

Final Bulletin for TAUP 2019 in Toyama, Japan



Please also refer to the official TAUP 2019 website at <http://taup2019.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

1.) Registration Information

The Registration Desk on the 1st floor (ground level) of the Toyama International Conference Center will be open during the following times:

Sunday, Sept. 8	from: 16:00	to: 20:30
Monday-Friday, Sept. 9-13	from: 8:15	to: end of sessions

On Sunday, Sept. 8, snacks and beverages will be offered in the registration area until 20:00.

The Conference Welcome Reception will be held Monday, Sept. 9, from 19:00 through 21:00 at the Toyama Dai-ichi Hotel, a 5 min. walk from the conference center.

The Conference Banquet Dinner will be held Thursday, Sept. 12, from 19:00 through 21:00 at the ANA Crowne Plaza TOYAMA, right opposite of the conference center.

2.) Travel Information

At least some of the schedules for buses and trains mentioned below can also be found under: <http://taup2019.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/access.html> and in the Appendix of this bulletin.

Arrival at International Airports:

Narita Airport (NRT : Narita International Airport):

If you have a continuation flight to Toyama, you will have to get from Narita airport to Tokyo's Haneda airport first. Please find the "Airport Limousine" counter in the arrival lobby of Narita airport and book a seat on the next Limousine Bus for Haneda airport; the flights for Toyama leave from Haneda Airport Terminal 2. The bus costs 3200 JPY and depending on traffic it takes 65 to 85 minutes from Narita to Haneda.

If you want to take the train to Toyama, you have two options:

1.) take JR's Narita Express train to Tokyo station, and transfer to the Hokuriku Shinkansen at Tokyo station. All Hokuriku Shinkansen trains stop at Toyama station. The faster "Kagayaki" trains of the Hokuriku Shinkansen line only have reserved seats; you need to buy a reserved seat ticket for these. The slower "Hakutaka" trains have more stops and non-reserved seats in cars 1 – 4. A timetable for the Shinkansen connections between Tokyo station and Toyama can be found in the appendix.

2.) take the Keisei Airliner to Keisei Ueno station. You have to leave Keisei Ueno station for a short walk to JR Ueno station, where you can board all Hokuriku Shinkansen trains just as at JR's Tokyo station. Please see the above instructions for the Narita Express train for more information on these Shinkansen trains. Each Shinkansen train leaves Ueno 6 minutes after it left Tokyo.

Haneda Airport (HND : Tokyo International Airport):

All flights to Toyama leave Haneda from domestic Terminal 2. If you arrived from abroad, you will have to transfer from the International Terminal to domestic Terminal 2. Upon leaving the airplane you arrived on at the International Terminal, please follow the signs to the baggage claim. After Immigration you will have to collect your luggage and carry it through customs with you.

If you have a connecting flight to Toyama, find the domestic connecting check-in counter at the very end of the arrival hall: as you exit customs it will be to your right. After re-checking your luggage you can use a free shuttle bus to continue on to domestic Terminal 2, from which your flight to Toyama will be leaving. You will have to show your boarding pass and pass through

security to be allowed into the departure area for this bus; the security checkpoint is around the corner at the same end of the hall as the re-check counters are. Personnel at the re-check counter can point you to the security check area that leads to the bus' departure area. Please take care to take the ANA, not the JAL, bus to the domestic terminals: only the ANA bus goes to Terminal 2, while the JAL bus goes to domestic Terminal 1.

Those of you continuing the journey from Haneda airport by train: all three of Haneda airport's terminals have a stop for the Monorail line. It will take you to Hamamatsu-cho, where you can change to the JR Yamanote line to reach Tokyo station. From Tokyo station you can take the Hokuriku Shinkansen line directly to Toyama. Monorail and JR are separate companies though, and you will have to pass through gates between their lines.

Arrival at Kansai International Airport (KIX):

From the airport, which is located on an artificial island, you can take JR's "Haruka" express train to Shin-Osaka station. From Shin-Osaka the "Thunderbird" express train will take you to Kanazawa. At Kanazawa station you will have to change trains again to board the Hokuriku Shinkansen for a short ride to Toyama – you will need a Shinkansen ticket for this last stretch. You can find the train schedule in the appendix of this bulletin.

