ACCOMMODATIONS

IJCAI-97 has reserved a block of rooms in Nagoya at reduced conference rates. To qualify for these rates, reservations must be made by the Nippon Express Co. Ltd. using the Housing and Excursion Application in this brochure. The deadline for reservations is June 20,1997.

Hotel cancellation charges are as follows:

- Cancellation from two days to thirty days prior to the reservation date will be JP Yen1,000.
- Cancellation one day before the reservation date will be 50% of one day's room rate.
- Cancellation on the day of the reservation will be 100% of one day's room rate.

Please send the Housing and Excursion Application to:

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Japan 460
Fax: +81-52-202-1830
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E-mail: nittsurl@mxr.meshnet.or.jp

Hotels are categorized A - D according to price in Japanese Yen and E for student housing. The exchange rate in December of 1996 was JP Yen 115 to one US Dollar. Taxes and service charges are included in the hotel prices except category E.

Category A - from 11,000
Category B - from 8,500 - 17,000
Category C - from 6,000 - 15,000
Category D - from 5,000 - 9,000
Category E - from 3,500 - 5,300 (student housing)

(Category A)

Nagoya Tokyu Hotel (NTH)- Headquarter Hotel
Sakae 4-6-8
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-251-2411
Single: 11,500
Twin: 2 persons 22,000,
1 person 18,000

Nagoya Kanko Hotel (NKH)
Nishiki 1-19-30
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-231-7711
Single: 13,000
Twin: 2 persons 22,000,
1 person 16,000

Hotel Nagoya Castle (HNC)
Hinokuchi-cho 3-19
Nishi-ku, Nagoya
Japan 451
+81-52-521-2121
Single: 11,000
Twin: 2 persons 21,000,
1 person 17,000

(Category B)

Hotel Castle Plaza (HCP)
Meieki 4-3-25
Nakamura-ku, Nagoya
Japan 450
+81-52-582-2121
Single: 9,000
Twin: 16,000

Nagoya Dai-ichi Hotel (NDH)
Meieki 3-27-5
Nakamura-ku, Nagoya
Japan 450
+81-52-581-4411
Single: 8,500
Twin: 17,000

Meitetsu Grand Hotel (MGH)
Meieki 1-2-4
Nakamura-ku, Nagoya
Japan 450
+81-52-582-2211
Single: 9,000
Twin: 16,000

Nagoya Fuji Park Hotel (NFP)
Nishiki 3-15-30
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-962-2289
Single: 9,000
Twin: 16,000

Hotel Preceed Nagoya (HPN)
Sakae 4-6-1
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-263-3411
Single: 11,500
Twin: 18,600

(Category C)

Nagoya Sakae Tokyu Inn (NSTI)
Sakae 4-1-8
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-251-0109
Single: 8,500
Twin: 14,500

Chisan Hotel Nagoya Sakae (CHN)
Shinsakae-machi 3-2
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-962-2411
Single: 6,500
Twin: 11,000

Shanpia Hotel Nagoya (SHN)
Nishiki 2-20-5
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-203-5858
Single: 7,500
Twin: 13,000

Nagoya Plaza Hotel (NPH)
Nishiki 3-8-21
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-951-6311
Single: 6,000
Twin: 10,500

Hotel Osu Plaza (HOP)
Osu 2-24-45
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-231-0303
Single: 6,000
Twin: 12,500

Fushimi Mont Blanc Hotel (FMB)
Sakae 2-2-26
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-232-1121
Single: 6,000

(Catagory D)
Nagoya Green Hotel (NGH)
Nishiki 1-8-22
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-203-0211
Single: 5,500

Nagoya Rolen Hotel (NRH)
Nishiki 1-8-40
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-52-211-4581
Single: 5,000
Twin: 9,000

(Category E)
Aichi Ken Seinen Kaikan (ASK)
Sakae 1-18-8
Naka-ku, Nagoya
Japan 460
+81-052-221-6001
All share: 3.5 - 5,300 5% tax

Student Housing

The Aichi Ken Seinen Kaikan is a youth hostel with space for up to 95 persons. Western style rooms may be shared by two - four persons, while Japanese style rooms may be shared by three - eight persons. Depending on the number of persons sharing rooms, the rates will be from 3,500 - 5,300 plus 5% tax. Reservations for Aichi Ken Seinen Kaikan (ASK) will be made on a first come basis. Priority will be given to students from outside Japan. Category D hotels are low cost rooms with bath.

