Practical Information

Below is some important practical information about Hiroshima. Please read it before you arrive in Hiroshima. We hope this information will be useful for you.

1) Times, dates and locations

Program Activities
- Dates: April 25 – April 27, 2023
- Location: Hiroshima University Faculty Club, Peace Memorial Park / Peace Memorial Museum, etc. in Hiroshima City.
- Address of the University: 1 Chome-3-2 Kagamiyama, Higashihiroshima, Hiroshima 739-0046
- URL: https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en
- Map: https://goo.gl/maps/aiSYt2JUwNTkRPeT6

*The meeting place and the place of the event may change depending on the day. In this case, an announcement will be made the day before.

Accommodation
- Check-in Time and Date: 4pm, April 24, 2023
- Check-out Date: Evening of April 27 or Morning of April 28, 2023
- Location: There are 4 hotels/facilities in total (listed below). Which location you will stay at will be notified at a later date.
  - Mirai Crea (on campus)
    https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/miraicrea/service
  - Faculty Club (on campus)
    https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/centers/welfare_facilities/lodging_facilities/faculty_club
  - Higashi Hiroshima Green Hotel Morris
    https://www.hotel-morris.co.jp/higashihiroshima/access/
  - Hotel Sunrise 21
    https://www.hotel-sunrise21.com/access/

*Please be reminded that we will not provide any accommodation before April 24 and after April 28. If you wish to stay longer in Hiroshima or plan to travel to other cities, we kindly ask that you make your own arrangements.
*Also, please understand that participants are responsible for medical expenses that occur in Japan and are strongly advised to purchase travel insurance before arrival, so as to prepare for unforeseen problems.
2) Temperature and weather in Hiroshima in April
In April, the weather in Hiroshima is usually mild. The average temperature is 16 °C (60.8 °F), with a low of 12 °C (53.6 °F) and a high of 20 °C (68 °F). There may be times of the day that feel relatively chilly.

3) Dress code
The dress code is casual-formal throughout the program. Aim for neat and comfortable! Examples: dress slacks, plain trousers or skirts, sports jacket/blazer, cardigan, sweater, casual button-down shirt, collared plain shirt, etc.

4) Practical details
Power Plugs and Socket
Japan uses the type A. Plug type A is the plug which has two flat parallel pins https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/. Japan operates on a 100V supply voltage and 50/60Hz.

Phone
The international code to call Japan is “+81”.

WiFi
We will have WiFi connection on the University campus, kindly provided by the University. But outside the campus, public wifi access may be rare. Roaming can also be expensive so check with your provider about bundles, or you may want to consider renting a Pocket Wi-Fi, a small electronic device to use as a router for easy access to the Internet anywhere during travel. It’s recommended that you book these online beforehand and pick them up at a WiFi rental at the airport as prices and pick up options vary.

https://ninjawifi.com/
https://www.japan-wireless.com/

These are not sponsored by the Summit.

5) Things to bring
- Please bring several face masks due to the reason listed below under COVID-19 Precautions. We will notify you when exactly to wear them.
- The program will be held during the spring season and we plan to have some outdoor activities. It is recommended that you bring clothes such as jackets and coats that you can wear on top when cold, especially when outdoors.
- Though there are generally not many rainy days in April, we recommend you bring an umbrella and or rain gear.
- We will provide drinking water at the venue where programs are held. Please bring your own water bottle / tumbler to reduce waste.

6) Meals
The following meals and accommodations during the program will be covered by the organizer.
- Breakfast: April 25, 26, 27, 28
- Lunch: April 25, 26, 27
7) COVID-19 Precautions
Please make sure that you read the following webpage before coming to Japan.
https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html

Japan still has border measures against COVID-19, and everyone entering Japan from other countries is supposed to do the following:

1. To install the "Visit Japan Web" application on your smartphone. Please fill in the questionnaire and upload documents required on the app. This should be done before you depart from your country (I highly recommend you do this step as soon as you see this email.) https://viw-lp.digital.go.jp/en/

2. To show your valid vaccination certificate at the airport. The certificate must be written either in Japanese or in English and must clearly show that you have received at least 3 doses of the designated vaccines.
   https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/border_vaccine.html

3. If you have not received 3 doses of the COVID-19 vaccines, you are supposed to be tested within 72 hours of departure. For more information, please refer to https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/border_test.html

For decades before COVID-19, face masks have been a common sight in Japan, both as a protection against colds and hay fever and to avoid passing sickness on to others.

On March 13, 2023, the government dropped its recommendation to wear masks for most situations and is now leaving it up to the individual to decide whether to wear a mask or not. The government continues to recommend wearing masks in places such as medical institutions and on crowded public transportation. In practice, a vast majority of people in Japan continue to wear masks in all indoor situations, on public transportation and in the city streets. Even in less crowded outdoor situations, many people will wear masks. Various types of masks are used in Japan, but surgical masks made of non-woven fabric are the most common.

Many shops, restaurants and other places ask visitors to use hand sanitizer when entering. Many establishments have hand sanitizer available at their entrances. Some sightseeing spots and other establishments will also take your body temperature at the entrance (by scanning the forehead or wrist) and ask people with a temperature above 37.5 degrees Celsius (99.5 degrees Fahrenheit) to refrain from entering.

