Higashiyama and Nishijin areas, to the ultramodern department stores at Kyoto Station and the Shijo area, to the bustling food stalls at Nishiki market. Temple markets are a fascinating experience and it is worth checking listings for events at Toji, Myorenji, Koshoji and Chionji temples, and Kitano Tenmangu, Kamigoryo and Imamiya shrines while you are in town.



Tax Free

Many electronics and souvenir shops are able to sell products tax free when you show them your passport.



UNESCO World Heritage

Kyoto is Overflowing with Historic Monuments and Sites

Kyoto has one of the world's largest collections of UNESCO World heritage sites, with 17 properties all located within Kyoto Prefecture. No trip to Kyoto will be complete without visiting at least one of these sites. Each property embodies the respective era in which it was constructed and will undoubtedly delight and amaze congress participants.



Noh Theatre

Recognized by UNESCO as
Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity



Examples of Well-Known World Heritage Sites

④ Kinkaku-ji Temple (The Golden Pavilion)



⑦ Kamigamo-jinja Shrine



⑧ Nijo Castle (Shogun's base in Kyoto)



⑪ Shimogamo-jinja Shrine



⑫ Ginkaku-ji Temple (The Silver Pavilion)

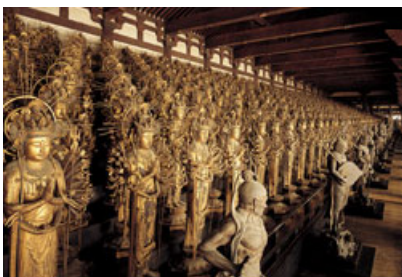


⑬ Kiyomizu-dera Temple



Other impressive places

Sanju-sangen-do Temple



Fushimi-Inari Shrine



Possible Reception Venues in CLEFT2025

Kyoto has many special and unique venues to delight our participants. The followings are the possible reception venues in CLEFT 2025.

Nijo Castle (Nijo-jo) UNESCO World Heritage Site



Concept:
Beautiful dinner in the old
Samurai Palace



Toei Uzumasa Movie Studios Thrilling Kyoto Night



Concept:
Step back in time and interact with people
from Japan's feudal past
Guest-participation, fun-packed event Full
versatility of professional studios



Kyoto's Dedication to Sustainability

Since December 1997, when the Kyoto Protocol on global warming was signed at ICC Kyoto, the name "Kyoto" has become synonymous with environmental leadership. Today, Kyoto continues to show that leadership. In 2016, Kyoto became the first city in Asia to join the Global Destination Sustainability Index, demonstrating Kyoto's dedication to pioneering environmentally and socially sustainable meetings.



As the first permanent home for Japan's capital, Kyoto was founded on the very principles of environmental sustainability and social stability. Kyoto boasts an over 1,200 year track record of dedication to sustainable growth. Kyoto is surrounded by lush mountains and clean, clear rivers flow throughout the city.

Harmony with the surrounding environment and sustainable growth has always been a key value to our city and prioritized over aggressive urban development. Strict building height restrictions protect the city's character and skyline.

In Japan, recycling and mandatory garbage separation is universally practiced, and Japan offers some of the world's greatest public transportation. Even compared with the rest of Japan, Kyoto has an unusually small carbon footprint - only about 1/4 of the average US citizen.

Kyoto is perfectly suited for environmentally sound activities like, walking and biking. Excursions can be planned that engage the local economy and support local agriculture and traditional industries.

- Kyoto City provides a carbon offset program available for conferences
- International Conference Center Kyoto is eco-certified
- Many hotels, DMCs and PCOs have sustainability policies and certifications
- Kansai International Airport – Eco certified, access to Kyoto via direct express train
- Transport – public transport is central to daily life in Japan, subways, buses, railways, walking & cycling routes are integrated, safe and user friendly
- Local sake, tea, and local cuisine made from in-season local produce
- Subsidies for incorporating local traditional industries into your conference
- KCVB can offer consultation, suggestions, and referrals for sustainable service providers



Kyoto Convention & Visitors Bureau (KCVB)

-KCVB is a reliable resource that offers support, consultation and information free of charge

Kyoto Convention & Visitors Bureau (KCVB) is an independent, non-profit public organization that operates to support events in Kyoto. KCVB is looking forward to working with CLEFT to insure success in 2025. We are always happy to hear from you and answer your questions.

