

Weather & General information

Weather

In Sendai, during late October, the weather tends to be cool and crisp, as autumn is in full swing. Based on historical weather data, the average temperature ranges between 10°C to 19°C in Sendai central region, with some days dipping slightly cooler, especially in the mornings and evenings. The temperature can be much lower in mountains, such as the Zao Mountain in the ICPE2024 Technical Tour Course ③.

Clothing recommendation

- Layering is key: A long-sleeve shirt with a jacket would be good for daytime. Adding lightweight coat and/or light sweater would be good for mornings and evenings. Winter clothing would be necessary for mountains, such as the Zao mountain.
- Averagely **70%** of raining probability during the conference term (23-26, October), so it is strongly suggested to bring a small, packable **umbrella** or a waterproof jacket.

You can check the latest weather forecast on the Japan Meteorological Agency website: <http://www.jma.go.jp/jma/indexe.html>

Security

Japan is known for its low crime rate, but it is always wise to be careful of one's personal belongings, especially in crowded areas.

Drinking Water - Tap Water

Tap water is drinkable anywhere in Japan unless mentioned otherwise. Also, you can buy mineral water at convenience stores, supermarkets, and drink kiosks, etc.

Currency Exchange

The official currency in Japan is the YEN(¥) and only the Yen is accepted when paying in cash. Currency exchange is available at designated foreign exchange banks.

Credit Cards, Debit Cards, Travelers' Cheques and ATMs

Major credit cards such as VISA, MasterCard, JCB, Diners Club, and American Express are widely accepted in Japan. Most ATMs, particularly those in post offices and 7-Eleven convenience stores, accept major international credit cards. Please note: Some ATMs may not accept foreign cards, and foreign travelers are advised to exchange their currency in Japan before visiting rural or remote areas.

Electricity

The local power supply is uniformly 100 volts. The frequency is 50Hz in Sendai (Eastern Japan). The type of power outlet/ connector is "Type A" which is a two parallel-pronged type.



Consumption Tax

Consumption tax is 10%.

Taxis

Taxi fares start at approximately JPY 1100 with additional costs depending on distance covered and time elapsed. Payment is made when you reach your destination and the exact fare is shown clearly on the meter, for transparency and assurance. Tipping is not necessary at any time when taking a taxi.

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Smoking

Smoking is available only in the designated areas. Public transportation such as trains, buses and taxis are generally non-smoking. Most hotels have separated rooms, smoking or non-smoking.

Liability

The Organizing Committees and/or Conference Organizers will not be held liable for personal accidents or losses or damage to private property of registered delegates to the Conference. Delegates should make their own arrangements as regards personal insurances.

Emergency Calls

To Where	Phone Number
Police	110
Ambulance or Fire	119