



ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS



In planning your trip to Japan, please read these arrival instructions carefully, for they provide important and useful information for your smooth arrival in Japan.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING 2021

- December 1** Deadline for submitting arrival information thru GAIDAI-Link
- January 16** University accommodations become available.
- January 16-18** Expected arrival period (NO pick-up services on Sunday, January 17)
- January 19** Orientation programs begin. (Attendance required.)

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NOTE: All information in this document is subject to change without prior notice.

PICK-UP SERVICE

Pick-up service is available for all new international students at two locations: **Kansai International Airport** (KIX) and **Osaka Itami Airport** (ITM and also known as Osaka International Airport).

Although you can make your own arrangements to get to Kansai Gaidai, we strongly recommend that you take advantage of our pick-up service in order to ensure your smooth arrival. It is important to note that, given the distance from the above two gateways to Kansai Gaidai, if you are not familiar with Japan's public transportation system, you will likely encounter some difficulties on the way to Kansai Gaidai. If you use our pick-up service, you will be taken to the area of our university housing and will be guided to your assigned accommodation (to be announced in early January).

Pick-up Dates:

Our pick-up service will be available **from Saturday, January 16 through January 18 EXCEPT FOR Sunday, January 17.**

Neither pick-up nor accommodation services are available before January 16. No pick-up arrangements will be made for late arrivals.

Pick-up Fee:

You will be required to pay **5,000 yen** in cash for the pick-up service when you are met by our staff at your pick-up point.

Pick-up at Kansai International Airport (KIX):

The pick-up at this airport will be available for those students whose flight arrives prior to 6:00 pm. If you cannot find a direct flight from your country to Kansai International Airport which arrives before 6:00 pm, you may want to check flights arriving at Itami Airport via Tokyo (Narita or Haneda).

Our staff will be outside of the **NORTH ARRIVAL GATE** (North Exit) on the ground floor of **the Terminal 1 Building**. You will then be notified as to what time you may board a Kansai Gaidai chartered bus.

If you are scheduled to arrive at KIX before 9:00 am, you may not be met by our staff immediately following your arrival. If our staff is not at the north arrival gate when you arrive, please wait there until around 9:00 am.

Pick-up at Osaka Itami Airport (ITM):

The pick-up at Osaka Itami Airport will be available at **8:00 pm ONLY**. Pick-up at this location will NOT be arranged outside this specified time.

You will be met by our staff outside of the **Central Area Arrival** on the second floor.

Required time from pick-up points to Kansai Gaidai Accommodations:

From KIX: Approximately 1 hour and 40minutes
From ITM: Approximately 1 hour and 10minutes

Pick-up Transportation Schedule:

Chartered transportation will be arranged within the time frames specified above according to arrival information received from new international students **before December 1, 2021**. Please try to submit your arrival information to us through GAIDAI-Link by this date.

IMPORTANT! Cancellation of Pick-up Reservation:

If for any reason you decide not to use our pick-up service after you sign up, please make sure to let us know, even at the very last minute. Otherwise, our staff will keep looking for you at the requested pick-up point, thus significantly delaying the processing of the students who were originally scheduled to be picked up with you.

ORIENTATION ACCOMMODATIONS

You will be notified of your housing arrangements prior to your arrival at Kansai Gaidai. If you are Homestay Participant / Own, you will be assigned in Seminar House 4. If you choose Residence Hall as a semester accommodation, you will be assigned in Global Commons -YUI-. **You are expected to check in before coming to the Center for International Education; we will not be able to assist you in carrying your luggage to your accommodations.**

ADDRESSES OF ACCOMMODATIONS

Global Commons -YUI-
6-1 Gotenyama Minamimachi, Hirakata City, Osaka, 573-1008 JAPAN
(〒573-1008 大阪府枚方市御殿山南町 6-1 Global Commons -YUI-)

International Seminar House 4
1-2-20 Kurumazuka, Hirakata City, Osaka 573-1159 JAPAN
(〒573-1159 大阪府枚方市車塚 1-2-20 第4国際交流セミナーハウス)

LOCATION OF THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Kansai Gaidai has two campuses in Hirakata City: Nakamiya and Gotenyama. The Center for International Education (CIE) is located on both the Nakamiya Campus and Gotenyama Campus. Addresses are as follows:

In case you need to contact us before you come to Japan, please contact the Center for International Education at Nakamiya Campus (int'l call : +81-72-805-2831).

CIE of Nakamiya Campus:

**Center for International Education
Kansai Gaidai University
16-1 Nakamiyahigashino-cho
Hirakata City, Osaka 573-1001 JAPAN
PHONE: 072-805-2831**

**〒573-1001
大阪府枚方市中宮東之町 16-1
関西外国語大学 中宮キャンパス
国際交流部
電話:072-805-2831**

CIE of Gotenyama Campus:

**Center for International Education
Kansai Gaidai University
6-1 Gotenyama Minamimachi
Hirakata City, Osaka 573-1008 JAPAN
PHONE: 072-805-2701**

**〒573-1008
大阪府枚方市御殿山南町 6-1
関西外国語大学 御殿山キャンパス
国際交流部
電話:072-805-2701**

MAKING YOUR OWN ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

If you would like to come to Kansai Gaidai orientation accommodation on your own, please refer to the following information.

