



IFCBA 2025 Kyoto World Conference

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance, Japan

Guidebook

As of 7 March 2025

IFCBA 2025 Kyoto World Conference

● Schedule / Venue / Participants

- Schedule: 25 March 2025 – 28 March 2025
 - IFCBA Board of Directors Meeting / Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 25 March 2025 9:30~17:00
 - Seminar
Wednesday, 26 March 2025 9:30~17:00
Thursday, 27 March 2025 9:30~17:00
 - Welcome Reception
Tuesday 25 March 2025 18:00~20:00
 - Excursion for Companions
Tuesday, 25 March 2025 10:30~17:00
 - Night Tour
Wednesday, 26 March 2025 18:00~22:45
 - Excursion
Friday, 28 March 2025 10:00~17:00
- ※1 Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for English and Japanese, Chinese and Japanese, and Korean and Japanese.
- ※2 Speakers, topics, and other details are subject to change.

- Venue: Kyoto International Conference Center
Address: Takaragaike, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, 606-0001 JAPAN
TEL: 075-705-1229
 - IFCBA Board of Directors Meeting/Annual General Meeting/Seminar
"Room A"
 - Welcome Reception: "Swan" Lunch: "Sakura"

- Who should attend:
IFCBA member, JCBA member, World Customs Organization, Japan Customs experts and International Trade/Logistics specialists, Others

- Conference Hotel: The Prince Kyoto Takaragaike
Special room rate has been negotiated for conference delegates
<https://www.seibumice.com/mice/contents/ifcbakte/>

- Special Note:
The conference is being held during the magic of cherry blossom time in Kyoto. We encourage you to make your travel arrangements, including visa applications if needed, as soon as registration information is available. Visa Information is as follows:
[VISA | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan](#)

If you plan to travel within Japan before or after the conference, you will need to make your own arrangements. The following travel agencies are listed for your reference, but please note that the Federation will not be responsible for any problems that may arise.

- True Japan Tour <https://truejapantours.com/jahome/>
- WAK JAPAN <https://wakjapan.com/jp/>

● Theme

Borders Divide: The Value of Customs Brokers Strategic Connections

● Host

- Japan Customs Brokers Association (JCBA)

● Schedule Tuesday, 25 March 2025 "Room A"

TIME	SCENE	REMARKS
8:30	Reception/Opening	● Distribution of name badges and materials
9:30	Announcement of the Opening	
9:30	IFCBA Board of Directors Meeting/ Annual General Meeting	● Draft agenda to be provided, along with background information.
	Refreshment Break	
	IFCBA Board of Directors Meeting/ Annual General Meeting	
12:00	Lunch	● "Sakura" (see page 7)
13:30	IFCBA Board of Directors Meeting/ Annual General Meeting	
	Refreshment Break	
	IFCBA Board of Directors Meeting/ Annual General Meeting	
17:00	Announcement of the Closing	● Guide to the welcome reception venue
18:00 - 20:00	Welcome Reception For all Delegates and Companions	● "Swan" (see page 6) ● 'Kagami biraki' (the ritual of breaking open sake barrels)

The IFCBA Board of Directors Meeting and Annual General Meeting are open only to IFCBA Directors and invited guests.

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● Schedule Wednesday, 26 March 2025 "Room A"

