

Advances in Neuroblastoma Research 2008



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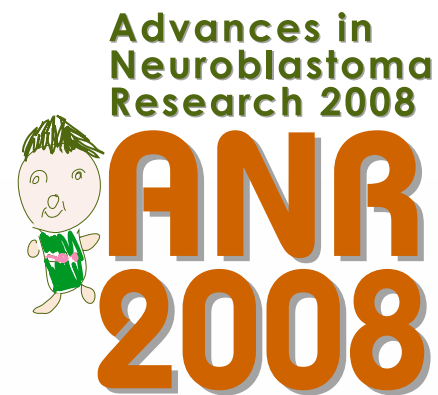
Place Makuhari Messe
International Conference Hall
Chiba, Japan

Dates May 21-24, 2008

For further information: <http://www.anr2008.com>
Contact: anr2008_info@ics-inc.co.jp



<http://www.anrmeeting.org/>



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Greetings



It is our great honor that 'The 13th Advances in Neuroblastoma Research (ANR) 2008' meeting will be held in Makuhari New City, Chiba, Japan, the first time in Asia. I truly wish the conference will be fruitful and create enormous advances in curing patients with neuroblastoma, a still lethal tumor with very poor prognosis. I have learnt that many researchers from all around the world will be gathering in Chiba to give high-level presentations and discussions. All of you are very welcome to our Makuhari New City in Chiba.

Every single person in this world wishes to live in good health and wealth. Medical standards and the examination system of cancer have been improved dramatically throughout the world in recent years. However, there is no doubt that cancer is still the most common cause of death worldwide.

I, as governor of Chiba Prefecture, strongly push for the action to eradicate cancer with the staff of Chiba Cancer Center to promote the health of citizens in Chiba as well as those in the world. Chiba Cancer Center was founded in 1972, and was the third Cancer Center founded in Japan.

Neuroblastoma, a theme of this conference, is the cancer that attacks children with limitless futures and this fact gives us tremendous pain. What we should offer during the time of hardship for those young patients is proper treatment with updated clinical improvements as well as the mental care for them and their family.

Accordingly, I sincerely hope that this conference will be truly successful and play an important role in helping those smiling children hold bright futures in their hands.

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Akiko Domoto
Governor of Chiba Prefecture
Japan



Welcome



Dear colleagues:

Advances in Neuroblastoma Research (ANR) was founded in 1975 in Philadelphia by Drs. Audrey E. Evans, Everet Koop and Guilio D'Angio. Subsequent series of ANR conferences were held in Philadelphia, Heidelberg, Bath, Paris and Genova, succeeded by the meeting in Los Angeles in 2006. The aim of this meeting is to find ways in moving forward in treating patients with neuroblastoma through the advancement of laboratory and clinical research.

Now, the ANR conference is rapidly growing in both its scientific levels and the number of attendee. The By-laws of ANR association (ANRA) has been formalized at the ANR 2006 meeting in Los Angeles. ANR is not solely a society but is also linked to the International Neuroblastoma Risk Group (INRG), the International Neuroblastoma Pathology Committee (INPC) and some other related organizations.

The ANR 2008 meeting will be held from May 21 to 24, 2008, at the International Conference Hall in Makuhari New City (Messe), Chiba, Japan, the first time in Asia. Makuhari New City is very close to Tokyo, and it takes only 30 minutes by shuttle bus from Narita International Airport.

The local organizing committee and the international program committee of ANR 2008 conference plan to have attractive programs including workshops, plenary and parallel sessions as well as poster presentations concerning basic, clinical and translational research of neuroblastoma. In addition, the opening, plenary and educational lectures by international experts or ANRA members are being scheduled. All attendance can relax and enjoy at the cocktail party, welcome reception and Gala dinner under friendly circumstances. Furthermore, the Japanese volunteer groups of childhood cancers are planning to have an international open symposium on childhood cancer survivorship in the last day afternoon by linking to ANR2008.

May is really a beautiful season in Japan. Chiba is very convenient place to embark on any sightseeing as many beautiful and exotic places in central Japan are easily accessible. It is also a main gateway of Japan opening to the pan-pacific countries including those in Asia.

I truly hope that all of us will have a wonderful and fruitful time together at the ANR 2008 meeting for the future development of better cures for patients suffering from neuroblastoma.

Best wishes.

