

## IFC meeting in Japan

### How to get to Hiroshima and Hiroshima University

On February 26, you suppose to arrive via Narita at Hiroshima airport.

The most recommended way to get Hiroshima is to take the connection flight (ANA 3129) to Hiroshima at Narita. This flight is small body jet and always busy. The second choice is to take the flight (ANA 683 or JL 1615) from Haneda to Hiroshima.

Then, I will meet you at the Hiroshima Airport in 18:45 -19:20. Hotel bus will wait you at the airport. How to get Haneda airport from Narita are three choices: (No. 1 is recommended)

- 1) the simplest method: Take Keisei train has direct service to Haneda airport every 20 minutes, but it takes about 2 hours 20 minutes.
- 2) The fastest way: Take JR express (Narita express train) has service to Tokyo or Shinagawa station by 53~60 minutes. But you have to change train and takes ~hour to Haneda.
- 3) Limo service to Haneda, but not recommended due to delay many times by traffic jam.

Anyway, please inform me what flight you made reservation.

### IFC meeting

Date: February 27 and 28.

Place: The campus of Hiroshima University, Higashi-Hiroshima city

We have reserved 20 rooms for IFC participants at the Hotel HAKUWA, just besides the Hiroshima University.

2/26(Thu) evening, Meet at Hiroshima Airport.

2/27(Fri): 8:00 breakfast at Hotel

9:00 Start meeting

12:00 lunch

13:30 continue meeting

17:30 closing

18:30 IFC dinner

2/28(Sat): 9:00 to 12:00 meeting

Special tour to a Sake brewery (Kamoizumi brand) and special Zen style garden "KARE-SANSUI" in the president old house.

Then, move to Hiroshima city and Hotel by JR ordinary train. It takes 40 minutes.

If you would like to ask me to find Hotel in Hiroshima, please tell me as soon as possible with your schedule or travel plan.

### **Special event:**

**We will visit one of the famous SAKE brewery and enjoy old Japanese spirits.**

**Mr. Maegaki's (president of KAMOIZUMI SAKE brewery) Kare-sansui Gardens**

**General introduction to KARE-SANSUI garden**

Old Japanese people want to reproduce their favorite natural view in their garden by

purifying its beauty conceptually, miniaturizing everything and using symbolic materials to fit their garden size. One famous style of Japanese garden is KARE-SANSUI.

KARE-SANSUI Gardens (枯れ山水) or "dry landscape" gardens were originally influenced by Zen Buddhism and can be found at Zen temples of meditation. In later generation, affluent people have a miniature size KARE-SANSUI garden in front of his study room or living room. There is no water in KARE-SANSUI gardens, however there is sand that simulates the feeling of water with specific striped pattern, but usually very simple. The rocks used are chosen for their artistic shapes and placed at artistic position. Mosses as well as small shrubs are used to further garnish the rim of the garden. The rocks in the striped sand and moss are images to represent ponds, islands, boats, seas, rivers, and mountains in an abstract way. This is a kind of typical, traditional, Japanese style of art.

. - Example: [Ry an-ji](#), temple in Kyoto, has a garden famous for representing this style. [Daisen-in](#), created in 1513, is also particularly renowned.

### **Kare-Sansui garden in the president's house**

Maegaki's garden is photographed and presented in recent books(1). Garden size is not large but neat and lovely. It is typical KARE-SANSUI style garden. It was designed and produced in 50 to 60 years ago by famous modern gardener who made many beautiful garden in Kyoto.

After enjoying a refined Japanese spirits of art, then another kind of spirits will entertain you to see SAKE brewery (KAMOIZUMI, one of the renowned brand of SAKE) and tasting special SAKE. All these rely exclusively on the generous worm spirits of the president.

1) [JAPANESE GARDENS, Tranquility Simplicity Harmony]  
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