



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Circular

### Call for Paper for ICOFORT International Conference in Hikone, Japan (Oct. 23-26, 2018)

Following the First Circular delivered last March, the Executive Committee for ICOFORT International Conference in Hikone, Japan, has a pleasure to announce once again that the conference will take place in the city of Hikone, in Shiga Prefecture in Japan, between October 23 (Tue) and 26 (Fr), 2018, followed by post-conference tour to the western regions of Japan. Hikone is known as typical “castle city” (*joka-machi*) formulated in the course of the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> centuries with the construction of a castle in the centre. This castle, designed for Lord Ii, is among the five castles in Japan designated as national treasure. The defensive system is elaborated by double moat system as well as steep stone walls around the compound. In parallel with the castle tower (*tenshukaku*) above the hill, sophisticated residences and pavilions are situated on the lower land with subtle and profound artistic flavour.



#### [Period]

**Conference in Hikone: October 23 (Tue) – 26 (Fri), 2018**

Post-conference Tour will be programmed between October 27 (Sat) and 28 (Sun)

Option-1: Himeji, Matsue and Okuizumo (Hyogo and Shimane Prefectures)

Option-2: Nagasaki, Shimabara and Kumamotoi (Nagasaki and Kumamoto Prefectures)

#### [Venue]

Hikone Cultural Plaza

Nosecho 187-4, Hikone, Shiga-ken, 522-0055 Japan

#### [Organization]

Organized by the **Executive Committee for ICOFORT International Conference in Hikone**

Co-organized by ICOFORT / Japan ICOMOS National Committee / Hikone City / Hikone City Board of Education / ARCHI-DEPOT Corporation / Shiga University / University of Shiga Prefecture

Morally Supported by Hikone Chamber of Commerce and Industry / Hikone Sightseeing Association

**[Theme of Conference]**

Fortification and Defensive City

**[Schedule]**

date	event	Incidental Event	Remark
Oct.22 (Mon)	Arrival of Participants, Registration at Hikone Civic Hall		
Oct.23 (Tue)	Registration Opening Ceremony in the afternoon Keynote Speeches Round Table on Fortified City	Opening of Exhibition "Castle of the World" Reception at Hikone Castle Resort and Spa	Hikone Cultural Plaza
Oct.24 (Wed)	Academic Presentation (Parallel Session) in the morning Visit to Hikone Castle Compound and Surroundings in the afternoon	Event of Matchlock guns Tea Ceremony offered by local communities	Hikone Cultural Plaza
Oct.25 (Thu)	Academic Presentation (Parallel Session) in the morning Annual Meeting of ICOFORT Academic Presentation (Parallel Session) in the afternoon		Hikone Cultural Plaza
Oct.26 (Fri)	Excursion in and around Hikone (Azuchi Castle, Iga <i>Ninja</i> village etc.)		
Oct.27 (Sat)	Post-Conference Excursion		① Himeji+Matsue+Okuzumo ② Nagasaki+Shimabara+Kumamoto
Oct.28 (Sun)	Post-Conference Excursion		① Himeji+Matsue+Okuzumo ② Nagasaki+Shimabara+Kumamoto
Oct.29 (Mon)	Departure of Participants		

**[Expense]**

Participants are expected to pay the following expenses:

- Registration Fee 200 US\$
- Travel expense to/from Hikone
- Accommodation and meals during the Conference except the reception (The list of hotels and inns in Hikone is shown below)
- Post Conference Tour (eventually, the detail will be informed by the end of May)

**[Submission of Paper]**

Those who are willing to make presentation in the Conference have to submit the full paper. The author has to pass the screening processes when he/she submit the abstract. Once he/she is accepted, full paper has to be submitted in a due time. The languages of the Proceedings are English, Spanish and Japanese, but for the latter two, English abstracts should be added. Accordingly, the Proceedings will be edited and published based on the following schedule.

**Submission of Abstract: deadline June 11 (Mon), 2018** ←date updated

**Acceptance of Abstract: June 25 (Mon), 2018** ←date updated

Submission of Full Paper: deadline September 3 (Mon), 2018

Completion of Final List of Presentation: September 17 (Mon), 2018

**Abstract should be written in English, Japanese or Spanish and sent to the secretariat by e-mail in the form of PDF and Word:**

Secretariat of the Executive Committee: [hikone-icofort@archi-depot.or.jp](mailto:hikone-icofort@archi-depot.or.jp)

#### **[Thematic Area]**

The theme of 2018 ICOFORT Hikone is “Fortification and Defensive City”. The presentations will be allocated into the issue-based interdisciplinary sessions. The applicants are expected to assume the following areas for their presentation.

