

**Logistical Information for the 30th IOCCG Committee Meeting (19-21 May)
and 42nd IOCCG Executive Meeting (22 May)
Ryogoku, Tokyo, Japan
19 - 22 May 2026**

Meeting Details

The 30th annual IOCCG Committee meeting will take place from Tuesday 19 to Thursday 21 May 2026. The meeting is hosted by JAXA, and will take place at the KFC Hall & Rooms (Room 115), located in Ryogoku, Tokyo, Japan. The meeting will include a half-day science sharing session with Japanese scientists.

It will be followed by a closed meeting of the IOCCG Executive committee on Friday 22 May 2026, at the KFC Hall & Rooms (Room 116), 9 am - 1 pm.

Entry & Visa Information

Individuals holding passports issued by the following countries do not require a visa to enter Japan for tourism purposes:

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html

If your country is not on the list, more information about the requirements and instructions on how to apply for a visa and other permissions can be found here:

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

If you require an official letter of invitation from our host (JAXA) for visa purposes, please ensure that you have notified the IOCCG Project Office (raisha@ioccg.org) by **9 Feb 2026** to be included in the in-person list for visa letter requests. Even if you are a citizen of a country that does not require a visa, please check with your nearest Japanese Consulate or Embassy for visa requirements as they can change periodically.

Japanese law requires that all short-term foreign visitors must have proof of onward travel (departure) from Japan. All short-term foreign visitors to Japan are photographed and fingerprinted upon arrival and must carry their passport with them at all times in Japan.

Airports

International airlines fly into 2 different airports in Tokyo:

- **Narita International Airport:** the primary airport for international flights, located in Narita, Chiba, 60 km east of Tokyo.
- **Haneda International Airport:** domestic airport with some international flights, located closer to central Tokyo. Transportation from Haneda airport to central Tokyo is quicker and cheaper, so it may be best to fly into Haneda International Airport, if possible, but several transportation options are given below for each airport.

From Haneda Airport to Ryogoku (3 options):

The Haneda Airport International Terminal connects directly to the underground Airport Terminal Station on the Keikyu Line, and to the 3rd-floor Haneda Airport Station of the Tokyo Monorail Line

(see <http://www.haneda-airport.jp/inter/en/access/train.html>).

1. Haneda Option 1 (Keikyu Airport Express Train)

- Take the Keikyu Airport Line (Airport Express) [To Imba Nihon Idai]
- Get off at Daimon Eki (Station) (30 min)
- Transfer to the Toei Oedo Subway Line
- Get off at Ryogoku station (18 min, every 15 min).

2. Haneda Option 2 (Tokyo Monorail)

- From Haneda Airport Terminal 1, take the Tokyo Monorail Local to Hamamatsucho Station (24 min, every 20 min, 8 stops)
- Walk to the Toei Oedo Subway Line (Daimon Station, ~250 m) and get off at Ryogoku station (18 min, every 15 min).

3. Haneda Option 3 (Keikyu Airport Limousine bus)

- From Haneda Airport Terminal 1 Station take the Keikyu Airport Limousine bus to Kinshichō Eki (Station) (25 min, every 30 min)
- Take the Japan Railways (JR) Chuo/Sobu Local Service to Ryogoku (3 min, every 20 min)

Reference:

Tokyo Train Stations: https://www.jreast.co.jp/e/downloads/pdf/numbering_e.pdf

From Narita Airport to Ryogoku (3 options):

1. Narita Option 1 (Keisei Skyline)

- From Narita Airport Terminal 2 take the Keisei Skyliner to Keisei-Ueno Station (41 min, hourly departures)
- Walk to the Ueno-Okachimachi subway station (~500 m)
- Take the Toei Oedo Subway line and get off at at "Ryogoku" station (~6 min)

2. Narita Option 2 (Keisei Limited Express)

- From Narita Airport Terminal 1 or 2 take the Keisei Limited Express (for Keisei-Ueno) to Keisei-Funabashi Station (50 min, every 20-min departures)
- Walk to the JR-Funabashi station (~500 m)
- Take the JR Chuo/Sobu Line Local (for Nakano) and get off at at "JR Ryogoku" station (~25 min)

3. Narita Option 3 (JR local lines)

- From Narita Airport Terminal 1 or 2 take the JR Narita Rapid Line (for Zushi or Kurihama) to JR Kinshicho Station (80 min, every 30-40 min departures)
- Take the JR Chuo/Sobu Line Local (for Nakano) and get off at at "JR Ryogoku" station (~2 min)

