

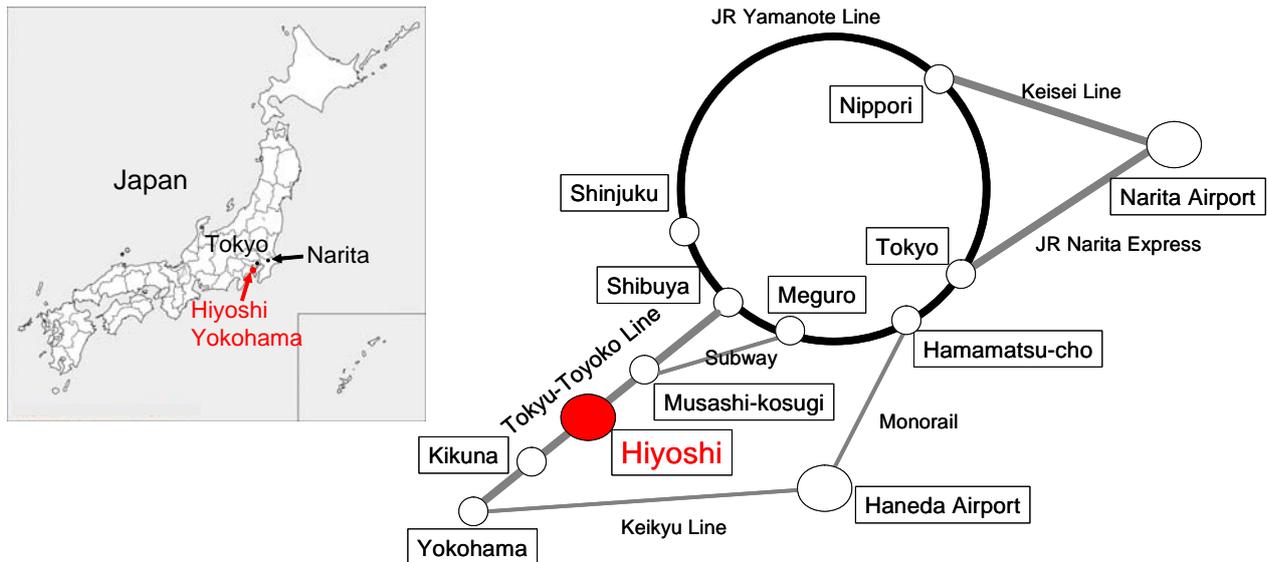
General Information

(1) Venue

MVA2009 will take place at Kyosei-Kan(Collaboration Complex), located in the Hiyoshi Campus of Keio University, Yokohama. The nearest train station to the conference venue is Hiyoshi Station on the Tokyu-Toyoko Line. (Note that Keio University has several major campuses and that the venue is in Hiyoshi Campus.)

(2) Transportation

The Hiyoshi Campus, Keio University can be reached in approximately a 1-minute on foot from Hiyoshi Station on the Tokyu-Toyoko Line.



A. From Narita Airport (NRT)

Narita Express (N'EX): Take the JR Narita Express (N'EX) to Tokyo Station or to Shinagawa Station. It takes about 60 minutes to Tokyo Station from Narita Airport. Transfer to the Yamanote Line (JR) bound for Shibuya or Shinjuku. Get off at Shibuya Station and transfer to the Tokyu-Toyoko Line to get to Hiyoshi Station. The train ride from Shibuya Station to Hiyoshi Station takes about 25 minutes by local train. The express train takes about 20 minutes. The limited express train does not stop at Hiyoshi Station.

For more information about N'EX, see <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/nex/index.html>.

Keisei Line: Take the Keisei line, either the Skyliner (with reserved seats; faster but more expensive) or the limited express (tokkyu), bound for Ueno. Then, at Nippori Station, transfer to the Yamanote Line (JR) bound for Shibuya or Shinjuku. Get off at Shibuya Station and transfer to the Tokyu-Toyoko Line to get to Hiyoshi Station. For more information about Keisei line, see http://www.keisei.co.jp/keisei/tetudou/keisei_us/top.html

Limousine bus: From Narita Airport, you can also take a limousine bus to Shibuya, Shinjuku, Yokohama or Shin-Yokohama which takes about 1.5 hours or (sometimes much) more, subject to traffic condition. There are also limousine buses to major hotels. For more information, visit <http://www.limousinebus.co.jp/e/index.html>.

Taxi: Taking a taxi from Narita to Hiyoshi is prohibitively expensive (about 40,000JPY), and is not recommendable.

