



**Minamata
Convention
on Mercury**



2nd Briefing session on the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the "Minamata Convention on Mercury"

Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and Kumamoto Prefecture
September 17, Tokyo

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Note : For basic logistic information, please refer to the material of the 1st briefing session. <http://www.env.go.jp/en/chemi/mercury/mcm.html>

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Outline of Minamata Convention

Purpose	- To protect human health and the environment from mercury (§ 1)
Supply and trade	- Not allow primary mercury mining (§ 3) - Provide written consent in export and import (§ 3)
Mercury-added products & processes	- Not allow the manufacture, import and export of mercury-added products listed in Annex A (§ 4) - Not allow the use of mercury in manufacturing processes (§ 5)
ASGM	- To reduce and eliminate the use of mercury in ASGM (§ 7)
Emissions and Releases	- Control and reduce emissions releases of mercury (§ 8, § 9) - BAT/BEP for new sources, take measures for existing sources
Storage, wastes and contaminated sites	- Guideline/guidance on environmentally sound management (§ 10 - § 12)
Financial mechanism & technical assistance	- GEF/ Special international Programme (§ 13) - capacity-building, technical assistance, technology transfer (§ 14)
Others	- Health aspects (§ 16), Implementation plans (§ 20), Reporting (§ 21)
Entry into force	- entry into force on the 90 th day after the fiftieth ratification (§ 30)

Draft Schedule (as of 5 September)

	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			Registration*	Bureau meeting		Bureau meeting
9:00		Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Full Day	Regional meetings	Regional meetings
10:00	Registration		Preparatory meeting	Travel to Minamata (by Bus)		
11:00				Half Day	Diplomatic Conference	Diplomatic Conference
12:00				Travel to Minamata (by Shinkansen)		
13:00		Exhibitions	Exhibitions	Study tour	Exhibitions	Exhibitions
14:00		Side events	Side events	Tour (incl. lunch) ▪ Remembrance Floral Tributi ▪ Minamata Disease Municipl Museum ▪ Prefectural Environmental Center ▪ Minamata Disease Archives	Side events	Side events
15:00						
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.