- ✓ Castle and Fortification
- ✓ Defensive System and Technique for Cities and Settlements
- ✓ Naval Affairs and Port
- ✓ Modern Military Facilities and Sites
- ✓ Memory of War and Military Landscape
- ✓ Documentation, Conservation and Management of Military Heritage

#### **[Key Date]**

May 10 (Thu): 2<sup>nd</sup> Circular, Call for Paper accompanied by detailed information, to be announced through Web-Site

**June 11 (Mon):** **Deadline for receipt of Abstract** ←date updated  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Circular**

**June 25 (Mon):** **Announcement on acceptance of Abstract** ←date updated

**July 9 (Mon):** **Closing of Registration** ←date updated

July 23 (Mon): 4<sup>th</sup> Circular, Detailed information about the conference and post-conference tour

September 3 (Mon): Deadline of submission of Full Paper

#### **[Exhibition]**

An Exhibition of the theme of the castles of the world will be held at Hikone during the Conference. Those who are willing to show their own system of defensive city and fortification are welcome to exhibit their works. The secretariat will coordinate this exhibition.

#### **[Language]**

For the conference, 3 languages are to be used as working languages: Japanese, English and Spanish

#### **[Visa]**

The organizer will support visa application formalities for those who are required to apply for Japanese visa.

#### **[Accommodation]**

Hikone has a number of hotels and inns (Japanese style ryokan). You may find the list in the web site of **Hikone Sightseeing Association**:

[https://visit.hikoneshi.com/en/?accommodation\\_ch%5B%5D=hotels&accommodation\\_ch%5B%5D=ryokan-inns&s=&post\\_type=plan\\_your\\_visit](https://visit.hikoneshi.com/en/?accommodation_ch%5B%5D=hotels&accommodation_ch%5B%5D=ryokan-inns&s=&post_type=plan_your_visit)

All these hotels and inns upload their own Home Pages, but some of them are written only in Japanese.

1. Hotel Sunroute Hikone <https://sunroute.net/en/>
2. Hikone Castle Resort & Spa <http://www.hch.jp/en/>
3. Hotel Route-Inn Hikone [https://www.route-inn.co.jp.e.ut.hp.transer.com/language/hotel\\_detail.php?hotel\\_id=570](https://www.route-inn.co.jp.e.ut.hp.transer.com/language/hotel_detail.php?hotel_id=570)
4. Hikone Station Hotel <https://hikone-sth.com/>
5. Biwako Conference Center <https://www.biwako-cc.com/resort/index.htm>
6. Grande Duke Hotel <http://www.gdh.jp/foreign/english.html>
7. Business Hotel Serikawa <http://bh-serikawa.jp/>
8. Hikone View Hotel <http://www.itoenhotel.com/Default.aspx?TabId=80>
9. Apa Hotel Hikoneminami [https://www.apahotel.com/ja\\_en/hotels/detail.php?id=235](https://www.apahotel.com/ja_en/hotels/detail.php?id=235)
10. Hotel Lakeland Hikone <http://www.lakeland.co.jp/en/>
11. Minami-Hikone Station Hotel <http://www.minami-hikone.net/>
12. Hikone Biwako Hotel <http://biwakokanko.co.jp/english/>
13. Hotel Estacion Hikone <http://www.estacion-hikone.com/>
14. Hikone North Art Hotel [http://www.arthotel.co.jp/hikonekita/hk\\_main.html](http://www.arthotel.co.jp/hikonekita/hk_main.html)
15. Business Hotel Oumi <http://www.hoteloumi.com/>
16. Garden Hotel Yamato <http://www.gardenhotel-yamato.jp/>
17. Super Hotel Minami-Hikone Ekimae <http://www.superhoteljapan.com/en/s-hotels/hikone/>
18. Comfort Hotel Hikone <https://www.choice-hotels.jp/hotel/hikone/>
19. Hikone Art Hotel <http://www.arthotel.co.jp/hikone/>
20. Business Hotel Kurama <http://kurama.co.jp/>
21. Lake Side Ryokan Futabaso <http://www.futabasoh.com/>
22. Kanponoyado Hikone  
[https://www.kanponoyado.japanpost.jp/hikone/?gclid=EAlalQobChMlivmG8ufw2glVGx4rCh34IA01EAAYASAAEgJX4\\_D\\_BwE](https://www.kanponoyado.japanpost.jp/hikone/?gclid=EAlalQobChMlivmG8ufw2glVGx4rCh34IA01EAAYASAAEgJX4_D_BwE)
23. Ryotei Ryokan Yasui <http://www.ryoutei-yasui.jp/en/>
24. Kiyotaki Ryokan <http://www.kiyotaki.info>
25. Tobaya Ryokan <http://www.tobaya.jp/h/top.html>
26. A Townhouse in the Heart of Hikone HonMachijuku <http://honmachi.hcdf.jp/>
27. Guest House MUGA [http://hikone-muga.com/?page\\_id=51](http://hikone-muga.com/?page_id=51)
28. Toyoko Inn Hikone-eki Higashi-guchi <https://www.toyoko-inn.com/eng/search/detail/00274>

You can directly book the hotels or inns through their home pages, but it is also recommended to book through international booking site such as Booking.com or Trip Advisor in order to avoid language problem.