TIME	SCENE	REMARKS
8:30	Reception/Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distribution of name badges and materials ● Interpretation available
9:30	Announcement of the Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emcee: JCBA
9:30	IFCBA 2025 Kyoto World Conference Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Shankar Shinde, Chairman of IFCBA
9:40	Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Seisaku Okafuji, President of JCBA
9:50	Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Yasuo Takamura, Director General of Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance
10:00	Refreshment Break	
10:30	Keynote Speech Special Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, Former Secretary General of World Customs Organization ● Special Interview by Ms. Carol West, IFCBA Secretary
12:00	Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Sakura" (see page 7) ● sponsored by World Bank
13:30	Panel Discussion "Gender Equality and Diversity"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Ms. Harumi Chikada, Director for Customs Administration Research Office, Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan ● Panelist: Ms. Keiko Watanabe, Advisor, Kumamoto University, Japan ● Panelist: Ms. Nora Dihel, IBRDIDA, Economist, World Bank ● Panelist: Mr. Clive Coke, Immediate Past President, Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association of Jamaica (CBFFAJ)
14:30	Refreshment Break	
15:00	Presentation "Changes in the Trade Environment and Corporate Strategies"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaker: Mr. Yusaku Tanaka, Lead Expert (Trade Affairs), Asahi Kasei Corporation
15:50	Panel Discussion "EPA: Economic Partnership Agreement"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Mr. Yoshiro Baba, Director General of Kobe Customs, Japan ● Panelist: Ms. Satoko Kagawa, Director, Office of Economy Partnership, Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan ● Panelist: Dr. Joshua Ebenezer, Principal Consultant of NuCov Facili-Trade ● Panelist: Ms. Sun Hwa Cho, Assistant Director, External Relations Division, International Affairs Bureau, Korea Customs Service
16:50	Announcement of the Closing	
18:00 - 22:45	Kyoto City Night Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Included in registration fee for delegates, companions register separately / Includes Dinner/Bus Provided ● On time departure requested from the Prince Kyoto Takaragaike Hotel at 6:00 PM

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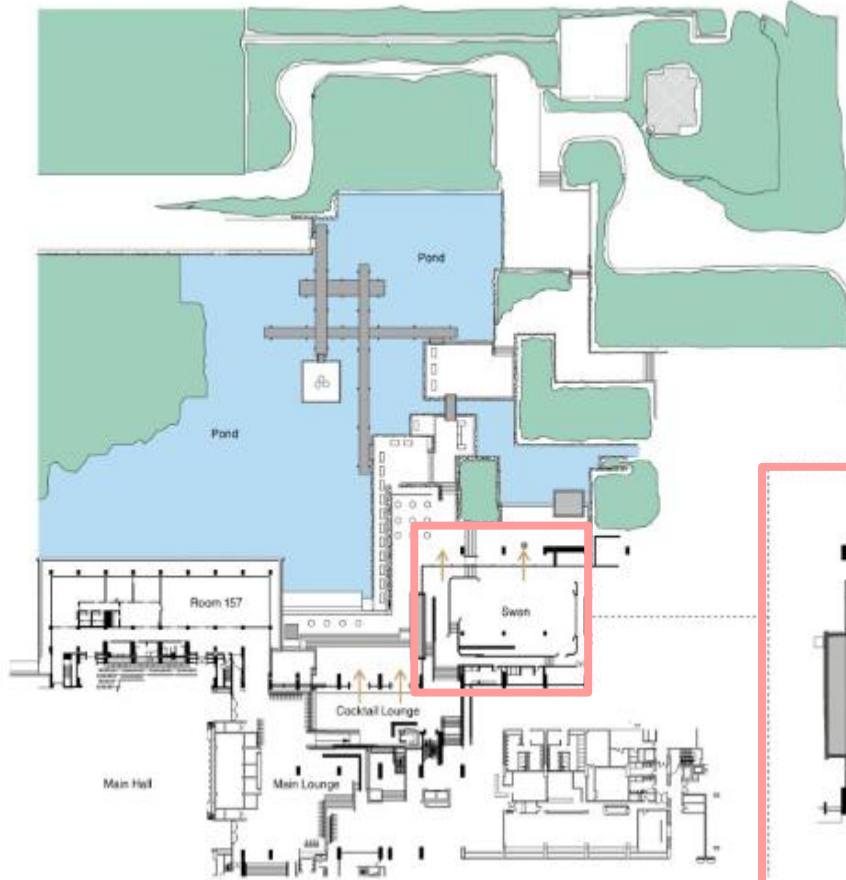
● Schedule **Thursday, 27 March 2025** **“Room A”**