Accommodation

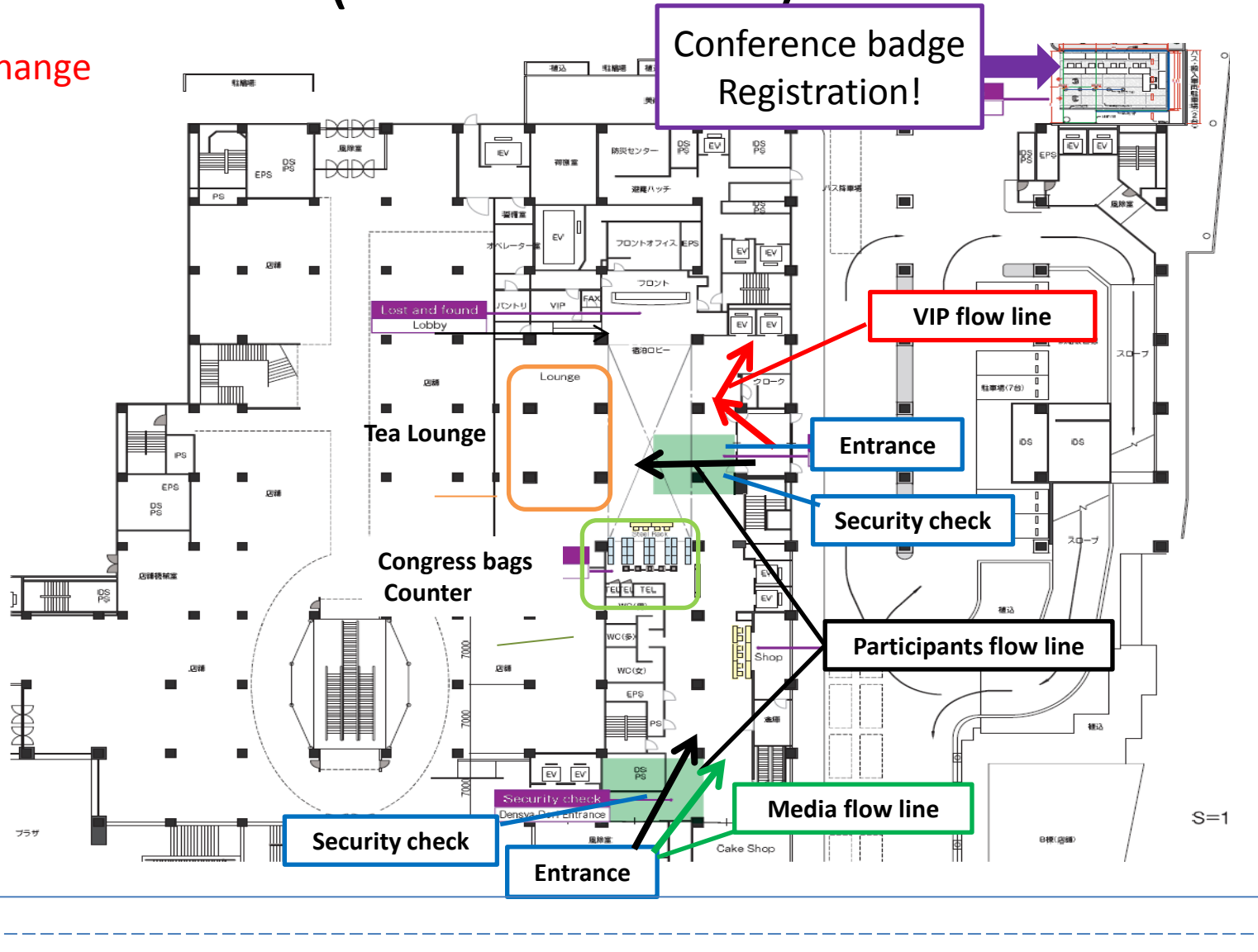
1. Approximately 200 rooms/day in nine hotels near the conference venue are still available through the JTB booking system* on a first-come-first-served basis. Hotel Nikko Kumamoto and Kumamoto Hotel Castle rooms have already been fully booked.

Note: This booking system will be closed on September 20. JTB will continue to help delegations for hotel booking. Please call +81-3-5796-5445 after September 20 or e-mail to minamata2013@gmt.jtb.jp

2. All the suite rooms have already been fully booked. (Note: Suite rooms are available only for minister level guests.)

Floor Layout (Hotel Nikko Kumamoto) (Ground Floor)

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Floor Layout (Hotel Nikko Kumamoto)

(5th Floor)