If you become exposed to Covid-19 ten days before the Summit, do not attend in-person! If you feel sick during the day of the Summit, do not attend! Stay in your hotel room/at home and contact the organizing team.

8) Expected Costs
Any personal expenses should be paid by the participant except for above-mentioned meals, accommodation, and admission tickets during the program.

Average Costs
- Restaurant Meal: about JPY 1,200 for lunch and JPY 2,000 for dinner not including drinks.
- Water Bottle: JPY 110 for 0.5-liter bottle
- Transportation

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- Hiroshima City tram: JPY 220 per ride
- Taxi: JPY 580 starting rate plus JPY 80 per 303 meters.
- Shinkansen (Bullet train) one way: Fukuoka–Hiroshima or Osaka–Hiroshima is about JPY 10,000, Tokyo–Hiroshima is about JPY 20,000.

*We strongly suggest that you exchange your money before coming to Japan or at the airport as local transportation such as buses receive only cash and Japanese banks close relatively early, which may cause you some inconvenience.

*Current exchange rate is approximately 1 US Dollar for 133 Japanese Yen.

*At Hiroshima Airport, only the following currencies can be converted to Japanese Yen, so please make sure to convert your money to one of these currencies BEFORE arriving to Japan: Chinese Yuan, Thai Baht, American Dollar, Korean Won, Taiwan Dollar, Euro, and Singapore Dollar.

Cash is still the most common method of payment in Japan, especially for local transportation, so we recommend carrying some cash with you.

9) Getting to the accommodation (campus or hotel)

We are aiming to meet and guide participants who arrive in Hiroshima Airport on April 24. This is why we have asked about your travel details, so that we can make arrangements to pick you up. Upon your arrival in Hiroshima Airport on 24, please proceed to the arrival lobby, where you will see the sign, “Hiroshima G7 Youth Summit”. For reference: https://www.hij.airport.jp/en/terminal/index_if.html

For those who come from the city center of Hiroshima / Hiroshima Station / somewhere in Higashi Hiroshima, it is more troublesome for you to come to Hiroshima Airport, so please come straight to your accommodation after 4pm on April 24. (Again, which location you will stay at will be notified at a later date.) Please refer to the recommended routes below.

Routes from Hiroshima Airport to Saijo Station or Hiroshima University campus:

< Hiroshima Airport – Saijo station >
You can take the Airport Limousine bus from Hiroshima Airport to Saijo station, which is the closest train station to the hotels and Hiroshima University (Fare: JPY 660).

Hotels are at a walking distance from Saijo station. (10–15 minutes)

< Hiroshima Airport – Saijo station – Hiroshima University >
You can take the Airport Limousine bus from Hiroshima Airport to Saijo station, which is the closest train station to the hotels and Hiroshima University (Fare: JPY 660).

From Saijo station, you can either take the bus or a taxi to Hiroshima University. (Bus: about 20 min / JPY 290, Taxi: about 15 min / JPY 2,000)

*The bus runs about every 15–20 min. Earliest bus out of Saijo station to Hiroshima University is at 6:55 am and the last bus is at 10:23 pm.

*There are nine bus stops around Higashi–Hiroshima campus.

(Mirai Crea: get off at Daigakukaikanmae / Faculty Club: get off at Hirodai–chuoguchi)
Routes from Hiroshima Station to Saijo Station or Hiroshima University campus:

< Hiroshima Station – Saijo Station>
Saijo station is the closest train station to the hotels and Hiroshima University, about 40 minutes train ride away from Hiroshima station. You can travel to Hiroshima station by Shinkansen and transfer to the local train to Saijo. (Fare: JPY 590)

Hotels are at a walking distance from Saijo station. (10–15 minutes)

< Hiroshima Station – Saijo Station – Hiroshima University >
Saijo station is the closest train station to the hotels and Hiroshima University, about 40 minutes train ride away from Hiroshima station. You can travel to Hiroshima station by Shinkansen and transfer to the local train to Saijo. (Fare: JPY 590)

From Saijo station, you can either take the bus or a taxi to Hiroshima University. (Bus: about 20 min / JPY 290, Taxi: about 15 min / JPY 2,000)
*The bus runs about every 15–20 min. Earliest bus out of Saijo station to Hiroshima University is at 6:55 am and the last bus is at 10:23 pm.
*There are nine bus stops around Higashi–Hiroshima campus.
(Mirai Crea: get off at Daigakukaikanmae / Faculty Club: get off at Hidai-chuoguchi)

*Higashi Hiroshima station is the closest Shinkansen station to the campus, but note that Shinkansen Nozomi does not stop at Higashi Hiroshima station. There are very limited public transportation services available from Higashi Hiroshima station, so taking the local train from Hiroshima Station to Saijo is strongly recommended.

10) Contact persons
If you have any questions on the 24th upon your arrival, please contact Mirei Tashiro (+81-90-9066-7398/ Calling from local Japanese telephone 090-9066-7398).