-Access to a wide network of event professionals

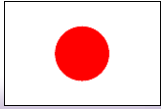
KCVB works closely with local and national government entities, conference facilities, accommodation providers, travel agencies, professional conference organizers, interpretation/translation/staffing providers, destination management companies (DMC), professional congress organizers, event planners, printing/publishing, AV/display professionals, food/beverage/gift suppliers, transport/shipping companies, and others, including over 200 of KCVB's supporting members (the complete list is on our website).

-KCVB cares about environmental, social, and economic sustainability

In 2016, Kyoto became the first city in Asia to join the Global Destination Sustainability Index – a collaborative platform that promotes the sustainable growth of international meeting destinations. KCVB can help introduce sustainable service providers, sustainable excursion ideas, and can even help meetings offset part or all of their CO2 footprint using Kyoto's original carbon offset program!



<https://meetkyoto.jp/en/>



Basic Information on Japan

Visas & Immigration Procedures

Any foreign visitor who wishes to enter Japan must have a passport, which will remain valid during the period of stay. Nationals of more than 60 countries are eligible to enter Japan without a visa unless the purpose of entering is to reside in Japan, to obtain employment or to otherwise engage in remunerative activities.



Climate

Japan has a temperate northern hemisphere climate and weather patterns are regular year to year. Autumn is a truly glorious time of year and pleasantly warm daytimes give way to refreshing evenings that are a pleasure for strolling and exploring the city for restaurants and entertainment.

Japanese Cuisine

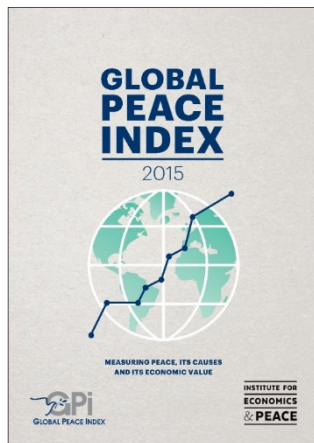
Japanese food is a great attraction for all visitors to Japan. In 2013, traditional Japanese cuisine—known as washoku—was designated as an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO.

Japanese cuisines express the beauty of nature in each season. When you're in Japan, you'll find the aesthetics of the seasonal washoku dishes perfectly designed for the time of year.



Public Health and Safety

Japan has high standards of public sanitation, so visitors need not to worry about the safety of drinking water, infectious diseases, and so on. Visitors can also be assured that Japan is one of the safest countries in the world with regards to crime rates, so there is little chance of being involved in any incidents (robbery, for example).



Japan is **No. 1 country** in
Societal Safety & Security Domain
- Global Peace Index 2015,
Institute for Economics & Peace, UK

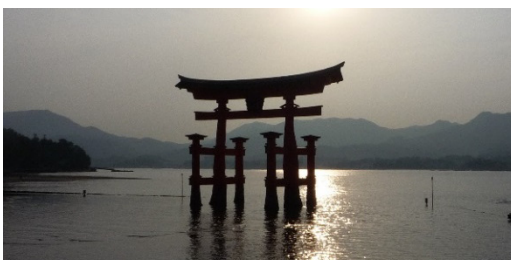
Traveler friendly “KOBAN” -the police box



If you are lost and need to get directions, or need to report lost items, the “Koban” police box can help you. This network of mini police stations is unique to Japan, and they can be found in virtually every neighborhood throughout the country. **Friendly officers are always happy to give directions and information or help people in need of assistance!**

Costs

Expenses incurred by travellers in Kyoto are on average considerably cheaper than that of other large cities including Tokyo, New York and London. In fact, travellers are invariably very satisfied with the low prices that Kyoto offers. There is a wide selection of accommodation and dining to meet any budget. Furthermore tipping is not practised in Japan. The phrase, “o-kyaku-sama wa kami-sama” - the customer is god - indicates that excellent service is expected always.



Affordable Costs in Japan

The land of no-tipping – but many smiles

- No hotel bed tax
- Consumption tax only 8%
- Absolutely no tipping

New ideas start here

In 2015, the Japan launched a new brand concept for meetings and events. The tagline for this brand—“New ideas start here”— means that Japan’s unique culture and high technology, together with the opportunity for interaction with the Japanese academic, business and industrial community, give participants inspiration and flashes of insight that propel the further evolution of science and industry .



The Japan Tourism Agency and Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) are providing special support to organizations that are actively working to attract visitors from overseas. These official organizations are working with the Japanese Cleft Palate Association to welcome the 15th International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies to Japan, and to ensure a successful congress.





JAPANESE CLEFT PALATE ASSOCIATION 2015-2017

Executive Committee

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