TIME	SCENE	REMARKS
9:00	Reception/Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distribution of name badges and materials ● Interpretation available
9:29	Announcement of the Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emcee: JCBA
9:30	Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaker: Ms. Mona E. Haddad, Global Director, Trade, Investment, and Competitiveness, World Bank (TBC)
10:15	Refreshment Break	
10:45	Panel Discussion “AEO: Authorized Economic Operator”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Mr. Yoshihiro Kosaka, Secretary General, Customs Intellectual Property Information Center (CIPIC), Japan Tariff Association ● Panelist: Mr. Riki Tamaki, Director for AEO Program, Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan ● Panelist: Mr. Brad Leonard, Manager Border and Biosecurity, International Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of Australia ● Panelist: Ms. Lingyun Guo, GM of International Logistics Center, Shanghai Ougaolnt'l Freight Agency Co.,Ltd.
11:45	Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Sakura” (see page 7)
13:15	Presentation “Change in the Role of Customs Brokers in The AI Era”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaker: Mr. Chung Woon-Ki, President of the Customs Friendship Association
13:45	Presentation “Enhancing Trade Efficiency: Digitalization and Data Utilization”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaker: Mr. Zen Kawada, Senior Specialist, Public Headquarters, NTT DATA Japan Corporation
14:35	Presentation “Connecting everything related to Trade”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaker: Mr. Takahiro Sato, Representative Director, President, CEO and COO, TradeWaltz, Japan
15:25	Refreshment Break	
15:55	Panel Discussion “Looking to a Future with Value, Strength, and Strategic Connections”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Ms. Carol West (TBA) ● Panelist: Ms. Mary Jo Muoio, Past President of National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America, Inc. (NCBFAA) and Amazon ● Panelist: Mr. Jaime King, Chairman of WCO Private Sector Consultive Group. Past IFCBA Chairman, Past President of Confederación de Asociaciones de Agentes Aduanales de la República Mexicana (CAAAREM) ● Panelist: Ms. Noriko Okabe, Executive Vice President, T.T.C.CO.LTD.
16:55	Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Shankar Shinde, Chairman of IFCBA
17:00	Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Carol West, Secretary of IFCBA
17:10	Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Seisaku Okafuji, President of JCBA
17:20	Conference Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emcee: JCBA

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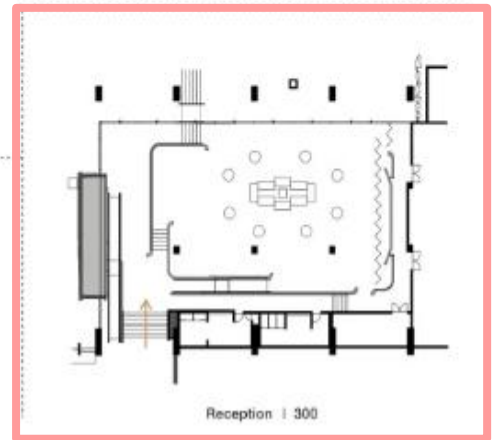
● Main Building Zone 1 F "Swan" 25 March 2025