B. From Downtown Tokyo

Tokyu-Toyoko Line: Take the Yamanote Line (JR) to Shibuya Station. Transfer to the Tokyu-Toyoko Line there and get off at Hiyoshi Station. The train ride from Shibuya Station to Hiyoshi Station takes about 25 minutes by local train. The express train takes about 20 minutes. The limited express train does not stop at Hiyoshi Station.

Subway: Take the Mita Line (Tokyo Metropolitan Subway) or the Namboku Line (Eidan Subway - Teito Rapid Transit Authority) to Meguro or Musashi-kosugi Station and continue the ride to Hiyoshi Station.

C. From the Yokohama Area

Take the JR Keihin-Tohoku Line to Yokohama Station. Transfer to the Tokyu-Toyoko Line there and get off at Hiyoshi Station. The train ride from Yokohama Station is about 20 minutes by local train. The express train takes approximately 15 minutes. Limited express trains do not stop at Hiyoshi Station.

D. From Haneda Airport (HND)

Monorail: Monorail trains (Tokyo Monorail) run between Haneda Airport and Hamamatsu-cho Station. From Hamamatsu-cho, take the JR Yamanote Line to Shibuya. Transfer to the Tokyu-Toyoko Line there and get off at Hiyoshi Station.

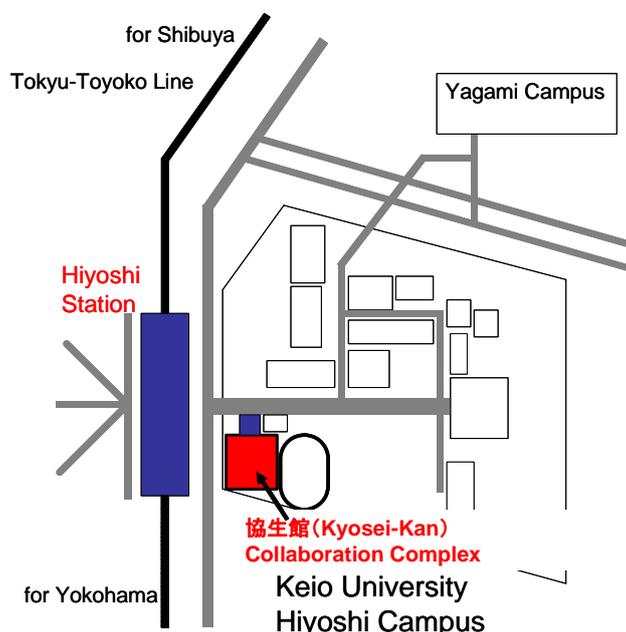
Keikyu Line: Take the Keikyu Line to Yokohama Station. The train ride takes approximately 20 minutes. Transfer to the Tokyu-Toyoko Line there and get off at Hiyoshi Station. The train ride from Yokohama Station is about 20 minutes by the local train. The express train takes 15 minutes. Limited express trains do not stop at Hiyoshi station.

Bus: Keikyu bus and limousine bus run between Haneda Airport and Hiyoshi Station. For more information, visit <http://www.keikyu-bus.co.jp/keikyu-bus/airport/guide.html> and <http://www.limousinebus.co.jp/en/timetable/haneda/hiyoshist.html>

E. From the Kansai Area

Shin-Yokohama is the most convenient station when traveling to the Hiyoshi Campus by bullet train (JR Shinkansen) from the Kansai area (Osaka, Kyoto, and Kobe area). Take the Shinkansen to Shin-Yokohama. Transfer to the JR Yokohama Line there and get off at Kikuna Station. The ride from Shin-Yokohama Station to Kikuna Station takes about 3 minutes. At Kikuna, take the Tokyu-Toyoko Line and get off at Hiyoshi Station. It takes 6 minutes from Kikuna Station to Hiyoshi Station by local train. The express train takes 5 minutes. Limited express trains do not stop at Hiyoshi Station.

See the map of the conference venue below.



(3) Visa

A visa for entering Japan, if necessary, can be obtained at the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate. Detailed information can be found at http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/. Please note that obtaining visa can take one to two months. Visa letters will only be issued to speakers/presenters, committee members, and attendees who have paid the registration fee in full.

(4) Traveler's Information

The climate in Tokyo/Yokohama area during the conference is generally moderate. The daily temperature range in this season is approximately 15-25 degrees Centigrade (59-77 degrees Fahrenheit.)

Currency cannot be exchanged at the conference site. Exchanging currency at airports, banks, or hotels is recommended.

The use of traveler's checks is not very popular in Japan. Major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, American Express) are widely accepted at major hotels, shops, and restaurants. We do not accept credit cards for on-site registration.