Please keep in mind that University accommodations; Seminar House 4, is about 20 minutes away from Nakamiya campus on foot (without luggage) and YUI in Gotenyama campus is about 15 minutes away from Nakamiya campus on foot (without luggage), **you are expected to check in at your accommodations (to be announced in early August) before coming to the Center for International Education; we will not be able to provide you with transportation from Nakamiya campus to any accommodations.** There is a reception office in the lobby area of each accommodation. Please contact housing staff there upon arrival to receive necessary information (your room assignment, room key, etc.).

University accommodations will not be available before January 16, 2021.

The gates of all accommodations will be completely closed from exactly 10:00 pm to around 8:00 am for security reasons during the orientation week. NO late check-in after 10:00 pm will be accepted. If you must arrive in Hirakata after 10:00 pm, you can stay overnight at [Hirakata Sun Plaza Hotel](#) located near Hirakata-shi Station. Please see Page 8 of this document for their website information.

Hirakata-shi Station (枚方市駅) on the Keihan Line (京阪線) is the closest train station to Kansai Gaidai. The following are directions for coming to Hirakata-shi Station from Kansai International Airport, Osaka Itami Airport and JR Kyoto Station. Once you arrive at Hirakata-shi Station, take a taxi to your accommodation. It takes about 15 minutes and costs approximately ¥1,500.

You must provide us with your arrival information regardless of whether or not you take advantage of our pick-up service. Even if you come to Kansai Gaidai on your own, you need to inform us of when you plan to check into the university accommodation; otherwise, language placement tests and necessary sessions (if applicable) cannot be appropriately arranged.

KANSAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (KIX)

<http://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/en/index.asp>

KIX – Hirakata (Limousine Bus):

All direct international flights bound for Osaka land at KIX. You can take a limousine bus bound for **Hirakata City (枚方市)** at Bus Depot #10 of each terminal building. Those bus depots are located just outside the North Arrival Gate on the ground floor of the Terminal 1 Building and the outside of the Terminal Building 2. The bus fare is ¥2,100.

Since the gates of all accommodations will completely close at 10:00 pm and the number of limousine buses bound for Hirakata is limited, **even if you plan to arrive at a university accommodation on your own, it is still recommended that you arrive at KIX by around 6:00 pm.** It takes approximately two hours from KIX to Kansai Gaidai Accommodation by limousine bus and taxi.

SCHEDULE OF LIMOUSINE BUSES BOUND FOR HIRAKATA

Please visit <http://www.kate.co.jp/en/timetable/detail/HR> for the up-to-date schedule.

OSAKA ITAMI AIRPORT (Osaka International Airport: ITM)

<https://www.osaka-airport.co.jp/en/>

ITM – Hirakata (Train):

ITM is only for domestic flights. If you do not arrive at KIX, you will probably arrive at this airport via a connecting flight. You can take the Osaka Monorail (大阪モノレール) and connect to the Keihan Line to get to Hirakata-shi Station. From Osaka Airport Station, please go to Kadoma-shi Station (門真市). Since Osaka Airport is the first station and Kadoma-shi is the last station, all trains will go in the right direction. Just make sure that your train goes as far as Kadoma-shi since some trains terminate before Kadoma-shi. The train fare is ¥500.

From Kadoma-shi, change to the Keihan Line and take a train going toward Kyoto (not Osaka) and get off at Hirakata-shi Station. The fare from Kadoma-shi to Hirakata-shi is ¥270.

As making the connections between ITM and Hirakata requires some walking, if you have a lot of luggage, this route may be difficult.

Direction Summary:

ITM: Osaka Airport – (Osaka Monorail) – **Kadoma-shi** – (Keihan Line) – **Hirakata-shi** – (Taxi) – **University accommodation**

(NOTE: NO limousine bus services are available between ITM and Hirakata.)

JR KYOTO STATION

<http://www.kyoto-station-building.co.jp/guidemap/english.html>

Tokyo-Kyoto-Hirakata (Bullet Train):

The most convenient way to get to JR Kyoto Station from the Tokyo area is to take a bullet train (Shinkansen) from JR Tokyo Station to JR Kyoto Station. We recommend you take either Nozomi or Hikari because they are much faster than the Kodama. It costs approximately 14,000 yen and takes about 2 hours and a half.

Upon arrival at JR Kyoto Station, please take the Kintetsu Kyoto Line (近鉄京都線) to Tambabashi Station (丹波橋) and walk to Keihan Tambabashi Station (京阪丹波橋). Although the Kintetsu and the Keihan Lines are separate train lines, these two stations are connected by a pedestrian passage way.