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Akira Nakagawara, MD, PhD
 President, ANR 2008
 Director, Chiba Cancer Center Research Institute
 Chiba, Japan

Organization

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Present president: Frank Berthold

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Ichikawa, Hitoshi	Okita, Hajime	

Program at a Glance

	May 21, 2008 (Wed.)	May 22, 2008 (Thu.)	May 23, 2008 (Fri.)	May 24, 2008 (Sat.)
7:00				
8:00		Opening Ceremony	Plenary Lecture	Plenary Lecture
9:00		Plenary Lecture	Break	Break
10:00		Plenary Session Basic Research	Plenary Session Translational Research	Plenary Session Clinical Study
11:00	Registration	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
12:00	Steering Committee Mtg	Plenary Session Basic Research	Plenary Session Translational Research	Plenary Session Clinical Study
13:00		Plenary Lecture	Educational Seminar	Educational Seminar
14:00		Parallel Session Basic Research	Parallel Session Translational Research	Parallel Session Clinical Study
15:00	WS 1	Parallel Session Translational Research	Parallel Session Clinical Study	WS 3
16:00	WS 2	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	2008 International Open Symposium on Childhood Cancer Survivorship
17:00	Rearranging and Coffee Break	Parallel Session Basic Research	Parallel Session Translational Research	Closing Remarks
18:00	Opening Scientific Lectures	Parallel Session Translational Research	Parallel Session Clinical Study	
19:00		Poster Session & Discussion	Poster Session & Discussion	
20:00	Cocktail Party	Welcome Reception	Gala Dinner	
21:00	INRG (by Invitation)	ANR Advisory Board Mtg		
22:00				

Scientific Program

Scientific Papers (Oral and Poster Presentations)

- Basic Research of Neuroblastoma
- Translational Research of Neuroblastoma
- Clinical Study of Neuroblastoma

Invited Lectures

(1) Opening Lectures

Takashi Sugimura, National Cancer Center, Tokyo, JAPAN

Alfred G. Knudson, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, USA

(2) Plenary Lectures (four authorities from the related fields of neuroblastoma research)

William G. Kaelin, Jr., Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, USA

"Genetics of pheochromocytoma and neuroblastoma (tentative)"

Thomas Look, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, USA

"Neuroblastoma in Zebrafish (tentative)"

Dale Bredesen, Buck Institute, San Francisco, USA

"Dependence receptors and neuronal cell death (tentative)"

To be announced

(3) Educational Seminars

To be announced

Workshops

(1) Translational OMICS in neuroblastoma

Topics: Novel neuroblastoma suppressor genes and oncogenes
Genomics, epigenetics and proteomics in neuroblastoma
Non-coding RNAs in neuroblastoma
Next generation risk classification of neuroblastoma

(2) Translational stem cells research of neuroblastoma

Topics: Neural crest stem cells and neuroblastoma
Stem cells transplantation in treating high-risk neuroblastomas
Therapies targeting cancer stem cells

(3) Translational targeting therapies against high-risk neuroblastomas

Topics: Experimental therapeutics
New drugs in Phases I, II, III and IV
Reports from the Neuroblastoma Study Groups

Round Table Discussions (tentative)

- (1) Surgery
- (2) Chemotherapy
- (3) Radiation therapy
- (4) Pathology
- (5) Total care
- (6) Other

International Neuroblastoma Risk Group (INRG) (by invitation)

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts related to any aspect of neuroblastoma are cordially welcome. Abstracts will be reviewed by the ANR2008 Steering Committee and International Program Committee. A limited number of abstracts will be selected for oral presentations. Abstracts can be submitted to the congress secretariat via the ANR2008 website only; <http://www.anr2008.com>.

Important Dates

Opening of On-line Abstract Submission

October 1, 2007

Abstract Submission Deadline

January 5, 2008*

*The deadline is strictly observed. Abstracts submitted after this date, but by March 14, 2008 will be evaluated and possibly included in the Program & Abstract Handbook which will be distributed on-site, but not considered for oral or poster presentation.

Presentation Type

All abstracts should be submitted under the "Oral or Poster" options.

Oral Presentation

Selected abstracts for oral presentation will be presented at the congress according to the topic areas.

Poster Presentation

It allows presenters to discuss their research with other colleagues at the site of display. Selected posters will be presented orally (3 slides, max 5 min.) in a relevant category. The poster will be put up for 2 days, May 22 and 23.

