

Access to Nara

Transportation to Nara from abroad is shown in the following diagram. The most convenient means of transportation is to take a direct flight to the Kansai International Airport (KIX). From there, the simplest route to Nara is by the Airport Limousine Bus, which takes approximately 85 minutes to arrive at Nara Hotel and Nara Station (Kintetsu and JR lines). This costs ¥1,800 one way, per person. Buses depart from stop No.9 and are scheduled to depart approximately once every 60 minutes. Should there be any inquiries regarding access to Nara, please ask at the Information Desk at the airport on the first floor in front of the arrivals area.

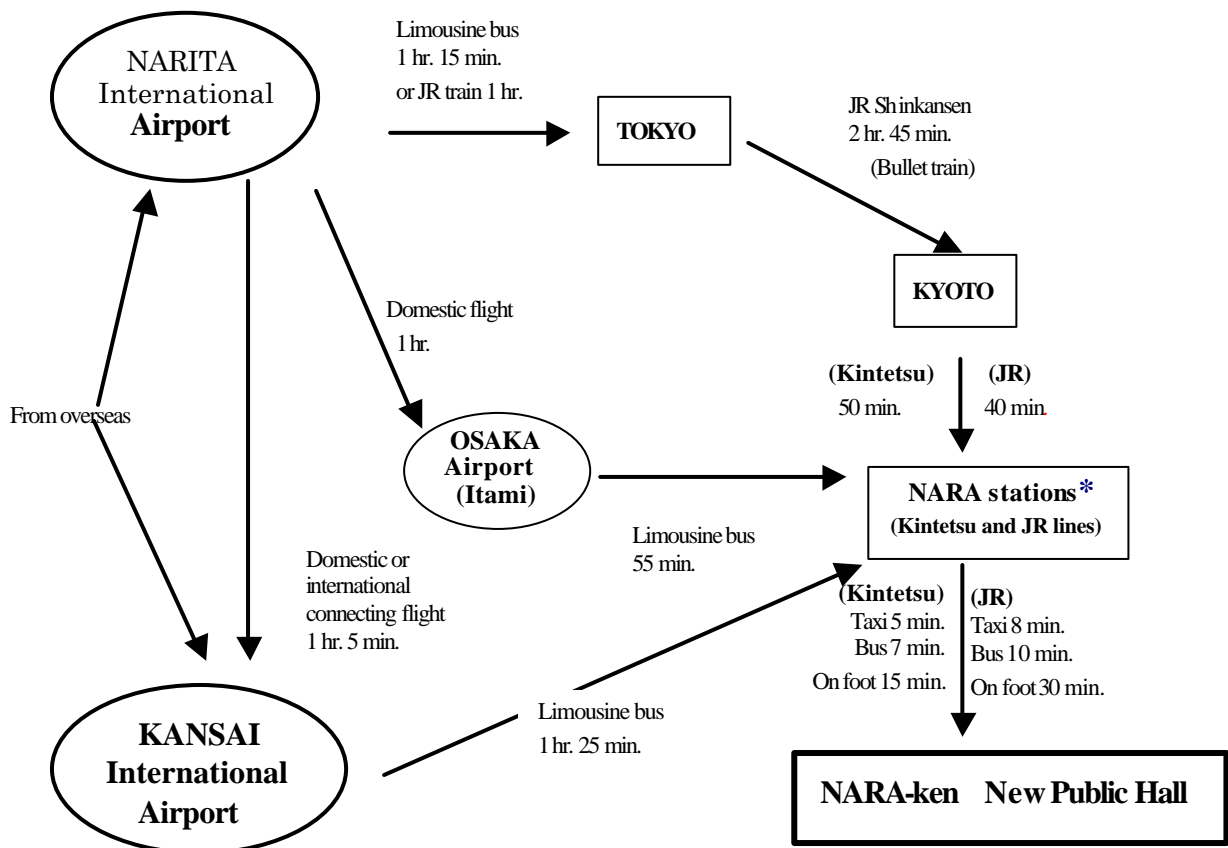
Limousine bus time table

Kansai Airport + Osaka Airport http://www.kate.co.jp/pc/time_table/time.html

From Nara Station, city bus numbers 2 or 6, or buses bound for Takabatake-cho may be taken to bus stop, “Daibutsu-den Kasugataisha Mae” (approximately a five-minute ride). From there it is only a three-minute walk to the Nara-ken New Public Hall (Shin-kokaido). Buses run every five minutes. The basic fare for a taxi is ¥590 per 1.5km. The cost of a taxi from JR Nara Station, or Kintetsu Nara Station to the Nara-ken New Public Hall (Shin-kokaido) should be around ¥680~¥800.

Nara-ken New Public Hall <http://www.shinkokaido.jp>

It is recommended that participants planning to travel in Japan purchase a Japan Rail Pass. This pass encompasses all JR trains including the Bullet train (Shinkansen) and the Narita Express. Please note that this pass must be purchased prior to arrival since it can not be purchased in Japan. The price for a 7-day pass is about ¥30,000.



*Two Nara stations (Kintetsu and JR) are the nearest ones to the Conference Site.