



a proposal for
IFOs
WORLD
CONGRESS

2030 YOKOHAMA, GREATER TOKYO AREA, JAPAN

Executive Summary

1. Academic Leadership in ORL-HNS

Japan has one of **the world's largest and most advanced ORL-HNS communities**, contributing major innovations from cochlear implants to head & neck cancer care. Hosting IFOS in Japan would **spotlight Asia's scientific leadership and deepen regional collaboration**.

2. Larger Attendance & Stronger Revenue

Japan has Asia's largest pool of medical professionals, with over 6,000 attendees annually at the Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery meeting—ensuring strong IFOS turnout. **Japan's robust industry network boosts sponsorship opportunities**. Japan was also ranked **the world's No.1 "Most Attractive Country"** (Condé Nast Traveler, 2025), indicating **strong delegate appeal to boost the attendance**.

3. Yokohama, Greater Tokyo Area: A Premier Host City

Safe, clean, and just 30 minutes from Haneda Airport, Yokohama offers world-class infrastructure through PACIFICO Yokohama and rich cultural experiences, and also **supports legacy programs** that engage children with cutting-edge science and technology.

4. Accessibility, Safety & Sustainability

Japan provides efficient transport, multilingual support, and diverse accommodations. **Ranked No.1 globally for sustainable, low-impact transport and No. 2 in Asia for safety**, Japan enables **eco-conscious and hybrid congress planning aligned with the SDGs**.

5. Strong Government & Institutional Support

National and local governments, tourism bureaus, and academic bodies offer **financial and logistical support** for major international congresses.

6. Gateway to Asia-Pacific Collaboration

IFOS in Japan **strengthens networks across the Asia-Oceania region** and supports **the growth of emerging research and clinical leaders**.



Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery



Established in **1893**
A History of Over **133**
Years



Active Contributions in Academic Field of ORL
Ranked 2nd Worldwide in Citable Publications (by Elsevier Scopus Database)



Largest Number of Members in Asia



More than 200 Japanese Yo-IFOS Members
Advancing Global ORL-HNS through Education, Research, and Networking

* As of Dec 1, 2025, as far as reported to JORL-HNS.