At Keihan Tambabashi Station, you can take any train bound for Yodoyabashi (淀屋橋) in Osaka, and get off at Hirakata-shi Station. In total, it costs ¥550 from Kyoto Station to Hirakata-shi Station.

As making the connections between JR Kyoto Station and Hirakata requires some walking, if you have a lot of luggage, this route may be difficult.

Direction Summary:

Kyoto – (Kintetsu Kyoto Line) – **Tanbabashi** – (Keihan Line) – **Hirakata** – (Taxi) – **University accommodation**

OTHER RELEVANT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Tokyo-Hirakata (Night Bus):

A limited number of night buses run between Tokyo and Hirakata. Please visit the website of Keihan Bus (<http://www.keihanbus.jp/highway/line/hirakata-shinjuku/>) for more information. Please note that, in order to take a night bus, reservations are usually required and that assistance in English is often not available.

Tips on Taking a Taxi to Your Accommodation:

If you take a taxi from Hirakata-shi Station, your taxi driver likely (but not always) knows where your accommodation is located.

If you take a taxi from a place other than the Hirakata-shi Station area (e.g. Kansai International Airport, Osaka Itami Airport, Kyoto Station, etc.), your taxi driver will have NO IDEA about the exact location of your accommodation. You should have the address of your accommodation and the vicinity map with you in case the driver is not familiar with the area of the accommodation.

It is rather expensive to take a taxi directly from the airport (Kansai or Osaka Itami), Kyoto Station or any other place far from Hirakata City, we do not recommend to use it from the above-mentioned locations.

- [Fare] KIX→Kansai Gaidai Accommodation: Approximately 30,000 Yen
- ITM→Kansai Gaidai Accommodation: Approximately 16,000 Yen
- Kyoto Station→Kansai Gaidai Accommodation: Approximately 9,000 Yen

CONTACT YOUR FAMILY IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL

Once you arrive at your accommodation, please contact your family as soon as possible to let them know that you have safely arrived here. Your family members, particularly your parents, are more concerned about your whereabouts than you may think. It is a lot more reassuring and efficient if you contact your family than for us to ask you to contact your family after we receive a call from them. Your family wants to hear from YOU directly, not from a third person like university staff.

RETURN FLIGHT

We always have a number of students who have great difficulty in securing return airline reservations. Since travel agencies book large blocks of seats, individuals find themselves at best being placed on waiting lists, particularly for flights in December, January, and from July through August.

Therefore, we suggest that participants in the Asian Studies Program secure a return ticket and flight reservation for a specific return date even if your plans for that period may not be fully decided. It is better to have at least one flight reservation than to try to secure one after arriving in Japan. Please be advised, however, that there are certain types of discount tickets for which departure dates cannot be changed without an additional charge. Please carefully check with the airline or your travel agent on this matter.

Also, when making return flight arrangements, **please keep in mind that as per instructions from the immigration office, international students are expected to leave Japan as soon as their studies at Japanese universities finish.**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING 2021

May 21-27	Final Examination Week (Including make-up exam days)
June 2	Deadline for Moving Out

Finally, **do not plan to depart before the end of the final exam week.**

LIST OF HOTELS AND USEFUL WEBSITES

Kansai International Airport:

First Cabin Kansai Airport

<https://first-cabin.jp/en/hotels/9>

Hotel Nikko Kansai Airport

<https://www.nikkokix.com/en/>

Kanku Joytel Hotel (formerly Best Western Hotel Kansai Airport)

<https://www.joytelhotels.com/kanku/global/en/index.html>

Kansai Airport Washington Hotel

<http://kansai-ap.washington-hotels.jp/>

APA Hotel

https://www.apahotel.com/?version=en_us

Osaka Itami Airport:

Osaka Airterminal Hotel

<https://www.osaka-airterminal-hotel.com/english.html>

Hotel AP

<http://www.h-oaks.co.jp/hotel-ap/english/index.html>

Itami City Hotel

<http://www.itamicity-h.com/index.html> (Japanese Only)

Hirakata-shi Station (Hirakata City Station):

Hirakata Sun Plaza Hotel

<http://www.sunplazahotel.co.jp/english.html>

Moriguchi-shi Station (Moriguchi City Station)

Hotel Agora Moriguchi

<http://www.hotelagora-moriguchi.com/global/english/>

Useful Websites:

Japan National Tourism Organization

<http://www.jnto.go.jp/>

<http://www.jnto.go.jp/ja-search/eng/index.php> (For hotel search)

<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/transportation/index.html> (For train directions)

Osaka Tourist Guide

<http://www.osaka-info.jp/en/>

West Japan Railway Company (JR Nishi-Nihon)

<http://www.westjr.co.jp/global/en/>

East Japan Railway Company (JR Higashi-Nihon)

<http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/index.html>

Central Japan Railway Company (JR Tokai)

<http://english.jr-central.co.jp/index.html>