WTIS-15 - Practical information

1. Venue

The 13th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-15) will be held at the Grand Prince Hotel (Hiroshima, Japan) from 30 November to 2 December 2015. Prior to the meeting, an official reception will take place on 29 November 2015 at the same venue.

The venue is located near Hiroshima Port, 55 km away from Hiroshima Airport.

Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima 23-1 Motoujina-machi, Minami-ku, Hiroshima, Hiroshima 734-8543 Japan Tel.: +81 82 256 1111 Website: <u>http://www.princehotels.com/en/hiroshima/</u>

2. Registration

Please register now at: <u>http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/events/wtis2015/registration.aspx</u>

In addition to their registration for WTIS-15, participants are requested to submit a **Participant Information Form** with the exact information on their flight number, their arrival and departure time, the name of the hotel where they will stay, and the choice of social events they wish to attend. It is important to provide this information in order to be able to take free shuttle buses from the airport to the Official Hotel and the other recommended hotels provided below, and to join in the social events, including an exciting excursion programme.

See the Participant Information Form (Annex A) below (page 8).

The completed form must be sent no later than 26 October 2015 to: sec-wtis-15@ituaj.jp

3. Security and access to the premises

Access to the official premises within the venue will be strictly limited to people wearing an identity badge. After successful completion of your registration, your identity badge will be available at the registration desk at the event venue.

Photo requirements for badges

According to ITU security requirements, all participants must wear a badge with photo at all times while on the event premises.

In order to receive your badge with your photo on it, please make sure that you send your photo to <u>BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int</u>

Regarding the detailed requirements of the photo, please see further information described in the "Confirmation of Registration".

4. Social events

Don't miss out on the exciting programme of social events below.

Sunday, 29 November 2015

- 14:00Peace programme (Pre-registration only)Visit to A-bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Park (World Heritage site)Please see the Peace programme at page 10
- 19:00 "Hiroshima Soiree" (at Grand Prince Hotel)Official reception hosted by Hiroshima Prefecture, Hiroshima City and MIC

Monday, 30 November 2015

19:00 ITU 150th Anniversary Soiree" Dinner reception at the Grand Prince Hotel

Wednesday, 2 December 2015

14:45 Excursion Visit to Miyajima and Itsukushima Shrine (World Heritage site) Please see the Excursion programme at page 11
19:00 Closing event At Takanobashi Shopping Arcade in the city of Hiroshima Please see Closing event at page 12

5. Accommodation

Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima (the Official Hotel)

Special rates are offered to participants at the **Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima** (the Official Hotel for WTIS-15) as shown in the table below.

Participants are requested to book their own accommodation directly through the reservation link with the access code below in order to obtain the special rates. When checking in, participants may be required to show their "Confirmation of Registration" from ITU as proof that they have come to attend WTIS-15.

Reservation link: <u>http://www.princehotels.com/en/hiroshima/</u> Access code: WTIS2015

Floor	Room type	Room rate per night Incl. breakfast
Superior floors 4th floor to 12th floor	Single use (Twin 23 m ²)	JPY 10'800
	Twin use (Twin 23 mႆ)	JPY 17'600
	Single use (Twin 53 m [*]) with view bath	JPY 25'600
	Twin use (Twin 53 ㎡) with view bath	JPY 47'200
	Single use (Twin/Double 23 m ²)	JPY 12'800
	Twin use (Twin/Double 23 ㎡)	JPY 21'600
Premium Resort floors - Club floors 14 th floor to 19th floor	Single use/Luxury large room (Twin/Hollywood twin 53 ㎡) with view bath	JPY 29'600
	Twin use/Luxury large room (Twin/Hollywood twin 53 ㎡) with view bath	JPY 55'200

Check-in time: 2 p.m. Check-out time: 11 a.m.

The above rates include breakfast/service charge (10%) and consumption tax (8%).

Cancellation charges: No show: 100%. On accommodation day: 80%.

One day prior to accommodation day: 20%.

Nine days prior to accommodation day: 10%.

Other recommended hotels close to Japan Railways (JR) Hiroshima Station

Participants are requested to book their own accommodation directly through the reservation link or through the e-mail address indicated in the table below in order to obtain special rates. When checking in, participants may be required to show their "Confirmation of Registration" from ITU as proof that they have come to attend WTIS-15.

