

UNEP-IETC Global Dialogue: advancing circularity through waste management

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General Information Note for Participants

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Osaka Castle



UNEP-IETC Building



Dotonbori River

(A) General information

(1) Organizers

The event is co-organized by UNEP International Environmental Technology Centre (UNEP-IETC), the Osaka City's Global Environment Centre (GEC), and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).

(2) Meeting Venue

The event will take place in Osaka, Japan, at [UNEP-IETC's](#) office ([Attachment 01](#) for UNEP-IETC's location and [Attachment 02](#) for Osaka Railway Map)

(3) Attending the event

Meals, snacks and refreshments will be offered for the participants during the event.

If you have any dietary restrictions, please inform us individually via email provided in the contact information.

The facility is accessible for people with disabilities, and free wireless internet will be provided.

The event will be held in English, and the suggested dress code is smart casual.

There are space/rooms for participants in case they need to take a private call or hold a bilateral meeting with other participants.

This is a plastic-wise event. Participants are suggested to bring their own water bottles to the meeting. Water for refilling will be provided.

(4) Accommodation

Participants are requested to book their accommodation in accordance with their own wishes and standards, but for information, please see [Attachment 03](#) for a list of suggested hotels around Kyobashi area, which is close to UNEP-IETC's office.

(5) Transportation from Kansai International Airport (KIX) to Kyobashi area

- Public transport tickets can be purchased at vending machines found in all metro and trains stations around Osaka City; whereas for buses this is done within the vehicles, when boarding. We recommend travellers to have cash to purchase tickets, as most of vending machines only accept cash (Japanese yen) and specific [prepaid transportation cards](#).
- If your hotel does not provide transportation or if you prefer to take public transportation, the easiest way to get to Kyobashi area is to take the [JR \(Japan Railway\)](#).
- (Please note that [JR \(Japan Railway\)](#) is different from [Nankai Railway](#). [JR \(Japan Railway\)](#) is accessible from the [blue gate](#) (see [Attachment 04](#) for the airport map.)

- JR has a special train called “**Kansai Airport Rapid Service**” (JR 関空快速・天王寺行) that goes directly to **JR Kyobashi Station (京橋駅)**.
- This train departs approximately every 10 or 20 minutes, usually from Platform 3 or 4. (There are 18 stops in between, but you do not need to change the trains before arriving at **JR Kyobashi Station (京橋駅)** if you take this train.)
- It takes about 80 minutes from the airport to **JR Kyobashi Station (京橋駅)** (JPY 1,210).
- For the train timetable, see **Attachment 05** (*Latest timetable is accessible [here](#)). (Please take the one **in blue** in the timetable for ‘**Kansai Airport Rapid Service**’ (JR 関空快速) that goes directly to JR Kyobashi Station, so that you do not need to change trains.)
- Another option is by taxi. The taxi fare from Kansai International Airport to JR Kyobashi Station is approximately JPY10,000-15,000, and it takes around 50-70 minutes.

(6) Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining any necessary visa for entering Japan as well as any transit visa. For information regarding visa and/or travel documents to Japan, participants are asked to consult the Embassy or Consular mission in their respective country.

(7) Miscellaneous

Time

The time in Osaka is 9 hours ahead of UTC.

Weather

February is winter in Japan. In Osaka, the weather presents low temperatures, ranging from 0° to 10°C, and chances of sudden showers and sometimes persistent wind and blizzards.

Currency and credit cards

The unit of the Japanese currency is Japanese yen. Please note that credit cards are not widely accepted in many establishments, especially in public transport, therefore we recommend travellers to always carry enough cash.

Average meals in Osaka (lunch, dinner) can usually vary between 800 to 1,500 yen (roughly 5 to 10 US dollars).

Electricity and electrical plug

Japan's standard voltage is 100 volts and the frequency is 50 Hz. Power plugs and outlets are type A and type B. More information: <https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2225.html>.

Cell phone data

Prepaid data-only SIM cards is an option if you want to have data in your cell phone in Japan. You may find some booths offering this product right in front of the arrivals exit gate at Kansai Airport. E-SIMs are also an option, and you can buy these online.

Emergency phone numbers

Police: 110

Fire: 119

Visiting Osaka

[Osaka City](#)

[Osaka Castle \(Osakajo\)](#)

[Dotonbori in Osaka](#)

[Kyoto City](#)

(8) Contact

For information about the event, please contact shunichi.honda@un.org

A dedicated webpage for the event will be developed. Please keep an eye on UNEP-IETCs [webpage](#) to get informed, as well as in the social media channels:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/unep-international-environment-technology-centre/posts/?feedView=all>

<https://www.facebook.com/unepietc2020/>

https://x.com/unep_ietc

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UNEP-IETC Office

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- The nearest station is Osaka Metro “**Tsurumi-Ryokuchi**” Station (N26)”, which is 10 min walk to the office.
- Please see **Attachment 02** for Osaka Railway Map and [our website](#) for access.





