

**7 JUL 1994**

For Six Month Period Ending \_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert date)

Name of Registrant

Registration No.

Japan National Tourist Organization

2349

Business Address of Registrant

360 Post St., Suite 601, San Francisco, CA 94108

**I-REGISTRANT**

1. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Residence address | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(b) If an organization:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

2. Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in item 1.

**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, and 5.**

3. Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position
Akihide Hirashima	Deputy Director

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4. Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?  
Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence Address</i>	<i>Citizenship</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Date Assumed</i>
Hiroyuki Hashimoto	717 Matsonia Dr. Foster City, CA 94404	Japanese	Deputy Director	6/29/94

5. Has any person named in Item 4 rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?  
Yes  No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his services.

Hiroyuki Hashimoto: Promotion of Tourism in Japan in the capacity of the Deputy Director of the office.

6. Have any employees or individuals other than officials, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position or connection</i>	<i>Date terminated</i>
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7. During this 6 month reporting period, have any persons been hired as employees or in any other capacity by the registrant who rendered services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence Address</i>	<i>Position or connection</i>	<i>Date connection began</i>
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## II—FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

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8. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

*Name of foreign principal*

*Date of Termination*

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9. Have you acquired any new foreign principal<sup>1</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish following information:

*Name and address of foreign principal*

*Date acquired*

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10. In addition to those named in Items 8 and 9, if any, list the foreign principals<sup>1</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Japan National Tourist Organization  
10-1, Yuraku-cho 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan

## III—ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9, and 10 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

See Schedule "A"

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<sup>1</sup>The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual or organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9)).

A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those foreign principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>2</sup> as defined below?  
Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes  No

If yes, describe fully.

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<sup>2</sup>The term "political activities" means the dissemination of political propaganda and any other activity which the person engaging therein believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert, induce, persuade, or in any other way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

## IV—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## 14. (a) RECEIPTS—MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes  No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>3</sup>

<i>Date</i>	<i>From Whom</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
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See Schedule "B"

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Total

## (b) RECEIPTS—THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>4</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name of foreign principal</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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<sup>3</sup>A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. See Rule 201(e).

<sup>4</sup>Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS—MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement?      Yes       No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?      Yes       No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

<i>Date</i>	<i>To Whom</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
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See Schedule "C" and "C-1"

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Total

15. (b) DISBURSEMENTS—THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>5</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date disposed</i>	<i>Name of person to whom given</i>	<i>On behalf of what foreign principal</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS—POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>5</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount or thing of value</i>	<i>Name of political organization</i>	<i>Name of candidate</i>
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V—POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

(Section 1(j) of the Act defines "political propaganda" as including any oral, visual, graphic, written, pictorial, or other communication or expression by any person (1) which is reasonably adapted to, or which the person disseminating the same believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert, induce, or in any other way influence a recipient or any section of the public within the United States with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party or with reference to the foreign policies of the United States or promote in the United States racial, religious, or social dissensions, or (2) which advocates, advises, instigates, or promotes any racial, social, political, or religious disorder, civil riot, or other conflict involving the use of force or violence in any other American republic or the overthrow of any government or political subdivision of any other American republic by any means involving the use of force or violence.)

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any political propaganda as defined above? Yes  No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN THIS SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

<sup>5</sup>Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating political propaganda? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of political propaganda include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated political propaganda among any of the following groups:

- Public Officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

21. What language was used in this political propaganda:

- English
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Section, U.S. Department of Justice, two copies of each item of political propaganda material disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

23. Did you label each item of such political propaganda material with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes  No

24. Did you file with the Registration Section, U.S. Department of Justice, a Dissemination Report for each item of such political propaganda material as required by Rule 401 under the Act? Yes  No

### VI—EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS

#### 25. EXHIBITS A AND B

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 9 the following:

- Exhibit A<sup>6</sup> Yes  No
- Exhibit B<sup>7</sup> Yes  No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>6</sup>The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.  
<sup>7</sup>The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

26. EXHIBIT C

If you have previously filed an Exhibit C<sup>8</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period. Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

27. SHORT FORM REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5 and / of the supplemental statement? Yes  No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

The undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) that he has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in attached Short Form Registration Statement, if any, insofar as such information is not within his (their) personal knowledge.

(Type or print name under each signature)

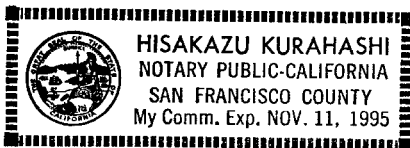
(Both copies of this statement shall be signed and sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths by the agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions who are in the United States, if the registrant is an organization.)

*K. Igarashi*

(Kazumi Igarashi)

Subscribed and sworn to before me at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

this 6th day of July, 19 94



*Hisakazu Kurahashi*  
(Signature of notary or other officer)

<sup>8</sup>The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Internal Security Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your supplemental statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Political Propaganda - page 7 of Form Crim-154, formerly Form OBD-64 - Supplemental Statement):

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No X

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

Yes X or No \_\_\_\_\_

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all such material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

Kazumi Igarashi  
Signature

July 6, 1994  
Date

Kazumi Igarashi  
Please type or print name of signatory on the line above

Director  
Title

\* See samples of disseminated materials submitted by JNTO New York office, Reg. No. 769. Additional materials will be submitted upon request.