**Important Advice:** As the second half of October is the highest season of tourism in Japan. **It is strongly recommended to book your rooms as soon as possible if you have rough idea of the travel.** In case you come to decide not to go to Japan, you can easily cancel the reservation. Otherwise you will lose the chance to find most appropriate rooms for you.

**[Post-Conference Tour]**

**Option 1: Himeji-Matsue-Okuizumo**

- Oct 27. Departure in the morning to Himeji (1.5 hours by train), lunch and to Himeji Castle (national treasure) visit for 3 hours  
Late afternoon, transfer from Himeji to Matsue (3.5 hours by train), hotel in Sakai-minato
- Oct 28. Visit to Matsue City and Castle (National treasure) in the morning, lunch then visit to Okuizumo and Unnan Cities, hotel in Sakai-minato
- Oct 29. Departure from Matsue (air, train)



Himeji Castle (UNESCO World Heritage Site)



Himeji Municipal Museum (Former Army Warehouse)



Matue Castle



Tatara Furnace in Oku-izumo

**Option 2: Nagasaki-Shimabara-Kumamoto**

- Oct 27. Transfer from Hikone to Nagasaki either by Shinkansen rapid train or air  
Afternoon, visit to military heritages of the Second World War and before (former army barrack, arsenal, naval dock, site of atomic bomb etc) and the National Peace Memorial Hall in Nagasaki  
Hotel in Nagasaki
- Oct 28. Early morning, visit to Dejima (Dutch Colony in Nagasaki), then transfer from Nagasaki to Shimabara by bus, visit to Hara Castle Site (Christian Stronghold of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century),  
In the afternoon, transfer to Kumamoto by ferry (1.5 hour)  
Visit to Kumamoto Castle Restoration site (damage by earthquake)  
Hotel in Kumamoto
- Oct 29. Departure from Nagasaki (air, train)

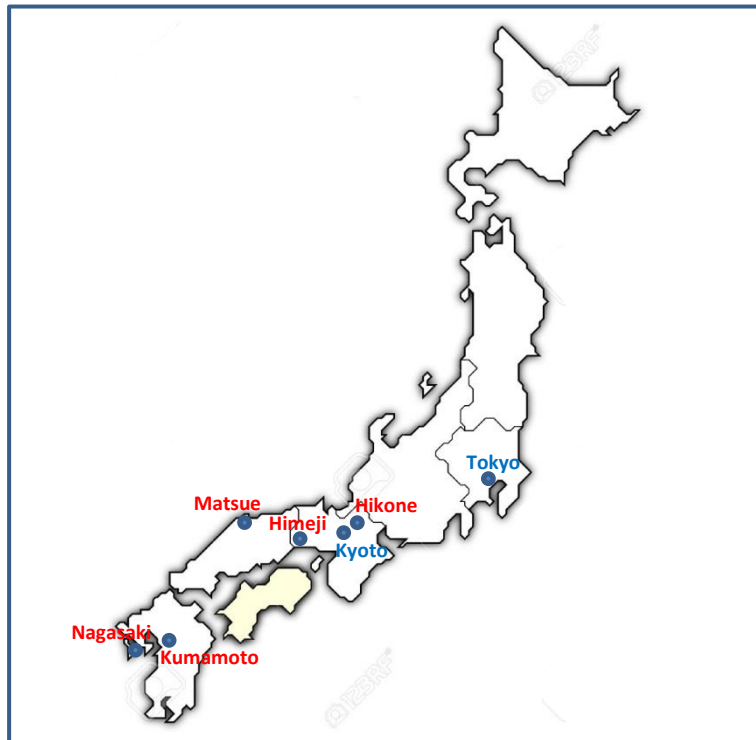


Former Air-raid Shelter for Prefectural Headquarter in Nagasaki Memorial Hall for Atomic Bomb in Nagasaki



Ancient Hara Castle (Christian Stronghold of the 17th Century) Kumamoto Castle after the Earthquake of 2016

The detail of the post-conference tour will be announced at the end of May. Those who want to participate in the tour will be requested to register and pay the travel expense before the end of August.



Related Cities in Japan

**[Contact]**

For the detail of the conference, please refer to the web-site (English, Japanese and Spanish)  
<https://icoforthikone.wixsite.com/info>

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