Arrival at Chubu Centrair International Airport (NGO):

Take the Meitetsu μ -Sky limited express train to reach Nagoya station. At Nagoya leave the regional Meitetsu line's station to enter JR Nagoya station; they are immediate neighbors to each other. There are two ways to get from Nagoya to Toyama on JR lines: directly on the scenic Takayama line, or on the more frequently serviced and faster connection through Maibara. On this second route you will have to change trains twice: change from the Tokaido Shinkansen line to the limited express "Shirasagi" at Maibara for Kanazawa, where you change to the Hokuriku Shinkansen line for Toyama. Since all these are JR lines, all train changes after Nagoya are between platforms within the same JR stations; only the Shinkansen lines have special gates separating them from the normal train lines within JR stations.

There also is a Meitetsu Bus Center right at Nagoya station from where a very convenient, direct, and inexpensive highway bus leaves for Toyama a couple of times a day:

<http://www.meitetsu-bus.co.jp/english/area/hokuriku.html#toyama>

Arrival at Toyama International Airport (TOY):

From Toyama airport please take a bus to Toyama station: the buses arrive and leave from right in front of the station. Depending on your hotel you may want get off at the "Sougawa" (総曲輪) stop, from which you will reach the ANA Crowne Plaza TOYAMA hotel and the Toyama International Conference Center where the conference is held by walking a short distance: continue in the same direction as the bus approached along the road it traveled on. At the next traffic light (do not cross at the light) both, the hotel and the conference center, are now to your left – both fronting Toyama Castle.

Only on Sunday, Sept. 8, we organized a private bus to meet the many people we expect to take flight ANA 319 from Haneda that evening, which is scheduled to arrive in Toyama at 19:05. If you are arriving at Toyama on that particular flight, our bus, which will be marked as "TAUP 2019", will bring you directly to the Toyama International Conference Center for registration and refreshments.

Arrival by Highway Bus:

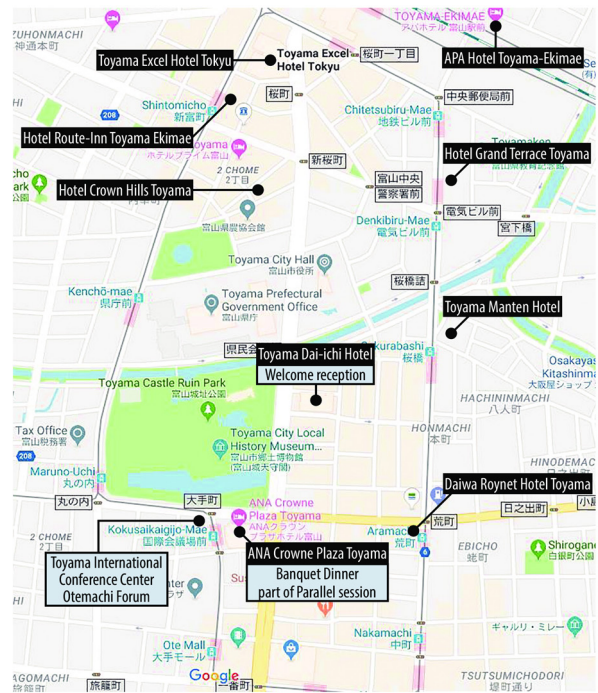
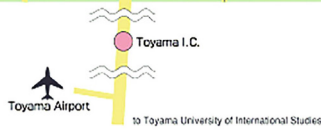
All highway buses pass through or start and end at Toyama Station; if you get off the highway bus at Toyama station, please follow the advice for "Arrival by Shinkansen or train at Toyama Station".

Most highway buses will also stop at "Sougawa" (総曲輪) before reaching Toyama Station: If you get off at Sougawa, you are right next to the ANA Crowne Plaza TOYAMA and the Toyama International Conference Center. Continue along the sidewalk you disembarked on in the same direction as the bus was traveling in. At the next intersection with traffic lights (max. 50 m further North) turn left (West) to find both, first the ANA hotel and right behind it, after crossing another traffic light, the conference center.

If your bus stops at Toyama Station, please get off as it will already have passed the Sougawa stop, which may not be serviced by all highway bus companies.

