

HOW TO REACH THE MEETING VENUE & OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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◇ Meeting Date and Venue

Date: 1st July (Wednesday) – 4th July (Saturday) in 2026, as in ICCAT calendar

Venue: Nara Kasugano International Forum “IRAKA”

Conference room 3 (HP: <http://www.i-ra-ka.jp/en/>)

* This room will be available from about 30 minutes before 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

* The meeting hours will be from 9:00 to 18:00 JST (GMT+ 9).

* There is a map including meeting venue, train stations and some hotels published by Nara Visitors Bureau (<http://mice.nara-kankou.or.jp/common/download/map.pdf>) and in final page.

◇ Information on accommodation

The meeting venue is inside of “Nara Park” which has some famous temples. This area, including the park and several temples, is a World heritage site. We recommend you stay at a hotel in Nara city.

There are several hotels around “[Kintetsu-Nara](#)” (20 min walk/10 min by bus from the [meeting place](#)) or “[JR-Nara](#)” (35 min walk/ 15-20 min by bus from the [meeting place](#)) stations. You can find many accommodation facilities in Booking App/site. If you need any assistance to make a reservation, please feel free to ask the local contact.

◇ Access from Nara city to the meeting venue

We recommend staying at a hotel in Nara city and using a bus to travel to the meeting venue. If you stay at a hotel around the closest train station, you can also walk through Nara Park. You will be able to enjoy the views, see some old-style houses and many deer.

If you use the buses, take Bus number “7” or “77” from bus stops at both train stations “[JR-Nara](#)” and “[Kintetsu-Nara](#)” to the bus stop “Nara Kasugano International Forum IRAKA” to go to the meeting venue.

For your return, you can also take (almost) all buses departing from the bus stop “[Todaiji-Daibutsuden-Kokutirsu-hakubutsukan](#)” to both train stations “[JR-Nara](#)” and “[Kintetsu-Nara](#)”.

The bus numbers are displayed on the left side of the electronic display on the front of the buses. The fare for a trip is 250 yen.

◇ Access from some airports to Nara city

Kansai International Airport (KIX) is the closest international airport to Nara, and there are several international flights and many domestic flights from Tokyo (Narita and Haneda) to KIX. There is a small Itami airport for domestic flights from Tokyo. You can get to Nara city by bus or train.

KIX – Nara by highway bus

There is a direct airport bus from KIX to Nara city (JR-Nara station) almost every hour from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and it takes about 2 hours (<https://www.kate.co.jp/en/timetable/detail/nr>).

KIX – Nara by train

There is a KIX station which is served by 2 railway companies. You can also take trains to go to Nara city. You can search for train routes, fares and times using several Apps such as Google map.

JR train: <https://www.westjr.co.jp/global/en/travel/shopping/access/train.html>

KIX by JR – Tennouji (change line) – JR-Nara

NanKai train: <https://www.kintetsu.co.jp/foreign/english/access/kix.html>

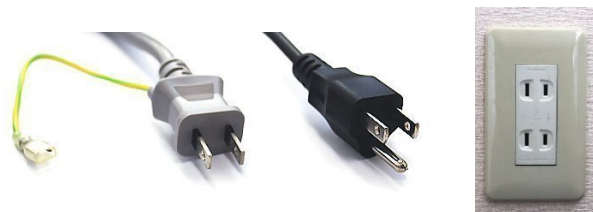
KIX by NanKai – Namba (change to Kintetsu train) – Kintetsu-Nara

◇ Others

Weather: It is expected to be hot (25-35°C) and humid (60-80%) in Nara and just standing outdoors can make you sweat. It will be nearing the end of the rainy season.

Currency: The official currency of Japan is the Japanese yen (JPY), symbolised by ¥ or 円 in Japanese. (1 USD = 154.35 JPY, 1 EUR = 182.15 JPY on 23 Feb 2026)

Electricity: The voltage in Japan is 100 Volt, which is which is different from North America (120V), Central Europe (230V) and most other regions of the world. Japanese electrical plugs and outlets resemble North American ones but usually lacks a grounding hole.



Internet network: In the meeting venue, you can connect to the Internet through a wireless network. Most hotels in Japan offer free internet in their guest rooms through a wireless network.

E-money: “Welcome Suica” or “Mobile Welcome Suica” can be convenient options for travel (such as JR trains, buses, and other transit systems) as well as for shopping.