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Plenary & Signing Ceremony

Exhibition

AmakusaA
Regional meeting /Bilateral meeting/ Press Conference

AmakusaBC

Business Cent

HigoCD

Regional meeting /Side events

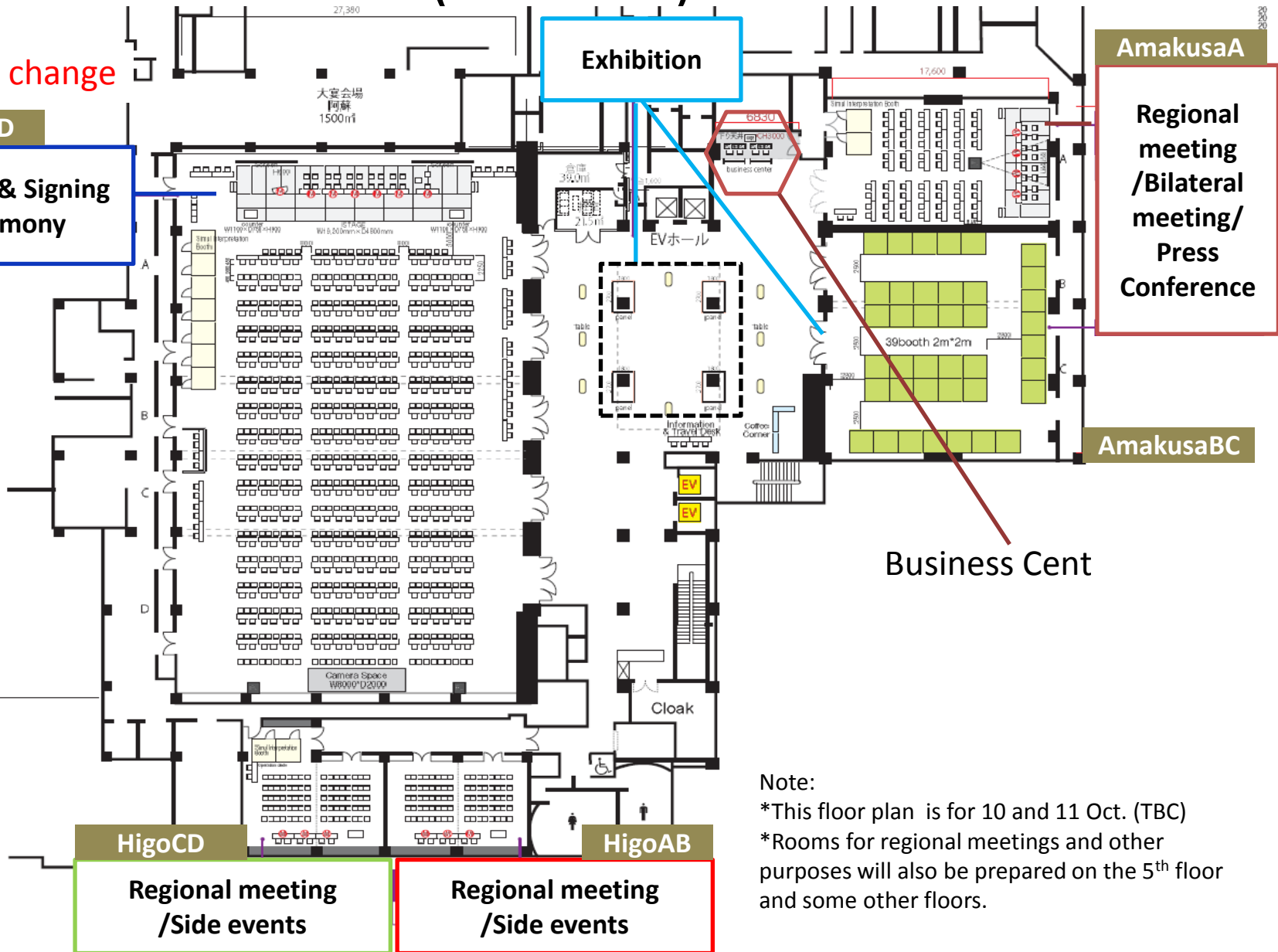
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Regional meeting /Side events

