

Invitation to
The 7th International Shogi Forum in Kitakyushu

Dear Sirs,

The 6th International Shogi Forum was a great success by virtue of the affiliates concerned. On behalf of the Japan Shogi Association, once again I would like to especially express my gratitude at first to Shizuoka City for their cooperation. At the same time, I would like to also express my gratitude to the people concerned for their cooperation.

After two years and a half, it is my pleasure to inform you that we have decided to hold the 7th International Shogi Forum in Kitakyushu City on Oct. 28 and 29, 2017. Kitakyushu City is known as industrial city and recently highly evaluated in the environmental fields inside and outside of Japan, and in 2011, OECD selected as the first green growth model city in Asia.

Therefore, we are happy to invite you to the 7th International Shogi Forum that will take place in the Kitakyushu International Conference Center.

Since Kitakyushu City has supplied enough financial support this time, we can arrange the transportation and accommodations as almost before. Hereby, we formally ask your kind cooperation for the dispatch of representatives. Thanks to your activities, the internationalization of shogi is still under good progress. I sincerely expect your support and understanding for the 7th International Shogi Forum in Kitakyushu City.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yasumitsu Sato
President of the Japan Shogi Association

Kenji Kitahashi
Mayor of Kitakyushu City

The Outline of the 7th International Shogi Forum in Kitakyushu and 7th International Shogi Tournament

1. Official Title :

The 7th International Shogi Forum in Kitakyushu

2. Hosted by: Kitakyushu City, The Japan Shogi Association,
The 7th International Shogi Forum Committee

3. Auspices of: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Agency for Cultural
Affairs, The Japan Foundation (expected)

4. Special support by: The Yomiuri Shimbun, The Sankei Shimbun,
The Nikkei Shimbun

5. Supported by: Igo & Shogi Channel and other (expected)

6. Cooperated by: Federation of Branches in Fukuoka,
International Shogi Popularization Society

7. Basic Schedule:

27 October, 2017(Fri) Arrival representatives at Rihga Royal Hotel
Kokura from 12:00 until 18:00
Welcome Party 18:00~

28 October, 2017(Sat) International Shogi Tournament (day 1st) 10:00~

29 October, 2017(Sun) International Shogi Tournament (day 2nd) 10:00~

30 October, 2017(Mon) Official Event for Representatives

8. Venue:

International Shogi Tournament:

Kitakyushu International Conference Center

(<http://www.convention-a.jp/en/>)

Welcome Party:

Rihga Royal Hotel Kokura

(<http://www.rihga.com/kitakyushu>)

9. Contents:

- International Shogi Tournament
- International Exchange Party
- Event of Introducing Kitakyushu
- Chess Match
- Displaying & Showing the Making of Shogi Pieces
- Event for the Representatives
- Tournament for Children
- Welcome Party
- Events on Stage

10. Invited countries of The 7th International Shogi Tournament:

Europe	Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Czech, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine
Asia	China, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, Taiwan
Africa	Côte d'Ivoire
Oceania	New Zealand
North America	Canada, USA
Latin America	Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru
Region	Europe (FESA)

39 countries (expected)

11. Tournament format

- (1) All of the representatives will play preliminary match. As a result, they will be divided into two groups which are Group A and Group B.
- (2) In each Group, the final Tournament will be held (estimated 5 matches), and deciding high-rank prize winners.

12. Entry qualification:

Representatives need to be recognized by the host Shogi organization and to own the nationality of the invited country.

13. Treatment of representatives:

Please refer to the attached “Details of Accommodations, Transportation, etc.”

14. Note:

It is banned to alter representative and to transfer the right of representative to anyone without the permission of the Secretariat. The costs of any extension of the length of stay or changing means of transportation shall be borne by the person concerned.

15. Secretariat of the 7th International Shogi Forum

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Selecting Representatives

1. Preliminary tournament

A preliminary tournament can be implemented by a Shogi organization (host organization) formally recognized by the Japan Shogi Association.

2. Method of selecting representatives

You may select representative from your country either by recommendation or by a preliminary tournament.

3. Entry qualification for preliminary tournament

All participants must be nationals of the country where the preliminary tournament is held.