(NOTE) The deadline for reservations at Aichi Ken Seinen Kaikan is June 20, 1997.

Cancellation charges are as follows:
- Cancellation within ten days of the reservation date will be 50% of one day's room rate.
- Cancellation on the day of the reservation will be 100% of one day's room rate.

LOCATION AND TRAVEL

As the gateway to the central region of Japan, Nagoya is a junction of land, marine and air traffic. Nagoya International Airport is connected to 30 cities around the world by direct flights, and Nagoya station is the nucleus of a railway network including Japan Rail (JR), private railways, and subways. Japan's comfortable bullet trains (shinkansen) go to Nagoya station. Three shinkansen trains to Nagoya are: Kodama, Hikari and Nozomi. Nozomi is the fastest shinkansen train in Japan.

Cities with Direct Flights to Nagoya International Airport:
Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Honolulu, London, Los Angeles, Paris, Portland and Seoul.

Cities with Flights to Seoul and Connections to Nagoya:
Auckland, Brisbane, Detroit, New York, Paris, Rome, San Francisco, Seattle, Sydney, Toronto and Vancouver.

Flights to New Kansai International Airport (KIX):
The New Kansai International Airport receives flights from all major ports worldwide.

Flights to Narita New Tokyo International Airport (NRT):
The Narita International Airport receives flights from all major ports worldwide.

Bullet Trains (shinkansen) to Nagoya Station from the New Kansai International Airport (KIX):
Depart the airport by JR at Kansaikukho Station and transfer at Shin Osaka Station. Depart Shin Osaka Station by shinkansen to Nagoya. The total travel time should be 115 minutes plus time for transfers.

Bullet Trains (shinkansen) to Nagoya Station from Narita New Tokyo International Airport (NRT):
Depart the airport by JR Narita Express Train to Tokyo Station then transfer at Tokyo Station on a shinkansen to Nagoya Station. The total travel time should be 157 minutes plus time for transfers.
Limousine buses also run frequently from Narita International Airport to Tokyo Station.

Japan Rail Trains:
The Japan Rail Pass allows visitors to Japan up to two weeks

unlimited travel on JR Trains. The JR Pass must be purchased in advance of one's arrival in Japan. Please contact your travel agent for information on this very economical and efficient mode of transportation.

Credit cards are not accepted by Japanese rail companies. Please exchange funds at the airport to purchase tickets if not already holding a Japan Rail Pass. Note that train tickets (including shinkansen) purchased at the station must be paid for in cash.

The Nagoya Congress Center:

The Nagoya Congress Center, the city's premier conference facility, is only a short subway ride from the city center. It is accessable to both Hibino Station and Nishi Takakura Station of the Subway, Meijo Line.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Nagoya, founded about 380 years ago by Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu, is a very attractive city with various sight-seeing spots such as Nagoya Castle which is famous for its Shachi (golden dolphins mounted on the main tower roof-top). Surrounded by the beautiful landscape of Inuyama, Hida-Takayama, Mikawa Bay and Ise-Shima, Nagoya is literally the core of these sight-seeing areas.

Many of Japan's high-tech industries such as the automobile, aviation, machine tools, fine ceramics, and industrial robot industries, are based in and around Nagoya. It is home to the largest and most established ceramic industries in Japan. It is also a center for Japan's furniture and textile industries.

From 1610, the policies of the famous Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu, Lord of Nagoya Castle, and his successors encouraged the growth of cultural arts such as Noh and Kabuki theater, Japanese dance, the tea and incense ceremonies and flower arrangement. All of these traditional arts can be enjoyed in Nagoya even today. The ceramics, textile, dyeing, and carpentry industries evolved to meet the needs of these thriving art forms.

Another major city policy is to enhance Nagoya as a convention city. Being designated as an International Convention City by the Ministry of Transport of Japan, it has hosted an increasing number of important conventions.
The Nagoya Congress Center, the city's premier conference facility, is only a short subway ride from the city center. Adjacent to the Congress Center is Shirotori Garden, a popular spot for convention participants to relax.

CLIMATE

Nagoya experiences a moderate oceanic climate with four distinct seasons. The yearly average temperature is 15.9℃/60.6F, and the maximum average is 37.2℃/98.9F. Summer season temperatures may range between 27-32℃/71.5-84.8F.