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**JAPAN NATIONAL TOURIST ORGANIZATION #2349**

**Schedule A, Item 11  
January 1 - June 30, 1994**

The activities engaged in by the Registrant were devoted entirely to the promotion and stimulation of international tourism on behalf of its foreign principal, the Japan National Tourist Organization located in Tokyo, Japan.

The Registrant, located at 360 Post Street, San Francisco, California, is operated as a tourist information center. At the same time, it conducts publicity, distributes travel folders and pamphlets, participates in fairs and exhibitions, conducts investigation and research, and performs any other acts to achieve the best results for the promotion of tourism in Japan.

Almost all the funds for this purpose were received from the foreign principal, as stated in Item 14(a) Schedule B included in the attached statement.

These funds were expended by the Registrant as indicated in detail in Item 15(a) Schedule C in the attached statement. Schedule C-1 of such statement is a breakdown of payments made for advertising and public relations expenses.

In addition, the following is a summary of the Registrant's activities.

**January 1 - June 30, 1994**

**Travel Presentation**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Place</b>
January 20	Japan Travel Seminar	Anchorage, AK
February 22	JCC/NC Meeting	San Francisco, CA
February 24	Japan Travel Seminar	Salt Lake City, UT

**Fair/Trade Shows**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Place</b>
February 22	JNTO LA Seminar	Tucson, NM
February 23	JNTO LA Seminar	Phoenix, AZ
March 1	JAL JNTO JETRO Seminar	San Francisco, CA
March 10	EATA Seminar	Denver, CO
March 24	EATA Seminar	Anchorage, AK
May 26	EATA Seminar	Honolulu, HI

**News Letter**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
February	Japan Travel News
March	Japan Travel News
June	Japan Travel News

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**JAPAN NATIONAL TOURIST ORGANIZATION #2349**  
**Schedule B, Item 14(a)**  
**January 1 - June 30, 1994**

**Receipt of Monies**

January	\$ 75,477.92
February	\$ 21,929.97
March	\$ 51,253.77
April	\$ 30,537.51
May	\$ 50,609.15
June	\$ 90,560.00
Sub Total	\$320,368.32
Brought Over	\$ 81,735.77
Grand Total	\$402,104.09

The amount for March includes funds from the International Tourism Center of Japan. The International Tourism Center of Japan, \$744.15. The International Tourism Center of Japan, which is located in Tokyo, Japan, is a non-profit organization established for the purpose of the promotion of international tourism in Japan, which is the same as the Japan National Tourist Organization (JNTO), and also operated in close cooperation with JNTO. Funds from the International Tourism Center of Japan were remitted as the financial support for the Registrant's activities closely related to the activities of the International Tourism Center of Japan and were expended by the Registrants as funds for the Registrant's general activities in the same way of the funds from the foreign principal, the Japan National Tourist Organization.

**JAPAN NATIONAL TOURIST ORGANIZATION #2349**  
**Schedule C, Item 15(a)**  
**January 1 - June 30, 1994**

**Disbursements by months**

January	\$ 54,171.47
February	\$ 48,583.19
March	\$110,453.89
April	\$ 39,564.50
May	\$ 44,872.65
June	\$ 84,145.10
Sub Total	\$381,790.80
Brought Over	\$ 20,313.29
Grand Total	\$402,104.09

**Disbursement by Nature**

Allowance to Staff	\$203,386.39
Employee's Pay	\$ 34,848.60
Office Rent	\$ 26,306.00
Office Maintenance	\$ 41,702.85
Traveling Expenses	\$ 14,345.51
Business Expenses	\$ 49,888.93
AD & PR	\$ 3,208.25
Seminar	\$ 8,104.27
Total	\$381,790.80

**JAPAN NATIONAL TOURIST ORGANIZATION #2349**  
**Schedule C - 1, Item 15(a)**  
**January 1 - June 30, 1994**

**Disbursement in connection with Advertising and Public Relations**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Paid to</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Meeting with Press</b>	<b>Amex</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
	<b>News Letter Printing</b>	<b>Copies Now</b>	<b>\$ 345.03</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Cherry Blossom Festival AD</b>	<b>Hokubei Mainichi</b>	<b>\$ 95.00</b>
	<b>Cherry Blossom Festival AD</b>	<b>Nichi Bei Times</b>	<b>\$ 95.00</b>
	<b>News Letter Printing</b>	<b>Copies Now</b>	<b>\$ 325.50</b>
	<b>Advance Postage</b>	<b>PBPS</b>	<b>\$ 88.34</b>
	<b>Japanese Press Conference</b>	<b>A. Hirashima</b>	<b>\$ 1,465.00</b>
	<b>Mailing Labels for News Letter</b>	<b>AMEX</b>	<b>\$ 147.21</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Meeting with Press</b>	<b>Amex</b>	<b>\$ 32.67</b>
	<b>PR Manager Meeting</b>	<b>Amex</b>	<b>\$ 139.00</b>
	<b>Emperor's Visit AD</b>	<b>Hokubei Mainichi</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
	<b>Emperor's Visit AD</b>	<b>Nichi Bei Times</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>News Letter Printing</b>	<b>Copies Now</b>	<b>\$ 325.50</b>

# JAPAN TRAVEL NEWS

WHERE THE PAST GREET THE FUTURE

February, 1994

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Editor: Tricia Nevarez

## International Tourism Topics For 1994

Every year the Japan National Tourist Organization compiles a list of events, openings and happenings effecting the tourist sector in the upcoming year. 1994's list below contains a wide variety of things to look forward to.