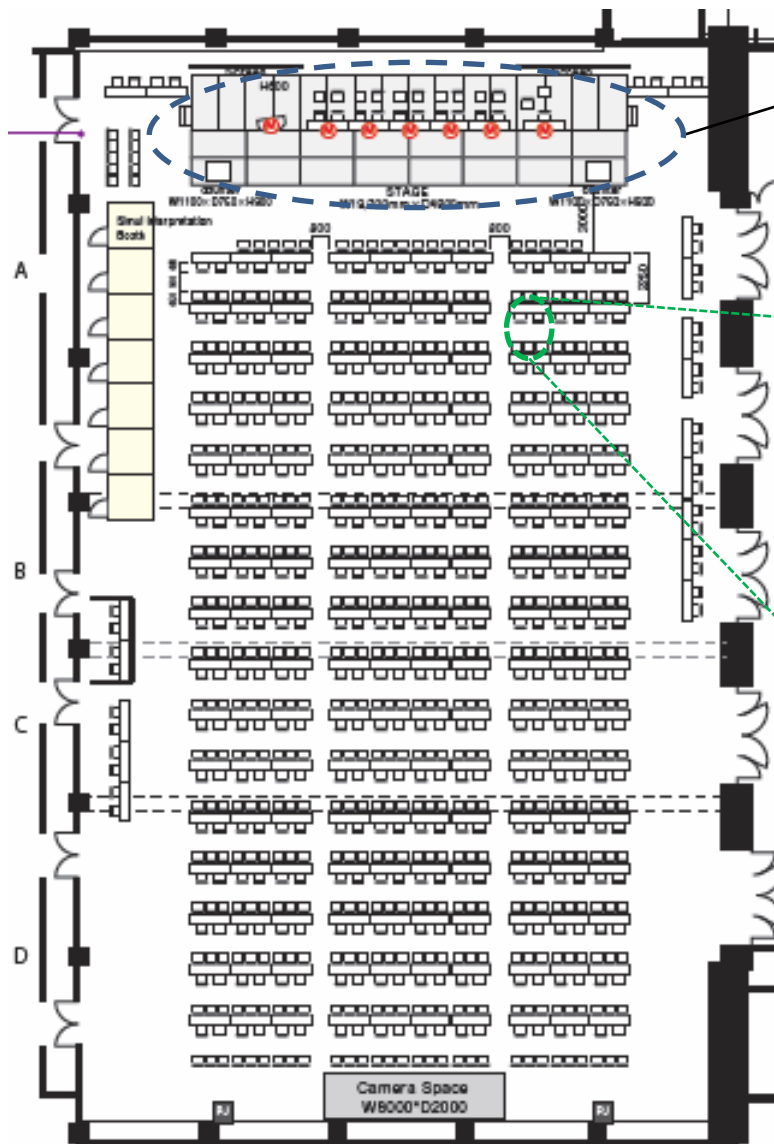
Note:

*This floor plan is for 10 and 11 Oct. (TBC)

*Rooms for regional meetings and other purposes will also be prepared on the 5th floor and some other floors.

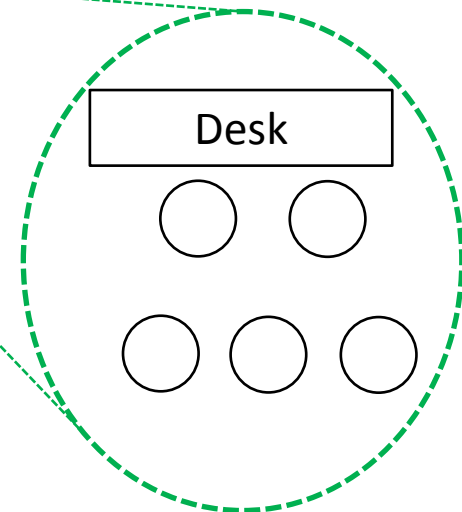


Floor layout (signing ceremony)



