



IEEE P1904.1 SIEPON Working Group

Meeting Information for April 2011
Kobe, Japan



1. Meeting Dates

April 12, 2011 (Tuesday) - April 14, 2011 (Thursday)

2. Meeting Location

2.1. Venue

KOBE PORTOPIA HOTEL

10-1, 6 Chome, Minatojima Nakamachi, Chuo-ku, Kobe, 650-0046, Japan

Tel. +81 - 78 - 302 - 1111

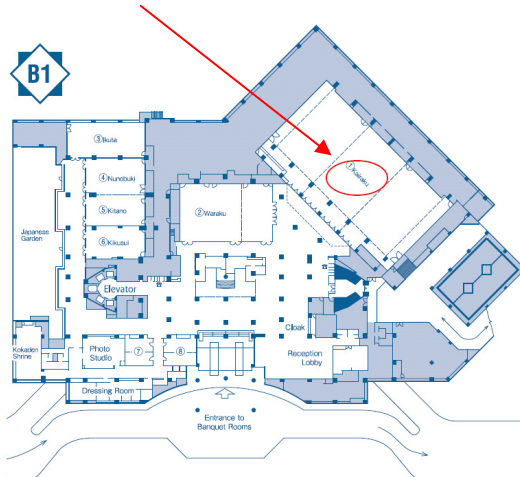
Fax. +81 - 78 - 302 - 6877

<http://www.portopia.co.jp/en/index.html>



2.2. Meeting Room

Room Kairaku, B1F

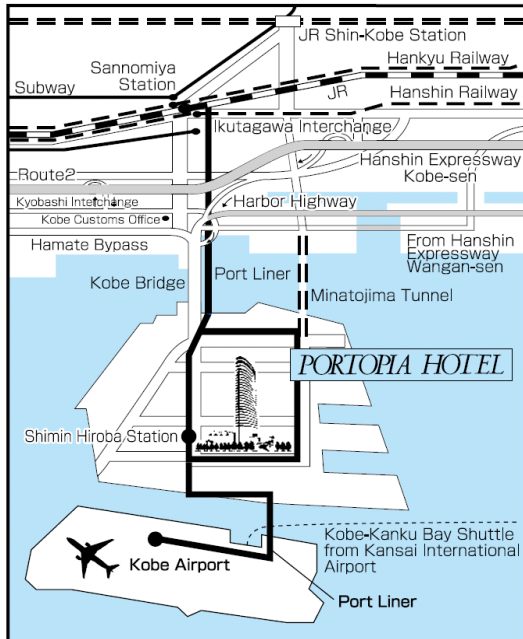


2.3. Location

Hotel Location: <http://www.portopia.co.jp/en/location/index.html>



Local Area Map: <http://www.portopia.co.jp/en/location/location.html>



3. Transportation

3.1. From Kansai Airport (KIX): the closest international airport

Option1 (most recommended): Limousine bus to Sannomiya Station, and free shuttle bus or Port Liner (train)

- Limousine bus from Kansai Airport to Sannomiya Station (65 min every 20 min / JPY 1,900).

You can purchase a ticket at the ticket machine near bus stop No.6.

Bus Stop for Sannomiya is No.6. <http://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/en/access/bus/index.html>

Timetable of limousine bus: http://www.kate.co.jp/pc/e_time_table/e_kobe.html

- From Sannomiya Station to Kobe Portopia Hotel, you can take free shuttle bus or Port Liner
 - Free shuttle bus (see 3.4)
All Participants of IEEE P1904.1 can take free shuttle bus from Sannomiya Station to Kobe Portopia Hotel.
 - Port Liner (train):
Take Port Liner from Sannomiya Station to Shimin Hiroba Station (10 min/JPY240) and walk to hotel (2 min).

Option2: High speed ferry to Kobe Airport and Port Liner (train) to Shimin Hiroba Station

- High speed ferry (called “Bay Shuttle”) to Kobe Airport (40 min every 60 min / JPY 1,500).