		Room rate per night		
Hotel	Reservation link/e-mail address	Room charge only	Incl. breakfast	
Sheraton Hiroshima Hotel Tel.: +81- 82-262-7111 Address: 12-1 Wakakusa-cho, Higashi-ku, Hiroshima City, Hiroshima (close to JR Hiroshima Station)	https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/eve nts/start.action?id=1507296656&key=A AEE813 Deadline for booking: 15 October 2015	_	Deluxe King (35 ㎡) 28 Nov 3Dec. JPY 22'000	
Hotel Granvia Hiroshima Tel.: +81-82-262-1111 Address: 1-5 Matsubara-cho, Minami-ku, Hiroshima City, Hiroshima (close to JR Hiroshima Station)	<u>mailto:s_reserve@hgh.co.jp</u> (Reference: <u>http://hgh.co.jp/english/index.html</u>) Deadline for booking: 26 October 2015	Twin for single use (21 ㎡) 29 Nov 3Dec. JPY 17'700	Twin for single use (21 ㎡) 29 Nov 3Dec. JPY 20'076	
Green Rich Hotel Hiroshima Shinkansenguchi Tel: +81- 82-263-5555 Address: 22-14 Wakakusa-cho, Higashi-ku, Hiroshima City, Hiroshima (close to JR Hiroshima Station)	<u>mailto:grh-hiroshima@greenhotels.co.jp</u> Deadline for booking: 26 October 2015	_	Twin for single use (24 ㎡) 28 Nov 3Dec. JPY 15'000 (light breakfast)	

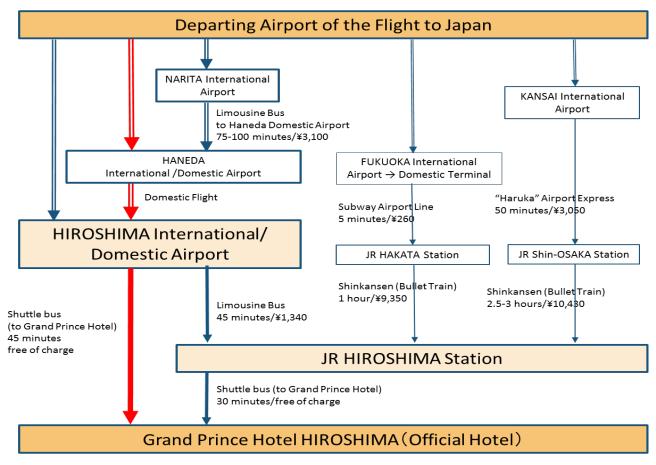
Cancellation charges differ hotel by hotel. For more details, please contact the above hotels.

6. Travel arrangements and transportation

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements to Japan.

There are international flights directly to Hiroshima Airport from Asian cities, such as Seoul, Dalian, Beijing, Shanghai, and Chengdu. Since those direct routes are limited, it is recommended to take an international flight to **Tokyo (Haneda) International Airport** if available for your easier access to Hiroshima.

7. Access to Hiroshima



1) Via Tokyo (Haneda) International Airport

From Tokyo (Haneda) International Airport, you need to change to a domestic flight to Hiroshima. Domestic flight schedules between Haneda and Hiroshima are as follows:

Airline *	Flight No	Haneda	Hiroshima	Flight No.	Hiroshima	Haneda
		Departure	Arrival		Departure	Arrival
ANA	NH671	07:00	08:20	NH672	07:35	09:00
JAL	JL253	07:00	08:25	JL252	07:50	09:10
ANA	NH673	08:15	09:40	NH674	09:05	10:25
JAL	JL255	08:45	10:10	JL254	09:00	10:20
ANA	NH675	09:25	10:50	NH676	10:30	11:55
JAL	JL257	09:45	11:10	JL256	11:50	13:10
ANA	NH677	10:40	12:00	NH678	12:45	14:10
JAL	JL259	11:40	13:05	JL258	13:55	15:15
ANA	NH679	13:15	14:35	NH680	15:20	16:45
JAL	JL261	13:30	14:55	JL260	15:40	17:00
ANA	NH681	15:00	16:20	NH682	16:30	17:55
JAL	JL263	15:00	16:25	JL262	17:10	18:30
JAL	JL265	17:25	18:50	JL264	18:10	19:30
ANA	NH683	17:30	18:50	NH684	17:15	18:45
ANA	NH685	18:25	19:50	NH686	19:35	21:00
JAL	JL267	19:15	20:40	JL266	19:35	20:55
ANA	NH687	19:35	21:00	NH688	20:35	22:00

* ANA: All Nippon Airways. JAL: Japan Airlines.