Arrival by Shinkansen or train at Toyama Station:

Please consult the maps below: The road leading south from the main scramble crossing on the south side of the station with trees growing on its divider leads straight to the ANA Crowne Plaza hotel, with the Toyama International Conference Center immediately to its West, both fronting Toyama Castle.



3.) Emergency Contact

In case of a personal emergency during the conference, please do not hesitate to seek help by calling the following number (from inside Japan) set up especially for TAUP participants:
090-7046-6133

4.) General Weather Information

In September the weather in Toyama is generally mild with daytime temperatures typically between 18 and 26 °C (64 and 79 °F). There is however a chance that a typhoon may sweep over Japan. For Toyama that mostly means significant rainfall, but is rarely accompanied by high winds. Almost all typhoons that reach Toyama have crossed the main Japanese island of Honshu and therefore will have lost most of their ferocity over land already, but leaving torrential rains. Please consider this in particular when choosing your footwear to bring (for Kamioka Technical Tour participants: Please also check item 6. below).

You can check the local weather forecast at:
and local (severe) weather warnings at:

<https://www.jma.go.jp/en/week/324.html>

https://www.jma.go.jp/en/warn/f_1620100.html

5.) Other Useful Information

When you buy train tickets in Japan, please be aware that you will have to ask for a receipt at the counter when you buy the ticket. While your ticket itself will have its price printed on it, it will also be swallowed by the last gate that checks it when you leave the train station. You will not get the ticket(s) back from that very last gate machine through which you leave the station!

A useful online site to explore train and bus connections and routes inside Japan beforehand is:
<http://www.hyperdia.com/en/>

Japanese people are generally very friendly and helpful – do not hesitate to ask for help in English. There is a chance though that the particular individual you may have turned to is not comfortable speaking English or not sure of the specific information you asked for; in that case do not insist, but rather turn to the next person after politely acknowledging the person who was hesitant to help. If you are surprised by rain it is normally easy to buy a simple **umbrella** for a few hundred yen (equal to a few dollars or euros) at the nearest convenience store. Convenience stores are generally open 24 hours, and there are plenty of them around the city center. Almost all of them now also have **ATMs**, which often accept international cards – this normally is explicitly advertised by the machine if it is the case. If in doubt, please do not hesitate to ask a nearby friendly (Japanese) person.

6.) For those who are confirmed participants of a Kamioka Technical Tour

Kamioka Mining Company regulations require visitors to wear clothes that cover their limbs (arms and legs) and firm shoes; sandals or flippers are not allowed. The temperature in the mine is only 13 – 15 °C (55 – 59 °F). Please plan accordingly when you attend one of the tours. It is recommended you visit a restroom before you enter the mine. We will provide you with a helmet, but please be aware that the University of Tokyo is not liable for any accidents that may happen underground.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Toyama and hope you will enjoy TAUP 2019 with us!

Appendix: Selected Train Schedules

The following train schedules are general daily schedules; please in all cases check all your connections against your actual tickets at the time of your travel: **Your tickets are what matters!!!**

Tokyo station → Toyama:

Train Name	Tokyo	Toyama	
Kagayaki 501	6:16	8:26	
Hakutaka 551	6:28	9:11	
Kagayaki 503	7:20	9:31	
Hakutaka 553	7:52	10:38	
Kagayaki 521	8:12	10:27	*available from Sept. 5th
Kagayaki 505	8:36	10:46	
Hakutaka 555	8:44	11:25	
Kagayaki 507	9:20	11:34	
Hakutaka 557	9:32	12:06	
Kagayaki 523	10:08	12:23	*available on Sept. 5th-7th
Kagayaki 509	10:24	12:32	
Kagayaki 525	10:48	13:03	*available on Sept. 7th
Hakutaka 559	10:32	13:16	
Hakutaka 561	11:24	13:57	
Kagayaki 527	11:48	14:04	*available on Sept. 7th
Hakutaka 563	12:24	14:57	
Kagayaki 529	12:48	15:06	*available on Sept. 8th
Hakutaka 565	13:24	15:57	
Kagayaki 531	13:52	16:06	*available on Sept. 6th and 8th
Hakutaka 567	14:24	16:57	
Kagayaki 533	14:52	17:05	*available on Sept. 6th-8th
Hakutaka 569	15:24	18:00	
Kagayaki 511	16:24	18:34	
Hakutaka 571	16:32	19:15	
Kagayaki 513	17:24	19:37	
Kagayaki 515	18:24	20:34	
Hakutaka 573	18:04	20:55	
Kagayaki 517	19:24	21:34	
Hakutaka 575	19:04	21:55	
Kagayaki 539	19:56	22:07	*available on Sept. 6th and 8th
Hakutaka 577	20:12	22:57	
Kagayaki 519	21:04	23:15	