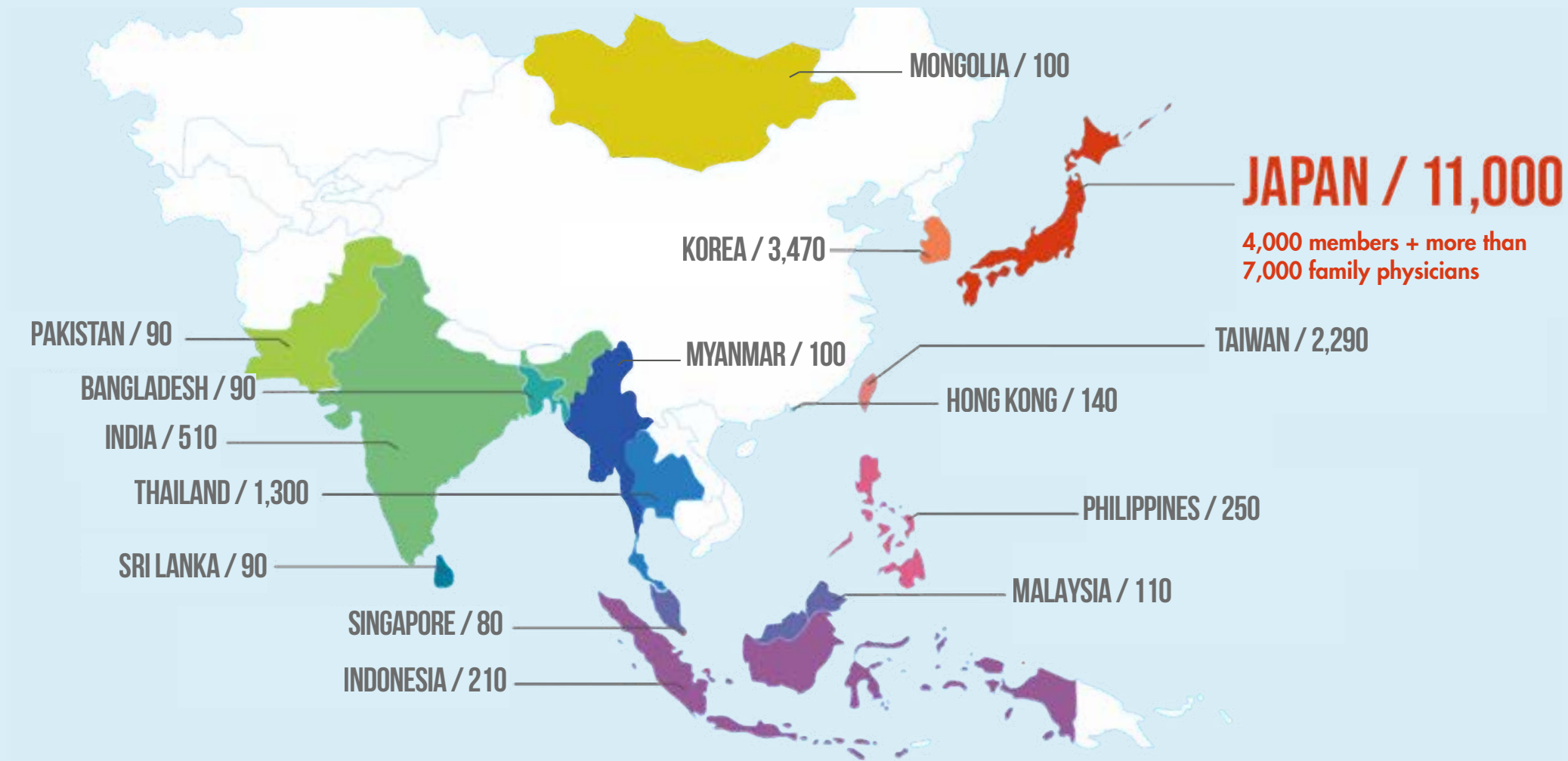


Gender Equality Initiatives Implemented:
Female Board Representation at an All-Time High

Review:
https://www.jibika.or.jp/modules/gender/index.php?content_id=2 (Japanese only)

Comparison of Membership Numbers between Japan and Neighboring Asian Regions

The number of members in each country is based on data published on the IFOS official website (<https://ifosworld.org/who-are-the-society-members/>).



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Congress Highlight

Dates and Venue

PACIFICO Yokohama

June 7–11, 2030

PACIFICO Yokohama is Japan's largest integrated MICE complex, located in the Greater Tokyo Area on Yokohama's waterfront. Its iconic sail-shaped architecture has become a symbol of the city.

The venue is directly connected to the InterContinental Yokohama Grand and adjacent to the Kahala Hotel & Resort, with many other accommodation options nearby. It offers excellent access to airports and major train stations, and welcomes over 4 million visitors annually.

MICE: Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions



Hosted
conferences with
10,000
delegates



The largest
convention
complex in Japan



Over
4 million
visitors annually



8,143
hotel rooms
within 15-min
walking distance



PACIFICO YOKOHAMA

Why Japan?

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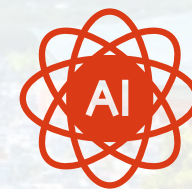
**Largest Number of
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**Academic Contribution
Second in the World**

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**AI-Powered Precision Surgery,
Digital Head & Neck Cancer
Care, and the Aging Era**

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**Economical Friendliness
Financial Support Up to
23 Million JPY**

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**Accessibility
Convenient from
Anywhere in the World**

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**Visa
Smooth Access for Delegates**

01 Largest Number of ORL Specialists in Asia

The Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery is **the largest ORL-HNS organization in Asia**, with over **11,000 members**. The extensive network ensures intensive domestic participation and fosters regional collaboration.

JORL-HNS is affiliated with **fifteen societies covering diverse subspecialties**—from audiology to head and neck oncology—creating an interdisciplinary world to drive research, education and clinical advancement.