In eastern Japan, including Tokyo and Yokohama, the electric voltage is 100V and the frequency is 50Hz. Japanese plugs and sockets are almost identical to the North American (ungrounded, two-prong) ones.

(5) Further Information

Further information related to MVA2009 can be found at <http://www.mva-org.jp/mva2009/> and questions can be mailed to mva2009@mva-org.jp.

Registration

The registration form for all participants is available at the conference website <http://www.mva-org.jp/mva2009/>. For advance registration, the form must be received no later than **May 13, 2009** by

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The registration fee depends on the date on which the registration form is received and the membership status of the participant. Please refer to the following table for details.

	by March 6, 2009	by April 20, 2009	by May 13, 2009	on-site
Speaker	40,000JPY	Speakers must register by March 6, 2009		
Participant (member)	40,000JPY		45,000JPY	50,000JPY
Participant (non-member)	45,000JPY		50,000JPY	55,000JPY
Non-author student	Not available			10,000JPY
Extra page	10,000JPY / page			

Note: Reduced member fee is applied if the participant is a member of either one of an IAPR regional representative societies or societies* in cooperation with MVA2009. The registration includes a copy of the proceedings and banquet attendance. However, the student registration does not include these.

Authors: At least one author for each paper must complete an advance registration as a speaker by **March 6, 2009** to ensure that their papers are included in the proceedings. However, it is not necessary to register more than once if the speaker has multiple papers. Just indicate all the paper numbers upon registration. The registration fee for speakers is not refundable.

The registration fee for an advance registration can be paid by the following methods until **May 13, 2009**.

- Bank transfer

Bank: Mizuho Bank, Ltd.
Branch: Roppongi Branch
Account number: 1673751
Account name: MVA2009
SWIFT: MHBKJPJT

Only payments in Japanese yen (JPY) are acceptable. Please state clearly the participant's name if it differs from the remitter's name. Bank surcharges are to be paid by the participant.

- Credit card (only for participants from outside Japan)

Please include the card number, cardholder's name, expiration date, signature, and date on the registration form. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and American Express.

For participants other than speakers, the registration fee can be refunded, less a handling fee, only when a written notice of cancellation is received no later than **May 13, 2009**.

Advance registration closes on **May 13, 2009**. Thereafter, only on-site registration is accepted. On-site registration fee must be paid by cash in Japanese yen. The registration desk is open at the conference site everyday during the conference.

Student participation is welcome. Students not having any presentation are entitled to a special discount rate.

* The Information Processing Society of Japan, The Institute of Electrical Engineers of Japan, The Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers, The Institute of Image Information and Television Engineers, The Institute of Systems, Control and Information Engineers, The Institute of Image Electronics Engineers of Japan, The Japanese Society for Artificial Intelligence, The Japanese Society for Non-destructive Inspection, The Japan Society for Precision Engineering, The Robotics Society of Japan, The Society of Instrument and Control Engineers, The Virtual Reality Society of Japan

Accommodation

The MVA2009 committee does not provide official accommodations. Accommodation reservations are your own responsibility. However, Richmond Hotel Premier Musashi-Kosugi offers the following special price for the participants at the MVA2009. Richmond Hotel Premier Musashi-Kosugi is located at Musashi-Kosugi Station on the Tokyu-Toyoko line and 4-minute walk from Musashi-Kosugi Station. Richmond Hotel Premier Musashi-Kosugi is near the conference venue. We recommend the hotel. You can reserve the room by sending a dedicated reservation form directly to the hotel. Early reservations are recommended because there is a limit on the number of the hotel rooms. The form is available on the conference web site at <http://www.mva-org.jp/mva2009/>.

Table of room rates*, Richmond Hotel Premier Musashi-Kosugi

	Double Room	Premier Double Room	Twin Room	Premier Twin Room
1 person (room charge)	8,400(JPY)	12,000(JPY)	11,000(JPY)	12,300(JPY)
2 person (room charge)	10,500(JPY)	14,500(JPY)	13,000(JPY)	14,800(JPY)

*including tax and breakfast

You can also find numerous other hotels by room-finder websites.

Tokyo Maps by HotelTravel.com: <http://www.hoteltravel.com/japan/tokyo/>

Shibuya Hotels: <http://www.hoteltravel.com/japan/tokyo/shibuya.html>

Yokohama Maps by HotelTravel.com: <http://www.hoteltravel.com/japan/yokohama/hotels.htm>

Yokohama Hotels: <http://www.discounthotelscompare.com/city/Yokohama/ja/>