High-Speed Ferry (KIX - Kobe Airport) information:

<http://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/en/access/ferry/index.html>

<http://www.kobe-access.co.jp/en/index.html>

- At first purchase a ticket at the High-Speed Ferry ticket counter at the northern end of the 1st floor in Kansai Airport.
- Next take the bus from bus stop No. 12 outside the passenger terminal building on the 1st floor to go ferry terminal (6 min every 60 min). The bus fare is included in the Ferry fare.
- From Kobe Airport to Kobe Portopia Hotel, you can take Port Liner
Take Port Liner (train) from Kobe Airport to Shimin Hiroba Station (8 min/JPY240), and walk to the hotel (2min).

Option3: Local train

- If you are used to take Japanese local train, you can take JR or Nankai train from Kansai Airport to Sannomiya Station with some transfers (typically 110min / JPY 2,000).

NOTE: Taking taxi from Kansai Airport to Kobe Portopia Hotel directly is not usually recommended, because the fare would be very expensive (72 km, typically 70 min / JPY 22,000).

3.2. From Itami Airport (ITM): the domestic airport

- Limousine bus to Sannomiya Station is available from the airport (40min every 30min / JPY 1,020).

Timetable of Osaka Airport Limousine: http://www.okkbus.co.jp/en/timetable/itm/t_kob.html

- From Sannomiya Station to Kobe Portopia Hotel, you can take free shuttle bus or Port Liner

- Free Shuttle Bus (see 3.4)
All participants of IEEE P1904.1 can take free shuttle bus from Sannomiya Station to Kobe Portopia Hotel.
- Port Liner (train)
Take the Port Liner from Sannomiya Station to Shimin Hiroba Station (10 min) and walk to hotel (2 min).

3.3. From Shin-Kobe station: the closest station for the bullet train

To access the Kobe Portopia Hotel from Shin-Kobe Station, all participants of IEEE P1904.1 can take free shuttle bus (25min every 20min). If you take the train from Shin-Kobe to Sannomiya Station with the Kobe City Subway Seishin-Yamate Line, please take free shuttle bus or Port Liner from Sannomiya Station.

3.4. Free Shuttle Bus from Sannomiya Station and Shin-Kobe Station

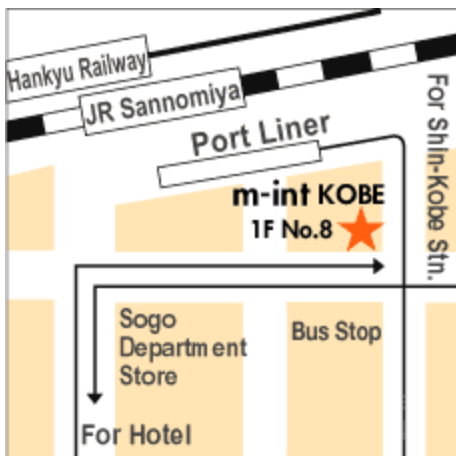
All participants of IEEE P1904.1 (even if you don't stay at the Kobe Portopia Hotel) can get on free shuttle bus from Sannomiya Station and Shin-Kobe Station to Kobe Portopia Hotel.

From Sannomiya Station to Kobe Portopia Hotel: from 8:00 to 21:40 (every 20 min)

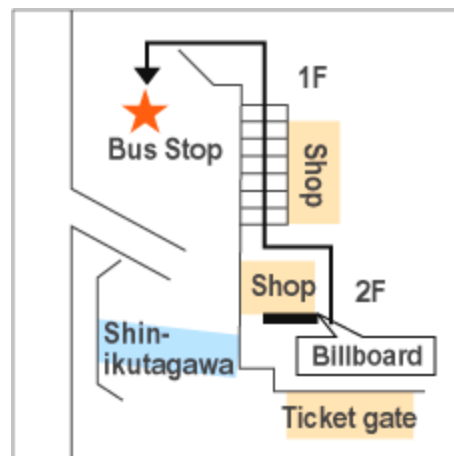
From Shin-Kobe Station to Kobe Portopia Hotel: from 7:50 to 21:30 (every 20 min)

For more information, please see: <http://www.portopia.co.jp/en/location/index.html> (bottom of this page)

★ Sannomiya bus stop



★ Shin-Kobe bus stop
(Shin-Kobe Stn. 1st floor)



If you take a taxi from Sannomiya Station to Kobe Portopia Hotel, it takes about 10min and JPY 1,500.