Since the above flight schedules may change from time to time, participants are requested to check with their airlines or travel agents in advance before departure.

The information on how to transfer to the domestic flights at Haneda Airport is available at the following website http://www.haneda-airport.jp/inter/en/dept/int_dms.html

Please note that, when participants change to a domestic flight at Haneda Airport, participants must pick up their checked luggage when arriving at the international terminal and check it in again at the domestic terminal.

2) Via Tokyo (Narita) International Airport

From Tokyo (Narita) International Airport, you need to take an airport limousine bus to Haneda Airport (Terminal 1 or 2) and take a domestic flight to Hiroshima Airport.

The information on how to transfer from the international terminal of Narita Airport to the domestic terminal of Haneda Airport is available at the following at http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/access/haneda/index.html

An Airport limousine bus between Narita and Haneda is available every 15 to 20 minutes (Haneda: Terminal 1 for JAL, Terminal 2 for ANA).

Please note that, when you take a domestic flight from Haneda Airport, you must pick up your checked luggage when arriving at Narita international terminal and check it in again at Haneda domestic terminal.

3) Via Fukuoka International Airport

From Fukuoka International Airport, you need to take a free shuttle bus to the domestic terminal, and change to a Subway Airport Line to JR Hakata Station (5 minutes). From JR Hakata Station, you need to take JR Sanyo Shinkansen (bullet train) to JR Hiroshima Station (approximately 1 hour).

The information on how to get from Fukuoka Airport to JR Hakata Station is available at <u>http://www.fuk-ab.co.jp/english/access.html</u>

4) Via Kansai International Airport

From Kansai International Airport, you need to take the JR Airport Express "HARUKA" to JR Shin-Osaka Station (50 minutes), and change to the JR Sanyo Shinkansen (bullet train) to JR Hiroshima Station (approximately 2.5 to 3 hours).

8. Shuttle services

Information in this section will be provided soon.

9. Visa

Participants who require an entry visa to Japan must apply for a visa at a Japanese consulate or diplomatic mission in their respective country well in advance of their departure. Participants are also advised to contact their local travel agents or carriers. The consulate or embassy may take at least two weeks for visa processing. For more information, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan at http://www.mofa.go.jp/j info/visit/visa/.

Please note that the VISA on ARRIVAL is NOT available at any airport in Japan.

Participants who need visa support letters for entering Japan are requested to duly complete the Application Form for Visa Support Letters (Annex B) (page 9) and send it by e-mail to the following contact point, together with a copy of the photograph page of their passport.

Contact: Mr Nobuo Hakata

The ITU Association of Japan (local PCO for WTIS-15) E-mail: <u>wtis-15visa@ituaj.jp</u> Tel.: +81 3 5357 7627

Kindly submit the form no later than 26 October 2015.

If the application form does not reach the local PCO's office by this deadline, the PCO cannot guarantee that the visa support letters are sent back in time for the necessary process to acquire a visa to Japan.

Any visa-related enquiry should be sent to wtis-15visa@ituaj.jp

10. Foreign currency and banking

Under Japanese law, cash and securities exceeding 1,000,000 JPY (or its equivalent in other currencies) carried by any person entering or leaving the customs border of Japan shall be declared at a Customs Office. Failure to make such a declaration or making any false declaration to a Customs Officer can be subject to a penalty or confiscation of the undeclared amount.

For more details, please see http://www.customs.go.jp/english/c-answer_e/keitaibetsuso/7305_e.htm

Opening hours:

Banks:09:00 - 15:00 (Monday to Friday, except national holidays)Bank ATM:08:45 - 190:0(Everyday)

*Operating hours vary ATM by ATM.

Convenience Store "Seven-Eleven Store": In-store ATM 24/24

Hiroshima Bank at Hiroshima Airport: 07:30 – 15:00 (Monday to Friday)

Travelex (at Hiroshima Airport): 06:45 – 15:00; 20:00 – 21:00 (Everyday)

For reference, foreign exchange rates (Spot rate T.T.S as at 24 July 2015) were as follows: USD = JPY 125.02 EURO = JPY 137.84 CNY = JPY 20.26

11. Climate

Hiroshima city area can be classified as temperate humid climate. In November and December, average low temperature is around 6°c, while average high temperature is around 15°c. Warm clothing is highly recommended when going out.

