

The 31st Population Census Conference

“The Impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 Round of Censuses and How to Overcome the Ensuing Challenges”

Tokyo, Japan, November 29 – December 1, 2022

Hosted by the Association of National Census and Statistics Directors of America and the Pacific (ANCSDAAP)
in cooperation with the Statistics Bureau of Japan (SBJ)

<Information for Conference Participation>

We look forward to your attendance at the 31st Population Census Conference, which will be held November 29 – December 1, 2022 (Tuesday – Thursday) in Tokyo, Japan.

Participation in the conference is by invitation only. In most cases, invitations are sent to census/statistics offices and relevant organizations, who then inform ANCSDAAP who will represent their office.

Participants are advised to read all of the items in this document carefully in order to facilitate the arrangements for your participation in the conference.

1. Conference-related Information

◆ Introduction

The conference is organized by ANCSDAAP in collaboration with the Statistics Bureau of Japan (SBJ). The theme of the conference is “The Impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 Round of Censuses and How to Overcome the Ensuing Challenges”. Although this is the general theme, there will be room for papers and presentations on other census-related topics of interest that do not fit directly into the general theme. The conference is expected to foster communication and collaboration regarding new technologies for census and statistical information on the world’s populations and their characteristics.

◆ Advance Registration

To facilitate arrangements for the conference, participants are requested to register in advance by visiting the ANCSDAAP website (<http://ancsdaap.org/>) **no later than November 4, 2022.**

◆ Papers and Presentations

Census and statistics offices and other invited agencies may send more than one participant to the conference. Due to limited space on the conference agenda, however, there can be only one presentation per census/statistics office or other agency. The host country, Japan, is an exception and will make more than one presentation.

To set the conference agenda, participants are requested to inform the secretariat of ANCSDAAP and the Conference Coordinator of the title of their presentation via the Conference Registration Form, which will be described shortly. It is advised to send the abstract of the paper (1-2 pages) to the secretariat no later than October 28, 2022 so that the conference agenda can be drawn up.

Presenters may use PowerPoint or Adobe Acrobat full screen for their presentations. Papers in MS Word and/or presentations in PowerPoint or Adobe Acrobat should be sent by e-mail to the Secretariat of ANCSDAAP (secretariat@ancsdaap.org) no later than November 15, 2022.

◆ **Contact Information**

For information regarding the conference agenda, participants may contact the ANCSDAAP Secretariat:

ANCSDAAP Secretariat

E-mail: secretariat@ancsdaap.org

Phone: (82 70) 4466 8030, (82 70) 4466 9088

For information on local logistical arrangements in Tokyo, Japan, and/or if you are in need of a conference invitation letter to fulfill Japanese visa requirements, please contact Ms. Tomoyo Ebisawa, the conference coordinator at SBJ:

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◆ **Venue and Opening Session**

The 31st Population Census Conference will be held in Tokyo, Japan.

**Detailed venue information will be provided later.*

After arriving at the conference venue, participants are asked to visit the registration counter of the venue between 9:00 and 9:30 AM on November 29, 2022 to pick up their conference materials and name badge.

The opening session will be convened at **9:30 AM on Tuesday, November 29, 2022.**

All conference sessions will be held in a same venue.

For your safety, please follow the local guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including wearing masks during the conference.

◆ **Allowances**

As indicated in the invitation letter, **each participant should cover their own travel expenses incurred for attending the conference.** Provision of the conference lunches and dinners will be confirmed later considering the COVID-19 situation.

2. Travel and Accommodation Arrangements

◆ Visa Requirements

Participants should check with the Japanese embassy or consulate in their country regarding visa requirements. If necessary, please obtain the appropriate entry visas in advance. To apply for the appropriate entry visa to Japan, participants are required to contact the respective Japanese diplomatic missions or consulates for accurate information regarding visa application procedures and required documents.

