

# IPPS International Tour & Annual Conference 2012

**October 20 – 28, 2012**

Narita, Chiba to Hamamatsu, Shizuoka

**Japan Region 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting October 27 – October 28, 2012**

## **International Tour**

Tour participants can arrive in Narita Tokyo International Airport on October 20<sup>th</sup> and join the tour.

**Tour:** Narita to Hamamatsu 230,000 yen per person twin share (8 nights) 20<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October 2012

### **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Arrival Overseas Travellers Day 1 - Arrive at Tokyo International Airport (Narita)

Hotel: Narita Excel Hotel Tokyu, Narita, Chiba Prefecture

<http://www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/en/>

### **Sunday, October 21<sup>th</sup>**

**Narita san Shinsyo-ji Temple** –The history of Naritasan Shinshoji Temple starts with the image of Fudomyoo which has been enshrined in the Temple as a main deity and is said to have been carved and consecrated by Kobodaishi (Kukai, the founder of Shingon Buddhist sect, 774-835) at the request of Emperor Saga.

**Keisei Rose Nurseries** - Established in 1959, its business field contains breeding for roses and new plants, production and sales of garden-rose plants, cut-flower rose plants, new and garden plants, decoration and leasing of ornamental plants, operation of garden center and rose garden, design, management, execution and management of landscape and rooftop gardens.

#### **Chiba University– High-Technology Transplant Production Systems**

This is the first such system to be introduced into a Japanese university. It conducts education and research on how to create and maintain environments in which vegetable seedlings and flower seedlings can be grown in abundance; on reducing the costs of raising seedlings and planting; and on stabilizing and improving the technology used in raising seedlings. Through practical education, students can learn not just about production technology but also about distribution technology and sales. The purpose is to cultivate talented individuals with practical abilities, including advanced technical knowledge

Meals: Breakfast - hotel breakfast included

Lunch - group lunch at Keisei Rose Garden

Dinner - group dinner at near by restaurant

Hotel: Marroad Inn Omiya, Omiya, Saitama Prefecture

<http://www.marroad.jp/omiya/eindex.htm>

### **Monday, October 22<sup>th</sup>**

Departure from Omiya, travel to the horticulturally and historically rich area of central Kanto Plane.

**Omiya Bonsai Village** - A small area consisting of a dozen Bonsai (with trees, flowers and stones in a small pot or

tray, it expresses the beauty and spaciousness of a natural landscape) gardens with hundreds of thousands of pots including more than 500-year-old trees.

**The Omiya Bonsai Art Museum** – The world's first publicly-run Bonsai Museum has been opened here in Omiya Bonsai Village which will aim, through its activities, to promote the culture of bonsai – designated a traditional industry of Saitama City – both locally and internationally. This will be achieved through the display of masterpieces and outstanding works with the collection of the former Takagi Bonsai Museum of Art forming the nucleus, as well as bonsai pots, stones of appreciation generally referred to as Suiseki and paintings such as Ukiyoe wood block paintings depicting bonsai. It will also entail the systematic collection and publishing of documents related to the history and folklore of Bonsai.

**Tokyo Sky Tree** – a terrestrial digital broadcasting tower soar to 634 meters, making it Japan's tallest structure.

**Sensō-ji Temple** (金龍山浅草寺 *Kinryū-zan Sensō-ji*) is an ancient Buddhist temple located in Asakusa, Taitō, Tokyo. It is Tokyo's oldest temple, and one of its most significant. Formerly associated with the Tendai sect, it became independent after World War II. Adjacent to the temple is a Shinto shrine, the Asakusa Shrine.

Meals: Breakfast – hotel breakfast included

Lunch – group lunch

Dinner – group dinner

Hotel: Gotemba Kogen Hotel “B.U.”, Gotemba, Kanagawa Prefecture

<http://www.gotembakogenresort.jp/accommodations.html>

## Tuesday, October 23<sup>th</sup>

**Clema Cooperation Greenhouses** – A quality grower of clematis using a state of the art production facility.

<http://clematis.co.jp>

**Lake Ashi**- Lake Ashi (Japanese: Ashinoko) was formed in the caldera of Mount Hakone after the volcano's last eruption 3000 years ago. Today, the lake with Mount Fuji in the background is the symbol of Hakone.

**Hakone Detached Palace** - Used to serve as a summer palace for the Imperial Family, but was later opened to the public. It is located at the southern shores of Lake Ashi on the peninsula between Moto-Hakone and Hakone-machi. The relatively small and simple palace building is surrounded by a beautiful park, which offers nice walking trails and scenic views of Lake Ashi and Mount Fuji, if visibility permits.

