



**The Second Asia/Oceania
Meteorological Satellite
Users' Conference**

Tokyo, Japan

6 – 9 December, 2011

Second Announcement

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) is pleased to announce its hosting of the Second Asia/Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference, which will take place from 6 to 9 December, 2011, in Tokyo, Japan. The event is expected to be of particular interest to experts in the fields of meteorology, climatology and environment-related satellite observation.

Subjects

The conference will consist of verbal and poster sessions with respect to the categories outlined below. The program can be accessed on the conference web page at <http://mscweb.kishou.go.jp/second/schedule.htm>.

Session 1 Current and future satellite programs and systems

The history of earth observation from space spans more than 50 years, and technology for such monitoring is still developing. This session will feature satellite operators reporting on the latest status of satellite systems and related future plans.

Session 2 Facilitation of satellite data access and utilization

Facilitation of data access and utilization is currently in progress with a view to further enhancing the application of satellite data. This session will feature reporting on activities relating to satellite data exchange by satellite operators and utilization by national meteorological services and the international community.

Session 3 Satellite data application for the atmosphere, oceans and land

Earth observation from space is based on remote sensing techniques. This session will feature reporting on methods for retrieving parameters related to the atmosphere, oceans and land from satellite observation data.

Session 4 Earth observation satellites

The numerous earth observation satellites currently in operation provide a wealth of valuable monitoring information. This session will feature reporting on the latest developments relating to such satellites and application of the data they provide.

Session 5 (GEOSS/Asian Water Cycle Initiative (AWCI) related topics)

Session 6 Severe weather and precipitation

Satellite data are crucial for observing severe weather events such as tropical cyclones, heavy rainfall, thunderstorms and gusting winds. This session will feature reporting on satellite data analysis techniques for severe weather information and application to nowcasting.

Session 7 Application of satellite data to numerical weather prediction

Satellites provide spatially expansive, homogeneous and dense earth observation data, which are indispensable for numerical weather prediction. This session will feature reporting on application techniques for satellite data assimilation in numerical weather prediction.

Session 8 Climate

The history of observation using satellites spans more than 50 years, but its application in regard to the climate remains under development. This session will feature reporting on activities for satellite data application to climate monitoring.

Venue

Mita Kaigisho
2-1-8 Mita, Minato-ku
Tokyo 108-0073,
Japan

(See the conference venue map on page 4)

Co-sponsorship

China Meteorological Administration (CMA)
Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA)
Australian Bureau of Meteorology (AuBoM)
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
Group on Earth Observations (GEO)

Important Dates

28 October, 2011

Deadline for registration, visa application and hotel booking

6 – 9 December, 2011

2nd Asia/Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference

Contact Details

For registration, visa support and hotel bookings, please send the relevant forms to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Queries related to the conference itself can also be addressed to the LOC.

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Registration

Advance registration is required for conference attendance and participation in its discussions. This applies to all delegates, including those who have already registered in response to the first announcement. Please note that on-site registration is not possible.

To register, please download the form from the link below and send the completed version to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

<http://mscweb.kishou.go.jp/second/2ndannounce.htm>

The deadline for registration is 28 October, 2011.

There is no fee for conference registration/attendance.

Visa Support

Those requiring a visa to visit Japan should download the form from the link below and send the completed version with a copy of their passport photo page to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

<http://mscweb.kishou.go.jp/second/2ndannounce.htm>

Applicants must provide a copy of their passport photo page to enable confirmation of the details provided on application forms and to ensure that the documentation process advances smoothly without errors.

The deadline for visa application is 28 October, 2011.

For the sureness of visa acquisition, please send the form and the copy of passport as soon as prepared.

Hotels

Block bookings can be made for the three hotels listed below, which are around 2 km from the venue. A map is shown on page 4.

To request a booking to LOC, please download the hotel booking form from the link below and send the completed version to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

<http://mscweb.kishou.go.jp/second/2ndannounce.htm>

The deadline for hotel booking requests is 28 October, 2011.

The booking is also available on the websites of the hotels. Some hotels offer Internet special discount rates. For the Internet booking, please go to the accommodation page and visit to the websites of the hotels.

<http://mscweb.kishou.go.jp/second/accom.htm>

1. Shiba Park Hotel

Room type: double or twin with breakfast
Room charge: JPY 16,100/night/person for single use
JPY 8,925/night/person for double use
Address: 1-5-10 Shiba Park, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0011
Tel.: +81-(0)3-3433-4141
Fax: +81-(0)3-3433-4142
URL: <http://www.shibaparkhotel.com/en/>
Venue access: Tokyo Metro Toei Oedo Line from Daimon Station (E20) to Azabu-juban Station (E22) (fare: JPY 170). Alternatively, it takes 10 minutes by taxi or 25 minutes on foot.