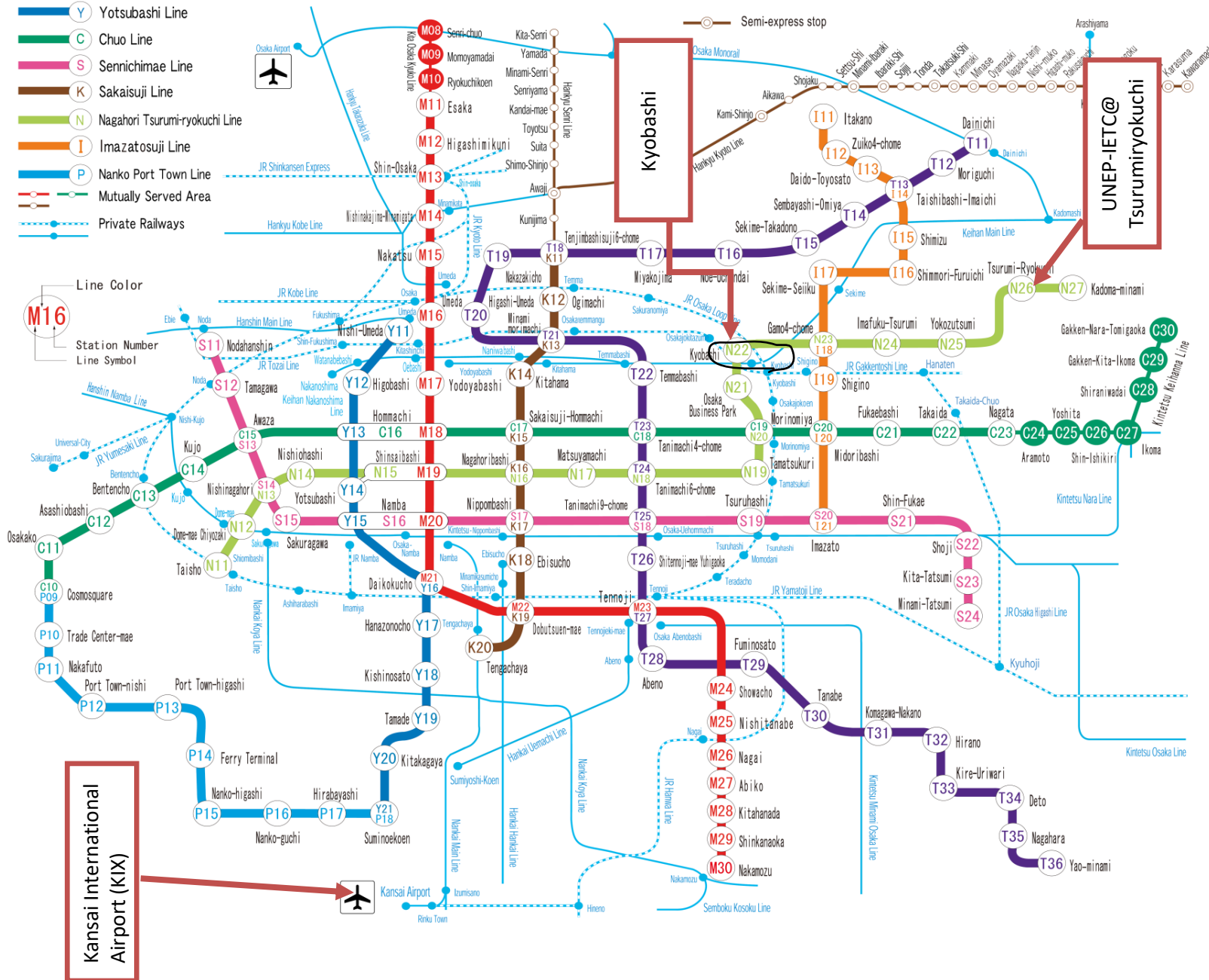
Subway Route Map

Legend

- M** Midotsuji Line
- T** Tanimachi Line
- Y** Yotsubashi Line
- C** Chuo Line
- S** Sennichimae Line
- K** Sakaisuji Line
- N** Nagahori Tsurumi-ryokuchi Line
- I** Imazatosuji Line
- P** Nanko Port Town Line
- Mutually Served Area
- Private Railways

