

GLOBAL ARTICLE 9 CONFERENCE



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

4-5 May 2008

Tokyo, Japan

Thank you for your participation in the Global Article 9 Conference to Abolish War!

The participation of citizens from around the world is vital to creating a truly international conference, and in bringing the issue of Article 9 and its principles onto the global stage.

This document contains practical information regarding participation in the Conference, as well as details about how to register.

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1. Access

The conference will be held at Makuhari Messe International Convention Complex (http://www.m-messe.co.jp/index_e.html).

The closest airport to the conference venue is Narita airport, a major international hub with direct flights from many parts of the world.

The nearest train station is "JR Kaihin Makuhari."

As the conference will take place during Golden Week, a period of several Japanese public holidays, we recommend that travel arrangements are made as soon as possible.

From Narita airport: 30 minutes by Highway Bus

From Haneda airport: 40 minutes by Highway Bus

From Tokyo station: 30 minutes by train, JR Keiyo Line to JR Kaihin Makuhari (Rapid)

2. Visas

People holding passports from the following countries do not need a visa to enter Japan:

Singapore, Brunei, Hong Kong (BNO, SAR passport), Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Macau (SAR passport), Canada, USA, Mexico, Argentina, Bahamas, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Rep., El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Suriname, Uruguay, Barbados, Israel, Turkey, Australia, New Zealand, Lesotho, Mauritius, Tunisia, Austria, Germany, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Andorra, Bulgaria, Poland, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Monaco, Slovakia

(As of 18 March 2008 – information is subject to change.)

Further information is available here: http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/02.html

Participants from all other countries should contact the Japanese Embassy or Consulate nearest to them to find out if they need a visa.

3. Insurance

Please arrange your own travel and health insurance, which is available through most travel agencies.

The organisers cannot be held liable for any accidents, theft or damage to property, nor for delays or any modifications in the programme due to unforeseen circumstances.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

4. Tickets

Tickets are required for each separate day of the conference. Details are as follows:

4 May (Sun): Contemplating Article 9: Plenary, Live concert

Makuhari Messe Event Hall

Pre-sales 1000 yen (10USD), on the day 1500 yen (15USD)

Opens 12:30pm, starts 13:30pm (ends around 20:00)

5 May (Mon): Keeping Article 9 Alive: Symposiums and workshops

Makuhari Messe International Conference Hall

Pre-sales 1000 yen (10USD), on the day 1500 yen (15USD)

Opens 9:00, starts 10:00 (ends around 19:00)

※ Children junior high school aged and younger do not require a ticket for entry.

Purchase methods:

In Japan: Tickets will be on sale at Lawson convenience stores throughout the country soon. They can also be purchased through post office transfers – please contact the secretariat or see the Japanese language website for

further details (<http://www.whynot9.jp/action/ticket.html>)

Outside Japan: Upon receipt of the attached registration form, we will reserve the requested number of tickets. Tickets can be collected upon payment at the designated reception areas at Makuhari Messe on the day. Payment will be accepted in Japanese yen or US dollars cash only – sorry, no credit card facilities are available. For participants who have pre-registered, the tickets are available at the pre-sales price; further tickets will also be available on the day.

5. Accommodation

Hotels

There are several hotels in the vicinity of the conference venue (Makuhari, Chiba).

Below are some selected hotels which are able to answer enquiries and take reservations in English. Please contact the hotels directly for bookings and further information.

A: Hotel Francs

<http://www.francs.co.jp/e/index.html>

2 minutes on foot to Makuhari Messe, 3 minutes to JR Kaihin Makuhari Station

Rooms from 6,600 yen single, 10,000 yen twin

TEL +81(43)296-2111

FAX +81(43)296-2120

B:Hotel Maple Inn Makuhari

<http://www.mapleinn.co.jp/guidance/guidance.pdf>

10-15 minutes bus/taxi from Makuhari Messe

Rooms from 8,500 yen single, 11,000 yen twin

TEL +81(43)275-8111

FAX +81(43)275-8113

C: Famy Inn Makuhari

http://www.famyinn.com/English/top_english.html

7 minutes by bus to Makuhari Messe, 5 minutes on foot to JR Makuhari Hongo Station

Rooms from 7000 yen single, 9,500 yen twin

TEL +81(43)271-5555

FAX +81(43)271-5772

D: Hotel Villa Fontaine

<http://www.hvf.jp/eng/hatchobori.php>

30 minutes train from Makuhari Messe (in central Tokyo)

Rooms from 9,000 yen single, 10,500 yen double

TEL +81(3)5651-6660

FAX +81(3)5651-6777

More hotels in the area can be viewed on the Makuhari Messe website here (<http://www.m->

Hostels

While there are no youth hostels directly in the area, the venue is only 30 minutes by train from Tokyo station, making budget accommodation in the central Tokyo area a suitable lower cost alternative.