### Japan's First 24-hour Airport to Open Near Osaka

The New Kansai International Airport, to be opened in September of this year, will be Japan's first 24-hour airport. Transportation to the airport will include Japan Railway's direct express train "Haruka", originating in Kyoto and making a stop in Shin-Osaka, the Nankai Electric Railway train "Rapiit", limousine buses and a jet foil from Kobe.

### Tourism Ministers from Around the Globe to Gather

In conjunction with the opening of Kansai International Airport, Japan's Ministry of Transportation is inviting international tourism ministers to take part in the "Osaka World Tourism Forum '94" from November 2, 1994 for five days in Osaka. Presentations on each participating countries' tourism resources, tourism policies, and possibilities for international cooperation will be discussed in an exchange of ideas during the "World Conference of Tourism Ministers", the Forum's main event.

### Japan Seeks Greater Number of International Conventions

The Japanese Ministry of Transport and the Japan National Tourist Organization have launched a plan to double the number of international conventions held in Japan from 248 in 1992 to 500 in the year 2000. Beginning in 1994, the Japan National Tourist Organization, with the cooperation of the International Convention Cities, plans to increase its efforts at convention promotion.

Also in 1994, as was the case in the previous year, many large-scaled convention halls and centers will be opened. Of special note, the National Convention Hall, able to seat up to 5,000 people is to be opened in April in Yokohama. One of the world's largest convention halls, it will also contain medium and small room facilities. Other convention facilities to be opened in 1994 include:

- Sun Messe Kagawa, Takamatsu City, March 1994
- Asia-Pacific Trade Center (ATC), Osaka, April 1994
- Yamagata Big Wing, Yamagata City, August 1994
- Act City, Hamamatsu City, October 1994
- Expansion of the Nagoya International Congress Hall, Nagoya City, October 1994
- WCC Summit, Miyazaki City, October 1994

### Many Large-Scale Events to Take Place in Kansai

With Kyoto marking the 1200th anniversary of its founding, many events have been planned throughout 1994 using five themes, three of which are "Creation, Discovery and Gatherings". In Wakayama, "Wellness Wakayama World Resort Expo" will be held from July 16-September 25. In Mie Prefecture, the "International Festival Expo Mie'94" will be held from July 22 - November 6.

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## 1994 Tourism Topics continued

### The 12th Asian Games to be Held in Hiroshima

7,300 people from 43 countries will participate in the 34 competitions comprising the 12th Asian Games to be held in Hiroshima from October 2-16 of this year.

### Large-Scale Meetings to be held in 1994

"The 10th Int'l Conference on AIDS - Int'l Conference on STD" will take place from August 7-12 using the National Convention Hall of Yokohama as its main site. 10,000 participants from 166 countries are expected, 7,000 of them from outside of Japan.

Other international conferences in which over 2,000 people from abroad will participate in 1994 include:

- The 15th World Congress of the Transplantation Society, Kyoto International conference Hall, August 1994
- The 5th International Diabetes Fed. Congress, Kobe Int'l Conference Center, November 1994
- The 1994 JCI Kobe World Congress, Kobe Int'l Conference Center, November 1994

### Large Hotels Continue to Open

Hotels that began construction in the profitable period of the late 1980's are opening in succession from spring to autumn of this year. In Tokyo several up-scale hotels will open - Rhiga Royal Hotel Waseda (127 rooms) near Takadanobaba Station, Park Hyatt Tokyo (179 rooms) in Nishi Shinjuku, and Westin Hotel Tokyo (445 rooms) in Ebisu. Hotels opening next to convention facilities include the Hyatt Regency (520 rooms) in Osaka, Hotel Ocean 45 (753 rooms) in Miyazaki and the Okura Act City Hotel Hamamatsu (324 rooms), opening next to Hamamatsu Station.

### Theme Parks "Shima Spain Village" and "Porto Europa" to Open

"Shima Spain Village", located in Shima, Mie Prefecture, is set to open on April 22 of this year. With a total investment of \$550 million, this park is set on a site measuring 280 acres. Also in Marina City, Wakayama Prefecture, a theme park called "Porto Europa" will open on the occasion of the World Resort Expo.

## Museums In Japan

Tokyo, like any major metropolis, has its share of contemporary museums housing important works of art worth visiting. But don't overlook the many museums with a distinctly Japanese flavor. Folk Crafts, Swords, Kites, Sumo, and Handmade Paper are just a few subjects that warrant separate space for exhibiting important artifacts. Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan, also has a number of museums containing traditional works.

#### The Japan Folk Crafts Museum

4-3-33, Komaba, Meguro-ku, Tokyo  
Tel. 03-3467-4527  
5 min. walk from Komaba-Todaimae Station  
Hours: 10-5; closed Mon. Adm.:¥700

#### Japanese Sword Museum

4-25-10, Yoyogi, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo  
Tel. 03-3379-1386  
10 min. walk from Odakyu Sangubashi Station  
Hours: 9-4; closed Mon. Adm.:¥515

#### Kite Museum

5th Fl. Taimeiken Bldg.  
1-12-10, Nihombashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo  
Tel: 03-3271-2465  
2 min walk from Nihombashi Subway Station  
Hours: 11-5; closed Sun and national holidays Adm.:¥200

#### The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo

3, Kitanomaru-koen, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo  
Tel. 03-3214-2561  
5 min. walk from Takebashi Subway Station  
Hours:10-5; closed Mon. Adm.:¥360

## Signs of Spring

Cherry Blossoms, or *Sakura*, occupy a special place in the heart of the Japanese. During the brief one to two-week period that the trees are in bloom, usually at the beginning of April, you will find people - students, businessmen, housewives, and children alike - gathered beneath their fragile beauty. The blossoming period of *sakura* is very short and has come to represent the brevity of life. Thus people put their daily duties aside in order to hold *sakura* - viewing picnics. These celebrations most often include snacks, sake, and singing. It is a time when you can see the people of Japan relaxed and enjoying life with friends, family and co-workers all under a blanket of fluffy pink clouds of sweet smelling Springtime.

