

East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership 8th Meeting of Partners
16 – 21 January 2015
Kushiro city, Hokkaido, Japan

Information for Participants

Dates of the Meeting:

- 16 Jan (Fri): MOP8 [Day 1] (starts promptly at 9 am) & Banquet (hosted by the Kushiro City.)
- 17 Jan (Sat): MOP8 [Day 2]
- 18 Jan (Sun): Field trip – Kushiro-shitsugen wetland and Akkeshi-ko lake
- 19 Jan (Mon): MOP8 [Day 3]
- 20 Jan (Tue): MOP8 [Day 4] & Reception dinner (hosted by the EAAFP Secretariat)
- 21 Jan (Wed): MOP8 [Day 5 – half day] (in the morning)

*Symposium for Kushiro-city citizens is scheduled in the afternoon.

It will focus on the community activities to conserve local habitats for migratory birds. The main language will be Japanese.

Note: Side meetings will be on Day 4 of MOP8.

All registered participants are invited to the banquets held on 16th and 20th January. The dress code is smart casual.

Please refer agenda documents for detailed schedule at:

<http://www.eaaflyway.net/the-partnership/partners/meetings-of-partners/mop-8/>

MOP8 meeting Venue:

Kushiro Tourism and International Relations Center

Address: 3, Saiwai-cho 3, Kushiro City, Hokkaido 085-0017, Japan

- Wireless internet access is available.

Transportation in Kushiro:

- Kushiro Airport is the nearest airport to the MOP venue, but it is exclusively for domestic flights. Please transfer at an international airport to a domestic flight.
- Limousine Bus is available from Kushiro Airport to central Kushiro (It takes about 1 hour and the charge is JPY 940). The bus stop is just outside the arrival hall. The buses are scheduled in accordance with the arrival flights, and will depart in 15-20 minutes after each arrival. The bus stop to get off at is “**Kushiro Fisherman’s Wharf MOO**”. The hotel is located close to the bus stop. Please see the maps of central Kushiro (Page 4).
- The bus tickets are available at the bus ticket vending machine (available in English) located next to the airport information desk which is immediately after the arrival gate.

- English communication is available at the airport information desk. They are informed that the MOP8 participants are staying at the ANA Crowne Plaza Kushiro so that they can assist you in purchasing the bus ticket, if necessary. The organiser will put a note there on 14-15 January, on the name of the bus stop, fee, and a map from the bus stop to the hotel.
- There will be a MOP8 staff person to guide you to the bus from 13:00 to 17:00 on 15 January.

Transportation between Narita Airport and Haneda Airport:

- If you come through Narita International Airport, your connecting flight to Kushiro Airport may depart from Haneda Airport which is approximately 1.5 hours away. Please make sure whether your flight to Kushiro departs from Narita or from Haneda.
- The transportation between Narita and Haneda airports can be checked at: <http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/access/haneda/>
- The followings are recommended because there is no need to change trains;
 - Airport Limousine (65-85minutes / JPY 3,100)
http://www.limousinebus.co.jp/en/bus_services/haneda/narita.html
 - Keisei electric railway's "Access Express" (1.5 hours / JPY 1,800)
<http://www.keisei.co.jp/keisei/tetudou/skyliner/us/directions/haneda.html>

Note: If you have any concerns about flight schedule, please contact to the MOP8 secretariat before booking.

Entry Visas:

- For visa requirement, please contact the nearest Consular Section of the Embassy or the Consulate General of Japan. Please note that neither EAAFP nor the Ministry of the Environment of Japan can help with obtaining Japanese visas.
- Guidance to obtaining Japanese Visas can be also found at the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan: http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

Accommodation:

ANA Crowne Plaza Kushiro

Address: 3-7 Nishiki-cho, Kushiro-shi, Hokkaido, 085-0016, Japan

Tel: +81-154-31-4111 (Please do not contact directly for room arrangement.)

Fax: +81-154-24-7402

- ANA Crowne Plaza Kushiro is located just in front of the meeting venue. Participants are responsible for paying their own accommodation costs.
- All reservations shall be made through the MOP8 Secretariat. Below are the special room rates for the MOP8 participants;
 - Single room for one person: JPY 6,500 per night including breakfast.

- Twin room for one person: JPY 8,500 per night including breakfast.
- Twin room for two persons: JPY 12,000 per night including breakfast.
- Payment should be made by each participant at the venue. The hotel can accept only Japanese Yen or a credit card.
- Wireless internet access is available. More information for the hotel can be found at: <http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/hokkaido/kuhja/hoteldetail>

Business Centre

There is a printer at the business centre of the ANA Crowne Plaza Kushiro. Printing cost is JPY30 (USD 0.3) per sheet (monochrome/colour).

Please note that the organizer will not prepare printed documents for MOP8 discussions, and will update you through email and website. Participants who want to print documents will do so at their own expense.

Field Trip:

A full-day field trip to Kushiro-shitsugen wetland and Akkeshi-ko lake by bus is scheduled on 18th January.