2. Tokyo Prince Hotel

Room type: double with breakfast
Room charge: JPY 18,000/night/person for single use
JPY 10,500/night/person for double use
Address: 3-3-1 Shiba-Koen, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8560
Tel.: +81-(0)3-3432-1111
Fax: +81-(0)3-3434-5551
URL: <http://www.princehotels.com/en/tokyo/>
Venue access: 10 minutes by taxi or 20 minutes on foot

3. Chisun Hotel Hamamatsucho

Room type: single with breakfast
Room charge: JPY 11,000/night/person for single use
Address: 1-3-10, Shibaura, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0023
Tel.: +81-(0)3-3452-6511
Fax: +81-(0)3-3452-9241
URL: <http://www.solarehotels.com/english/chisun/hotel-hamamatsucho/guestroom/detail.html>
Venue access: 10 minutes by taxi or 25 minutes on foot

Other Conference Information

- **Reception**

Reception desk will be opened at 9:15am on Tuesday, December 6 at the Auditorium Lobby of the venue.

- **Posters**

Posters will be displayed from Tuesday to Friday noon, and poster session core times will be on Wednesday. The maximum poster dimensions are 2,100 mm (height) x 900 mm (width). Affixing materials will be supplied.

- **Proceedings**

Presenters are requested to e-mail the proceedings for their presentations to the Local Organizing Committee.

Proceedings will be posted on the conference website. File formats should be PDF, MS Word or MS PowerPoint, and file sizes should be less than 2 MB.

The deadline for submission is 31 January, 2012.

- **Language**

The official language of the conference is English. No interpretation services will be provided.

