

**Conference of Plenipotentiaries (Diplomatic Conference)  
on the Minamata Convention on Mercury  
9-11 October 2013  
(7-8 October: Preparatory Meeting)**

**Hotel Nikko Kumamoto and Minamata Cultural Hall, Kumamoto and Minamata, Japan**

**Basic Information (Draft, as of 7 June 2013)**

1. Conference venues

- Hotel Nikko Kumamoto (Preparatory meeting on 7-8 October and Main meeting of Diplomatic Conference on 10-11 October)
  - Minamata Cultural Hall (Ceremonial Opening of the Diplomatic Conference on 9 October)
- (Transfer between two cities (i.e. bullet train and buses) will be provided by the Japanese Government.)

2. Draft Schedule (Meeting language: UN 6 languages + Japanese (for the Diplomatic Conference only))

- Oct. 6 (Sun.) Registration (in Kumamoto)  
Oct. 7 (Mon.) AM: Regional meetings PM: Preparatory Meeting (in Kumamoto)  
Oct. 8 (Tue.) Preparatory Meeting  
Oct. 9 (Wed.) Site visit and Ceremonial opening of the Diplomatic Conference (in Minamata)  
Oct. 10 (Thu.) Diplomatic Conference (in Kumamoto)  
Oct. 11 (Fri.) Diplomatic Conference

3. Accommodations

Participants are responsible for making their hotel reservations. Many hotels are located in Kumamoto city. Eleven hotels located near the conference venue have cooperated with the organizers to provide blocks of rooms for participants. A booking system will be available on 17 June (Japan time).

4. Access

The venues can be reached from Kumamoto Airport or Fukuoka International Airport, where a support desk will be available. Kumamoto Airport is connected by domestic flights from Tokyo International Airport (Haneda) and Chubu International Airport. Fukuoka International Airport has direct international flights from some Asian countries and is connected by domestic flights from Narita International Airport (Tokyo), etc.

5. Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining a visa for entering Japan. Please refer to the information on visa requirements.

\*Additional Information will be provided at a late date.