Abstract Topics

- Basic Research of Neuroblastoma
- Translational Research of Neuroblastoma
- Clinical Study of Neuroblastoma

Guidelines

1. Please refer the following instructions and the sample format. All abstracts must be submitted electronically (online).
2. An acknowledgement of receipt of abstract will be automatically sent to the corresponding author by e-mail upon the on-line submission.
3. The acceptance of abstracts will be notified by e-mail to the presenting author no later than **March 15, 2008**.
4. Upon acceptance of the abstract, authors are expected to register and to present their abstracts at Oral/Poster Presentations. Abstracts will be published in Program & Abstracts only if at least one of the authors is officially registered with full payment by **the end of March 2008**.

Instructions

All abstracts should be made using the template (A4 size in MS Word format) which you can find on the website. The abstract should contain the presentation title, names of authors and the abstract text as shown in the Sample below.

1. Title
Initial letters of each word should be capitalized in 12pt bold.
2. Author
Author names should be in 10pt. Full given names should precede the family name. Presenting author must be listed first and should be underlined. The author should commence 1 line below the title.

3. Author Affiliation

Author affiliations (institution, city and country) should be in 9pt italic. An author from a different institution should be identified by superscript indices at the end of that author's name.

4. Abstract Text

The abstract should be less than 300 words. It should be in 10pt. The body of the text should commence 2 lines below the last author affiliation. Type the text single space with no indentations.

1) Headings: The headings of "Background", "Methods", "Results" and "Conclusions" should be in bold.

2) Others: The use of standard abbreviations is acceptable. Other abbreviations should be placed in parentheses, after the first appearance of the full word for which it stands.

Abstract Sample

The Title of The Abstract in 12pt Bold

Kenji Kadomatsu¹, Michio Kaneko², Akira Nakagawara³

¹Nagoya University, ²Tsukuba University, ³Chiba Cancer Center Research Institute, Japan

Background: Abstract text should be in English typed in 10pt within 300 words.

Methods:

Results:

Conclusions:

Registration

Participants are asked to apply using the on-line registration through congress website;
<http://www.anr2008.com>.

Important Dates

Opening of Registration **October 1, 2007**

Early Bird Registration Deadline **January 20, 2008**

Pre-Registration Deadline **April 15, 2008**

Registration Fees	Early Bird	Pre-Registration	On-site
Deadline	Until January 20, 2008	Until April 15, 2008	After April 15, 2008
Senior	¥70,000	¥80,000	¥90,000
Young A * (<30 years)	¥40,000	¥50,000	¥60,000
Young B * (<30 years)	¥30,000	¥40,000	¥50,000
One day	¥25,000	¥30,000	¥40,000
Accompanying person	¥20,000	¥25,000	¥30,000
Additional Gala Dinner	¥13,000	¥13,000	¥13,000

(*): Young A and Young B rates apply only to participants under 30 years of age or students as of May 21, 2008. Identification (driver's license, passport or student ID) is required onsite upon registration check-in (if registering online, send it by fax to the ANR2008 Registration Office. Fax: +81-3-3496-1057)

Registration Fee Entitlements

Senior and **Young A** registration fee covers: all scientific sessions, workshops + continental breakfast and breaks + lunches + Program & Abstract Handbook + Cocktail party + Welcome Reception + Gala Dinner.

Young B registration fee covers: the same as Young A, excluding Gala Dinner.

One day registration fee covers: scientific sessions, workshops of the day + continental breakfast of the day + break of the day + Program & Abstract Handbook.

Accompanying person registration fee covers: Cocktail party + Welcome Reception + Gala Dinner.

Registration fee for Open Symposium is included in each registration fee.

Payment

Payment must be made in Japanese yen and can be made in one of the following methods:

- Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, AMEX or JCB)

- Bank Transfer:

Address The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.
 Shin-Marunouchi Branch
 1-4-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 Japan

Account Name ANR2008

Account Number (Ordinary Account) 4903180

Confirmation

Upon receiving the registration form and confirming the payment, the Registration Office will send you a confirmation by e-mail, bearing your registration number. Please bring this confirmation with you and present it at the Registration Desk at the Congress site. If you need an invoice for the payment, please contact the Registration Office at anr2008_reg@event-information.jp

If you should have any inquiries concerning submissions, please contact the Abstract Submission Office:

Abstract Submission Office of ANR2008

c/o ICS Convention Design, Inc.

