

ISTTT2015 Accompanying Persons Program

A special tour has been designed for accompanying persons and families during ISTTT 2015.

Tour to Himeji Castle

One-day-tour on Thursday, August 6th, 2015. (2nd day of ISTTT 2015). We will be visiting the famous fish market “Uonotana” and a UNESCO World Heritage Himeji Castle (Himeji-jo) followed by its Japanese garden “Koko-en”.



1) Schedule

You will be picked up at the lobby of Kobe Portopia Hotel, at 9:45 a.m. or at the East Ticket Gate of JR Sannomiya Station at 10:10 a.m. Tour will be completed on time for the conference dinner at Maiko Villa*.

* NOTE: You will go directly to the venue of the conference dinner, and will not have time to go back to Portopia Hotel before the dinner.

2) Price

JPY 5,000 (tentative). Please pay by cash. It includes transportation (rail and taxi), lunch, admission fees to the Himeji Castle and Koko-en, and taxes. Tea ceremony at Koko-en is optional for JPY 500.

3) To be on the tour

Contact Mrs. Junko Asakura at (asajunjun06[at]yahoo.co.jp) by July 27th, with an e-mail including your name, phone number while your stay in Japan if available, and the name of ISTTT 2015 attendee you are accompanying with.

4) Please note that:

- the tour will be completed on time for the conference dinner at Maiko Villa, not Portopia Hotel the origin of the tour. You will not have time to go back to the hotel before the dinner,
- a Japanese lunch with fish will be served, and
- the tour may be canceled due to bad weather.

5) Links

Information on tourism in Kobe: <http://www.feel-kobe.jp/en/>

Fishmarket “Uonotana”: <http://www.uonotana.or.jp/> (only in JP)

Himeji Castle (Himeji-Jo): <http://www.city.himeji.lg.jp/guide/castle/>

Japanese garden “Koko-en”: <http://www.himeji-machishin.jp/ryokka/kokoen/english.html>

Kobe Portopia Hotel: <http://www.portopia.co.jp/en/>