



**International Research
Ship Operators**



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IRSO 2017 – Reminder
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Dear colleagues,

Let us remind you to register for the 30th International Research Ship Operators (IRSO) meeting, due to closing date for registration is coming up.

Please note that we revised meeting program with additional details and events.

Your prompt action is highly appreciated. Closing date for registration is 14 July 2017.

30th IRSO meeting

We are pleased to provide you with details of the 30th International Research Ship Operators (IRSO) meeting, which will be hosted by the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) in Yokosuka (Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan), 16-19 October 2017.

Meeting Venue

The meeting will be held at the hotel "Mercure" in Yokosuka City, Kanagawa Prefecture. Participants can easily access the conference room "Paris" on the fifth floor using the elevator. An Icebreaker will take place at "Place du Etoile" (De plus de etoile) on the top floor (20th floor), 70 meters above the ground. It is an excellent place to enjoy the view of the Yokosuka Port.

Near the meeting venue, you can find a naval base of the US Navy, a base of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), and Mikasa Park, which exhibits the battle ship Mikasa used during the Russo-Japanese War. JAMSTEC headquarters is located in the north part of Yokosuka city.

<http://www.city.yokosuka.kanagawa.jp.e.rb.hp.transer.com/index.html>

30th IRSO Meeting Program

Following the Icebreaker on the evening of 16 October, the IRSO official meeting is scheduled for three days from 17 to 19 October. A facility tour at the JAMSTEC headquarters, including lunch on the research vessel "KAIMEI," will take place on the afternoon of 18 October, followed by "BBQ party" at SHINKAITEI in Yokosuka headquarters.

Conference Dinner and Farewell Party to be held at Kannonzaki Keikyu Hotel on final day.

Registration will open on 16 October 17:00-18:00 and 17 October from 8:00a.m.

Yokosuka Naval Port Cruise & Memorial Ship "Mikasa" on Friday 20 October which is complimentary excursion from Yokosuka City Hall and JAMSTEC.

Schedule:

- Oct. 16th 17:00-18:00 Prior Registration
Foyer @ Hotel MERCURE lobby floor
- 19:00-21:00 Icebreaker
"Place de etoile" @ Hotel MERCURE 20th floor
- Oct. 17th 08:00- Registration
"Paris B & C" @ Hotel MERCURE 5th floor
- 08:30- Formal IRSO meeting DAY 1
- 10:00-10:30 Morning break and Poster session
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch and Poster session
- 15:00-15:30 Afternoon break and Poster session
- 17:30 End of DAY 1
- Oct. 18th 08:30- Formal IRSO meeting DAY 2
- 10:00-10:30 Morning break and Poster session
- 12:00- Transfer to JAMSTEC YOKOSUKA HQ
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch @ "KAIMEI"
- 14:00-16:30 JAMSTEC Facility Tour
- 17:30-19:30 Conventional BBQ @ "SHINKAITEI"
- 20:00 Back to Hotel
- Oct. 19th 08:30- Formal IRSO meeting DAY 3
- 10:00-10:30 Morning break and Poster session
- 12:00- 13:00 Lunch and Poster session
- 15:00-15:30 Afternoon break and Poster session
- 16:30 End of IRSO2017
- 18:00-21:00 Conference dinner and Farewell Party
"Aqua Belle" @ Kannonzaki Keikyu Hotel
- 22:00 Back to Hotel

Hospitality Excursion from Yokosuka City and JAMSTEC:

- Oct. 20th 09 : 15-Noon Excursion for Yokosuka Naval Port &
Memorial Ship "MIKASA"

(Fee for all IRSO attendees and guests, lunch excluded)

Registration fee:

The registration fee for each member participating in the IRSO meeting is 35,000 yen. It will be collected at the registration at 8:00a.m. 17 October, on the morning of Day 1. (Prior registration also available 17:00-18:00 on 16 October)

Credit cards are not accepted, cash only. We apologize any inconvenience caused.

The cost includes refreshments during coffee breaks (17 to 19 Oct.), lunches (17 to 19 Oct.), Icebreaker (16 Oct.), Conference Dinner (19 Oct.), and transportation to/from the JAMSTEC headquarters and BBQ Party (18Oct.). Hospitality excursion is free for all attendees and guests. We recommend that participants arrange to carry a small amount of yen to cover any additional costs that are not covered in the above events.

Your accompanying guests are welcome to join all social events. The guest registration fee is 8,000yen, including Icebreaker, Conference Dinner, Facility Tour and BBQ Party at JAMSTEC.

Confirmation of participation:

Please register at the following website by 14 July 2017.

<https://www.jamstec.go.jp/irso2017/>

Poster:

Poster size is A0 (841mm×1189mm)

Please send us your poster data by email address below and we will print and display it.

In case of any difficulties incurred sending your file, please contact to us by mail.

<mailto:irso2017japan@jamstec.go.jp>

Oral Presentation:

If you planning Oral presentation, please contact to IRSO Chair, Mr. Bauke (Bob) Houtman your agenda and required time for it.