Sumitomo Corp. Jinbocho Bldg. 3-24, Kanda-Nishikicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-8449, Japan

Phone: +81-3-3219-3600 Fax: +81-3-3292-1811 E-mail: anr2008_p@ics-inc.co.jp

Cancellations and Refunds* Policy

Written notification of cancellation and refund request received:

Until January 20, 2008 → Refund amount = 50% of registration fee

Until April 15, 2008 → Refund amount = 25% of registration fee

After April 15, 2008 → No Refund

*All refunds will be made after the congress.

Any inquiries concerning registration should be addressed to:

Registration Office of ANR2008

c/o D&R Integrates, INC.

Com-Box Bldg. 1-32-16 Ebisunishi, Shibuyaku, Tokyo 150-0021 Japan

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Notification of Abstracts	March 15, 2008
Pre-Registration Deadline	April 15, 2008
ANR2008	May 21 to 24, 2008

Social Program

ANR2008 Cocktail Party

Date: **May 21, 2008**

Time: **19:30 ~**

Place: **APA Hotel & Resort Tokyo Bay Makuhari**
(located within walking distance)

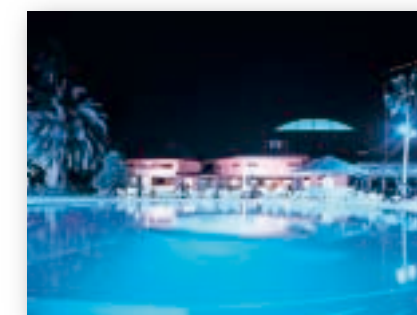


ANR2008 Welcome Reception

Date: **May 22, 2008**

Time: **19:30 ~**

Place: **Hotel New Otani Makuhari**
(located within walking distance)



ANR2008 Gala Dinner

Date: **May 23, 2008**

Time: **19:30 ~**

Place: **Hotel New Otani Makuhari**
(located within walking distance)



Tours

Guided package tours are available for local sightseeing in major cities. For details and reservation, please refer to:
<http://www.jtbgmt.com/sunrisetour/>

Accompanying Program

For Accompanying person there are some opportunities to experience traditional culture; tea ceremony, walking the Japanese Garden (Mihama-en)

Accommodation

JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc. (JTB GMT) has been appointed as the official travel agent for the Congress and will handle hotel accommodation.

JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc.

Convention Center (CD 100720-284)

2-3-11 Higashi-Shinagawa, Shinagawa-ku,

Tokyo 140-8604 Japan

Fax: +81-3-5495-0685

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Hotel Accommodation

JTB GMT has booked rooms at hotels in Makuhari for the Congress period. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt of application form online. If the hotel of your first choice is fully booked, you will be assigned to a room at a hotel of the same grade.

No.	Hotel Name (Check-in & out time)	Room Rates		Address Phone Access from nearest station Access to the site
		Single with bath	Twin with bath	
1	Hotel New Otani Makuhari** (14:00 / 12:00) http://www.newotani.co.jp/en/group	*JPY 28,875	JPY 32,340	2-2 Hibino, Mihama-ku, Chiba +81-43-297-7777 4 min. walk from Kaihin-makuhari Sta. 3 min. walk to the site
2	Hotel The Manhattan** (14:00 / 12:00) http://www.the-manchattan.co.jp/other/english.html	JPY 17,850	JPY 27,300	2-10-1 Hibino, Mihama-ku, Chiba +81-43-275-1111 4 min. walk from Kaihin-makuhari Sta. 4 min. walk to the site
3	APA Hotel & Resort Tokyo Bay Makuhari** (15:00 / 11:00) http://www.tokyobay-makuhari.com	JPY 11,025	JPY 22,050	2-3, Hibino, Mihama-ku, Chiba +81-43-296-1111 5 min. walk from Kaihin-makuhari Sta. 2 min. walk to the site
4	Hotel Springs Makuhari** (14:00 / 11:00) http://www.springs.co.jp	JPY 10,500	JPY 18,900	1-11 Hibino, Mihama-ku, Chiba +81-43-296-3111 2 min. walk from Kaihin-makuhari Sta. 7 min. walk to the site
5	Hotel Francs** (14:00 / 11:00) http://www.francs.co.jp/e/index.html	JPY 9,975	JPY 17,850	2-10-2 Hibino, Mihama-ku, Chiba +81-43-296-2111 3 min. walk from Kaihin-makuhari Sta. 3 min. walk to the site
6	Hotel Green Tower Makuhari** (14:00 / 11:00) http://www.greentower.co.jp	JPY 9,500	—	2-10-3 Hibino, Mihama-ku, Chiba +81-43-296-1122 2 min. walk from Kaihin-makuhari Sta. 5 min. walk to the site
7	Famy Inn Makuhari (15:00 / 10:00) http://www.famyinn.com/index-english.htm	JPY 6,930	—	1-33-3 Makuharihongo, Hanamigawa-ku, Chiba +81-43-271-5555 7 min. walk from Makuharihongo Sta. 10 min by taxi from Kaihin-makuhari Sta. and the site

