

ASSW 2015 in Toyama, JAPAN

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TOYAMA 1 hour from Tokyo. Toyama city's catch-phrase is "The first class seat for looking up at the Tateyama Mountains"

"Toyama", Located at the center of Honshu island, was a long time famous for a transportation hub of Japan Sea shipping route, and product of Japanese medicine in the Samurai era. Now Toyama is famous for medicine, biotechnology, IT-related industries, and tourism. Toyama's population is 422,000. Toyama Bay to North-delicious sea foods, rich in fishery products, Tateyama mtns. to East- many places to visit.

–Access

From Tokyo

1 hr from Haneda by airplane

2 hrs by **Shinkansen** (Bullet train)

From Seoul

2 hrs by airplane (Tue, Fri, Sun)

From Shanghai

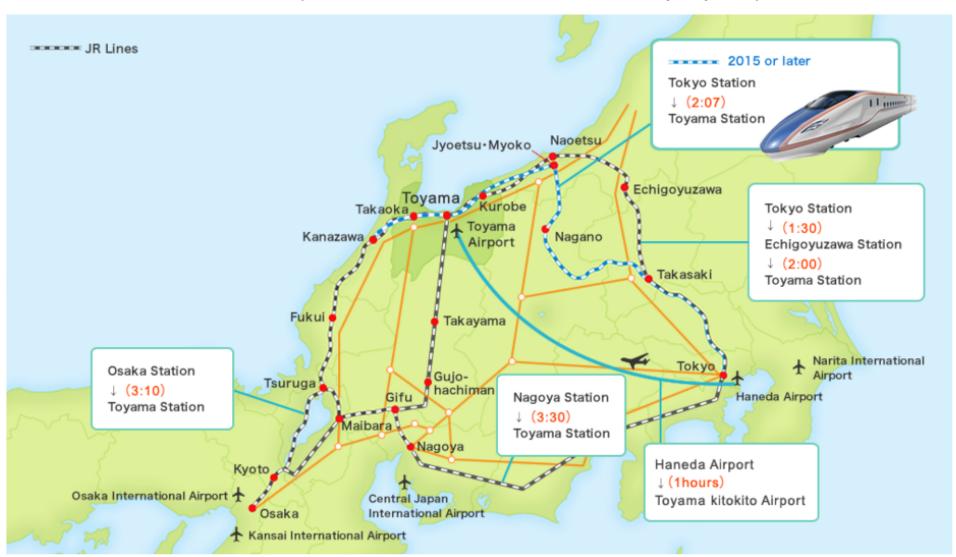
2.5 hrs by airplane (Tue, Sat)

From Taipei

3.5 hrs by airplane (Mon, Thu, Fri, Sun)

To Toyama from domestic area

Toyama is almost located in the center of Japan. Because of equidistance, it is easy to access to Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya, the major city. The Hokuriku Shinkansen line is scheduled to be opened in March 2015 and it will shorten more with the Tokyo- Toyama trip to 2 hrs 7 min.



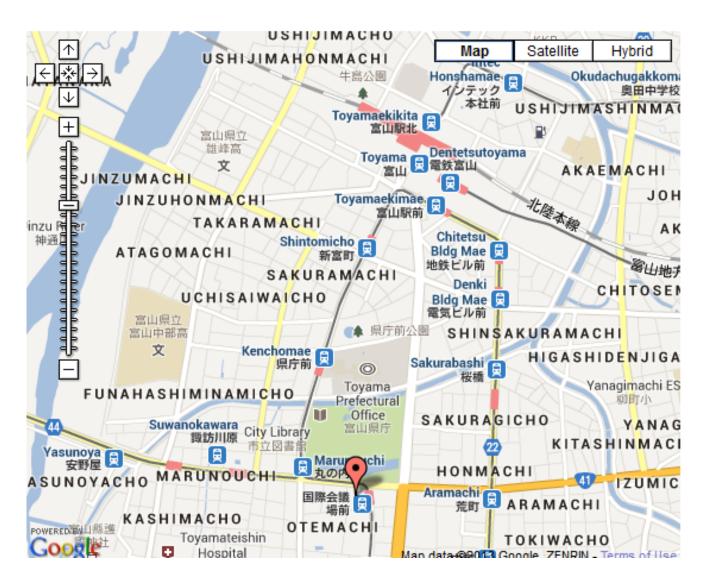
cf. http://foreign.info-toyama.com/en/access/

Venue

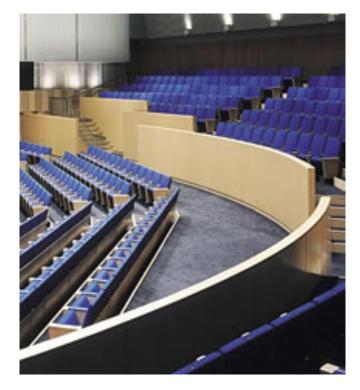
Toyama International Conference Center,
Toyama-city

All rooms were reserved for the period of ASSW 2015.





Toyama International Conference Center, 15min. walk from Toyama JR Station 5min. by Tram



Main hall that accommodates 825 persons



2 Conference rooms

- Main hall with 825 seats
- 5 multi-purpose halls,
 with more than 100 seats
- 2 other small meeting rooms available for meeting with 10-20 persons.

