2024-03 Tokyo meeting information

The 2024 winter/spring meeting of the WG21 C++ standards committee is being hosted by ITSCJ/SC22 and organized by Woven by Toyota on March 18–23, 2024, online via Zoom and in person at Belle Salle Tokyo Nihonbashi, 2-7-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-6005, Tokyo Nihonbashi Tower, on the 5th floor.

2024年冬／春のWG21 C++ 標準委員会の会議がITSCJ SC22専門委員会の主催、ウーブン・バイ・トヨタの運営で開催されます。期間は2024年3月18日から23日までで、オンライン（Zoomを通じて）及び対面で行われます。対面の会場はベルサール東京日本橋、東京都中央区日本橋2-7-1、東京日本橋タワーの5階となっております。郵便番号は103-6005です。心よりお待ち申し上げております。
Participation

In-person

For in-person participation, please register with ISO. The organizers need your name to provide badges to attendants and a count of attendees to provide adequate snacks and drinks.

Virtual

Zoom participation information and updates will be provided before the meeting via the "meeting" email list and on the Tokyo 2024 meeting wiki. Please also register your virtual attendance with ISO. Participation information is available from the ISO C++ website.

Travel, transportation

There are two large international airports in the Tokyo area: Narita and Haneda. Both will get you to Tokyo comfortably. Read more about Narita and Haneda.

Tokyo has amazing public transit. Do not get a car (especially if you drink; the law is zero-tolerance, just one glass is unacceptable). Belle Salle Tokyo Nihonbashi is on the Ginza (orange) line, station G11 Nihonbashi. There are many other subway stations within walking distance.

If you want to travel in Japan before or after your trip, we recommend taking the Shinkansen train (unless you want to fly to another island). If you want to travel in Tokyo, we recommend using public transit or the amazing taxi services (for example, through the GO taxi app for iOS / Android). You can
pay for public transit using either Suica or PASMO cards, which you can install on your smartphone in advance or purchase a physical card at many stations. Within Tokyo, these cards can be used interchangeably; however, the Suica card, which is offered by Japan Rail East, can be used on the light rail trains that provide access to the suburbs. Read more about Suica / PASMO from Japan Living Guide. Read more about transportation in Japan.

Accommodations

Nihonbashi is a downtown Tokyo (Tokyo has many "towns") and there are many hotels around Nihonbashi, with a wide variety of styles and prices. Some are across the street, some are a few subway stations away. There is no negotiated “room block” with any hotels. We recommend you avoid "brand name" hotels and try a local Japanese hotel; they are less expensive and quite nice, albeit small compared to Western hotel rooms. For example of nearby hotels and price ranges, Hotel Ryumeikan Tokyo and Keio Presso Inn Tokyo Station Yaesu cost around ¥20,000 per night, Shangri-La Hotel Tokyo costs around ¥130,000 per night, and Bvlgari Hotel Tokyo costs around ¥500,000 per night. You might even consider getting a hotel that has an onsen (温泉).

Meals and refreshments

We will be offering snacks and drinks during morning and afternoon breaks, but do not plan to offer breakfast, lunch, nor dinner. There are many restaurants in Nihonbashi, most are small and unlikely to fit large groups.

Attractions

The dates we selected are likely to be near or during 🌸 cherry blossom season (サクラ) 🌸. This is a beautiful time of the year in Japan, with many
activities such as hanami (花見). The weather is nice, though there is sometimes rain.

**There are many attractions in Tokyo and Japan.** For example, the March Sumo Tournament will be held in Osaka, 2024 March 10–24.

**Miscellaneous**

We have [created a PDF that outlines what people think about when relocating to Japan](#). It offers interesting information for those of you who have not been to Japan yet.

Japan uses the Yen as its currency. Many websites suggest bringing cash, but credit cards work in most of Tokyo. The organizers rarely use cash.

Japan's official language is Japanese, with 3 writing systems that are used concurrently: hiragana, katakana, and kanji. That said, modern Japan has much signage in ローマ字 (rōmaji, the Roman/Latin alphabet), which you will be able to read. Most Japanese in Tokyo service industries speak English. You will be fine.

Most visitors [will not need a visa for a short-term stay](#). Please confirm requirements with your national body. The Japanese national body [ITSCJ](#) can provide an invitation letter for the time of the meeting (but not for extra vacation stay). Please contact cpp@woven.toyota if you are in this situation.