- ◆ In addition to above hotels, economy hotel (from JPY 5,000) is available.
- ◆ Room rates include service charge and a 5% consumption tax.
- ◆ Room rates include no meals.
- ◆ * indicates single occupancy of a twin or double room.
- ◆ ** Airport Limousine Bus stops No. 1-6 hotels.

Application and Payment for Hotel

Participants wishing to reserve hotel accommodation should apply online to reach JTB GMT no later than **April 30, 2008**. (Confirmation sheet will be sent by JTB GMT.)

Application should be accompanied by a remittance covering the hotel deposit (one night room charge) plus the handling charge of JPY525 due JTB GMT. (The hotel deposit will be credited to your bill. All hotel expenses deducting the deposit should be paid directly to the hotel.)

No reservation will be confirmed in the absence of this payment. All payment must be in Japanese yen. If the remitter's name is different from the participant's name or the remittance covers more than one person, please clarify the name of each participant.

Payment should be in the form of:

- One of the following credit cards 1. VISA 2. MasterCard 3. Diners Club 4. AMEX 5. JCB

- A bank transfer to JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc. (Message: CD100720-284)

Account at The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. Shin-Marunouchi Branch (swift code: BOTKJPJT)

1-4-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 Japan (Account number: 4760343)

Cancellation

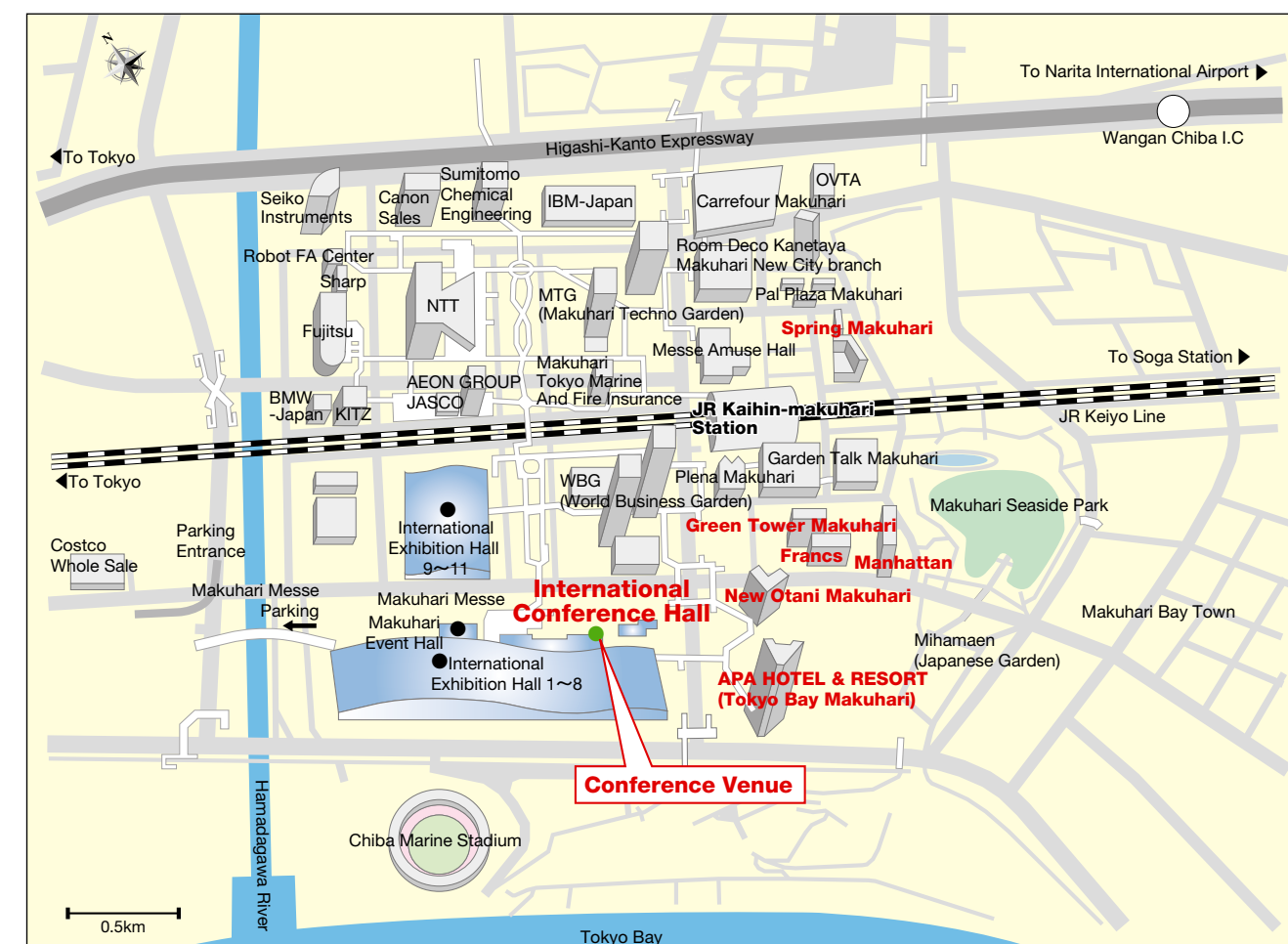
In the event of cancellation, written notification should be sent to JTB GMT. The following cancellation fees will be deducted before any refund is made.