- Line Color
- Station Number
Line Symbol

Railway Map of Osaka

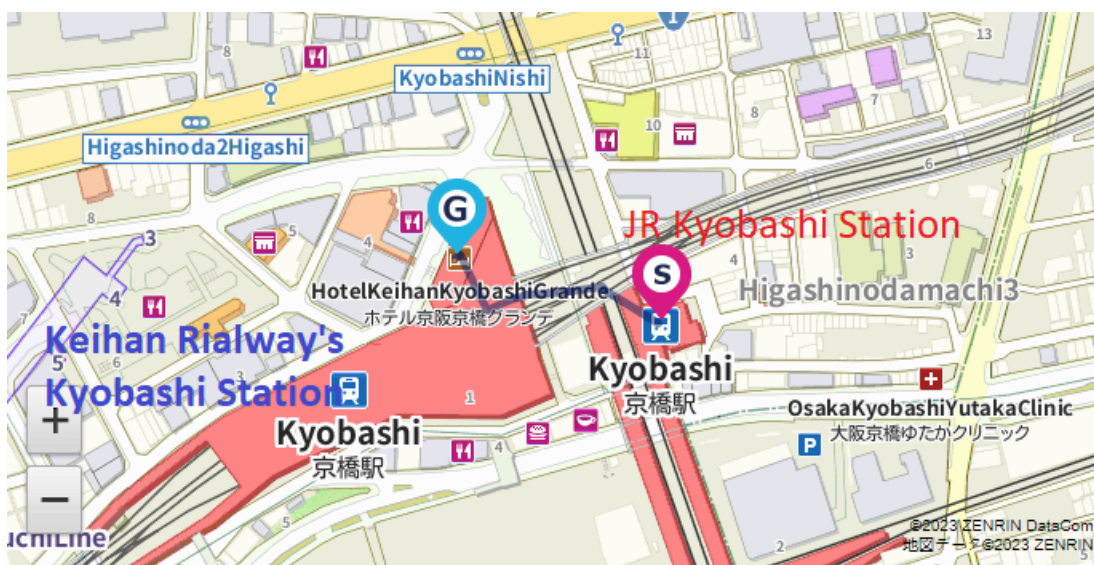


Suggested hotel options in Osaka

The most convenient place to stay is around **Kyobashi Station**, which is close to UNEP-IETC office (located at Tsurumiryokuchi Station of Osaka Metro).

(1) Hotel Keihan Kyobashi Grande <https://kyobashi.hotelkeihan.co.jp/>

- Most convenient hotel to stay in Osaka to visit UNEP-IETC's office as it is the closest to Kyobashi Station, located at the **Keihan Railway's Kyobashi Station** (which is right next to **JR Kyobashi Station**).
- From the hotel, IETC's office is roughly 25 minutes (5 min walk to **Osaka Metro's Kyobashi station** → 9 min by metro to **Tsurumi Ryokuchi Station** → 10 min walk to the office).
- There is no UN special rate.



(2) Hotel Monterey La Soeur Osaka https://www.hotelmonterey.co.jp/en/lasoeur_osaka/