*Sakura* trees start blossoming in the southern warmer regions before the northern area. If someone were to begin *sakura* viewing in Kyushu in mid-March, and continue northward, following the blooms, they would complete their journey in Hokkaido in May.

The most popular viewing places in Tokyo and Kyoto:

### Tokyo

Sotobori Park - 100 Cherry trees  
2, Fujimicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo  
Iidabashi Station or Yotsuya Station

Sumida Park - 800 Cherry trees  
3 min. walk from Ginza Asakusa and Toei Asakusa subway stations

Inokashira Park - 500 Cherry trees  
1, Gotenyama, Misashino-shi  
10 min. walk from JR Kichijoji Station

Ueno Park - 1000 Cherry trees  
Ueno Koen, Taito-ku  
5 min. walk from JR Ueno Station

Yasukuni Shrino - 900 Cherry trees  
3-1-1, Kudankita, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo  
5 min. walk from Tozai Kudanshita Subway Station

Shinjuku Gyoen Park - 2000 Cherry trees  
3 min. walk from Marunouchi Shinjuku Gyoen-mae Subway Station  
Admission: Adult ¥150 Child ¥50

### Kyoto

Heian Shrine - 300 Cherry trees  
5 min walk from Keihan Marutamachi Station

Arashiyama, Nakanoshima Park  
Hankyu Arashiyama Station

Kamo River - East Bank  
3 min. walk from Karasuma Kita-oji Subway Station

Kiyomizu Temple  
10 min. walk from Keihan-Gojo Station

Tetsugaku-no-michi (Philosopher's Path)  
from Kyoto Station Bus number 5 get off at Ginkakuji-michi

### Museums continued

Nezu Institute of Fine Arts  
6-5-1, Minami-Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo  
Tel. 03-3400-2536  
10 min. walk from Omotesando Subway Station  
Hours: 9:30-4:30; closed Mon. and the day following national holidays Adm: ¥800

NHK Broadcast Museum  
2-1-1, Atago, Minato-ku, Tokyo  
Tel. 03-3433-5211  
6 min. walk from Kamiyacho Subway Station  
Hours: 9:30-4:30; closed Mon Dec 26-Jan 4  
Adm: Free

Sumo Museum  
1-3-28, Yokoami, Sumida-ku, Tokyo  
Tel. 03-3622-0366  
1 min. walk from Ryogoku Station  
Hours: 9:30-4:30; closed Sat., Sun. and national holidays Adm: Free

Ukiyo-e, Ota Memorial Museum of Art  
1-10-10, Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo  
Tel. 03-3403-0880  
3 min. walk from Meiji-Jingumae Subway Station and Harajuku Station  
Hours: 10:30-5:30; closed Monday and 25th of each month

Paper Museum  
1-1-8, Horifune, Kita-ku, Tokyo  
Tel. 03-3911-3545  
3 min. walk from Oji Station  
Hours: 9:30 - 4:30; closed Monday and National Holidays

Museums continuedTokyo Metropolitan Art Museum

8-36, Ueno-koen, Taito-ku, Tokyo  
Tel. 03-3823-6921  
10 min. walk from Ueno Station  
Hours: 9-5; Closed Monday Adm: Free

Tokyo National Museum

13-9, Ueno-koen, Taito-ku, Tokyo  
Tel. 03-3822-1111  
10 min. walk from Ueno Station  
Hours: 9-4:30; closed Monday Adm: ¥360

**Kyoto**Arashiyama Museum

33-22, Tsukurimichi, Saga Tenryuji, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto  
Tel. 075-882-1010  
5 min. walk from Keifuku Arashiyama Station  
Hours: 9-5:30 Adm.: ¥800

Costume Museum

5th Fl. of Izutsu Bldg., Horikawa, Shin-Hanayacho-Kado, Shimogyoku, Kyoto  
Tel. 075-361-8388  
10 min. walk from Kyoto Station  
Hours: 9-5; closed Sunday Adm: ¥300

Ike Taiga Art Museum

57, Matsuomangokucho, Nishikyo-ku, Kyoto  
075-561-3585  
In front of Kyoto City Kokedera bus stop  
Hours: 10-5; Closed Wed. Adm: ¥500

Kyoto Municipal Museum of Traditional Industry

9-2, Seishojicho, Okazaki, Sakyo-ku  
075-761-3421  
3 min. walk from Bijutsukan-mae bus stop  
Hours: 9-5; Closed Mon. Adm: Free

Kyoto Yuzen Dyeing Hall

6, Mamedacho, Nishikyogoku, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto  
075-311-0025  
5 min walk from Handyu Nishikyogoku Station  
Hours: 9-5; closed Mon. Adm: ¥310



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**---Travel Essay Contest---****"Nippon no Tabi"**

"Tabi" means "journey" in Japanese. A journey is a series of exciting experiences that bring you in touch with people you will never forget and teach you lessons that will enrich your outlook on life. The memories that remain in the aftermath of a journey will be cherished forever. Japan, with its charming juxtaposition of things modern and traditional, remains in the minds of all who journey there. What was your experience? We would like to hear about your Nippon no tabi...