Japanese Garden Sample Layouts
Area: 5,000m²

Reception | 2,000

Swan Sample Layouts
Area: 540m²



Reception | 300



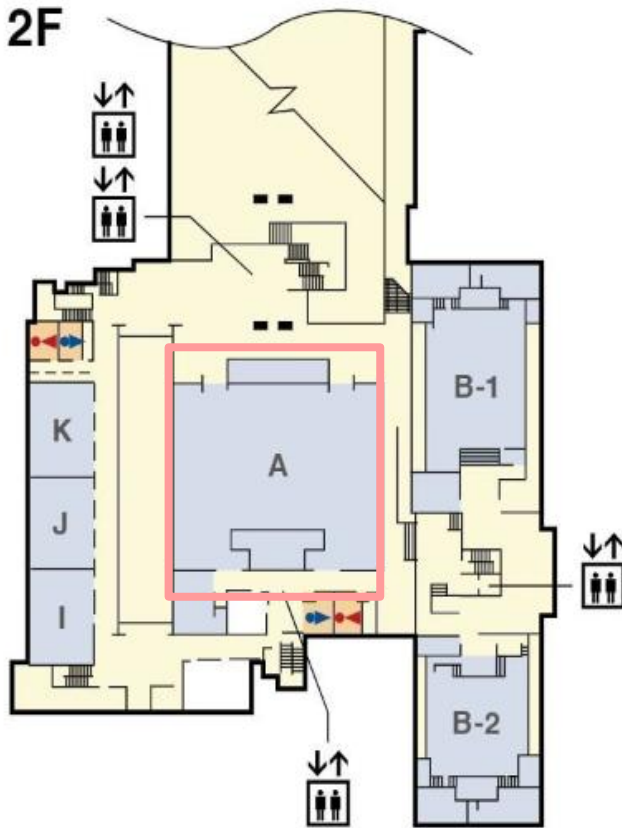
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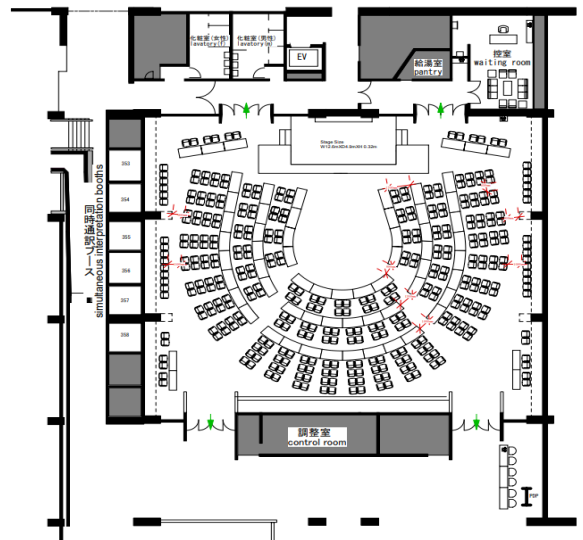


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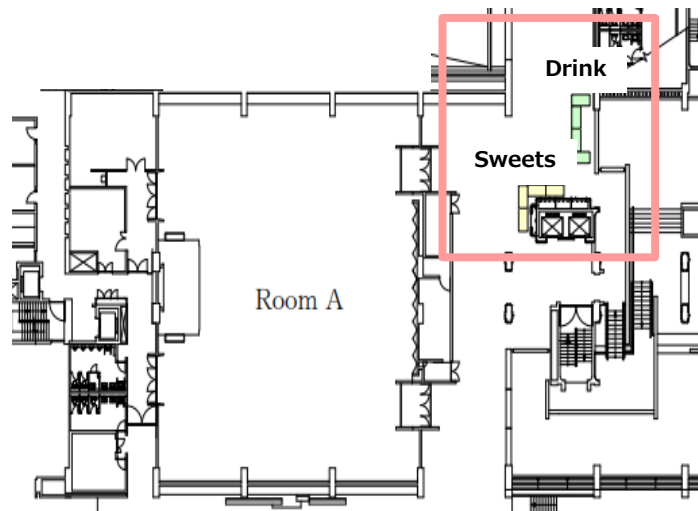
● Main Building Zone 2F “Room A” 25 March 2025



Room A
Horse-Shoe Style (W1700mm x D500mm)
370 Seats+ 222 Seats(Gallery Seating on floors 3&4)