Kansai Airport (KIX) → Toyama:

Weekday

Train name	Kansai Airport (Departure)	Shin Osaka (Arrival)	Train name2	Shin Osaka (Departure)	Kanazawa (Arrival)	Train name3	Kanazawa (Departure)	Toyama (Arrival)
Haruka 2	6:30	7:37	Thunderbird 5	7:44	10:25	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 706	10:34	10:57
Haruka 4	7:27	8:37	Thunderbird 9	8:44	11:14	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 708	11:28	11:51
Haruka 8	8:45	9:36	Thunderbird 13	9:46	12:20	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 710	12:31	12:54
Haruka 12	9:46	10:34	Thunderbird 17	10:46	13:20	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 712	13:28	13:51
Haruka 16	10:46	11:34	Thunderbird 19	11:46	14:23	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 714	14:31	14:54
Haruka 18	11:14	12:05	Thunderbird 21	12:16	14:55	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 716	15:04	15:27
Haruka 20	11:44	12:35	Thunderbird 23	12:46	15:26	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 718	15:39	16:02
Haruka 24	12:44	13:35	Thunderbird 25	13:46	16:30	Hokuriku Shinkansen Kagayaki 512	16:47	17:06
Haruka 28	13:44	14:35	Thunderbird 27	14:46	17:26	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 720	17:35	17:58
Haruka 32	14:44	15:35	Thunderbird 31	15:46	18:27	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 722	18:38	19:01
Haruka 36	15:44	16:35	Thunderbird 33	16:46	19:16	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 724	19:24	19:46
Haruka 40	16:44	17:35	Thunderbird 37	17:46	20:13	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 726	20:25	20:48
Haruka 42	17:16	18:05	Thunderbird 39	18:16	20:56	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 728	21:06	21:29
Haruka 46	18:16	19:05	Thunderbird 43	19:16	21:53	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 730	22:19	22:42
Haruka 50	19:16	20:05	Thunderbird 47	20:12	20:38	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 732	23:06	23:29

(see weekend schedule for above connection on next page!)

Weekend

Train name	Kansai Airport (Departure)	Shin Osaka (Arrival)	Train name2	Shin Osaka (Departure)	Kanazawa (Arrival)	Train name3	Kanazawa (Departure)	Toyama (Arrival)
Haruka 4	7:41	8:36	Thunderbird 9	8:44	11:14	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 708	11:28	11:51
Haruka 8	8:43	9:37	Thunderbird 13	9:46	12:20	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 710	12:31	12:54
Haruka 12	9:46	10:34	Thunderbird 17	10:46	13:20	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 712	13:28	13:51
Haruka 16	10:44	11:34	Thunderbird 19	11:46	14:23	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 714	14:31	14:54
Haruka 18	11:14	12:05	Thunderbird 21	12:16	14:55	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 716	15:04	15:27
Haruka 20	11:44	12:35	Thunderbird 23	12:46	15:26	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 718	15:39	16:02
Haruka 24	12:44	12:35	Thunderbird 25	13:46	16:30	Hokuriku Shinkansen Kagayaki 512	16:47	17:06
Haruka 28	13:44	14:35	Thunderbird 27	14:46	17:26	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 720	17:35	17:58
Haruka 32	14:44	15:35	Thunderbird 31	15:46	18:27	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 722	18:38	19:01
Haruka 36	15:44	16:35	Thunderbird 33	16:46	19:16	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 724	19:24	19:46
Haruka 40	16:44	17:35	Thunderbird 37	17:46	20:13	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 726	20:25	20:48
Haruka 42	17:14	18:05	Thunderbird 39	18:16	20:56	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 728	21:06	21:29
Haruka 46	18:16	19:05	Thunderbird 43	19:15	21:53	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 730	22:19	22:42
Haruka 50	19:16	20:05	Thunderbird 47	20:12	20:38	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi 732	23:06	23:29