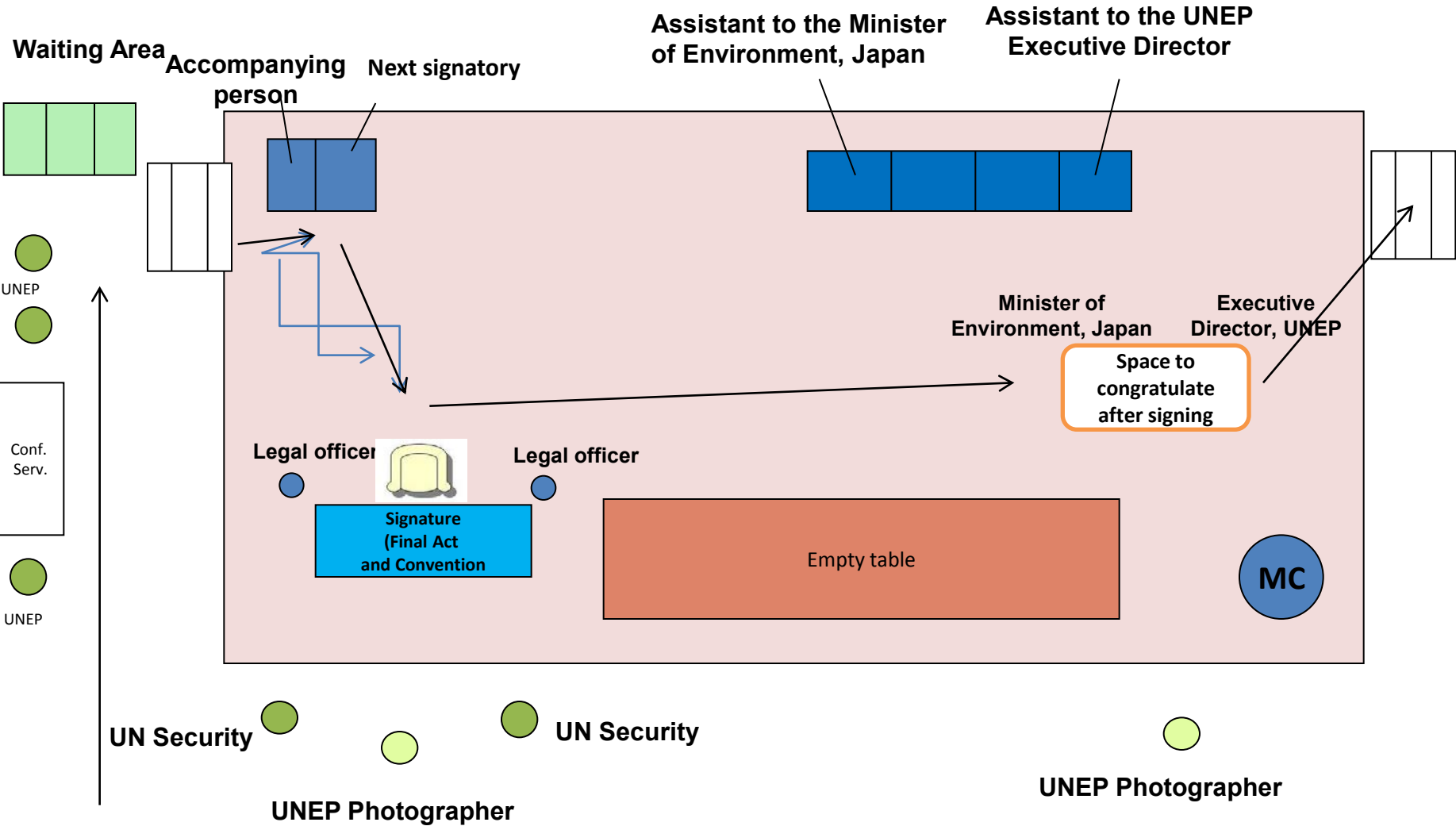
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Two persons in the front seat
Three persons in the back seat

Flow line (PODIUM FOR THE SIGNING CEREMONY)



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Security (Conference badges)

1. Participants need to present a valid conference badge for access to the venues in Kumamoto and Minamata.
2. Conference badges will be issued at the registration desk near the entrance of Hotel Nikko Kumamoto on October 6 (10a.m. to 8p.m.) and 7-11 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) at the registration counter, upon presentation of a valid passport or identification card with photo and relevant confirmation letters from UNEP.
3. To obtain badges for VIPs, a copy of the relevant confirmation letters and/or nomination letters should be provided.

Note 1: Participants are recommended to register on October 6 to avoid congestion.

Note 2: On-site registration is possible only in Kumamoto. Participants in the Minamata visit on 9 Oct. must be registered in Kumamoto before the departure time.

Security (Conference badge)

Category		Access restriction	Photo for badges
VIP	VIP	Full access to all events	Not required
	Entourage VIP		
	Entourage Media		
	VIP Security		
Delegation (Government)		Full access to all events	Required
Observers	IGOs	Full access to all events unless otherwise informed	Required
	NGOs		
	UN/Specialized Agencies		
	Others		
Media (only accredited media)		Public events only	Required

Note: For security reasons, the display of conference badges is mandatory at all times to gain access to the meeting venues and meeting rooms.

Vehicle Access Restriction (Hotel Nikko Kumamoto)

North side doorway

Security officers check the ID cards for a person and vehicle passes. And there are security officers for Traffic instruction. In order to prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering the venue, triangle car stops are set, security officers open and close it every confirmation of the vehicle passes and operate it.