LANGUAGE

The language spoken in Nagoya is Japanese, with English as a second language.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE/BANKING

The exchange rate in December of 1996 was 115 Japanese Yen to One US Dollar. Please check the financial news reports for exchange listings for your country's currency and Japanese Yen. Exchange rates may change gradually before the conference dates.

Only Japanese Yen are accepted at stores and restaurants. Therefore, it is recommended that currency be exchanged at airports upon arrival.

Foreign currency and major credit cards are accepted at most hotels. You can buy yen at foreign exchange banks and other authorized money exchangers upon presentation of your passport. Please check the exchange rates of Japanese Yen and your country's currency when deciding your travel budget.

Banks in Japan are open weekdays from 9:00 to 15:00. Japanese banks' automatic tellers are for local accounts only. Credit card cash dispensers are in the Nagoya Kanko Hotel and Hotel Nagoya Castle for Visa-Master Card, and the Hotel Castle Plaza for American Express.

Traveler's Checks/Credit Cards:

Traveler's checks are accepted only by leading banks and major hotels. The use of traveler's checks is not as popular in Japan as in some other countries. All major credit cards are widely accepted at hotels, department stores, shops, restaurants and night clubs.

TIPPING/TAXES

There is no custom of individual tipping in Japan. Tips are usually included in the bill as a service charge.

There is a five percent (5%) sales tax applied to all purchases in Japan. Duty-Free stores charge sales tax on purchases of more than JP Yen 10,000.

Airport Facility Service Charge

Passenger service facility charge is levied on passengers of 12 years and older departing from Tokyo Narita Airport and Kansai Airport on international flights. At Narita Airport, JP Yen 2,000 - (JP Yen 1,000 - for children from 2 to 11 years) or the equivalent in US Dollars. At Kansai Airport, JP Yen 2,600 - (JP Yen 1,300 - for children from 2 to 11 years)

Payment may be made at Tokyo City Air Terminal, or Tokyo Narita Airport when departing from Narita Airport, or Kansai Airport when leaving from Kansai Airport.

VISITOR INFORMATION (Visa)

Entry into Japan for 90 days is very easy to obtain for almost everyone who wishes to attend IJCAI-97.

All foreign visitors entering Japan must have a valid passport.

Participants requiring visas should apply well in advance to Japanese consular offices or diplomatic missions in their countries prior to making final travel arrangements with a travel agent or carrier.

Aliens residing in countries where no Japanese representation is established may apply for a temporary entry permit via the representations of their countries in Japan.

Visitors must hold onward or return ticket, proof of sufficient funds to cover the duration of their stay in Japan and documents required for their next destination. If not, they may be refused entry. Undertaking remunerative activities, or taking up employment is strictly prohibited.

If you have any questions about entry to Japan from your country, please contact http://www.nttls.co.jp/infomofa/link/mofaserv.html (Japanese Embassies and Consulates).

The IJCAI-97 Local Arrangements Committee is willing to support IJCAI-97 participants to get a travel document issued by the Japanese authorities (tokoshomeisho).

DINING

Nagoya restaurants offer regional Japanese style and various Western, Asian, and Middle Eastern cuisines. The traditional Japanese dishes such as sushi, and tempura, as well as the regional specialties such as kishimen noodles and misokatsu pork cutlets are widely available.

Entertainment ranges from live music and discos to Japan's traditional style pubs.

Restaurant Price Guide

Restaurant Category	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Fast Food	300	300	300
Economy	500	600	800
Deluxe	1,500	2,500	3,000

Note: All prices are listed in Japanese Yen (JP Yen). The exchange rate in December of 1996 was JP Yen 115 to one US Dollar. A 5% consumer tax will be applied to consumer purchases.

EXCURSIONS AND SIGHTSEEING

(A) Tokugawa Art Museum & Nagoya Castle

Collected displays of 20,000 treasures from the Tokugawa family and the Edo Era. Also, the castle of the Owari Tokugawa family built by Ieyasu Tokugawa in 1612.

A half day trip, approximately 4 hours, at a cost of JP Yen 8,000.