4. Format and entry fee

To be determined by the host organization.

5. Number of representatives

For details, please refer to the attached table “Number of Representatives.”

6. Notice

The ISF 2017 Secretariat regretfully has made the decision not to give the opportunity to participate in the 7th International Shogi Tournament to players who have already participated in all those “recent” three ISF (2008, 2011 and 2014) in a row.

7. Deadlines for submitting replies

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| (1)ISF 2017 Participation Reply Form: | 30th April, 2017 |
| (2)ISF 2017 Registration Form: | 31st August, 2017 |

8. In addition to “ISF 2017 Registration Form”, it is necessary to submit the following items:

- (1) Photocopy of passport to certify representative’s nationality.
- (2) Passport-size photograph of each representative
- (3) Report of qualifying competition: date, place, number of participants, tournament format, photographs of the competition and high-rank prize winners.

Details of accommodations, transportation, etc.

Note: The Secretariat ask all of the representatives to come to Rihga Royal Hotel Kokura in principle on their own.

(1) Representatives from Europe, Oceania, North America and Mexico

The Japan Shogi Association will pay to each of the invited players (i) 100,000 yen for the cost of airfare, (ii) 30,000 yen for transportation costs inside Japan, (iii) hotel charges, including meals in Kitakyusyu for 26th~29th of October, and (iv) 10,000 yen as supplemental cost for 2 nights.

(2) Representatives from Russia, Ukraine and Belarus

The Japan Shogi Association will provide (i) both ways flights (economy discount tickets) between Moscow and Tokyo (Narita Airport), (ii) 30,000 yen for transportation costs inside Japan, (iii) hotel charges, including meals in Kitakyusyu for 26th~29th of October, and (iv) 10,000 yen as supplemental cost for 2 nights.

(3) Representatives from South America

The Japan Shogi Association will provide or bear (i) the costs of both ways flights (economy discount tickets) between the nearest airport (Sao Paulo, Santiago, Mexico City, Lima) and Narita Airport(Kansai Airport) (via US or Europe) (ii) 30,000 yen for transportation costs inside Japan, (iii) hotel charges, including meals in Kitakyusyu for 26th~29th of October, and (iv) 10,000 yen as supplemental cost for 2 nights.

(4) Representatives from Asia

The Japan Shogi Association will provide or bear (i) the costs of both ways flights (economy discount tickets) between the nearest airport (Shanghai, Peking, Seoul, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Mongolia, Kuala Lumpur Singapore and Bangkok) to Tokyo (Narita, Haneda or Kansai Airport). (ii) 30,000 yen for transportation costs inside Japan, (iii) hotel charges, including meals in Kitakyusyu for 26th~29th of October, and (iv) 10,000 yen as supplemental cost for 2 nights.

Representatives who can directly come to Fukuoka Airport (or Kitakyusyu Airport), we provide 5,000 yen for flights.

(5) Representative from Africa

The Japan Shogi Association will provide both ways air tickets between Abidjan and Tokyo (Narita Airport) and (ii) 30,000 yen for transportation costs inside Japan, (iii) hotel charges, including meals in Kitakyusyu for 26th~29th of October, and (iv) 10,000 yen as supplemental cost for 2 nights.

Depending on the flight schedule, the Japan Shogi Association may bear the cost of an additional night's accommodations if it is necessary.

Number of Representatives (expected)

Region	Country	Number			
Europe	Austria	1	Africa	Côte d'Ivoire	1
	Belarus	1	Asia	China	3
	Belgium	1		Hong Kong	1
	Czech	1		Japan	3
	Denmark	1		Malaysia	1
	Finland	1		Mongolia	1
	France	1		Singapore	1
	Germany	1		South Korea	1
	Greece	1		Thailand	1
	Hungary	1		Taiwan	1
	Italy	1		South America	Brazil
	Netherlands	1	Chile		1
	Norway	1	Mexico		1
	Poland	1	Peru		1
	Portugal	1	Oceania	New Zealand	1
	Russia	1	North America	Canada	1
	Slovakia	1		USA	2
	Spain	1	Region	Europe	1
	Sweden	1			
	Switzerland	1			
UK	1				
Ukraine	1				