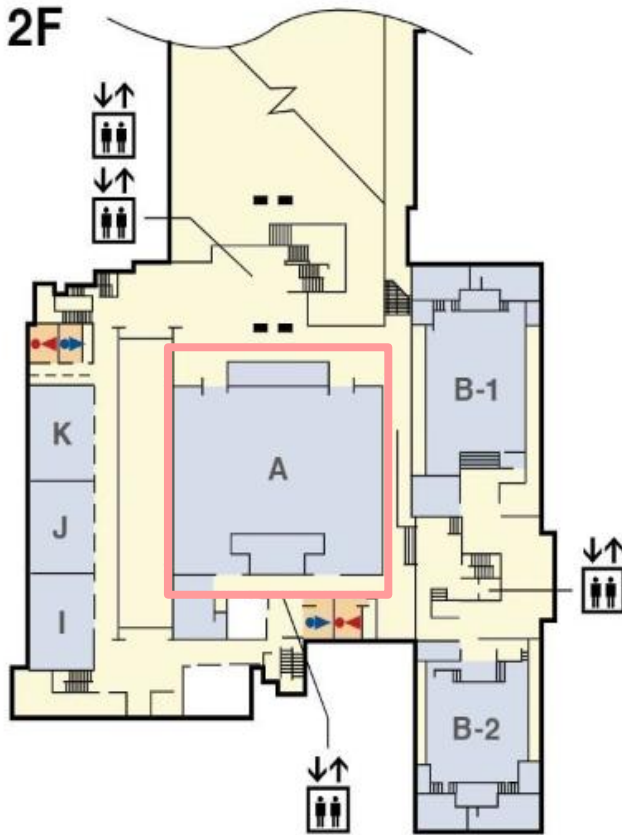


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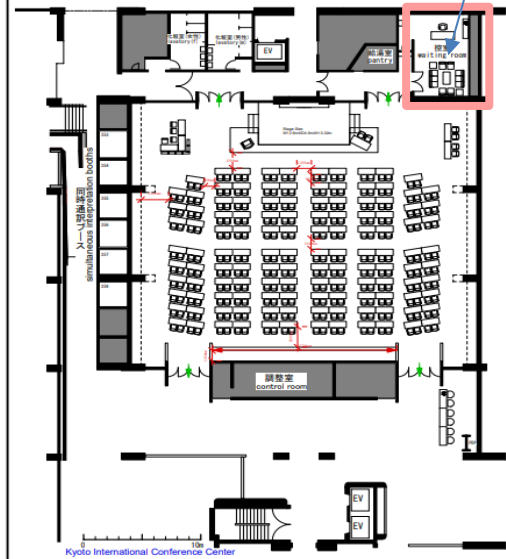


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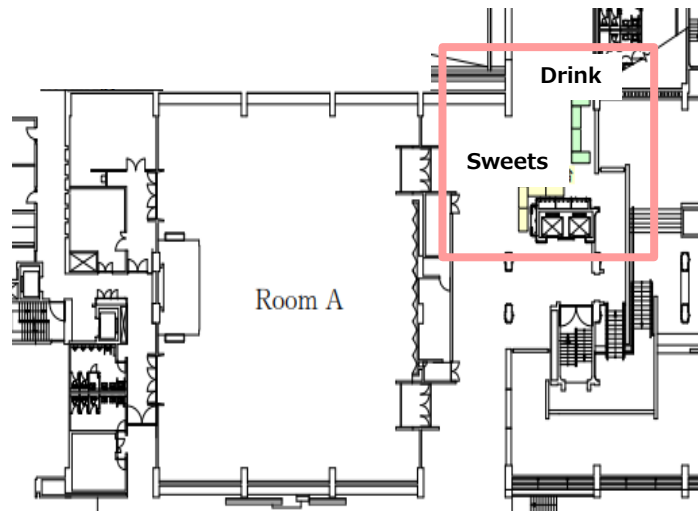
● Main Building Zone 2F "Room A" 26-27 March 2025



Room A
School Style (W1500mm x D600mm)
252 Seats+ 222 Seats(Gallery Seating on floor



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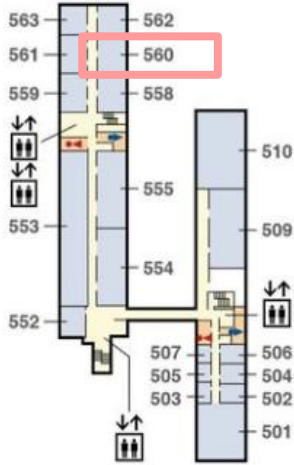


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● Main Building Zone 5F "Room 560" 25-27 March 2025