- Theme:** A Memorable Travel Experience in Japan
- First Prize:** 2, round-trip, business-class tickets to Japan on ANA plus 4 nights' accommodation at the ANA Hotel Tokyo
- Runners-up:** 1st and 2nd runners-up will win gift certificates from ANA in the amount of \$300 and \$200 plus a Mikimoto pen set from the Japan National Tourist Organization (JNTO)
- Deadline:** March 30, 1994. Winners will be announced May 15, 1994 (only winners will be notified)
- Length:** Up to 5 letter pages, typed, double-spaced, in English
- Entrants:** Must be U.S. residents who have traveled to Japan in the past
- Submit to:** Japan National Tourist Organization, 630 Fifth Ave., Suite 2101 NY, NY 10111 ATTN: Travel Essay Contest. Please include name, address, telephone number, occupation, and dates traveled to Japan
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## Next Stop, Nagano!

### Mayor Accepts Olympic Flag

On February 27, 1994, Mayor Tasuku Tsukada of Nagano, Japan eagerly accepted the Olympic flag which will be displayed in anticipation of the 1998 Winter Olympic Games to be held deep in the Japan Alps.

An electronic billboard atop Nagano Train Station counts down the days until the Games begin February 7, 1998. Although four years away, event sites have already been decided, and activity in the area is high. Nagano City, capital of the prefecture, will be the site of the Olympic Village and the main media center, and will stage the opening and closing ceremonies, speed skating, figure skating and ice hockey.

Hakuba, west of Nagano, will host Nordic, some of the Alpine and the Biathlon events. The magnificent slopes of Shiga Kogen will host most of the Alpine events such as slalom and women's downhill skiing. Bobsled and luge events are planned at Izuna Kogen on the northern edge of Nagano City. Curling will be at Karuizawa, at the foot of Mt. Asama.

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### More Than A Winter Wonderland

A favorite playground for Japanese Winter sports fans for decades, Nagano will be known to the world in 1998. But this central prefecture that includes the Japan Alps is much more than a winter wonderland. The cities of Nagano Prefecture offer culture and charm year-round.

Situated in the center of the prefecture, Matsumoto City serves as the gateway to the Chubu-Sangaku National Park (the Japan Alps). Charming back streets wind their way to Matsumoto Castle, which is the oldest 5 tiered donjon in the country. A recorded explanation of the castle's history in Japanese and English is broadcast as you wind your way up the tower. From the top of this designated national treasure, the panoramic view of Utsukushigahara Plateau is spectacular. Cherry blossoms lining the moat are a popular place to gather with friends in Spring. Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Dec. 29 - Jan 3. Admission charge includes entrance to the adjacent Japan Folklore Museum displaying traditional clothing, materials, and tools. The Castle Park is a 20-minute walk or 5-minute bus ride from Matsumoto Station.

A breathtaking view of Japan's Northern Alps is one of the attractions at Alps Park. The park itself is a popular place to enjoy the outdoors with an abundance of picnic grounds and playing fields as well as a small zoo. The altitude keeps the temperature cool, a welcome relief from the heat and humidity of the summer months. A 20 minute bus ride from Matsumoto Bus Terminal.

More than 100,000 woodblock prints from the Edo period are the collection of the Sakai family and displayed 100 to 150 at a time in the Nihon Ukiyoe Hakubutsukan (Japan Ukiyoe Art Museum). An informative slide show (Japanese and English) illustrates the basic technique of wood-block print making. 7 minutes by taxi west of Matsumoto Station or take the Matsumoto-dentetsu private railway to Oniwa and walk 20 minutes.

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### Olympics Continued

Planners expect 3,000 athletes from 60 countries to participate in the games, scheduled February 7 - February 22, 1998.

At this time, travel between Tokyo and Nagano takes about 2 hours and 40 minutes by train. However a new bullet train is under construction promising to cut train travel time to 1 hour and 30 minutes. Also, the airport in Matsumoto is being expanded to transport Olympic travelers to and from the games.

### **Hotline Will Offer Travel Advice to Narita Terminal 1**

Racks of tourist literature have been placed in Japan's Narita airport Terminal 1, and a hot line will be installed so passengers who arrive at that terminal can direct their tourism questions to staff at the Terminal 2 Tourist Information Center.

In keeping with efforts to streamline activities, Japan National Tourist Organization has replaced its Terminal 1 Tourist Information Center at Narita Airport with the brochure racks and hotline. In addition to the Tourist Information Center in Terminal 2, the TIC in central Tokyo near Yurakucho Station also remains operational.

### Sightseeing in Nagano Continued

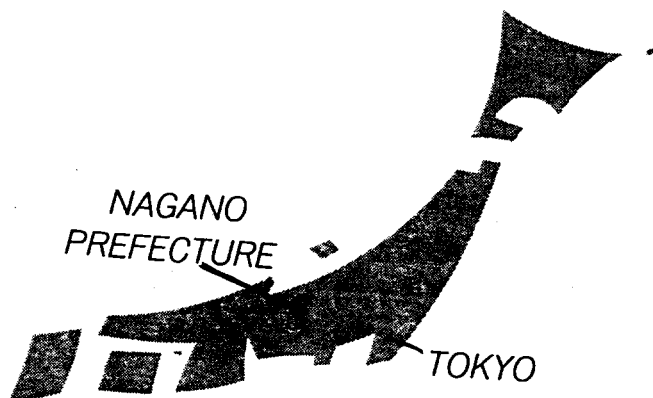
The Matsumoto "i" information center next to the station has maps brochures and schedules for buses and trains. The eager staff speaks English well.