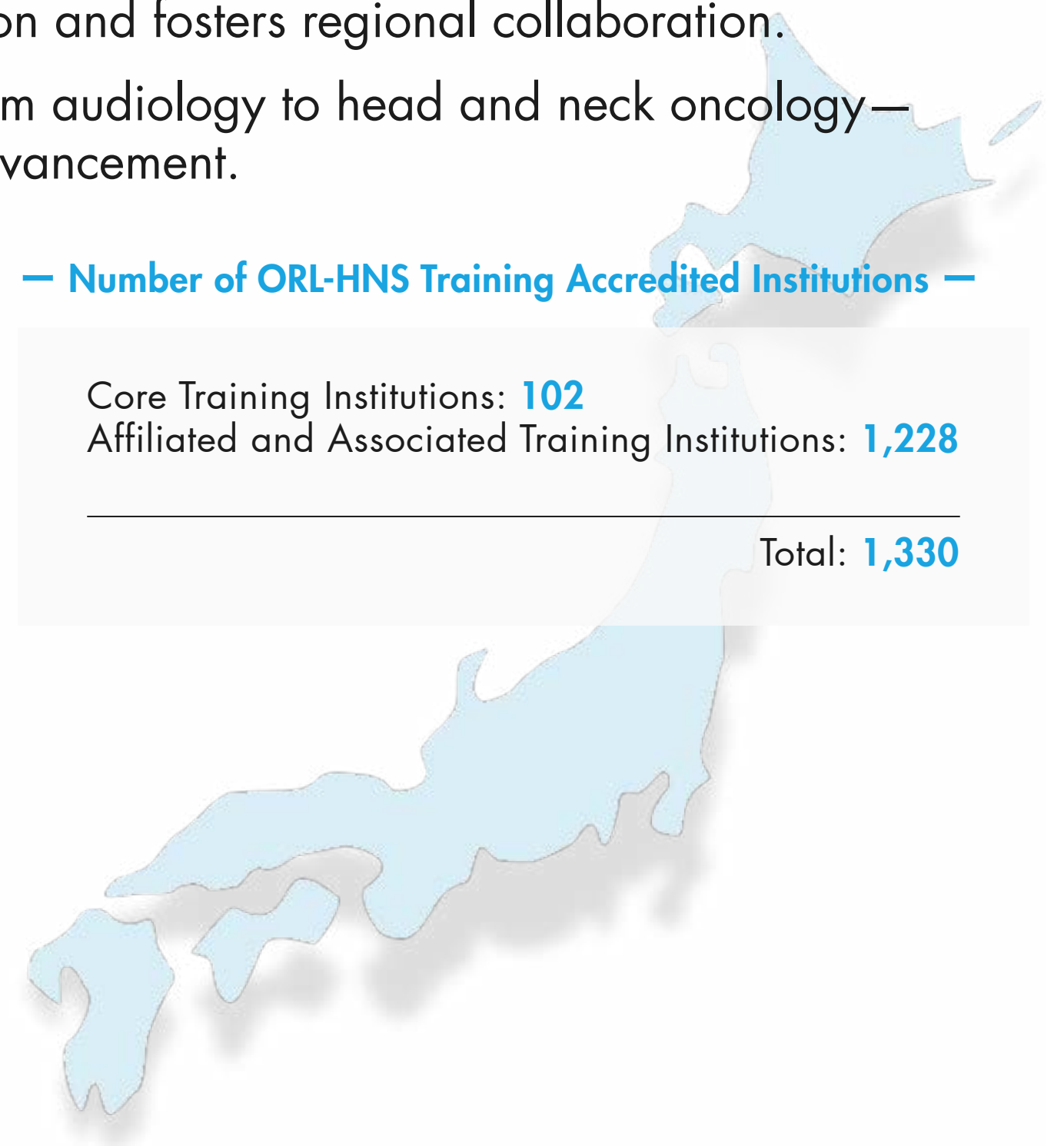
— Affiliated Societies of JORL-HNS —



— Number of ORL-HNS Training Accredited Institutions —

Core Training Institutions: **102**
Affiliated and Associated Training Institutions: **1,228**

Total: **1,330**



01 Largest Number of ORL Specialists in Asia

— List of International Conferences and Meetings held in Japan (partial) —

Year	Conference	City
2015	30th Politzer Society Meeting	Niigata
2019	12th Asia Pacific Symposium on Cochlear Implants and Related Sciences (APSCI 2019)	Tokyo
2022	4th World Congress on Endoscopic Ear Surgery (EES 2022)	Kyoto
	7th East Asian Symposium on Otology	Tokyo
2023	CORLAS (Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum) 2023	Tokyo
	9th Asia-Pacific Pediatric Otolaryngology Group Conference (APOG 2023)	Beppu
	13th East Asian Conference on Phonosurgery (EACP 2023)	Sendai
2024	ISIAN & IRS 2024: 42nd Congress of the International Society of Inflammation and Allergy of the Nose, 24th Congress of the International Rhinologic Society	Tokyo
2027	9th International Symposium on Meniere's Disease and Inner Ear Disorders	Tokyo
	16th Asia Oceania ORL-HNS Congress	Kyoto
2028	Politzer Society Meeting	Kyoto