Touristic spots

Visit "http://foreign.info-toyama.com/en/"



Gokayama Historic Village of Gassho-style Houses (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

cf. http://foreign.info-toyama.com/en/about/culture.html

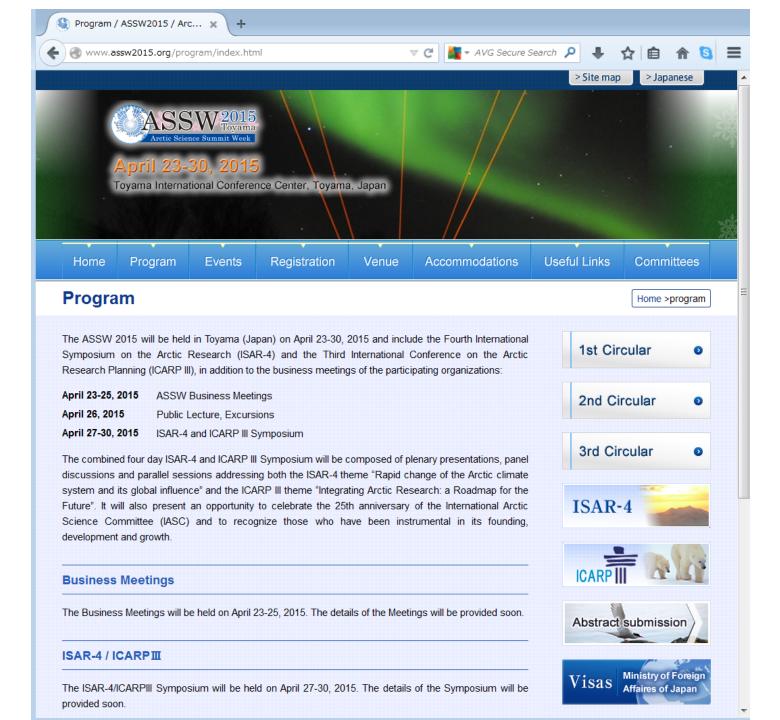
Tateyama Kurobe Alpine Route

"A 20-meter high snow wall" cf. http://foreign.info-toyama.com/en/about/mountain.html



And many others. . .







3rd Circular, Call for Abstracts and Registration

The Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW) is the annual gathering of the international organizations engaged in supporting and facilitating Arctic research. The purpose of the summit is to provide opportunities for coordination, collaboration and cooperation in all areas of Arctic science. The summit attracts scientists, students, policy makers and other professionals from all over the world. The ASSW 2015 will be held in Toyama (Japan) on April 23-30 and include business meetings of the participating organizations on April 23-25, excursions and a public lecture (in Japanese) on April 26 and a four day science symposium on April 27-30, combining the Fourth International Symposium on Arctic Research (ISAR-4) and the Third International Conference on the Arctic Research Planning (ICARP III).

The Call for Abstracts for oral and poster presentations at the ISAR-4 / ICARP III is now open. The Symposium will address the overarching themes "Rapid change of the Arctic climate system and its global influence" (ISAR-4) and "Integrating Arctic Research: a Roadmap for the Future" (ICARP III). Conference Organizers invite you to submit abstracts to one of the session listed below. Submissions can be made via the conference website at http://www.assw2015.org.

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All submissions are subject to peer review and notifications of acceptance will be sent via e- mail to the corresponding author by December 19, 2014. For further information, please visit the conference website at http://www.assw2015.org.

| Session Themes (A: ISAR-4, B: ISAR-4 / ICARP III, C: ICARP III) | |
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| A1: | Understanding the Arctic climate change and its global influences: |
| | Japan's contributions and suggestions for the future |
| A2: | Paleoclimatic perspective on Arctic changes and polar amplification |
| B10 | (A3): Ice mass loss in Greenland and Arctic glaciers under the influence of changing atmosphere and ocean |
| A4: | Geospace over and related to the Arctic region |
| A5: | The climatic threat from Arctic offshore methane |
| A6: | Climate and ecosystem vulnerability in the terrestrial northern high-latitudes |
| B1: | Arctic climate change and potential mid-latitude weather linkages: |
| | large-scale atmospheric circulation and storm track dynamics |
| | Current and future observing strategies for understanding the evolving Arctic climate and ecological system |
| | Changing permatrost and its impact on the physical, ecological, economic and cultural Earth system |
| | Arctic snow cover changes and their consequences |
| | Remote sensing of the Arctic system |
| | A pan-Arctic challenge: predicting the future of marine biota and ecosystem connectivity |
| | through field studies and data integration |
| | Atmosphere-ocean-ice interactions and aspects related to a future, seasonally ice free Arctic Ocean |
| B2: | From human security to geopolitical dynamics in the Global Arctic: |
| | the global implications of rapid environmental, economic, and societal change |
| | Arctic governance, sustainable development of local communities and non-Arctic state's contribution |
| C1: | Sharing Arctic data, observations and knowledge: understanding the global system |
| - | through international exchange |
| | Arctic in rapid transition - future research directions from the perspective of early career scientists |
| | Emerging questions in Arctic geoscience |
| C4: | Co-design, co-production, co-communication of scientific knowledge – |
| 05 | how to frame concerted research for sustainable development in times of change |
| C5: | Advances in transdisciplinary Arctic research: progress on building collaborative agendas |
| | for research supporting solutions for sustainability |
| | Understanding sustainability in the Arctic: from patchwork to framework |
| | Arctic freshwater system, changes and effects with emphasis on Arctic freshwater ecosystems |
| C8: | Circumpolar Arctic Coastal Communities Observatory Network: |
| - | knowledge hubs for northern coastal sustainability |
| | Navigation and fisheries in the Arctic: prospects, problems and international policies |
| C10 | : Consulting Arctic communities on research planning |