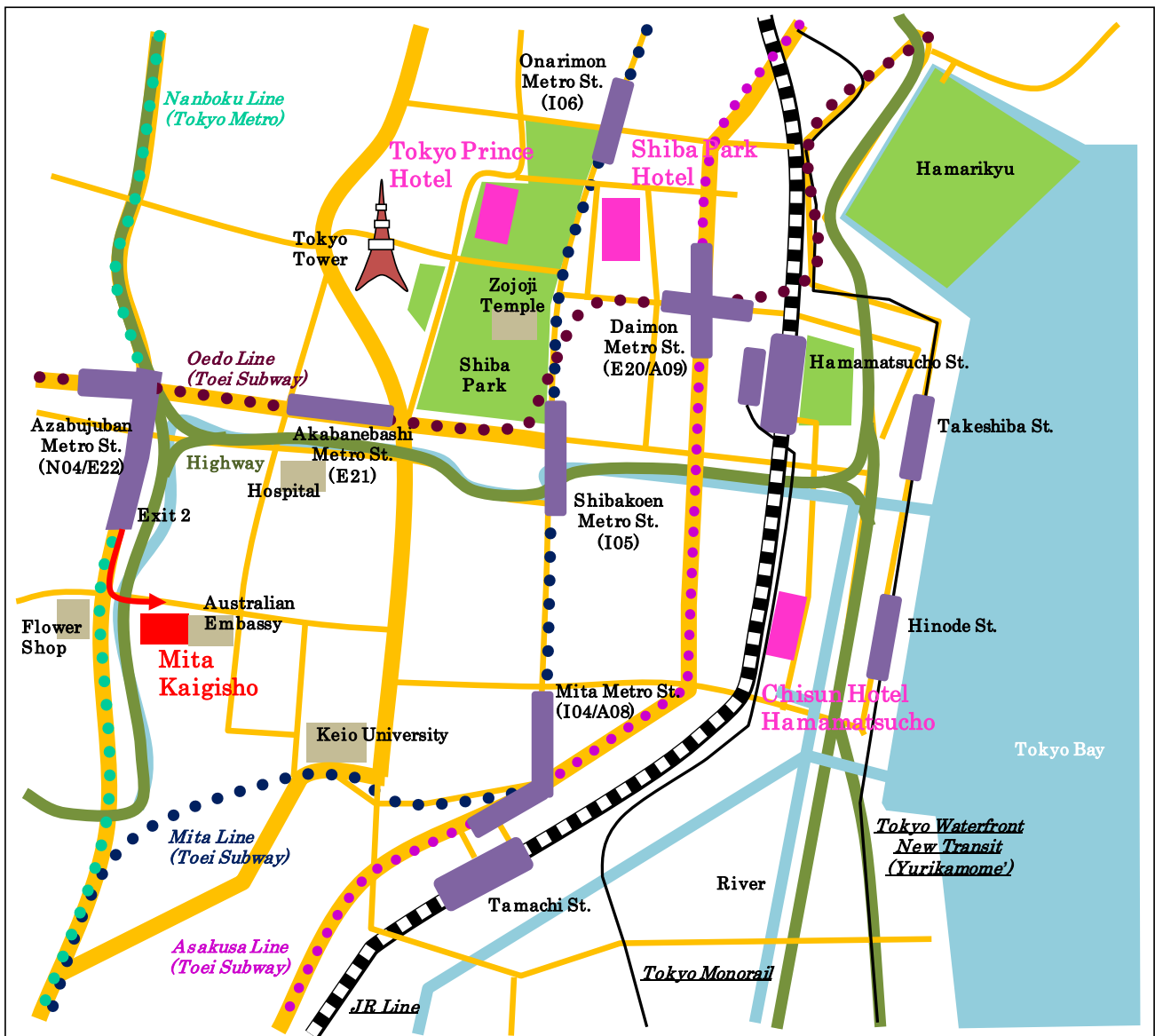
- **Internet service**

Wireless Internet access will be available at the conference venue.

- **Power supply**

As the power supply at the conference venue is very limited, delegates are asked to charge the batteries of PCs and other electrical devices before attending.

Conference Venue Map



General Information on Tokyo

● Climate

The normal daily maximum air temperature is 12.4°C (54°F), and the normal daily minimum air temperature is 5.1°C (41°F) in December.

<http://www.data.jma.go.jp/obd/stats/data/en/normal/normal.html>

● Currency

The Japanese currency is the yen (JPY). Exchange rates are provided at <http://www.xe.com>.

Major credit cards are widely accepted.

● Tipping

A service charge is generally included in taxi, bar and restaurant bills.

● Time zone

The time zone for Tokyo is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) +9 hours.

● Power supply and plug type

100 volts AC (50 Hz) is the Tokyo standard. The plug type for the power supply is A.

● Insurance

Delegates are strongly advised to take out personal travel and medical insurance. JMA will accept no responsibility for any incident arising during the conference.

Travel to Tokyo

Narita Airport and Haneda Airport are the major international air hubs serving Tokyo.

From Narita Airport

Most international flights arrive at Narita International Airport, located about 60 km east of central Tokyo. There are many ways to get to central Tokyo. Please refer to the airport access information at <http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/access/index.html>.

● Airport Limousine Bus

Departures are approximately once every 15 minutes, and the trip to the Shiba Park Hotel/Tokyo Prince Hotel takes about two hours. The fare is JPY 3,000. More information is available at <http://www.limousinebus.co.jp/en/>.

● Train

The two train services outlined below run from Narita Airport to central Tokyo. For directions from central Tokyo stations to your hotel, please see the hotel's website.

■ Narita Express

Departures are once every 30 – 60 minutes, and the trip to Tokyo Station takes about an hour. The fare is JPY 3,140. Although there are various destinations, all trains stop at Tokyo Station. More information is available at <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/nex/index.html>.

■ Skyliner

Departures are approximately once every 30 minutes, and the trip to Ueno Station takes 40 to 50 minutes. The fare is JPY 2,400. More information is available at <http://www.keisei.co.jp/keisei/tetudou/skyliner/us/>.

● Taxi (not recommended)

Taxis are also available, but the trip to central Tokyo would be very expensive (JPY 15,000 – 25,000).

From Haneda Airport

Haneda International Airport is located about 20 km south of central Tokyo. There are a number of ways to get to central Tokyo. Please refer to the airport access information at <http://www.haneda-airport.jp/inter/en/>.

● Airport Limousine Bus

Departures are approximately once every 60 minutes, and the trip to the Shiba Park Hotel/Tokyo Prince Hotel takes about 60 minutes. The fare is JPY 900. More information is available at <http://www.limousinebus.co.jp/en/>.

● Train

The two train services outlined below run from Haneda Airport to central Tokyo. For directions from central Tokyo stations to your hotel, please see the hotel's website.

■ Tokyo Monorail

Departures are once every 5 – 10 minutes, and the trip to Hamamatsucho Station takes about 30 minutes. The fare is JPY 470. More information is available at <http://www.tokyo-monorail.co.jp/english/>.

■ Keikyu Line

Departures are once every 5 – 10 minutes, and the trip to Shinagawa Station takes about 30 minutes. The fare is JPY 400. More information is available at <http://www.haneda-tokyo-access.com/en/>.

● Taxi (not recommended)

Taxis are also available, but the trip to central Tokyo would be very expensive (approx. JPY 6,000).