02 Academic Contribution Second in the World

Japan's Research Strength in ORL-HNS

Japan ranks **second globally** in both volume and impact of ORL-HNS publications. Japanese researchers contribute to top journals, lead clinical trials, and present at major conferences.

RANK	COUNTRY	DOCUMENTS	CITABLE DOCUMENTS	CITATIONS	H-INDEX
1	United States	84,673	78,800	1,902,090	282
2	Japan	27,276	26,890	261,510	214
3	China	24,521	23,939	181,980	95
4	United Kingdom	21,478	18,742	413,871	178
5	Germany	19,793	18,449	331,820	159

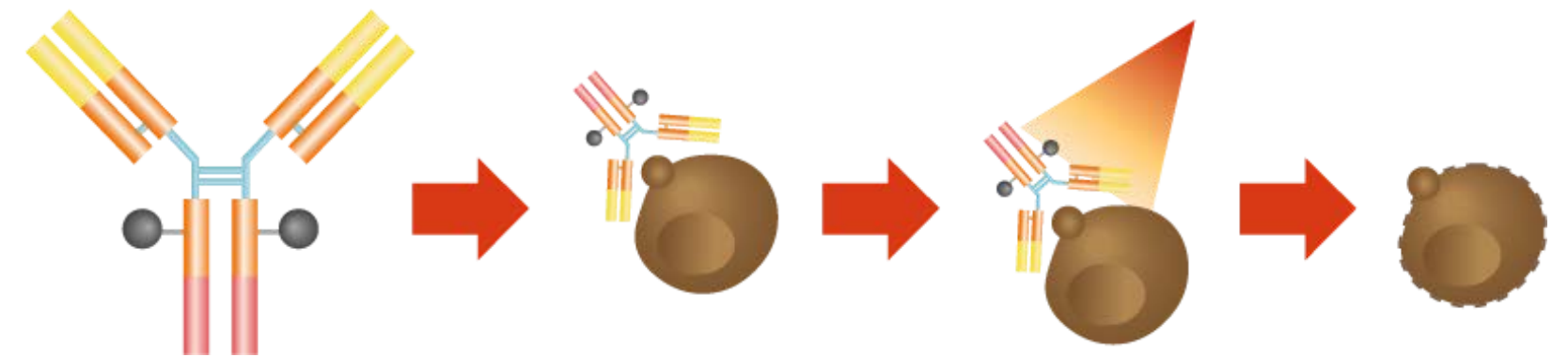
Source: Citable Documents Ranking from Elsevier Scopus Database

Japan is capable of providing diverse academic themes to IFOS 2030.

Innovative Clinical Practices from Japan in ORL-HNS

Japan leads advanced clinical approaches in otorhinolaryngology. A key example is **Alluminox™ therapy** —a photoimmunotherapy that targets EGFR-expressing cancer cells with light-activated precision targeting.

The novel remedy was approved in Japan in 2020, and is under **Phase III trials globally** (USA, Taiwan in 2025).



Other notable practices include:

- RADPLAT: Targeted chemoradiotherapy for sinonasal cancers
- TOVS: Minimally invasive transoral surgery for hypopharyngeal cancer
- Mucosal Regeneration: Cell sheet therapy for middle ear cholesteatoma
- Vestibular Rehab: Low-frequency sound therapy for balance disorders