12. Electrical appliances

100 V AC, 60Hz Participants may need an adaptor for electric appliances.

Outlet plug: Type A



13. Contact

For general information please contact:

Mr Yuzo Mori The ITU Association of Japan (the local PCO for WTIS-15) E-mail: <u>sec-wtis-15@ituaj.jp</u> Tel.: +81 3 5357 7619

WTIS-15 Annex A Participant Information Form Deadline for submission: 26 October 2015

Participants are kindly requested to fill in the fields clearly to facilitate logistical arrangements.

1. PARTICIPANT DETAILS
Title: () H.E. () Dr. () Mr () Ms () Prof. Gender: () Male () Female
First Name: Middle Name: Family Name:
Company/Organization:
Job title:
Address of Organization:
Phone No.: Fax No.: E-mail:
2. FLIGHT INFORMATION <arrival></arrival>
Flight No. (Int'I) Arrival Date and Time: Airport:
Flight No. (Domestic) Arrival Date and Time: Airport: Hiroshima
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Flight No. (Domestic) Arrival Date and Time: Airport: Hiroshima
Flight No. (Int'I) Arrival Date and Time: Airport:
3. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION
Hotel name:
Check in date: (DD/MM/YY) Check out date: (DD/MM/YY)
4. SOCIAL EVENTS

I will participate in the following programme(s):

- () (a) Sunday, 29 November Peace programme
- () (b) Wednesday, 2 December Excursion to Miyajima
- () (c) Wednesday, 2 December Closing event at Takanobashi

If you are accompanied, please indicate your visitor's name(s) and title (Mr / Ms, etc.):

Please send completed form to: sec-wtis-15@ituaj.jp (ATTN: Yuzo Mori)

WTIS-15 Annex B Application Form for Visa Support Letters

Deadline for submission: 26 October 2015

	WTIS-15 Hiroshima, Japan,		
	s and save to Word or PDF,		
(ATTN: Nol	buo Hakata) with a copy of	the photo page of the a	applicant's passport
Name: () H.E. () Dr.	() Mr. () Ms. () Prof. Ge	nder: () Male () Female	
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	reservation, but NEEDED for visa	a supporting documents.	
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Address:		Phon	ne No.:
		1101	
Check in date:	(DD/MM/YYYY)	Check out date:	<u>(</u> DD/MM/YYYY)
* If making your own a number:	ccommodation arrangement other t	than hotels, please indicate y	our contact address and phone
Name of contact			
Address			Phone No.
Date:		Signature:	

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Peace programme on Sunday, 29 November 2015

Visit to A-bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Park (listed as World Heritage site)

A-bomb Dome



The "A-bomb Dome" was originally constructed as the Hiroshima Prefectural Commercial Exhibition on the eastern riverside of the Motoyasu-bashi Bridge in 1915. This facility was a three-storey (partly steelstructured) brick building designed by a Czech architect, Jan Letzel. The centre of the facility is the five-storey staircase structure, on which a copper elliptical dome is positioned.

On 6 August 1945 at 8.15 a.m, the first atomic bomb used in the history of humankind exploded approximately at a height of 580 metres, 160 metres southeast of this facility. The force of this terrible blast was 35 tons per square metre with a blast speed of 440 metres. The atomic blast and heat wave washed over the Dome setting its roof ablaze and completely gutting the building. The blast wave that

travelled in a nearly vertical direction killed all the people working in the building while the centre of the main building was miraculously spared from destruction. The metal frame of the Dome, which was laid bare, formed the ruins that over time came to be called the "A-bomb Dome" by the local residents.

Cenotaph for the A-bomb victims

This monument embodies the hope that Hiroshima, devastated on 6 August 1945 by the world's first atomic bombing, will stand forever as a city of peace.

The stone chamber in the centre contains the Register of Deceased A-bomb Victims.

The inscription on the front panel offers a prayer for the peaceful

repose of the victims and a pledge on behalf of all humanity never to repeat the evil of war. It expresses the spirit of Hiroshima-enduring grief, transcending hatred, pursuing harmony and prosperity for all, and yearning for genuine, lasting world peace.

Visit to the Cenotaph for the A-bomb victims and Peace Memorial Museum

We are honoured to invite symposium dignitaries to visit the Cenotaph for the A-bomb victims to offer flowers and visit the Peace Memorial Museum. This provides a great opportunity for us to share with WTIS-15 participants Hiroshima's hope for everlasting world peace.