- Kushiro-shitsugen Wetland and Akkeshi-ko Lake have been designated as EAA Flyway Network sites and Ramsar sites. The sites are important bird areas and support a good number of migratory waterbirds, ducks, geese and cranes including Red-Crowned Crane. We are also expecting to observe Steller's Sea Eagles.
- Weather in Hokkaido is very cold in January. Please dress appropriately with warm and comfortable shoes (preferably waterproof), warm coats, warm hats and warm gloves, and other personal. The trails include very **slippery place and snowy & muddy paths**. Please put layers of clothes. Binoculars are also recommended.
- Lunch for the trip is provided. More information is available at: <http://www.eaaflyway.net/wordpress/new/thepartnership/partners/meetingofpartners/mop8/Excursion%20Information.pdf>

Meals:

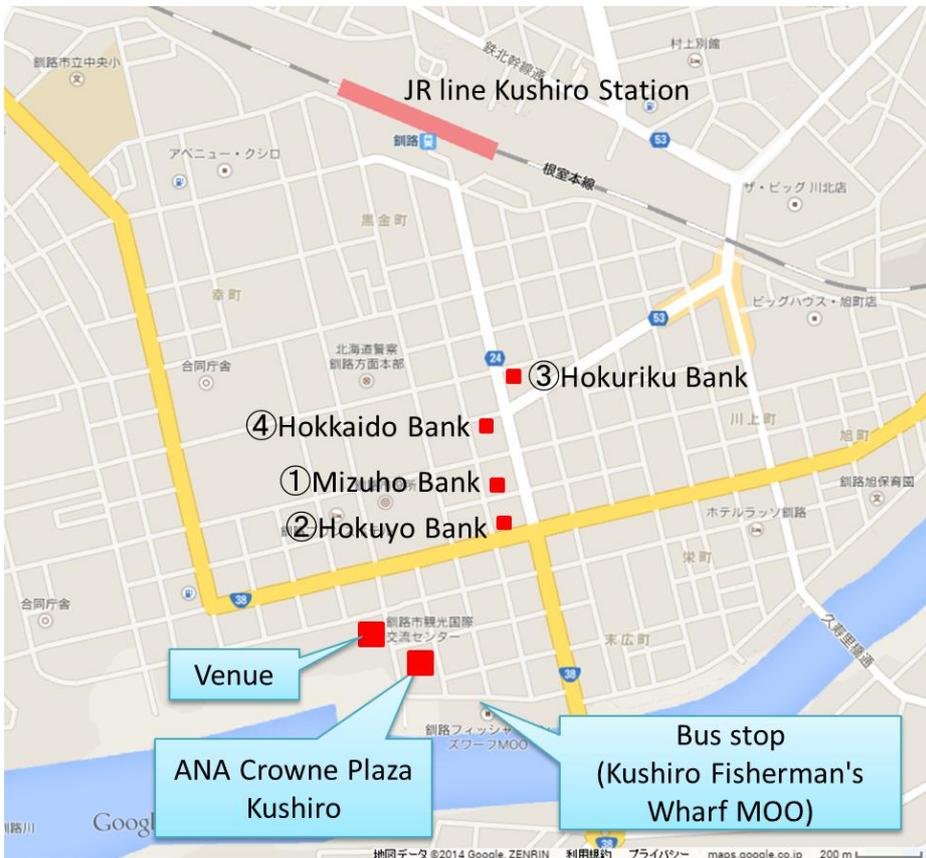
Breakfast is included in the stay at ANA Crowne Plaza Kushiro. Please note that you are responsible for your own meals in the empty spaces below.

	16 Jan	17 Jan	18 Jan	19 Jan	20 Jan	21 Jan
Breakfast	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
Lunch	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	
Dinner	Reception				Reception	

For the catered meals (lunch and receptions), we asked the catering companies to indicate dishes that contain any ingredients of concern as indicated on the registration form (e.g. seafood, pork, dairy, avocado).

General Information:

□ Maps of central Kushiro



□ Time Zone

All of Japan is in the same time zone, 9 hours ahead of G.M.T.

□ Weather

Daily high temperatures in Kushiro in January are around -2°C throughout the month, exceeding 3°C or dropping below -6°C. Daily low temperatures range from -10°C to -7°C, falling below -15°C or exceeding -3°C. The local residents informed us recently that the temperature these days is between 0°C (daytime) and -20°C (morning time). Please put layer of clothes which makes you easy to adjust. The temperatures between inside and outside buildings can be very different.

<http://weatherspark.com/averages/33178/1/Kushiro-Hokkaido-Prefecture-Japan>

□ Currency exchange

There are several banks available near venue and accommodation in Kushiro. They are open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on weekdays. The currencies which each bank handles are below;

No	Bank	US \$	EUR €	GBP £	CAD \$	CHF SF	SEK kr	DKK kr	NOK kr	AUD \$	NZD \$	KRW ₩	HKD HK\$	SGD \$	THB ฿
1	Mizuho Bank	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Hokuyo Bank	✓	✓												
3	Hokuriku Bank	✓													
4	Hokkaido Bank	✓	✓							✓					

* It is available to exchange from foreign currency to JPY as above, but ONLY US\$ is available to exchange from JPY.

We recommend you to exchange enough money at the international airport such as Narita Airport, Haneda Airport or New-Chitose Airport.

□ Electricity

The voltage used throughout Japan is uniformly 100 volts, A.C. The frequency is 50 Hertz in eastern Japan including Hokkaido and Tokyo. There are no columnar-shaped plugs or 3-pin plugs used in Japan but 2-flat-pin plugs are used instead. If your appliance plug has a different shape, you may need an adaptor and power converter.



□ Contact

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