

55th World Congress of Chess Composition
36th World Chess Solving Championship
Kobe, 15-22 September 2012

INVITATION

The Japanese Chess Problem Society (JCPS) has the honour and pleasure to invite all delegates of the WFCC, national teams, individual chess solvers and composers and all those interested in problem chess, to attend the 55th World Congress of Chess Composition (WCCC) and 36th World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC) in Kobe, Japan.

DATES

From September 15th to September 22th, 2012.
(WCSC on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18th and 19th)

VENUE

The Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry

The venue is situated in the center of Port Island, Kobe.

Port Island can be reached from Sannomiya (the central area of Kobe City) by the monorail Portliner or by taxi, and is directly connected to the Kobe Airport (domestic) by the Portliner. From the Kansai International Airport, you can take a Bay Shuttle ferry to the Kobe Airport Terminal (31 minutes) or a Limousine Bus to Sannomiya (65 minutes).

ACCOMODATIONS

All prices are daily rates per person. Only breakfast included. For lunch and dinner, there are many restaurants in and around the hotels, and also in Sannomiya. Participants wishing to extend their stay before and/or after the congress can do so at the equivalent daily rate. Hotel expenses should be paid to the hotel you will stay. All hotels accept credit card for payment.

The official hotel

Quality Hotel Kobe

<http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-kobe-japan-JP044>

This hotel and the venue are in the same building.

Single Room: ¥9,500

Twin Room: ¥7,500

Note: Participants are strongly advised to share a room because of the limited number of single rooms available.

The official alternate hotels

(1) Hotel Pearl City Kobe

<http://www.pearlcity.co.jp/kobe/>

5 minutes walk from the venue.

Single Room: ¥11,025

Twin Room: ¥9,450

Twin Room (for single use): ¥13,125

(2) Portopia Hotel

<http://www.portopia.co.jp/en/index.html>

5 minutes walk from the venue.

Single Room: ¥15,750

Twin Room: ¥10,500

Twin Room (for single use): ¥17,850

(3) Sanside Hotel

<http://www.sanside.co.jp/>

Located near Sannomiya station. 10 minutes ride on the Portliner from the venue. This hotel is for the budget-conscious.

Single Room: ¥7,350

All participants should pay participation fee ¥10,000 at the registration desk (Special Conference Room A in the venue) in cash (Japanese Yen). This fee

includes registration, the congress material, Thursday excursion to Kyoto, and participation in the solving and composing tournaments and Friday's banquet. We are also planning daily activities for participants' family, companions and friends; prices and program will be disclosed later and should be paid at participants' discretion.

Subscriptions can be sent to the congress email (wccc2012kobe@gmail.com) until August 30th. All queries should be sent to the same address. And don't forget to check regularly our official website (<http://wccc2012kobe.com>). All congress information will be posted there.

See you in Kobe!

Sincerely yours,

Satoshi Hashimoto (JCPS President)

Tadashi Wakashima (JCPS Vice-President)