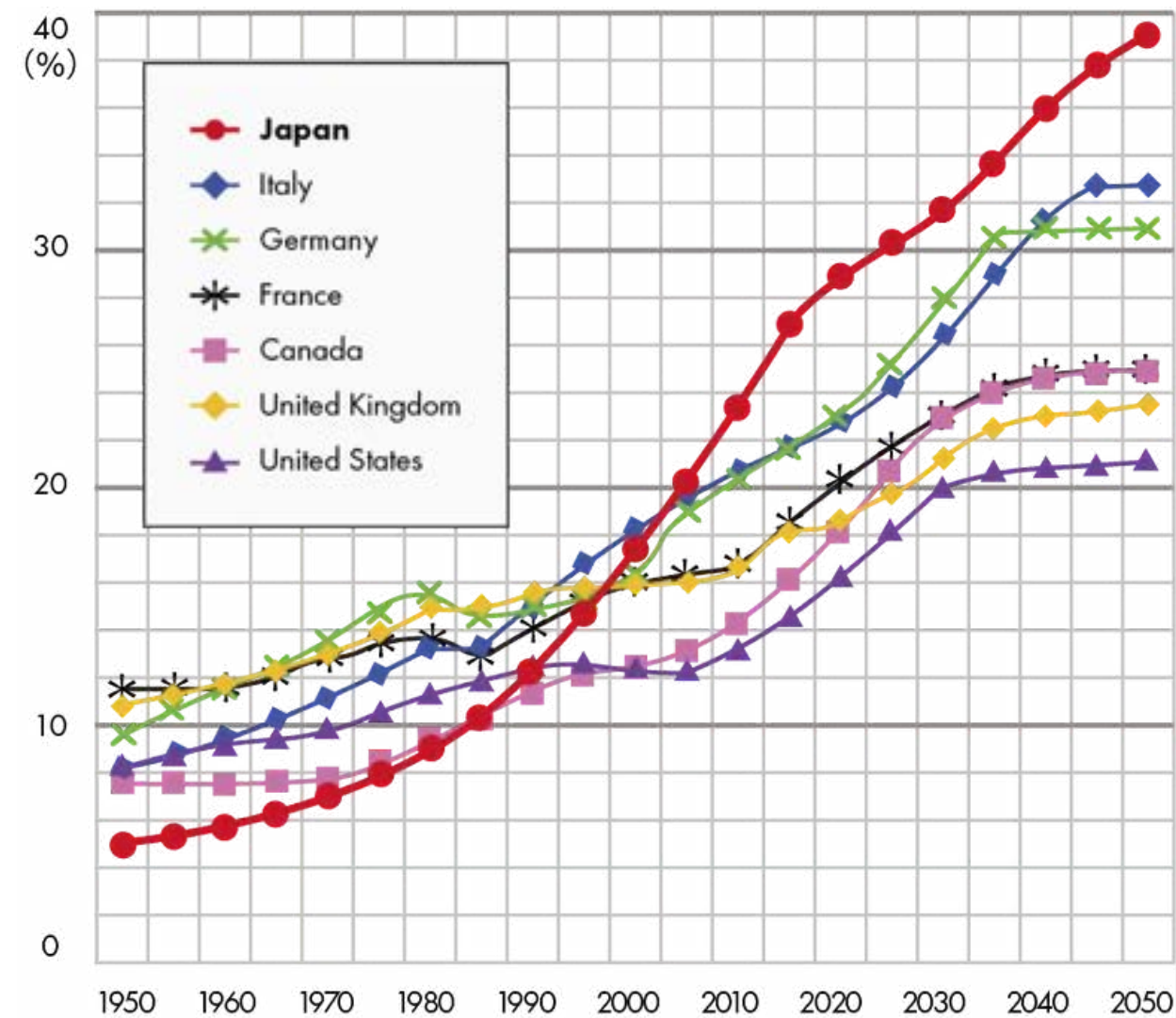
These innovations reflect Japan's focus on precision, preservation, and patient-centered care.

03 AI-Powered Precision Surgery, Digital Head & Neck Cancer Care, and the Aging Era

ORL-HNS doctors leverage **AI-powered precision surgery** and digital tools to address these challenges. And as the world's **most rapidly aging society**, Japan faces a surge in age-related disorders, including head and neck cancers. Our advanced clinical solutions offer **vital insights for the future of global medicine**.