<mailto:bhoutman@nsf.gov>

Hotel information

We recommend all the participants to stay at the meeting venue, "Mercure Hotel Yokosuka".

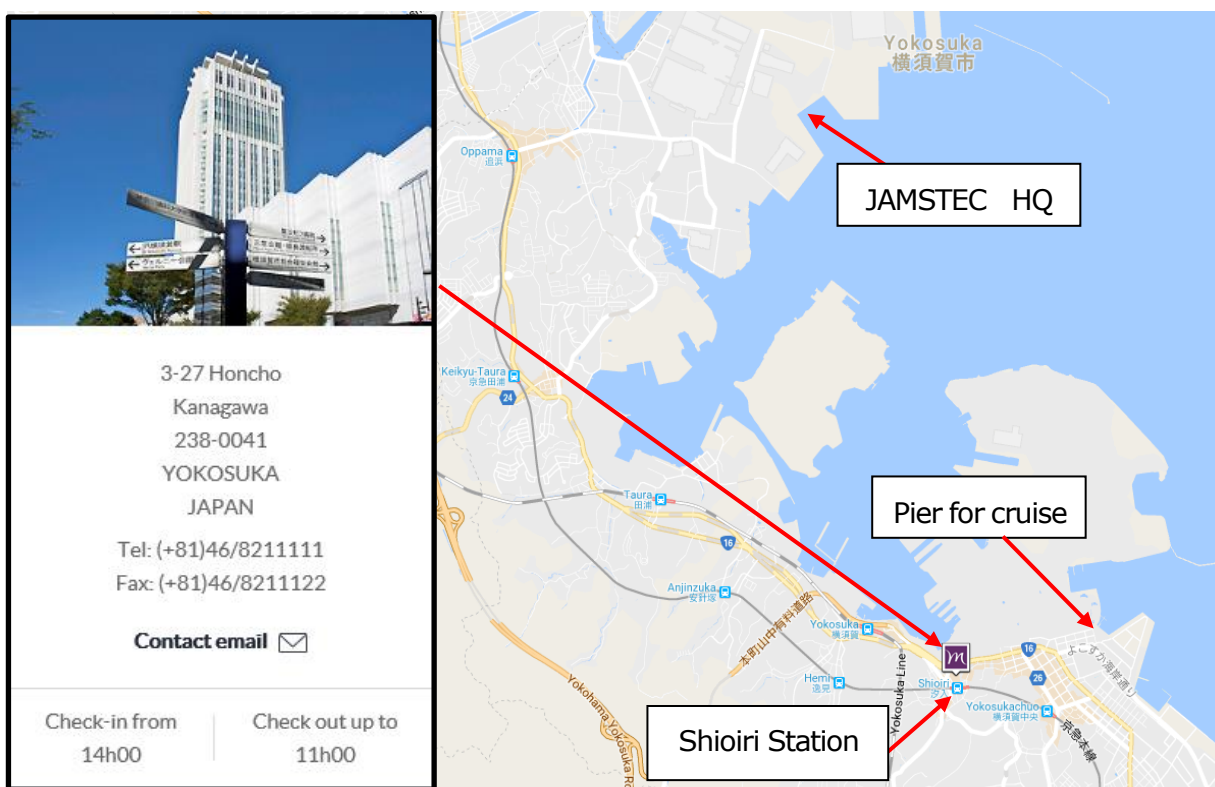
<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-7490-mercure-yokosuka/index.shtml>

If you access the hotel website described above for your reservation, a discounted rate will be available. (The room rate will vary depending on the time you make the reservation.)

Please input "IRSO2017" in "message to the Hotel" at the bottom of the booking page of the hotel website when you make the reservation.

We suggest to make your reservation as early as possible, so you can get advance booking discount

Approximately 90 rooms are available as of the end of June.



Room Rate

Double Bed (16m ²)	Standard	Bay View	Deluxe
1 Person	¥9,000-¥22,500	¥11,100-¥24,600	¥13,200-¥26,700
2 person	¥12,100-¥25,600	¥14,200-¥27,700	¥16,300-¥29,800

2 Single Beds (32m ²)	Standard	Bay View	Deluxe
1 person	¥12,600-¥26,100	¥14,700-¥28,200	¥20,300-¥33,800
2 person	¥15,700-¥29,200	¥17,800-¥31,300	¥23,400-¥36,900

*There are smoking and non-smoking rooms for each type of room except for Deluxe (non-smoking only).

Visa

If you need a formal letter of invitation for your visa application, please contact irso2017japan@jamstec.go.jp **no later than July 14th, 2017**. You are encouraged to check with the Consulate Section of the Embassy or Consulate General of Japan for this detailed information in advance. Some general information is available at http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/#section3.

If you need any help or more information regarding your stay in Yokosuka, please contact the meeting organizing committee at irso2017japan@jamstec.go.jp.

Sincerely,

Kikuo Hashimoto,

Director, Research Fleet Department, Marine Technology Center (MARITEC), Japan Agency for Marine Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) – Meeting Organizing Committee