**Hakone Checkpoint** -Used to be an important checkpoint to control traffic along the Tokaido, the highway which linked Tokyo with Kyoto during the feudal Edo Period. Today, a short, cedar lined passage of the old Tokaido and a reconstruction of the Hakone Checkpoint (Hakone Sekisho) are located between Moto-Hakone and Hakone-machi along the shore of Lake Ashi.

**Kakita River Park**- Mt. Fuji produces the largest spring in Asia. There are observation decks, small stream, under ground springs and wooden walkway.

Meals: Breakfast – hotel breakfast included

Lunch – group lunch

Dinner – group dinner

Hotel: Kretake Inn Kakegawa, Kakegawa, Shizuoka Prefecture

<http://www.kuretake-inn.com/kkgw/>

## Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Takegawa Kachouen** – Leisure botanical garden.

<http://www.kamold.co.jp/kke/english/>

**Kamogawa Horticulture Nursery** – Riga begonia producer nursery.

**Suzumoto Nursery**- Orchid production nursery.

Meals: Breakfast - hotel breakfast included

Lunch – group lunch at Takegawa kachouen

Dinner – group dinner

Hotel: Kretake Inn Takegawa, Takegawa, Shizuoka Prefecture

<http://www.kuretake-inn.com/kkgw/>

## Thursday October 25th

**Suzuki fruit orchard garden**- mandarin orange

**Hamamatsu Horticulture Co.** – Container production nursery producing a wide range of herbs and flower plants

[www.h-kaki.co.jp](http://www.h-kaki.co.jp)

**International Board Meeting (14 – 17pm)**

Afternoon program for accompanied persons and non-board members.

**Visiting shopping area**

Meals: Breakfast: hotel breakfast included

Lunch – group barbeque lunch at Hamamatsu Horticulture Co.

Dinner – group dinner

Hotel: Okura Act City Hotel Hamamatsu , Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture

<http://www.act-okura.co.jp/e/index.html>

## Friday, October 26nd

**International Board Meeting (8am– 17pm)**

Tour for accompanied persons and non-board members.

*Mourning tour*

**Hamamatsu Castle** – The young Tokugawa Ieyasu built Hamamatsu castle and used it as his base for various battles, and subsequently conquering the whole realm.

**Hamamatsu City Museum of Musical Instruments** – The first piano ever made in Japan was made in Hamamatsu. Hamamatsu, the city of music, boasts the nation's only municipally owned museum of musical instruments.

*Afternoon Tour*

**Suzuki Plaza**- Beginning in 1909, Suzuki established itself as a weaving machine maker in 1920, producing and selling domestically and internationally. The Suzuki Museum displays many products from the very beginning of

the company, through the advancing years, revealing current automobile production processes, enabling you to feel the passion for manufacturing in Hamamatsu.

### **Tea Room Syouintei**

An authentic tea room open at one corner of the Hamamatsu Castle where you can enjoy tea parties.

Dinner & Evening entertainment in Hamamatsu City

Meals: Breakfast – hotel breakfast included

Lunch - group lunch

Dinner - group dinner (welcome party)

Hotel: Okura Act City Hotel Hamamatsu , Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture

<http://www.act-okura.co.jp/e/index.html>

## **Saturday, October 27th**

### **19th Annual Conference**

Japanese Region Annual Conference

Act City convention room

Meals: Breakfast – hotel breakfast included

Lunch - group lunch

Dinner – group dinner with IPPS Japanese Region members at a local beer garden

Hotel: Okura Act City Hotel Hamamatsu , Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture

<http://www.act-okura.co.jp/e/index.html>

## **Sunday, October 28th**

### **Returning home or optional tour**

Japanese Region Annual Conference study tour

The conference ends in the afternoon.

### **Returning Home**

#### **Airports**

Narita Tokyo International airport is 336 kms east from the Act City Hotel. It will take more than 3 hours by using Shinkansen Hikari or Kodama Super Express to Shinagawa and via Shinagawa by Narita Express to Narita Airport Terminal 1 or 2. It costs approximately 11300 yen. Nagoya International Airport is 125 kms west from the Act City Hotel. Several JAL Airlines and other major airlines can take you back to Narita Tokyo International airport for those who wish to fly home from Nagoya via Narita. It will take 1 and half hours from Hotel to Nagoya International Airport by train and bus. It costs approximately 6000 yen.

**If you have any questions regarding the tour or need advice on any form of transportation please**

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