— Global Trends in Population Aging: Comparative Analysis of G7 (1950–2050) —

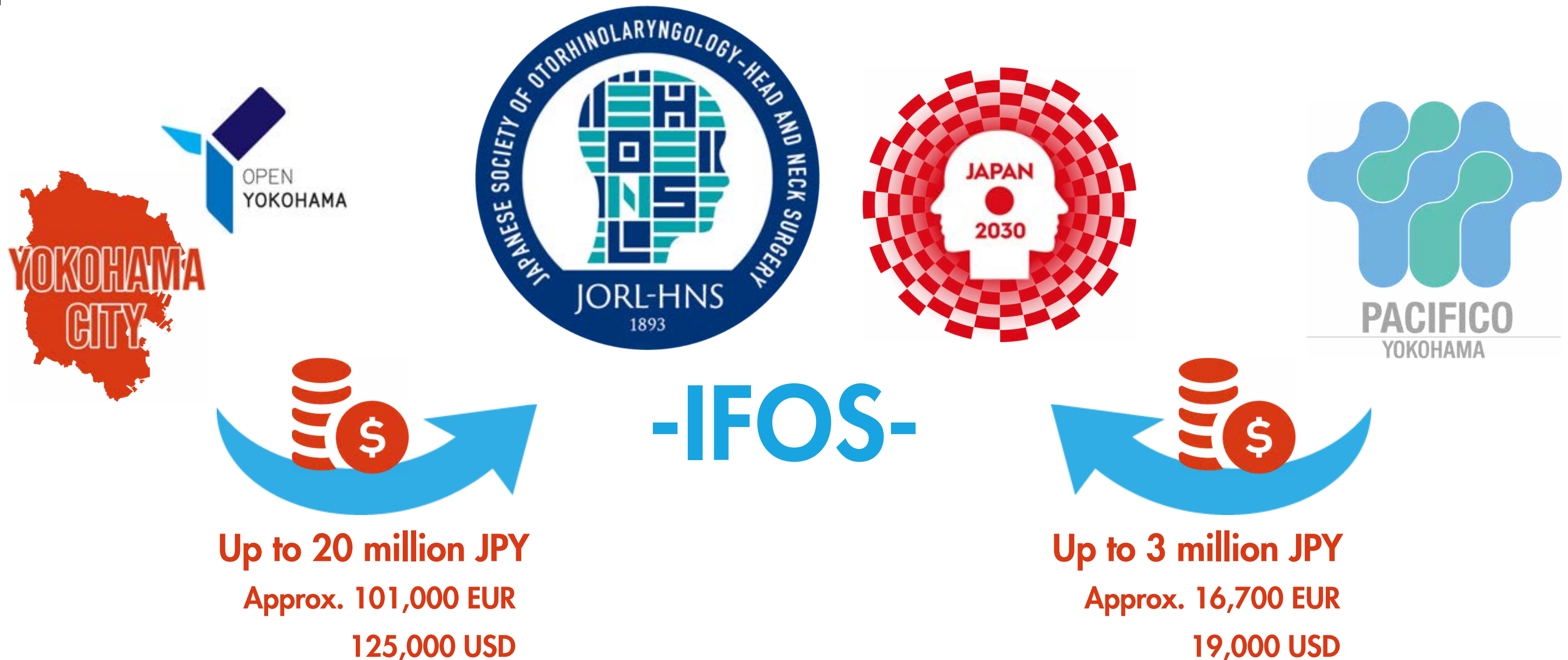


JORL-HNS promotes hearing checks at **60 through a national campaign** via over media, including TV, radio and websites, featuring a **1980s pop icon, KONDO Masahiko**.

04 Economical Friendliness

Financial Support Up to 23 Million JPY

Yokohama and PACIFICO Yokohama offer subsidies of **Up to 23 million JPY to support IFOS 2030**, covering venue and promotion expenses.



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In Japan, excellence doesn't have to be expensive.

Japan offers a world-class conference experience—superb hospitality, safety, and cuisine—at nearly half the cost of major Western destinations.

— Comparison of Food and Travel Costs (Japan / USA / EU) —

Item	Tokyo (Japan)	New York (USA)	Paris/Berlin (EU)
Big Mac	¥480 (\$3.15)	\$6 – 8	€4 – 5
Starbucks Latte	¥495 (\$3.25)	\$5 – 6	€4 – 5
Ramen	¥700 – 1,000 (\$4.6 – 6.6)	\$15 – 18	€10 – 14
Taxi (5 km)	¥2,000 – 2,300 (\$13 –15)	\$15 – 20	€12 – 18
4-Star Hotel (1 night)	¥18,000 – 25,000 (\$120 – 165)	\$250 – 350	€150 – 220

— The Big Mac Index —



05 Accessibility Convenient from Anywhere in the World

Yokohama is served by Narita and Haneda airports, with **2,686 weekly international flights to 98 cities in 41 countries and regions**. Over 60 airlines operate routes to Japan. **PACIFICO Yokohama is just 30 minutes** from Haneda Airport and easily accessible via rail, offering smooth travel for delegates.