Boardroom

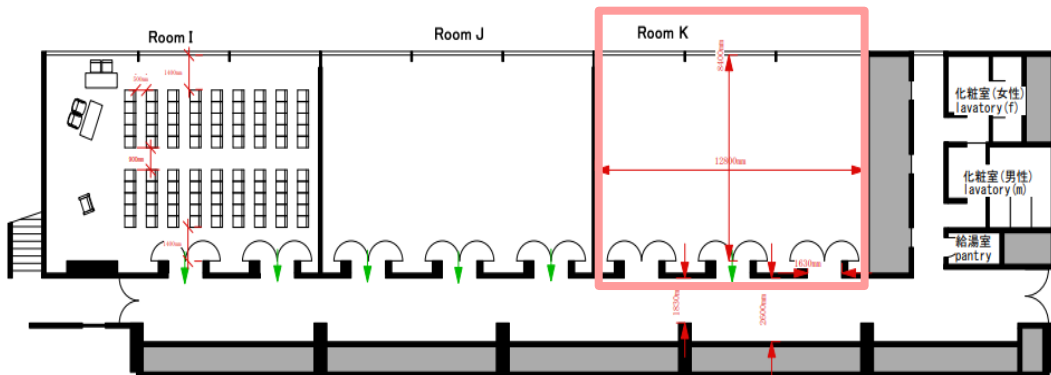
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● Main Building Zone 2F "K" 25-27 March 2025

Secretariat Waiting Room

2F



● Program for Companion Tuesday, 25 March 2025

We are pleased to invite participants to the excursion for companions on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. The event will be open to the first 30 respondents.

Assumed Schedule

- 10:00 Departure The Prince Kyoto Takaragaike Hotel
- 10:30 Arrival Kamigamo Shrine
- 11:30 Arrival Kitano-Tenmangu Shrine
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 Arrival Ryukyoin Temple
- 17:00 Arrival The Prince Kyoto Takaragaike Hotel

① Kamigamo Shrine - World Heritage



② Kitano-Tenmangu Shrine



③ Lunch



④ Ryukyoin Temple - not open to the public



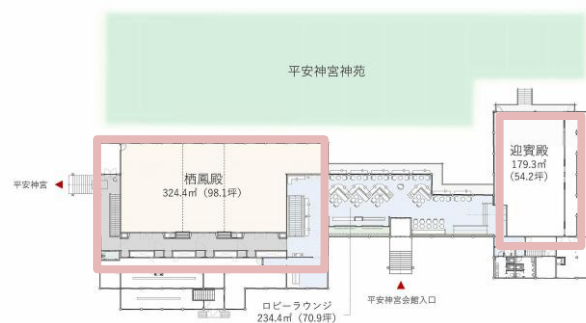
Assumed Schedule

- 18:00 Departure The Prince Kyoto Takaragaike Hotel
- 18:30 Arrival Heian Jingu Event Hall
- 18:30-19:00 "Shinen" Shrine Gardens at Heian Jingu
- 19:00-21:00 Dinner
- 18:30-20:00 Photo session with Maiko
- 21:15 Departure Heian Jingu
- 21:30 Arrival Kodaiji Temple
- 21:30-22:30 View Kodaiji Temple
- 22:30 Departure Kodaiji Temple
- 22:45 Arrival The Prince Kyoto Takaragaike Hotel

① Dinner at Heian Jingu Event Hall while viewing beautiful gardens



② Take a commemorative photograph with Maiko.



③ Observation at "Shinen" Shrine Gardens



④ Visit and View Kodaiji Temple



● Program for All Participants <Kyoto City Tour> Friday, 28 March 2025

Assumed Schedule

10:00 Departure The Prince Kyoto Takaragaike Hotel
 10:30 Arrival Kinkakuji Temple <The Golden Pavilion>
 12:00 Arrival Nanzenji Temple
 13:30 Arrival Funatsuru
 13:30-15:00 Lunch
 15:00 Departure Funatsuru
 15:30 Arrival Fushimi Inari Shrine
 17:00 Departure Fushimi Inari Shrine
 17:30 Arrival The Prince Kyoto Takaragaike Hotel

①Kinkakuji Temple



②Nanzenji Temple



②Lunch at Funatsuru (Riverside of Kamogawa River)



③Fushimi Inari Shrine



● Hotel

Name	Number of room	Duration	Nights	Type Size
The Prince Kyoto Takaragaike	150	3/24~29	5	36m ²

*Requests such as extending your stay are accepted through the hotel reservation website.

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