Reference:

Keisei Line Guide:

<https://www.keisei.co.jp/keisei/tetudou/skyliner/us/traffic/pdf/railmap.pdf>

Tokyo Train Stations: https://www.jreast.co.jp/e/downloads/pdf/numbering_e.pdf

Accommodation

Our hosts have recommended 5 different hotels located relatively close to the meeting location (see list below). We strongly recommend that you book your hotel accommodation early. It may be easier (and cheaper) to book your accommodation using an online booking company (e.g., booking.com, agoda.com, expedia.com), rather than booking directly with the hotel.

Hotels Near Meeting Location

The hotels listed below are all within walking distance (up to 1.5 km) of the meeting room. If these hotels become booked out, additional hotels will be suggested that may require use of the JR-train or Toei-subway (1-2 stops). **Please book early!**

1. **Daiichi Hotel Ryogoku** (4-star): 1-6-1 Yokoami Sumidaku, Tokyo 130-0015.
 - Right next to KFC Hall & Rooms. ~\$120 per night.
 - <https://dh-ryogoku.com/en/>
2. **Ryogoku View Hotel** (3-star): Sumida-ku Ryogoku 2-19-1, Tokyo,
 - 800 m from KFC Hall & Rooms, \$~120 per night
 - <https://www.viewhotels.co.jp/ryogoku/>
3. **Hotel Livemax Ryogoku**: 1-28-2, Ishihara, Sumida Ward, Tokyo, 130-0011
 - 600 m from KFC Hall & Rooms, ~\$90 per night.
 - <https://go-hotel-livemax.reservation.jp/en/hotels/livemax-tokyo-ryogoku>
4. **APA Hotel & Resort Ryogoku Ekimae Tower** (3-star):
 - 500 m from KFC Hall & Rooms, ~\$90 per night.
 - <https://www3.apahotel.com/hotel/syutoken/tokyo/ryogokueki-tower/>
5. **Washington R&B Hotel Higashi Nihonbashi** (3-star): Chuo-ku Higashi Nihonbashi 2-15-6, Tokyo
 - 1.5km from KFC Hall & Rooms, ~\$90 per night.
 - <https://www.washingtonhotel.co.jp/rb/nihonbashi/> (in Japanese)
6. **Ryogoku River Hotel** (2-star): 2-13-8 Ryogoku, Sumida-ku, Tokyo
 - 1.1 km from KFC Hall & Rooms, ~\$70 per night.
 - <http://www.riverhotel.jp/> (in Japanese)

Food

There are several small restaurants near the meeting location for lunch (<https://visit-sumida.jp/cms/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Sumida-Restaurant-Map.pdf>). Generally major credit cards are accepted, but some smaller restaurants may only accept cash.

Weather in Tokyo

Fall! Average temperatures are around 20°C (68°F), typically ranging from 15°C (59°F) to 25°C (77°F).

Currency in Japan

The local currency is the Japanese Yen (¥). 1 USD = ~160 Yen. Bills are in 1,000, 5,000 and 10,000 yen denominations. Coins are in 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 yen denominations. Cash is the preferred payment method, especially when it involves small amounts, but large bills are readily used and accepted, even for small amounts.



Most hotels accept payment by credit cards, as do most department stores and mid to high end restaurants. In addition, many train stations, supermarkets and convenience stores also accept credit cards.

Note that many ATMs in Japan do not accept cards that are issued outside of Japan, and many are out of service at night or over weekends, so it may be best to obtain cash in advance. Exceptions are the ATMs in post offices and 7-Eleven convenience stores.

Electricity in Japan

The voltage in Japan is 100 Volt, which is different from North America (120 V) and Central Europe (230 V). The standard frequency is 50/60 Hz. Japanese electrical plugs and outlets are



of type A and B. Type A (pictured) resembles that used in North America, and is most commonly used. Please bring the appropriate adaptors.

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Ryogoku Area Guide

See <https://www.gotokyo.org/en/destinations/eastern-tokyo/ryogoku/index.html> for information about the Ryogoku District which is home to many museums about the Edo period (1603-1867), as well as workshops producing traditional crafts and sumo wrestling stables.

You can also visit the official Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) website at <https://www.japan.travel/en/> for tourist information on Tokyo (Kanto region) and other regions of Japan.