Welcome Suica: <https://www.jreast.co.jp/multi/en/welcomesuica/welcomesuica.html>

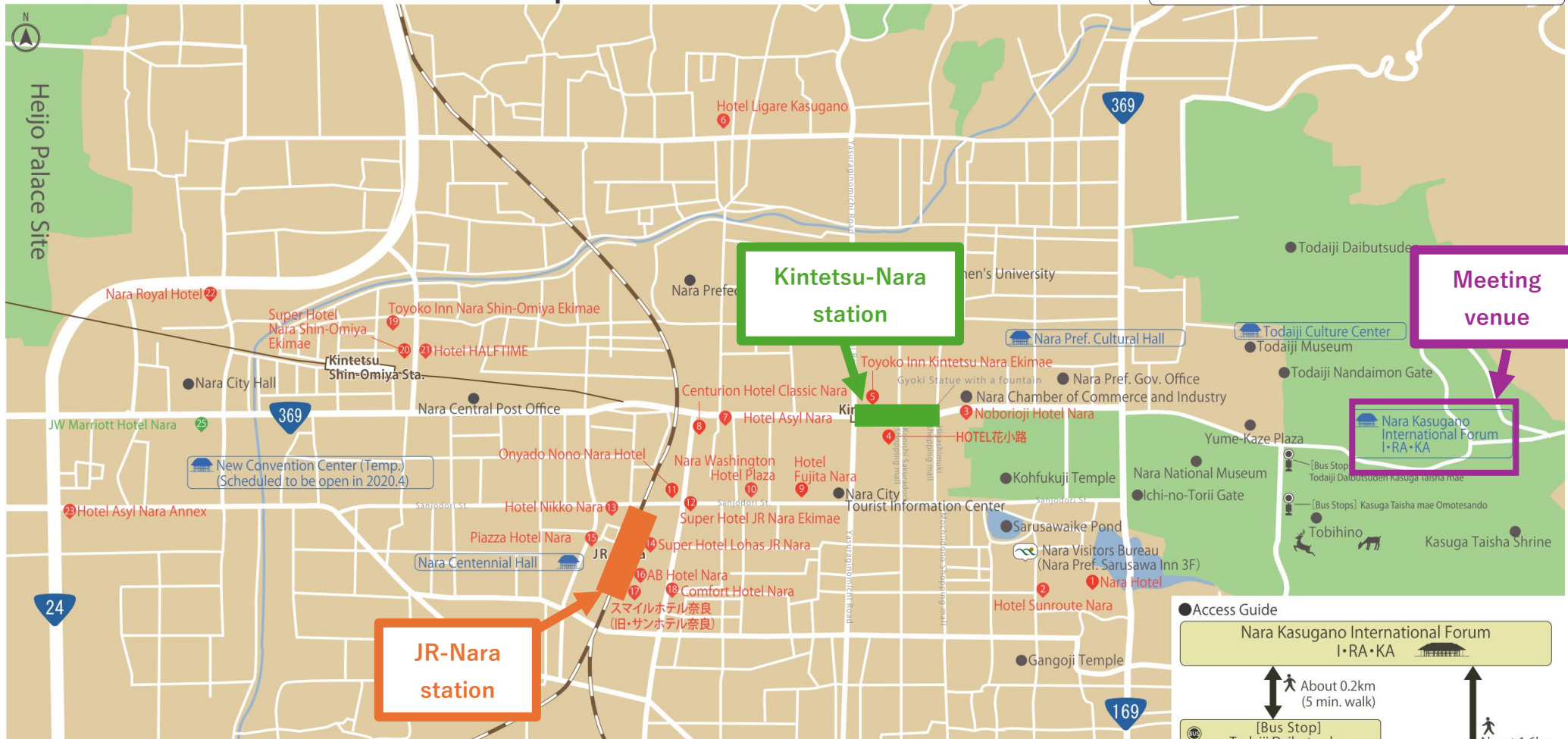
Welcome Suica Mobile: <https://www.jreast.co.jp/multi/wsmlp/>

If you need any further information not only on this meeting but also regarding your trip to Japan, please do not hesitate to contact to Local contact.

Convention Hotel Map



※This map shows major hotels in Nara city area



● Hotel List (Approximate number of guest rooms) ★ Established in 2015 onward

1. Nara Hotel (127)	12. Super Hotel JR Nara Ekimae (98)	23. Hotel Asyl Nara Annex (81)
2. Hotel Sunroute Nara (95)	13. Hotel Nikko Nara (330)	● Hotels to be established soon
3. Noborioji Hotel Nara (15)	14. Super Hotel Lohas JR Nara Eki (234)	(Approximate number of guest rooms)
4. HOTEL花小路 (38)	15. Piazza Hotel Nara (137) ★	[Scheduled date of opening]
5. Toyoko Inn Kintetsu Nara Ekimae (129) ★	16. AB Hotel Nara (148) ★	24. Route-Inn Grantia Nara Wakuranoyado (200) [2018.6]
6. Hotel Ligare Kasugano (29)	17. スマイルホテル奈良 (旧・サンホテル奈良) (175)	※Location unknown yet
7. Hotel Asyl Nara (39)	18. Comfort Hotel Nara (131)	25. JW Marriott Hotel Nara (150) [2020]
8. Centurion Hotel Classic Nara (90) ★	19. Toyoko Inn Nara Shin-Omiya Ekimae (139)	
9. Hotel Fujita Nara (117)	20. Super Hotel Nara Shin-Omiya Ekimae (97)	About icons on the map
10. Nara Washington Hotel Plaza (204)	21. Hotel HALFTIME (76)	● : Hotels
11. Onyado Nono Nara Natural Hot Spring (216) ★	22. Nara Royal Hotel (127)	● : Convention facilities
		● : Other facilities
		— : JR Line
		— : Kintetsu Line
		● : Bus stops