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Excursion on Wednesday, 2 December 2015

Visit to Miyajima and Itsukushima Shrine (listed as World Cultural Heritage site)

Miyajima

Since ancient times, the island of Miyajima has been revered and worshipped. Itsukushima shrine was originally constructed by worshippers in 593 and later restored to its current splendour by Taira no Kiyomori in 1168. This bold and unique structure sits on the water with the sea spread out in front of it and the virgin forests of Mount Misen, the island's highest peak, forming its backdrop. The historical significance, natural beauty and tranquillity of Miyajima has earned it a place on the World Cultural Heritage List.



Otorii Gate

Otorii Gate is the symbol of Miyajima. Constructed from camphor wood, this awesome structure stands 16 metres high with a supporting base 10 metres in circumference. Its base appears as if it has been buried in the ocean floor. However, it actually stands on the ocean bottom supported by its own weight. The gate is situated 200 metres from the shrine and at low tide, visitors are able to walk out and stand beside it.



Itsukushima Shrine

Itsukushima Shrine was constructed a little more than 1,400 years ago using the Shinden style of architecture, symbolic of the type of construction used for the residences of the noble classes. It seems as if it is floating on the sea. Visitors get the sensation of being on a boat. The beauty of the Otorii Gate and Itsukushima Shrine are illuminated from dusk until 11 p.m.

For further information on "Places of Interests in Hiroshima", please refer to the following websites:

Website	Title	URL
		http://www.hiroshima-
Hiroshima Navigator	Transportation in Hiroshima City	navi.or.jp/en/transportation/
		http://www.hiroshima-
	Two World Heritage Sites	navi.or.jp/en/worldheritage/
YouTube	Hiroshima the Convention City	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lskloN1RCsY
	Hiroshima Peace Memorial	
Hiroshima Peace Site	Museum	http://www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/index_e2.html
Miyajima Tourist Association	Welcome to Miyajima	http://visit-miyajima-japan.com/en/
Tourism Promotion Office	Visit Hiroshima	http://www.visithiroshima.net/
Optional Tours	Hiroshima Optional Tours	http://www.hiroshimatours.info/



WTIS-15 closing event At Takanobashi Shopping Arcade

A festival-like party celebrating local flavours Date and time: Wednesday, 2 December 1900 hours-2100 hours

Concept: "MATSURI" (Japanese festival)

A delightful excursion to Miyajima, "an island of gods," will be followed by a unique and fascinating party in the evening. Unlike ordinary parties that are held in a hotel, it will take place in a local shopping area named Takanobashi Shopping Arcade. The whole arcade will be set up as a special party venue for WTIS-15 participants, creating a festival-like atmosphere.

A variety of dining options

You can enjoy Japanese dishes, vegetarian dishes including curried rice, grilled meats and Hiroshima local specialties such as "okonomiyaki" and grilled oysters, as well as drinks ranging from Japanese sake, hot wine, beer, to soft drinks, including tea and coffee.

Cultural experiences creating unforgettable memories



• The special stage set up for traditional Japanese performances such as "shishimai" or lion dance, "taiko" or Japanese drums, and "kamishibai" or picture show telling folk stories.

• Cultural experiences such as Japanese tea ceremony and calligraphy using famous "Kumano brushes" made in Hiroshima.

• Japanese kimonos, obi sashes and small kimono items available for purchase in a kimono shop. You will be amazed to see beautiful kimono items available at surprisingly

reasonable prices. The setting at the Takanobashi Shopping Arcade also presents a great photo opportunity.

Communication with locals

English-speaking volunteers will take part in this "MATSURI" to help you communicate with people from the local community at restaurants, shops or anywhere else in the arcade. There are plans to provide a translation application using smartphones or tablets via Wi-Fi.

Vouchers will be distributed to WTIS-15 participants in advance, allowing them to pay for goods and services



including foods, drinks, tea ceremony or other experiences, kimonos or other items sold at a "100-yen shop" and face painting.

Why don't you stop by some restaurants to try Hiroshima specialty foods and then enjoy cultural experiences? Maybe you are going to find some truths about Hiroshima.



Hiroshima Prefecture, the City of Hiroshima and Hiroshima Convention & Visitors Bureau look forward to seeing all of you at Takanobashi Shopping Arcade!

Tips for participants: As the shopping arcade is located outside, warm clothing is recommended.

and the venue of the closing event.







Free shuttle buses will be provided between the Official Hotel, the other recommended hotels