Hotels: Up to 10 days before the first night of stay ----- None

9 to 2 days before----- 20% of daily room charge

1 day before ----- 80% of daily room charge

On the day of arrival or no notice given ----- 100% of daily room charge



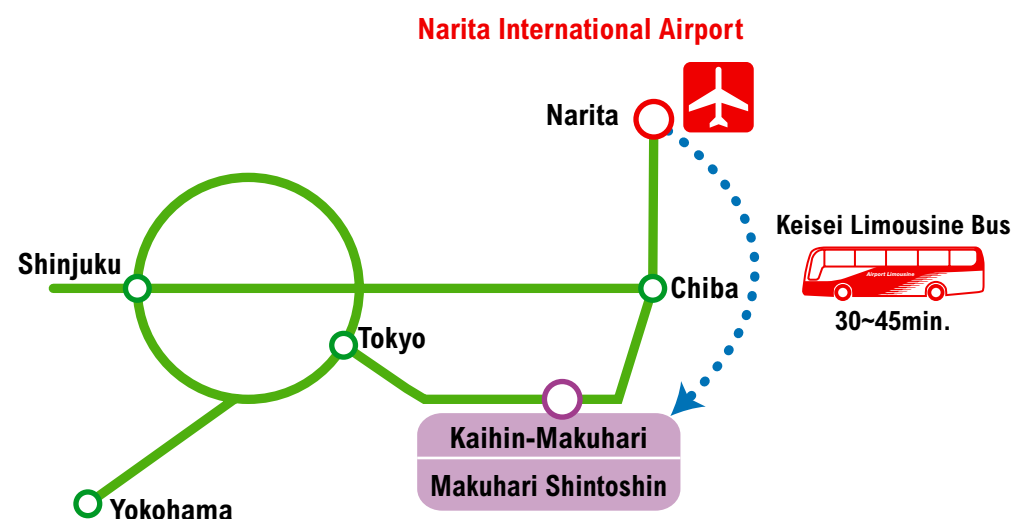
Venue & Access

Venue: **Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan**

Nakase 2-1, Mihama-ku, Chiba City, 261-0023 Japan

Tel: +81-43-296-0001 Fax: +81-43-296-0529

URL: http://www.m-messe.co.jp/index_e.html



NEW TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NARITA)

Recommend Route

Keisei Limousine Bus for Makuhari Shintoshin

Fare: Makuhari Area Hotels JPY1,100 / approx 30 min.

Kaihin-makuhari Station JPY1,150 / approx 45 min.

Departure time; 07:15 - 21:40 (every 60 min.)

