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Report of the site inspection of Yokohama for the 22nd IFOS Congress 2021

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Introduction

The Oto-Rhino-Laryngological society of Japan and its Chairman of the Board of Directors Professor Yasuo Hissa, MD, PhD have officially applied for the Yokohama candidacy for the 22nd IFOS Congress. They have sent 5 bid books to the IFOS General Secretary. The bid book contains all necessary documents to fulfil formal requirements for application acceptance. The proposed day for the IFOS Congress 2021 is June 2-6, 2021. Weather in the beginning of June is subtropical with temperature 25-30°. Yokohama is the second largest city of Japan with 3.7 million population. Inside the bid book there are letters of support from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Horoshi Hase, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Yasuhisa Shiozaki, Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Akihiko Tamura, President of the Japan National Tourism Organization Ryoichi Matsuyama and Mayor of the city of Yokohama Fumiko Hayashi. The site inspection visit took place during the period May 15-17, 2016. The site visit was extremely well prepared with the focus on all aspects of the site visit manual.

The first IFOS congress has been organised in Tokyo 1965 under the presidency of Professor S. Sato who became the first IFOS President.

Oto-Rhino-Laryngological society of Japan

The Oto-rhino-laryngological Society of Japan has the largest number of members in Asia. The total number of members is 10.762. Activities of the Oto-rhino-laryngological Society of Japan are well known and respected all over the world. Publication activities are extremely high. Japanese researchers are academically very active and second only to United States both in number and quality of papers published in the field of Oto-rhino-laryngology according to citable documents ranking from the Elsevier Scopus Database. Japanese otorhinolaryngologists have published 16.802 papers reaching 104.339 citations with Hirsch index 74. The National congress of the Oto-rhino-laryngological Society of Japan is attended by up to 5.000 participants. The structure of the subspeciality societies ensures reliable scientific program preparation for the IFOS World Congress. The scientific program is planned to start on Wednesday 13.00 pm continuing for full 3 days 8.00-18.00 with closing ceremony on Saturday afternoon 16.00.



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The Japanese National ORL Congress would be a part of the IFOS Congress in case Yokohama would be elected for IFOS 2021.

Support of the meeting

The support for the IFOS Congress is demonstrated by the personal letters in the bid book from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Horoshi Hase, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Yasuhisa Shiozaki, Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Akihiko Tamura, President of the Japan National Tourism Organization Ryoichi Matsuyama and Mayor of the city of Yokohama Fumiko Hayashi.

City of Yokohama, Oto-Rhino-Laryngological society of Japan, private organizations and foundations have already promised significant financial contribution for the IFOS congress in case Yokohama will be the organizer of IFOS 2021 Congress. (City of Yokohama 100.000USD).

PCO

MediProduce company was founded in 2005 and it specializes in organization of medical events only. They are used to deliver medical and health-related information to medical professionals and the public. All staff speak fluent English. They have very close relation to media to realize promotion of the congress. They were fully involved in preparation of the bid-book, site visit inspection they closely cooperate with the Oto-Rhino-Laryngological society of Japan in realising the bidding procedure for the IFOS Congress 2021. They have already realised Japan-Taiwan Conference on ORL HNS. They have realised many world congresses and international meetings with attendance from 100 to 10.000 attendees (e.g. World Union on Wound Healing Societies, Chemotherapy and Infections, Occupational Therapies, Nutrition, Spine Research, Vision and Ophthalmology, Cytology, Pain, Lung Cancer, Nuclear Medicine, Othodontic etc.). This company is member of ICCA (International Congress and Convention Association) and MPI (Meeting Professionals International).

Convention Centre

The Congress Centre PACIFICO is the largest and busiest convention centre in Japan. The main amphitheatre will accommodate 5.000 sitting guests in very comfortable chairs. It is directly connected to 5 star hotel Intercontinental. The Congress Centre is located in the Yokohama bay with sea view from the corridors of the centre. Modern technical facilities and skilled technical staff provide support for presentations, video, posters, previews etc. Additional meeting rooms and



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amphitheatres (100-2000 seats) provide excellent facilities for scientific program. The Convention Centre PACIFICO is located in the centre of the city within walking distance to the major hotels and metro station with one stop access to the Yokohama railway station with connection to both airports Narita and Haneda.

Hotels

All categories of the hotels with approximately 16.000 rooms of different categories are available in Yokohama. Following hotels are within walking distance from the PACIFICO Congress Centre: Intercontinental (5star, 600 rooms), Yokohama Bay (5star, 480 rooms), Yokohama Royal Park (5star, 600 rooms), Washington (4star, 550 rooms), Navios (3star, 200 rooms) and many others. The average cost per room in 5star hotel is 140€, 4star 85€)

Safety

Japan is very safe country and Yokohama is very safe city. This information comes from our personal experience as well as from local citizens. The tradition of Japan culture, education and respect are the reasons for friendly and respective behaviour. Foreigner always feels warm hospitality and willingness to make his stay safe. Japan is an archipelago with precise control on entry and exit from the country. Population is very homogenous created by more than 95% of Japanese. Majority of Japanese people believe in Buddhism as well as in Shintoism and they fully respect other religions. People can walk late in the night without any danger.

Travelling

Entry to Japan is very easy, 67 countries are eligible for visa exemptions for short-term stay. Citizens of China, Russia and some other countries are allowed to enter Japan after procuring a visa. Tokyo is 2020 Olympic Games city, due to this fact airport Haneda is expected to expend significantly. Local transportation is very efficient. Shinkansen trains can bring you to any part of the country. Connection to the Narita airport takes 90 minutes, to the Haneda airport 20minutes. Train service (several trains an hour) will bring you in 30 minutes to Tokyo. Metro brings you to all important places in the city. Taxi fare is very reasonable even for longer distances.

Social program

Opening ceremony, Faculty Dinner, Gala Dinner and Japan night are planned for the social events during the world congress. The exhibition hall of the Congress Centre Pacifico is 20.000m². Part of it can be used as a banquet hall for 3000 sitting guests. There are five 5 star hotels with suitable facilities for any social activity during the congress.

Near to Yokohama there are very attractive places to see the Japan history. Kyoto,



Nara, Kamakura, Tokyo shrines and temples are the places to go for many tourists from all over the world and will be the goals of pre- and post-congress tours. Fuji Mountain with Hakona resort are other attractive places to see beautiful Japan nature.

Promotion

PCO MediProduce is very experienced company to realize promotion of the Congress. They have direct link to public media, press, TV, Radio. The promotion from the Oto-Rhino-Laryngological society of Japan before the bidding procedure was discussed with Professor Hisa. The promotion to attract attendees from all over the world will be prepared in case Yokohama will be chosen for the IFOS Congress 2021

Conclusion:

Site inspection committee recommends accepting Yokohama as a candidate city for IFOS 2021.

Yokhama, May 16, 2016 Chong Sun Kim

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