

Schedule of the Diplomatic Conference on the Minamata Convention (Draft, as of 17 Sep 2013)

	Sun. October 6 Preparation	Mon. October 7 Preparatory Meeting Day 1 (Kumamoto)	Tue. October 8 Preparatory Meeting Day 2 (Kumamoto)	Wed. October 9 Diplomatic Conference Day 1 (Minamata)	Thu. October 10 Diplomatic Conference Day 2 (Kumamoto)	Fri. October 11 Diplomatic Conference Day 3 (Kumamoto)
8:00			Bureau meeting			Bureau meeting
9:00			Registration*	Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Regional meetings
10:00	Registration	Regional meetings	Preparatory meeting	Half Day Travel to Minamata (by Shinkansen)	Diplomatic Conference	Diplomatic Conference
11:00				Full Day Travel to Minamata (by Bus)		
12:00				Study tour		
13:00						
14:00		Exhibitions	Exhibitions	Side events	Side events	Side events
15:00				Tour (incl. lunch) • Remembrance Floral Tributi • Minamata Disease Municipi Museum • Prefectural Environmental Center • Minamata Disease Archives	Bureau meeting	Exhibitions
16:00		Preparatory meeting	Preparatory meeting	Move to ceremony venue	Diplomatic Conference	Diplomatic Conference
17:00				Ceremonial Opening (at Minamata Cultural Hall)		
18:00			Swiss break	Transfer		
19:00				Reception (at Minamata Moyai-kan)	Transfer	
20:00				Travel to Kumamoto (by Bus)	Reception (at Kumamoto Castle)	
21:00						
22:00						

*Registration counter will be open from 6 October (Sun). It will be open from 8:00 to 18:00 daily, except for 6 October from 10:00 to 20:00 (tbc).

**Other optional tours are planned for 12 October by local organisers.