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Assunto: 1st Kyushu 2023 AQUA Family Newsletter

Dear AQUA Family Friends,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am Thomas Jung of the Fukuoka OC.

Entry for the World Masters Championships – Kyushu 2023 will at last begin starting Tomorrow 1 March, 11:00 UTC.

We at the Organising Committee would like to regularly share useful information with you including how to access the host cities or tourism information.

Your kind assistance in sharing the below information with prospective Masters participants or interested members of your community would be greatly appreciated.

<Information included in today's letter >

【1 Event Information】

【2 How to access Fukuoka from overseas】

【3 Hotel Information】

【4 Cuisine】

【1 Event Information】

We released the Entry Booklet which contains all the necessary information on entry registration and the Visa Guide with information on entry requirements for Japan on the Event official website prior to the start of registration.

<Entry Booklet and Visa Guide >

<https://www.fina-fukuoka2022.org/en/masters/entry.html>

【2 How to access Fukuoka from overseas】

The following countries and regions have direct flights in service to Fukuoka Airport.

- ① Korea: Seoul, Busan, Daegu
- ② Taiwan: Taipei, Kaohsiung
- ③ Hong Kong
- ④ Philippines: Manila
- ⑤ Singapore
- ⑥ Vietnam: Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City
- ⑦ Thailand: Bangkok
- ⑧ Guam

Please see the below website for more detailed information.

List of direct flights to Fukuoka Airport <http://www.fukuoka-airport.jp/en/flight/schedule/index.html?intdom=int> Additionally it is possible to transfer to a flight to Fukuoka Airport from any of Japan's major airports (Haneda Airport, Narita, Airport,

Kansai International Airport) as there are many flights from those airports that service this route.

Fukuoka Airport is also conveniently accessible with a transfer flight from Korea.

Haneda Airport→Fukuoka Airport (approx. 2 hours)

Narita Airport→Fukuoka Airport (approx. 2 hours and 20 minutes)

Kansai International Airport→Fukuoka Airport (approx. 1 hour and 20 minutes)

Incheon International Airport→Fukuoka Airport (approx. 1 hour and 30 minutes)

- ① List of countries with direct flights to Haneda Airport (Tokyo)  
[https://tokyo-haneda.com/en/flight/city\\_list.html](https://tokyo-haneda.com/en/flight/city_list.html)
- ② List of countries with direct flights to Narita Airport (Chiba)  
[https://www.narita-airport.jp/en/city\\_list](https://www.narita-airport.jp/en/city_list)
- ③ List of countries with direct flights to Kansai International Airport (Osaka)  
[https://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/en/flight/kix\\_schedule](https://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/en/flight/kix_schedule)
- ④ List of countries with direct flights to Incheon International Airport (Korea)  
<https://www.airport.kr/ap/en/arr/pasRegSchList.do>

<JR KYUSHU RAIL PASS (A pass that allows for unlimited rail travel throughout the Kyushu area at a reasonable price)> Please see the link below for more information on the bargain excursion pass allowing for travel throughout the Kyushu area which includes the cities where the competition venues will be located; Fukuoka City, Kumamoto City, and Kagoshima City.  
<https://www.jrkyushu.co.jp/english/railpass/railpass.html>

### 【3 Hotel Information】

Although we request that participants make arrangements for their stay in Kyushu for the World Aquatics Masters Championships on their own, a World Championships affiliated travel agent is also selling accommodations plans specifically for Masters participants. We highly recommend utilising this service.

<Accommodations Booking>

◆Fukuoka City (SW,DV, OWS Host City)

[https://va.apollon.nta.co.jp/masters\\_kyushufuk/joho?MODE=top&language=1](https://va.apollon.nta.co.jp/masters_kyushufuk/joho?MODE=top&language=1)

<Reference>

Fukuoka Airport Station→Hakata Station (Fukuoka City Subway: Direct Access 5 min.)

Fukuoka Airport Station→Tenjin Station (Fukuoka City Subway: Direct Access 9 min.)

◆Kumamoto City (WP Host City)

[https://va.apollon.nta.co.jp/masters\\_kyushukmj/joho?MODE=top&language=1](https://va.apollon.nta.co.jp/masters_kyushukmj/joho?MODE=top&language=1)

<Reference>

Fukuoka Airport Station→Kumamoto City Area (Airport Shuttle Bus: 60 min.)

◆Kagoshima City (AS Host City)

[https://va.apollon.nta.co.jp/masters\\_kyushukoj/joho?MODE=top&language=1](https://va.apollon.nta.co.jp/masters_kyushukoj/joho?MODE=top&language=1)

<Reference>

Fukuoka Airport Station→Kagoshima City Area (Airport Shuttle Bus: 40 min.)

There are also plans to offer a bus service (advanced booking required) which runs from transport hubs to the venues. By using this worry-free bus service, your travel time to the venue will be much shorter and more punctual compared to public transport, and the ride guidance service provided by staff ensures a safe and comfortable ride.

Details such as pricing are still yet to be finalised.

We will notify you once details on the start of the sale of these bus tickets have been finalised.

#### 【4 Cuisine】

As a “Gateway to Asia”, Fukuoka City is a leading city in Japan with many land, sea, and air regional transportation functions clustered together.

Of late, Fukuoka City has been gathering global attention for its delicious cuisine, with both the Lonely Planet and New York Times selecting Fukuoka City as a must-visit place in this category.

We recommend that athletes travelling to Fukuoka for the World Aquatics Masters Championships thoroughly explore Fukuoka’s rich cuisine, including the yatai (photo①), ramen (photo②), motsunabe (photo③), sushi (photo④), and tempura (photo⑤). There are also many restaurants that offer all-you-can-drink courses at a reasonable price (usually a 90 min. to 2 hr. all-you-can-drink course).

<Lonely Planet Article>

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/best-in-travel/eat>

<New York Times Article>

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2023/travel/52-places-travel-2023.html#fukuoka>

<Website for recommended restaurants and cuisine>

<https://fukuoka-experience.jp/gourmet>

<Website for recommended tourist places and sites in Fukuoka City/Kyushu region>

<https://fukuoka-kyushu-travel.com/>

The Fukuoka OC will be using the below two accounts to share the newsletter information with our followers.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could also assist us in transmitting the information by engaging with our posts.

<OC Social Media>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fina.fukuoka2022en/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fukuoka2022/>

Please feel free to use any of the attached photos.

We express our deep gratitude for your continuous support and assistance in making the World Aquatics Masters Championships a huge success.

Kindest Regards,

Thomas Jung

Fukuoka OC