For more information; <http://www.keiseibus.co.jp/pc/foreigners/english.html>

Bus Stop

- Hotel Springs Makuhari
- Kaihin-Makuhari Sta.
- Hotel New Otani Makuhari
- Hotel Francs
- Hotel The Manhattan
- Hotel Green Tower Makuhari
- APA Hotel & Resort Tokyo Bay Makuhari

* If you will stay Famy Inn Makuhari,
please check the access on the hotel website.
<http://www.famyinn.com/>

MAKUHARI MESSE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HALL

General Information

Climate

The average temperature in Chiba and Tokyo during the period of the Congress will be around 16°C-23°C.

Passports and Visa Requirement

Every foreign visitor entering Japan must have a valid passport. Visitors from countries whose citizens must have visas should apply to Japanese consular office of diplomatic mission in their respective country. Please refer to the ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website at http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html for more details.

If you should require any assistance in preparing documents for visa application, please contact Secretariat of ANR2008 (anr2008_info@ics-inc.co.jp).

Currency

Only Japanese yen is acceptable at regular stores and restaurants. Certain foreign currencies may be accepted at a limited number of hotels, restaurants and souvenir shops. You can buy yen at foreign exchange banks and other authorized money exchangers on presentation of your passport.

Traveler's Checks and Credit Cards

Traveler's checks are accepted only by leading banks and major hotels in principal cities, and the use of traveler's checks in Japan is not as popular as in some other countries. VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, and American Express are widely accepted at hotels, department stores, shops, restaurants and nightclubs.

Electricity

Electric current is uniformly 100 volts, AC, throughout Japan, but with two different cycles: 50 in eastern Japan including Tokyo and 60 in western Japan including Kyoto and Osaka. Leading hotels in major cities have two outlets of 100 and 220 volts but their sockets usually accept a two-leg plug only.

Tourist Information

Tourist information is available on the internet at <http://www.tourism.metro.tokyo.jp/english/>. This is a multi-lingual site provides maps and information regarding sightseeing, transportation, tradition etc.

Tipping

In Japan, tips are not necessary anywhere, even at hotels and restaurants.

Shopping

Shops and other sales outlets in Japan are generally open on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays as well as weekdays from 10:00 to 20:00. Department stores, however, are closed during one weekday, differing by store, and certain specialty shops may not open on Sundays and national holidays. You may enjoy the latest shopping areas in Tokyo.

Duty Free Import

Personal effects and professional equipment can be brought into Japan duty free as long as the customs officer deems their contents and quantities reasonable. You can also bring in 400 cigarettes, 500 grams of tobacco or 100 cigars; 3 bottles of alcoholic beverages; 2 ounces of perfume; and gifts and souvenirs whose total market price is less than 200,000 yen or its equivalent. There is no allowance for tobacco or alcoholic beverages for persons aged 19 years or younger. Strictly prohibited are firearms and other types of weapons, and narcotics.

ANR2008 International Travel Grants for Asian Participants Sponsored by Asian Children's Care League

Asian Children's Care League (ACCL), a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting children with cancer in Asia, will award international travel grants to support attendance to ANR2008.

Applications from medical professionals and researchers who are active in pediatric oncology in economically less privileged countries in Asia with insufficient resources to participate will be considered. Preference will be given according to the criteria listed in the guidelines. Those who wish to apply for this grant should send their application form along with the necessary documents.

Detailed information including the guidelines and application form are available on the ACCL website (<http://www.accl.jp/anr2008grant>).

For more information, please contact:

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2008 International Open Symposium on Childhood Cancer Survivorship

Date: May 24, 2008 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Place: Makuhari Messe International Conference Hall – 2F Convention Hall

Care and Cure for All Children and Survivors
of Childhood Cancer around the World

Cancer Treatment and Care: Now and Future
Circumstances in Developing Countries
Survivors' Activities in Various Countries

2008 International Open Symposium Organizing Committee is pleased to announce the symposium, May 24th, 2008, in Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan.

In this symposium, we will hear reports from oncologists about cancer treatments and follow-up care as well as the situation in developing countries. And with the participation of childhood cancer survivors, we will hear survivors' activity reports and discuss the circumstances of patients / survivors/ families. There will also be a charity sale, a display of books and organizations related to childhood cancer.

It will be a golden opportunity to get together and work toward cure and care for children and survivors around the world and to unite supporting groups into a worldwide network. Attendance is open to all interested individuals.

We look forward to your participation!

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