If you take a taxi from Shin-Kobe Station to Kobe Portopia Hotel, it takes about 20min and JPY 2,000.

4. Hotel Reservations

Twin room in the Kobe Portopia Hotel will be provided for participants of IEEE P1904.1. Please make your reservations **on or before March 31, 2011 to guarantee your room.**

Twin room for single use:

JPY 17,850 per person per night (with breakfast, tax included)

JPY 15,650 per night (without breakfast, tax included)

Twin room for two people:

JPY 10,500 per person per night (with breakfast, tax included)

JPY 8,400 per night (without breakfast, tax included)

Please make your hotel reservation at:

(with breakfast)

http://hotel.reservation.jp/portopia/eng/htl_redirect_cen.asp?h_id=000001&mcc_id=SIEPON&cflg=2&mp_grp_id=LMT&mp_id=SIEPON

(without breakfast)

http://hotel.reservation.jp/portopia/eng/htl_redirect_cen.asp?h_id=000001&mcc_id=SIEPON&cflg=2&mp_grp_id=LMT&mp_id=SIEPOR

To make hotel reservations online please follow these steps:

- Enter length of stay and guests per room, then click 'See' on the first page.
- Select the first day of your stay from April calendar on the second page.
- Enter your name and arrival time, then click 'Next' on the third page.
- Click 'Reservation without register for private page' on the fourth page.
- Enter your personal profile, then click 'Forward Confirmation page' on the fifth page.

5. Meeting Registration

The meeting registration form is available at:

<https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=iecs&formId=96348>

Registration fees for all attendees:

- \$150 USD per attendee if registered on or before March 31, 2011.
- \$300 USD per attendee if registered after March 31, 2011.

6. Hosted Meals

Meeting host will not provide any meals, except drinks (coffee, Japanese tea and water) during meeting.

7. Visa Information

If you require an invitation letter or our assistance to obtain a Japanese visa, please contact Fumio Daido at daido-fumio@sei.co.jp as soon as possible.

8. Visitor Information

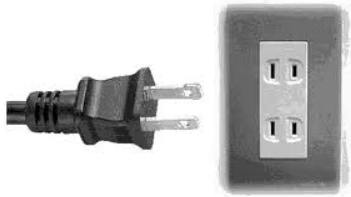
Official Kobe Tourism Site: <http://feel-kobe.jp/en/>

9. Internet Access

The meeting room is equipped with wireless internet access; you will be provided information when you arrive. Guest rooms will have complimentary **wired** internet access.

10. Electricity

The electric current in west Japan is 100V AC, 60Hz. Most outlets take two prong (two flat parallel) plugs.



11. Local Currency

Local currency is Japanese Yen (JPY). As of February 2011, exchange rates are as follows:

USD 1 = JPY 82.2

Euro 1 = JPY 111.7

RMB 1 = JPY 12.5

KRW 13.5 = JPY 1

12. Tipping

In Japan, tipping is neither customary nor expected.

13. Time Zone

GMT +9, Daylight saving time is not introduced.

14. Language

Some Japanese people can speak English, and there are so many signs written in English all around the town.

15. Weather of Kobe

Average temperature in Kobe in April is 11(min)-18(max) degrees Celsius or 52-64 degrees Fahrenheit. April is good season in Japan, but you might be difficult to see cherry blossoms in Kobe area.

16. Contacts

If you have any questions about the meeting arrangements or require any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact:

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