— Direct flights from major cities (As of April 2025) —

Europe 16 cities

- Amsterdam
- Brussels
- Copenhagen
- Frankfurt
- Helsinki
- London
- Paris
- Madrid
- Rome
- Stockholm
- Vienna
- Warsaw
- Zurich

and more

Americas 24 cities

- Atlanta
- Boston
- Chicago
- Dallas
- Denver
- Detroit
- Honolulu
- Los Angeles
- Mexico City
- New York
- San Francisco
- Toronto
- Vancouver

and more

Asia and Middle East 50 cities

- Bangkok
- Beijing
- Delhi
- Dubai
- Hong Kong
- Istanbul
- Jakarta
- Kuala Lumpur
- Manila
- Seoul
- Shanghai
- Singapore
- Taipei

and more

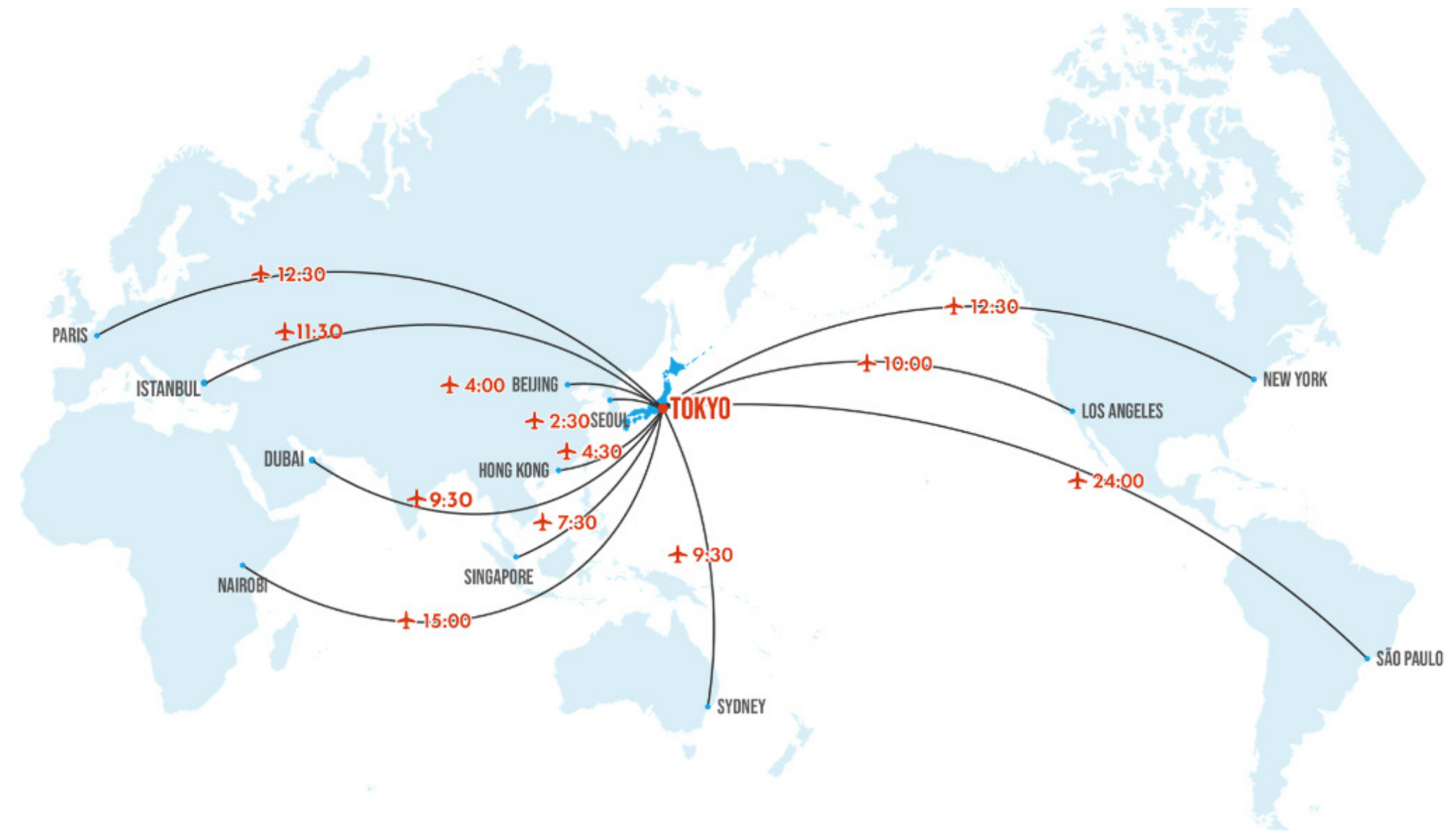
Oceania 8 cities

- Auckland
- Brisbane
- Melbourne
- Sydney

and more

06 Visa Smooth Access for Delegates

Japan currently allows **visa-free short-term stays for citizens of 74 countries** and regions (as of September 2025). Nationals of China, Russia, CIS countries, Ukraine, Georgia, the Philippines, Vietnam, and others require a visa, but clear procedures are in place. The Local Bid Committee will **support IFOS 2030 participants with visa applications as needed**.





Social Program

Experience Japan Beyond the Congress

Japan offers a safe environment full of hospitality – and invites you to experience its culture.

Immerse yourself in traditional activities such as tea ceremony, Zen meditation, and summer firework displays. Explore historic temples, taste globally recognized...

The experience of *Omotenashi*, the Japanese spirit of heartfelt hospitality, will leave a lasting impression.



“Kabuki”

The magnificent Kabuki-za Theatre in Tokyo, staging dynamic and visually stunning performances, is only a 60-minute direct train ride from Yokohama. Enjoy Japan's UNESCO heritage art form as a spectacular evening social program.

“Japanese sake”

Enjoy carefully selected premium Japanese sake while receiving a lecture from experts on Japan's unique brewing techniques, experiencing a facet of Japanese food culture.

“Tea ceremonies”