Host Families

Homestays may be available on a very limited basis. Please contact the secretariat if you are interested in staying with a host family in Chiba.

If available, spaces will be allotted with priority to youths, participants from the global south, and others who demonstrate the greatest level of economic need.

6. Food

There are several restaurants at Makuhari Messe, with meals available for approximately 1000 yen. Convenience stores and snack bars are also located within the venue.

There are also numerous restaurants and shopping centres within the vicinity, catering to a range of budgets.

7. Special Assistance

Interpretation

Japanese is the official language for the conference, however interpretation will be available in English for all major sessions, including the plenary and all Organising Committee sponsored symposiums.

English assistance and guidance will also be available throughout the venue.

Efforts will be made to accommodate other languages as well. If you require assistance or can provide interpretation in other languages (on a more informal basis), please let us know.

Disabilities

Makuhari Messe is fully wheelchair accessible. If you have other special needs, please let us know on the registration form and we will do our best to meet them. Please note that not all hotels in the area are wheelchair accessible.

8. Venue

Makuhari Messe International Convention Complex: http://www.m-messe.co.jp/index_e.html

Makuhari Messe integrates the International Exhibition Hall, International Conference Hall, and the Makuhari Event Hall over 210,000 square meters of land to form one of the most well-known convention facilities in Japan.

It is located between central Tokyo and Narita International Airport, in Chiba prefecture.

Facilities include several restaurants and cafeterias, sightseeing information, a business centre with internet facilities, fax and copy service, coin-operated lockers, ATM (Chiba Bank – cannot use cards issued outside of Japan) and massage corner.

Nearby there are several shopping centres, cinema complexes, the vast Makuhari Seaside Park and more.

Visits to significant sites in Tokyo such as the controversial Yasukuni Shrine and the *Daigo Fukuryumaru* (Fifth Lucky Dragon) Exhibition Hall may be offered on 3 May – if you are interested in participating, please indicate this on your registration form.

9. Foreign Exchange

The currency of Japan is the Japanese Yen (JPY). 100 JPY is roughly equivalent to 1 USD or 65 Euro cents. Please consult your local bank or see the following website for exchange rates for other currencies: www.xe.com Withdrawals from international VISA cards can be made at all post offices throughout Japan.

Facilities accepting non-Japanese ATM and credit cards can be difficult to find in Japan, and are not available at the conference venue. We recommend exchanging currency in your own country, or using the international ATMs upon arrival at Narita Airport.

10. Volunteering

We are seeking volunteers to assist in the lead-to and at the actual conference as interpreters, translators and more. If you are interested, please contact info@whynot9.jp with your name, availability, and interests or skills and we will be in touch.

11. How to register

Please complete all sections on the attached Registration Form, including contact information. A separate form should be submitted for each participant, regardless of whether they are participating in a group or delegation.

If you are in need of any further information, please also include this on your registration form. Please also indicate any relevant notes including special assistance, as mentioned in Section 7 above.

While payment is not required until the actual day, we would appreciate notification if there will be any cancellations or changes to your registration, to assist our preparations.

Registration will continue up to the conference, however registrations received after 1 May 2008 will not be eligible for the pre-sales priced tickets.

Upon completion of the registration form, please send it via fax, email or post to the address listed on the form.

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REGISTRATION FORM



Please complete one form per person (children excluded), even when attending in a group or delegation.

Contact Information

FAMILY NAME(S):		TITLE: <i>(circle as appropriate)</i> Mr./Ms./Other: _____	M / F
GIVEN NAME(S):		MIDDLE NAME(S):	
ADDRESS: (BLDG, STREET) (CITY, STATE) (COUNTRY) (ZIP/POSTAL CODE)			
TEL (+)		FAX (+)	
EMAIL		WEB SITE (if any)	
ORGANISATION (if any)		OCCUPATION/ TITLE:	

Comments

Please complete and send this form via fax, email or post to:

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