Nagano City, about an hour north of Matsumoto by limited express or 2 hours and 50 minutes from Tokyo (Ueno), has flourished under a constant stream of pilgrims to Zenkoji Temple since the completion of its main hall in the 18th century. Millions of pilgrims visit this temple each year believing that one visit in a lifetime will insure salvation. Most grope their way through a pitch-dark corridor under the inner sanctuary hoping to grasp the "key of paradise". The main hall, an excellent example of Edo period architecture, is the largest thatched-roof building in Japan. A 10 minute bus ride to Dai-mon then a 3 minute walk to the Main Hall.

The city of Nagano operates an information desk next to the coin lockers in the JR Nagano station.

Yudanaka is a hot spring area perfectly located to aid tired muscles after a vigorous day of skiing or hiking in nearby Shiga Heights. The sodium chloride hot waters bubble up are said to soothe upset stomach, and fatigue. Humans are not the only animals who enjoy the benefits of the mineral waters. Once wild, now tame mountain monkeys come to bathe in their own pool in Jigokudani Spa. Yudanaka can be reached by Nagano Dentetsu Limited Express in 40 minutes. From Yudanaka Station a 5 minute bus ride to Kanbayashi Onsen brings to the trailhead of a winding path through the mountains to Jigokudani Monkey Park. The walk takes about 30 minutes and comfortable hiking shoes are recommended as it can be snowy and/or muddy.

Call or write for JNTO's free brochures on both Nagano Prefecture, and Matsumoto City.



## Sumo: Ancient Sport Still Number 1

In Tokyo, the future is evident in neon billboards screaming the latest technological advances in Akihabara and the Ginza. The past however, in this modern metropolis, takes a little bit of exploration to find. In the Ryogoku district of Tokyo you won't find the fast-paced high-tech glitz. Here, visitors often spot men in traditional kimono averaging over 300 pounds lumbering through the streets or devouring *chanko-nabe* (a hearty stew) in local restaurants. Here beats the heart of the Sumo World. This mixture of sport, religion and art thriving almost exclusively in Japan for the past 2,000 years, has increased in international popularity since the appointment of the first foreign-born *yokozuna* or grand champion, native Hawaiian - American Akebono.

Sumo bouts are performed man-to-man hand-to-hand by giants usually weighing over 300 pounds, wearing nothing but a loincloth. A hard-packed clay circle 14.85 feet in diameter makes up the ring. The wrestler who steps or is pushed outside of the ring, or lets any part of his body other than the bottom of his feet touch the ground relinquishes the bout. The Gyoji or referee, wearing the headgear worn by nobles and a colorful kimono, stands in the background with a sort of fan symbolizing authority.

Six tournaments annually, each lasting for 15 days, are held in January, May and September in Tokyo, in March in Osaka, in July in Nagoya, and in November in Fukuoka. During the tournament, matches are televised daily from 16:00 to 18:00. Matches by junior wrestlers begin at about 10:00; matches by senior wrestlers at 15:00 on the first and the last days, and at 15:30 on the other days.

### Schedule for 1994

#### Tokyo

May 8-22

September: 11-25

Kokugikan Sumo Hall  
1-3-28, Yokoami, Sumida-ku,  
Tokyo  
Near JR Ryogoku Station  
☎ (03)3623-5111

#### Osaka

March 13-27

Osaka Furitsu Taiikukaikan  
(Osaka Prefectural  
Gymnasium)  
3-4-36 Namba Naka, Naniwa-  
ku, Osaka  
Near Namba Subway Station  
☎ (06)631-0120

#### Nagoya

July: 3-17

Aichi Ken Taiikukan (Aichi  
Prefectural Gymnasium)  
1-1, Ninomaru, Naka-ku,  
Nagoya  
15 min by car from Nagoya  
Station  
☎ (052)971-0015

#### Fukuoka

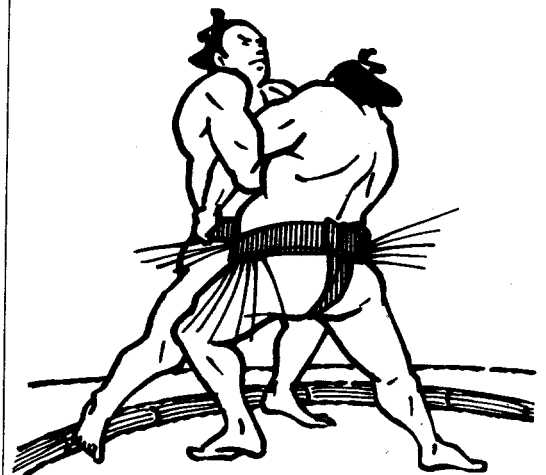
November: 6-20

Fukuoka Kokusai Center  
Sogo Hall  
2-2, Chikuko-Honsho,  
Hakata-ku, Fukuoka  
☎ (092)291-9311

Tickets for the Tokyo Tournaments are sold at the office of the Nihon Sumo Kyokai at Kokugikan Hall in Ryogoku as well as at "Play Guides" in downtown Tokyo. The surge of Sumo popularity, however, has resulted in long lines of people camping overnight hoping to be one of the lucky ticket holders.