Experience Japan's distinctive "chanoyu" tea culture through the rich flavor of matcha and its calming preparation method. Learn proper etiquette and enjoy traditional Japanese sweets - a truly unique experience.

“Zen meditation”

Based on Zen Buddhist philosophy, *Zazen* meditation focuses on posture, breathing, and mindfulness, bringing inner peace and self-awareness.



Accommodation in Yokohama

Comfort Within Reach

Yokohama offers over 20,000 hotel rooms—from five-star luxury to budget-friendly options. Many properties are within walking distance of PACIFICO Yokohama, ensuring convenience for every guest. Room rates shown below are average prices between summer and winter 2024 and may vary by season and demand.

Star Rating	Number of Rooms	Average Cost Per Room		
		JPY	USD	EURO
★★★★★★	319	—	—	—
★★★★★	2,679	¥33,073	\$206.10	€179.06
★★★★	2,670	¥19,795	\$123.35	€107.17
★★★	11,583	¥13,371	\$83.32	€72.39
★★	2,325	¥11,227	\$69.96	€60.79
★	544	—	—	—
Total	20,120			

The hotel's star rating is unique to Yokohama

Excursions in and around Yokohama

All within 2 hours by train or car

Recommendations in Yokohama

Yokohama Chinatown

The largest Chinatown in Japan with vibrant streets to explore and authentic Chinese cuisine to savor.

Within 10 min by train

Sankeien Garden

A Traditional Japanese garden with historic architecture and seasonal beauty.

Within 25 min by bus or taxi

Hakkeijima Sea Paradise

A Marine park with aquariums, rides, and oceanfront views.

Within 40 min by train



Recommendations for Day Trips

Tokyo

Urban culture, shopping, and historic districts like Asakusa and Shibuya.

Within 30 min by train

Kamakura

Coastal town with temples, shrines, and the Great Buddha statue.

Within 30 min by train

Hakone

Hot springs, lake cruises, and views of Mt. Fuji.

Within 90 min by train

Mt. Fuji (Fujisan area)

Japan's symbolic peak for climbing and hiking with scenic views of lakes and breathtaking nature.

Within 2 hr by train or bus



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