(B) Nagoya Port & Atsuta Shrine

See the Marine Museum at Nagoya Port Building. Dedicated to the Kusanagi Sword (grass-mowing sword), Atsuta Shrine is historically the most famous grand shrine next to the Ise Grand Shrine.

A half day trip, approximately 4 hours, at a cost of JP Yen 8,000.

(C) Inuyama Castle & Meiji Village

The castle is a national historic treasure located near the village of 58 historical buildings of the Meiji Era transferred from Japan's countryside to create a scenic, historical, small city.

A full day trip, approximately 8 hours, at a cost of JP Yen 13,000.

(D) Nagoya City Tour & Shopping

See a view of Nagoya from the 180 meter tall TV tower, Japan's first intensive radio-wave emitting tower.

A full day trip, approximately 7 hours with lunch, at a cost of JP Yen 10,000.

(E) Toyota Museum & Higashiyama District Tour

See the display of 100 years of world automobile history and nearly 100 autos on exhibit. Then visit the zoo, botanical gardens and Higashiyama Sky Tower for a spectacular view of the city.

A full day trip, approximately 8 hours with lunch, at a cost of JP Yen 10,000.

(F) Ise Shrine & Mikimoto Pearl Island Tour

Ise Shrine houses some of the most valued artifacts of the Japanese Royal Family and is a tribute to Japanese architecture. Then visit the home of famous Mikimoto pearls, where women still dive for pearls in traditional costume.

A full day trip, approximately 8 hours with lunch, at a cost of JP Yen 10,000.

(G) Kyoto City, One night/two days

See Japan's most famous temples, shrines and historic landmarks, especially the Golden Pavilion, a symbol of Kyoto and its history as the former capitol of Japan.

Stay overnight in twin rooms at a top-grade hotel at a cost of JP Yen 35,000.

(H) Takayama, "Little Kyoto" One night/two days

Called "Little Kyoto of Hida," Takayama is famous for two craftworks with international appeal. The Shunkei wooden lacquer ware, known for its red or yellow color. Also famous for "Ichiitto" carvings with a history dating back from year 794.

Overnight at a cost of JP Yen 33,000.

(I) Gifu Castle and Ukai (Cormorant fishing)

Witness a traditional late evening ceremony of river fishing using Cormorants swimming in the Nagara river illuminated with lanterns and torches.

A full evening, approximately 7 hours with supper, at a cost of JP Yen 20,000.

Excursion reservations are to be made by credit card by completing the Housing and Excursion Application enclosed in this brochure.

Dates and Times

Excursions A - F: 8/24 - 8/31 every morning from 9:00
Excursion G: 8/25 (Monday) overnight
Excursion H: 8/28 (Thursday) overnight
Excursion I: 8/24 - 8/31 every afternoon from 2:00

TOURS

- Two technical tours have been arranged for the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 27. Each tour begins at 1:00 p.m. lasting
- until 6:00 p.m. Registration must be completed before Monday, Aug. 25. See the Housing and Excursion Application for registration and payment details.

(J) Kakamigahara Aerospace Museum

See actual planes and the variety of engines that powered
- them in this giant museum of Japan's aerospace history.

An afternoon trip, approximately 5 hours, at a cost of JP Yen 9,000.

(K) Softpia Japan

Visit the Gifu Prefecture City refered to as "Gifu's version of Silicon Valley" with 13 high tech industries ranging from multimedia to biotechnology.

An afternoon trip, approximately 5 hours, at a cost of JP Yen 9,000.

Cancellations

Excursions A- F, Tours J & K:

If cancelled 2 days to 21 days prior to the date of the excursion, there will be a 30% charge.

If cancelled within 2 days of the date, there will be a 50% charge.

Excursions G - I:

If cancelled 2 days to 30 days prior to the date of the excursion, there will be a 30% charge.

If cancelled within 2 days of the date, there will be a 50% charge.

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FUTURE IJCAI CONFERENCES

IJCAI-99, Stockholm, Sweden
July 31-August 6, 1999

IJCAI-99, the Sixteenth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, will be held July 31 through August 6, 1999 in Stockholm Sweden. It is sponsored by the International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Inc. (IJCAII), and cosponsored by the Swedish Society for Artificial Intelligence (SAIS), the Norwegian Society for Artificial Intelligence (NAIS), the Finnish Society for Artificial Intelligence (FAIS), and the Danish Society for Artificial Intelligence (DAIS).

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