In the off season, visitors can get a taste of the national sport by visiting the Sumo Museum in the Kokugikan Sumo Hall.  
☎ (03)3481-2377

For more information on Sumo and other traditional Japanese sports contact JNTO.



## New Brochures Available

JNTO has added new and revised titles to its assortment of information aiding travelers to Japan.

### Japan Cultural Exchange and Japan Today

An eighty page booklet highlighting cultural aspects of Japan and their roots. It includes full color pictures of sporting events, cuisine, art, landscape, architecture as well as maps and illustrations.

### Japan for the Budget Traveler

This brochure is designed to help travelers stay within a budget even when the yen is climbing. Included are cost-cutting tips on places to stay, sightseeing, restaurants and other economical ways to enjoy Japan.

### New Map of Japan

A New Tourist Map of Japan produced this year by JNTO in Tokyo, includes back insets with layouts of the two terminals at Narita Airport. A third inset depicts the Tokyo metro area and a fourth details transit options between the airport and Tokyo.

For a free copy of any of the above or other travel information brochures please contact JNTO.

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## Time Traveling At The Edo-Tokyo Museum

This museum requires- no, demands - careful exploration. Upon entering the main exhibit, the visitor is faced with a 26-foot high, 85-foot long, reconstruction of the Nihombashi bridge as it appeared during the Edo period (1603-1868). Crossing the bridge, one enters the history of Tokyo and its precursor Edo. The exhibit is set up so that the history of Tokyo unfolds before one's very eyes. The museum is centered on a permanent exhibit, which includes displays featuring both original artifacts and reproductions, as well as 55 large-scale replicas. The attention to detail is remarkable; the baskets are filled with grain, kimono hang from the laundry poles, bookstalls are stacked with wood-block publications.

On a recent visit to the museum, next to a display of Edo period farming tools, I witnessed an elderly, yet spry, gentleman speaking animatedly to a couple of children and a growing group of other visitors, about how, as a boy, he used to help his grandfather on their farm, and they used the same picks, shovels, hoes, and baskets that were on display.

As the visitor moves through the exhibit, time progresses, and one can find western influence after Edo was reborn as Tokyo and established as the capital of the nation. Models of the First National Bank and the Ginza "Bricktown" illustrate the different style. Models of homes further show that everyday life of the common people changed little.

The Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 destroyed what was left of the old city of Edo. The city that rose from this destruction rapidly grew into a modern metropolis with an extensive transportation network. The exhibit entitled "Modern urban life" shows modern culture and lifestyles against the background of the formation of the city of Tokyo and the path to war.

Scorched into a wasteland -this time by the great air raid on March 10, 1945- Tokyo rose from the ashes once again. A detailed model of the black market at the east entrance of Shinjuku Station illustrates the social turmoil of the time. A "revolution" of lifestyles was said to occur in the years preceding the Tokyo Olympics (1964) when highways and the first "Shinkansen" bullet trains were built. The exhibit entitled "War and reconstruction" displays changes in the city from the time of war to the period of rapid economic growth that transformed it into the modern metropolis it is today.

### Edo-Tokyo Museum

#### Hours

Tuesday through Sunday (10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday)  
(Closed Mondays; when Monday is a holiday, closed on the following Tuesday)  
Closed December 28 through January 4

#### Admission

Adults ¥500  
Elementary through High School Students ¥250  
Pre-school children and seniors aged 65 or over are admitted free of charge.  
Separate admission for special exhibits.

#### Transportation

3-minute walk from Ryogoku Station on the JR Sobu Line.  
Or take the Sumi 38 Bus and get off at Yokoami 1-chome.

## Kansai International Airport Opening Rapidly Approaching

With September 4, 1994, the opening day of the Kansai International Airport, rapidly approaching, rail lines are conducting test runs from nearby city centers across a 2.25 mile long bridge connecting the airport to the mainland.

The bridge will consist of a six-lane highway on the upper level and a two-way rail line on the lower level. Trains with direct routes into the stations of Tennoji (29 minutes), Shin-Osaka (48 minutes) and Kyoto (73 minutes) will provide convenient transportation for passengers. A jet-foil to Kobe (28 minutes) will also be in operation.

The airport's Passenger Terminal Building has been designed for easy accessibility, placing the international departure area on the fourth floor, domestic arrivals and departures on the second floor and the international arrivals on the first floor. Railway service will go directly to the arrival and departure areas.

The opening of the Kansai International Airport is expected to change the face of transportation to Japan, bringing relief to the passenger congestion occurring at both Narita and Osaka International Airport, as well as facilitating the flow of international air cargo into Japan which, at present, takes place predominantly through Narita.

To avoid the constraints that noise pollution controls impose on flight schedules, the Kansai International Airport was built on a man-made island three miles off of the Senshu coast and will remain in operation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This will allow the airport to form networks with other 24-hour operational airports around the world while maintaining environmental standards regulating noise pollution.

The man-made island containing the airport is a massive 1,278 acres, stretching three-fourths of a mile from east to west and 2.6 miles from north to south. The total cost for building the airport, a project begun in 1987, is approximately \$12.4 billion and was financed two-thirds by the national government and one-sixth each by local governments and private companies.

The airport will be equipped to handle 160,000 takeoffs and landings yearly with an annual passenger flow of 30.7 million people and 1.4 million tons of cargo. Although only one runway will be operating initially, it is hoped that, in the future, two additional runways will be built.