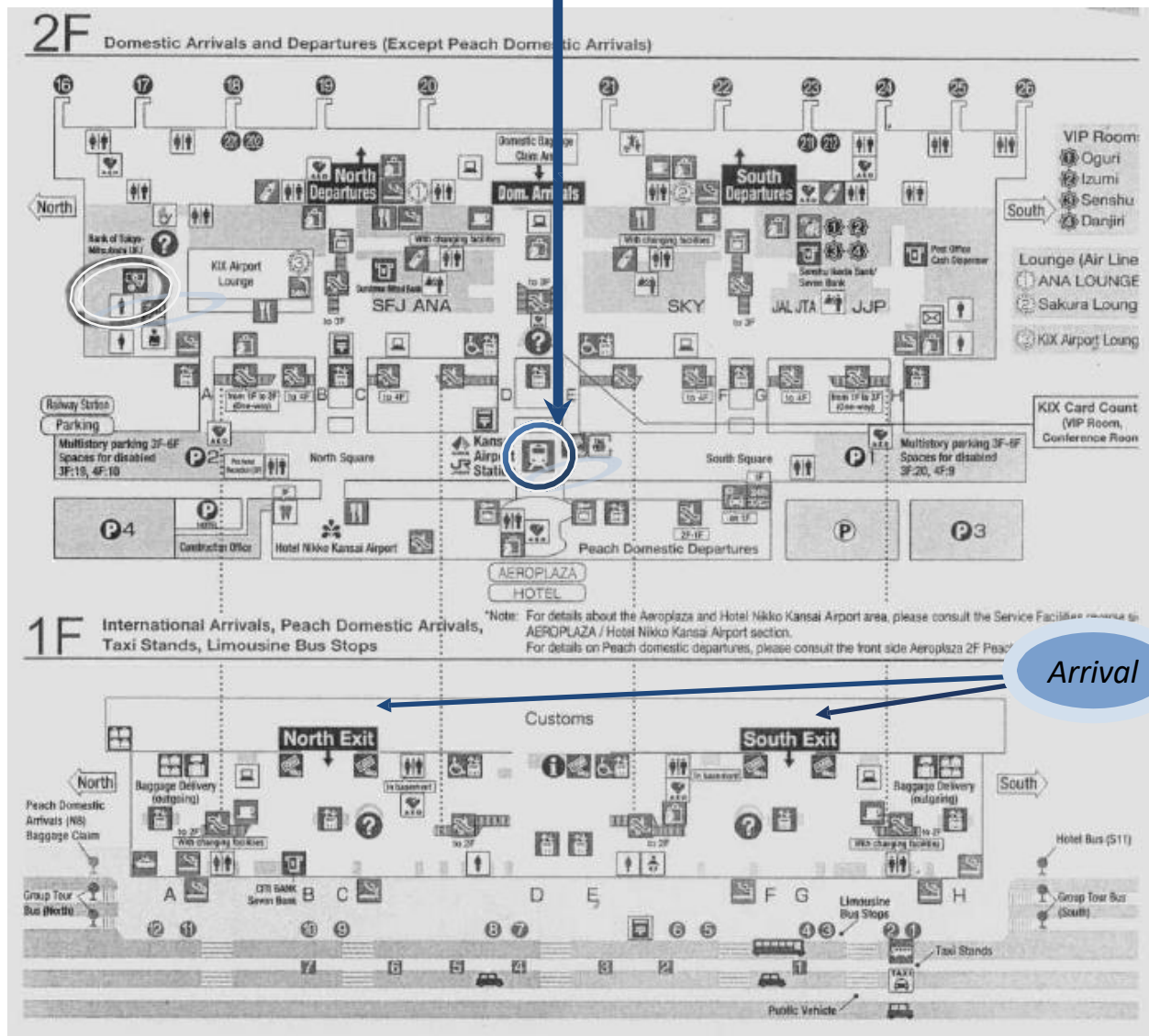
- A bit far from the Kyobashi Station (roughly 8 min walk) but more luxurious and is a little closer to Osaka Castle (around 20 min walk).
- There is no UN special rate.

(3) Hotel New Otani <https://www.newotani.co.jp/en/osaka/>

- A bit far from the Kyobashi Station (roughly 15 min walk) but more luxurious and is closer to Osaka Castle (around 15 min walk).
- Located just outside the **Keihan Railway's Kyobashi Station** (which is right next to **JR Kyobashi Station**).
- There is no UN special rate.

Kansai International Airport Map (Terminal 1)

Railway stations (JR Railway and Nankai Railway) – accessible from the 2nd floor of Terminal 1



Please note that **JR (Japan Railway)** is different from **Nankai Railway**. **JR (Japan Railway)** is the **blue gate** in the below photo.



関西空港駅関西空港線 標準時刻

日根野・天王寺・大阪方面（新大阪・京都方面）

時	土曜・休日 (Weekend and national holidays)				
5	開快 54 大				
6	開快 20 大	特はる 40 京	開快 48 大		
7	開快 18 大	開快 33 大	特はる 41 京	開快 51 大	
8	特はる 8 京	開快 18 大	開快 28 大	特はる 43 京	開快 49 大
9	開快 1 大	特はる 16 京	開快 27 大	特はる 41 京	開快 46 大
10	開快 1 大	特はる 16 京	開快 19 大	開快 31 大	特はる 44 京
11	開快 2 大	特はる 14 京	開快 16 大	開快 31 大	特はる 44 京
12	開快 2 大	特はる 14 京	開快 17 大	開快 32 大	特はる 44 京
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18	開快 2 大	特はる 15 京	開快 19 大	開快 32 大	特はる 45 京
19	開快 2 大	特はる 16 野	開快 19 大	開快 32 大	特はる 45 京
20	開快 2 大	特はる 16 野	開快 19 大	開快 32 大	特はる 46 京
21	開快 0 天	開快 16 大	特はる 25 京	開快 37 大	開快 51 大
22	開快 7 天	特はる 16 京	開快 28 大	開快 50 天	
23	開快 9 大	24 日	43 日		

凡 例

【種別】
特=特急 はる=関空特急はるか 開快=関空快速 無印=普通

【種別】
日=日根野 天=天王寺 大=大阪方面 京=京都 野=野洲

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日根野・天王寺・大阪方面（新大阪・京都方面）

時	平日 (Weekdays)						
5	直快 50 大						
6	直快 26 大	特はる 31 京	直快 41 大				
7	直快 2 大	直快 13 大	特はる 27 京	直快 32 大	直快 45 大	特はる 56 京	
8	関快 4 大	関快 16 大	関快 30 大	特はる 41 京	関快 48 大	関快 59 大	
9	特はる 12 京	関快 18 大	関快 29 大	特はる 42 京	関快 48 大		
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