* Please visit the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan for more information:
http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

◆ COVID-19 Border Measures

For border measures related to COVID-19, please check the latest information and get ready to enter into Japan: https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html

The new measure from June 1, 2022*

- All travelers have to submit a certificate of negative test result conducted within 72 hours departing from the country/region where travelers stay when entering Japan. Airline companies will reject boarding those without the certification.
- All countries/regions are categorized as “Red”, “Yellow” and “Blue”. **Participants from “Yellow” countries/regions are strongly recommended to obtain a valid COVID-19 vaccination certification (3-doses, designated vaccination only), to be exempt from 3-day hotel quarantine and arrival PCR test.** The list of designated vaccination can be referred from here: https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/border_vaccine.html

Participants from “Red” countries/regions need 3-day quarantine at a specific facility designated (without a vaccination certification) or minimum 3-day hotel quarantine (with a certification), as well as negative result of PCR during the quarantine.

* The measures including the grouping of “Red”, “Yellow” and “Blue” will be changed frequently without announcement. Please always get the newest information from these websites.

Participants who need to stop over in other countries should also obtain the appropriate transit visas. And participants are also required to take note which grouping of COVID-19 measure the country wish to stop over is belonged to. If you have questions regarding entry to Japan, please contact Ms. Tomoyo Ebisawa at stat-general@soumu.go.jp

Please obtain visas well in advance of the conference.

◆ **Transportation and Hotel Arrangements**

Conference participants should make their own arrangements for travel to and from Tokyo. Participants are expected to arrive on Monday, November 28, 2022 and depart on Friday, December 2, 2022.

(1) Public Transportation Access:

There are taxis, rental cars, mass transit railway lines, trains and limousine buses that you can use to travel around the city or commute between your hotels and the conference venue. Driving in Japan is on the left side of the road.

⁽²⁾ Please refer to this website for Airport Limousine Bus transportation from Narita or Haneda International Airport city at <https://webservice.limousinebus.co.jp/web/en/>

(2) Conference Hotel Lodging information will be provided later via email and ANCSDAAP website

3. Local Information

◆ **Local Currency and Exchange Rates**

Participants are advised to exchange home-country currency to Japanese Yen (JPY) either within their own country or at the money exchange facilities in Narita or Haneda International Airport. Also main currencies like the US dollar or euro can be exchanged at the conference venue or exchange counters located at banks, post offices, and hotels around the conference venue.

The current exchange rate is approximately 100 JPY to one US dollar. International credit cards such as American Express, Visa, and Master Card are accepted at most hotels and shops.

Currency exchange facilities are available at hotels and all over Tokyo. Bank opens from 11:00 to 19:00 hours, with no lunch break, from Monday to Friday.

◆ **Traveler's Insurance**

Each participant is encouraged to buy international traveler's insurance covering the entire duration of their stay in Tokyo. The host and secretariat will not be responsible for personal accidents or damage to the private property of participants. It is highly advisable for participants to make their own arrangements with respect to personal insurance in advance of attending the conference.

◆ **Bring Own Electronic Device and Internet Services**

You can view the presentation materials using your own electronic device such as mobile phone, tablet PC, etc. through the online website at the conference venue. Free Wi-Fi will be provided in the conference venue. Complimentary Wi-Fi will also be provided in all guest and conference meeting rooms.

◆ **Gratuities (tipping)**

Tipping is not customary in Japan. In tourist hotels, a service charge is added to the bill.

◆ *Sightseeing opportunities*

Participants might wish to stay on one or more days after the conference for sightseeing. Visitor information can be obtained from the Official Tokyo Travel Guide at <http://www.gotokyo.org/en/index.html>

Each hotel also has information on things to do and see around Tokyo.

◆ *Weather and Dress Code*

November in Japan is pleasantly crisp. The average outdoor temperature is around 13 degrees Celsius (maximum 17 degrees, minimum 10 degrees). The conference room is temperature controlled and air-conditioned. However, it is suggested that you bring along a jacket and jersey/pullover. The dress code during the conference will be business casual. It is suggested that you bring extra clothes to stay warm. It is usually cool in the evening.

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◆ *Voltage*

The voltage for all electric appliances is 100 volts/50 HZ. Most electrical outlets in Japan take a two flat pin plug.