### Transportation into KIX(one way)

JR train to Tennoji (Osaka):  
¥1,440  
29 minutes  
Nankai Railway train to Namba Station: ¥800  
JR train(Haruka) to Shin-Osaka Station: ¥2,930  
48 minutes  
JR train(Haruka) to Kyoto:  
¥1,800 local  
¥3,430 express  
73 minutes (express)  
JR train from Nara: ¥1,630  
Jetfoil from Kobe City Air Terminal:  
fare to be decided  
28 minutes  
Limousine Bus:  
routes and fares to be decided  
Taxi from downtown Osaka:  
¥13,000

### **Narita Airport Q & A: Baggage Storage**

**Q:** I would like to leave my baggage at Narita Airport for a few days. Would this be possible?

**A:** The Air Baggage Service Company Lt. (abc) has a baggage storage facility in Narita Airport where you can leave your suitcases.

abc Baggage Storage 0476-32-8702  
Service office: Narita Airport  
Weight: up to 70kg (154 lbs) per item  
Unit rate: ¥310 per day  
Period: Up to approximately 1 month  
Charge: ¥310 x number of items x number of days

## ☆☆☆☆☆ Hotel News ☆☆☆☆☆

### Hotel Openings

Prince Hotels continues its expansion with the opening of five new properties this summer.

The Hiroshima Prince Hotel will have a view of Hiroshima Bay and the island dotted, Seto Inland Sea. 550 rooms

The Nichinankaigan Nago Prince is built on the shores of Miyazaki prefecture on Kyushu island. All of the 84 rooms have balconies that face the ocean.

On the Japan Sea side of Honshu's Aomori Prefecture, Ajigasawa Prince Hotel stands in the shadow of Mt. Iwaki. A 36 hole golf course is planned and in Winter skiing is a few steps away on Mt. Iwaki. 187 rooms

An annex is being added to the Hakone Prince with 46 guestrooms and a convention hall and 3 banquet halls.

On Japan's northernmost island, Hokkaido, the Niseko Higashiyama Prince hotel will open an annex with 506 rooms to accommodate skiers and other sports enthusiasts who visit this resort area.

To help travelers cope with a stubbornly high Japanese yen, some hotels are offering new specials or extending lower rates instituted last year.

In celebration of the 1200th anniversary of the city of Kyoto, the Kyoto Takaragaike Prince Hotel is offering a package to American travelers which includes free breakfast, shuttle to and from Kyoto Station and consierge assistance to help set up touring arrangements. cost is 28,000 yen double or twin and 22,000 yen single.

Specials are also available at the Akasaka Prince Hotel in Tokyo, where two packages for business travelers are offered. Also in Tokyo, the Takanawa Prince Hotel is celebrating its 40th anniversary, and the Roppongi Prince Hotel is celebrating its 10th year. Both are offering special rates.

Not far from Tokyo, in Hakone National Park, four hotels in the Fujiya Hotel chain have continued a special begun last year to celebrate the 115th anniversary of the Fujiya Hotel. The rate has increased only slightly. Last year, the chain offered twin rooms to foreign travelers for \$115 per night. Since the Fujiya Hotel is now 116 years old, the rate has increased one dollar, to \$116.

Tokyu Hotels has announced the opening of its 24 hour toll free reservation line for the United States and Canada. This service will provide their lowest rates and instantaneous confirmation for any of their properties. A frequent stay program available to U.S. and Canadian residents is expected to be announced within the next couple of months. The new Toll Free Reservation Line number is:

800-42 TOKYU  
(800-428-6598)

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Quite a few people leave their overcoats with this firm when they travel in winter to warmer countries. this is a winter-only service and the charge is a relatively expensive ¥1,000 per coat, per day. Each item is automatically insured for up to ¥300,000 when it is handed in. Some items, such as perishables will not be accepted, so if you are uncertain whether they will accept your luggage, confirm beforehand.

Source: *Living For Less In Tokyo And Liking It!*; Dial Service Co., Ltd. Japan Hotline; Ask Kodansha Co., Ltd.

## CHANGES IN VISITING PROCEDURES

The Kyoto Imperial Household Agency has announced the new procedure of applying for your visit to the following Palaces and Villas;

Name of Palace & Villa	Tour Times	Nos. in Group	Where to apply
<b>Imperial Palace</b> Children Should be accompanied by adult (20 years old or over)	10:00a.m., 2:00p.m.	9 per tour	at office
<b>Katsura Villa</b> (Over 20 years old only)	11:00a.m., 1:30p.m.	4 per tour	at office
<b>Shugakuin Imperial Palace</b> (over 20 years old only)	10:00a.m., 11:00a.m., 2:00p.m. & 3:00p.m.	4 per tour	at office
<b>Sento Imperial Palace</b> (over 20 years old only)	*9:00a.m., 10:00a.m., 11:00a.m., 1:30p.m. 3:00p.m.	4 per tour	at office

All reservations have to be made in person at the Household Agency office at: 3, Kyoto-Gyoen, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 602, Tel: (075)211-1215. No Telephone or Mail reservation will be accepted. Passport or Alien Registration is required to enter. Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, National Holidays and other days determined by the Agency, and during Dec. 25 through Jan. 5.

\*(no 9:00 a.m. tour during Jan., Feb., March, July and Aug.)

USD1.00=110 YEN AS OF  
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Note: Tours at Katsura Villa, Shugakuin Imperial Palace, and Sento Imperial Palace are conducted in Japanese only.

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