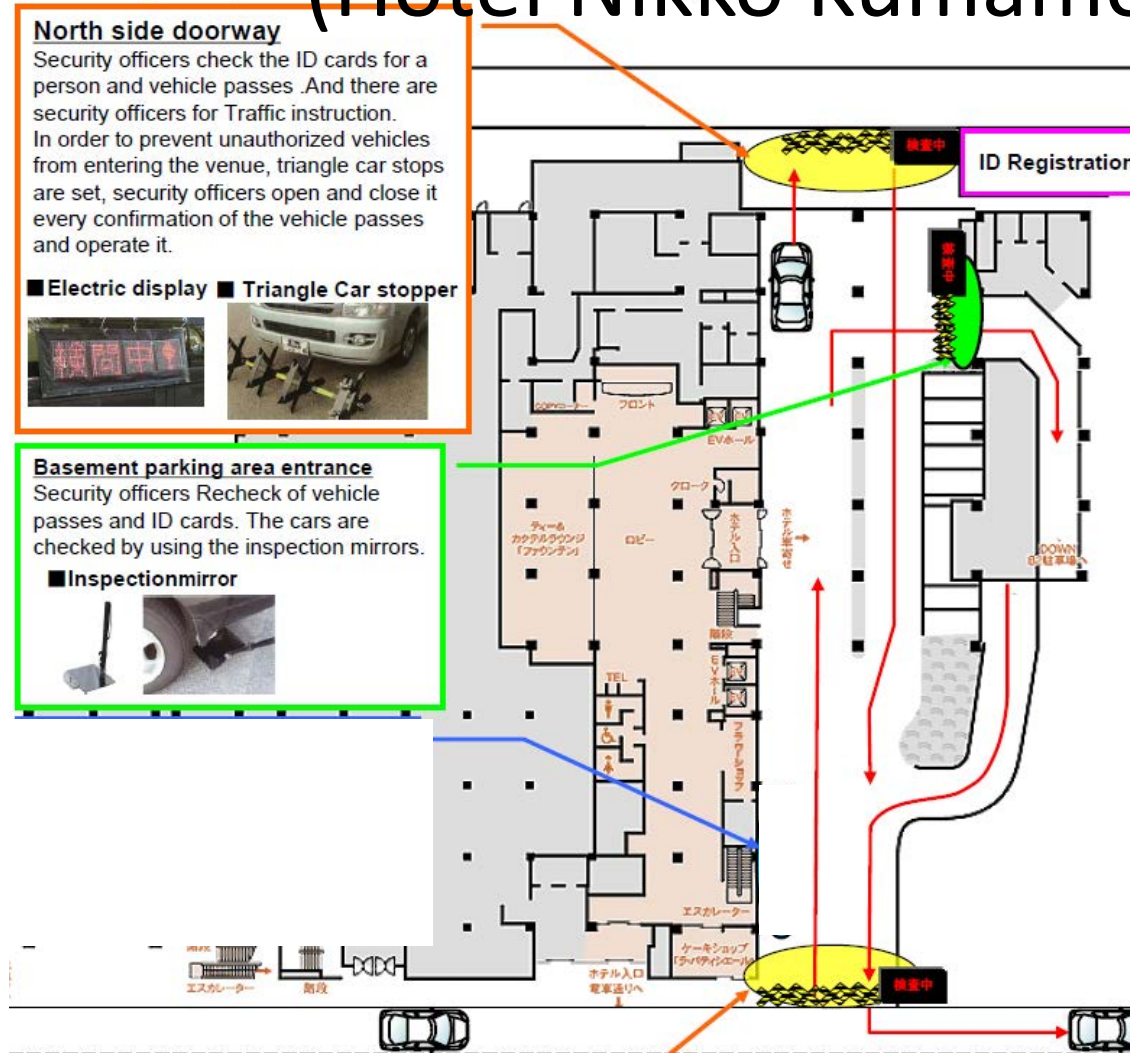
■ Electric display ■ Triangle Car stopper



Basement parking area entrance

Security officers Recheck of vehicle passes and ID cards. The cars are checked by using the inspection mirrors.

■ Inspection mirror



ID Registration

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中継機

DOWN
B1 駐車場

検査中

Belt partition

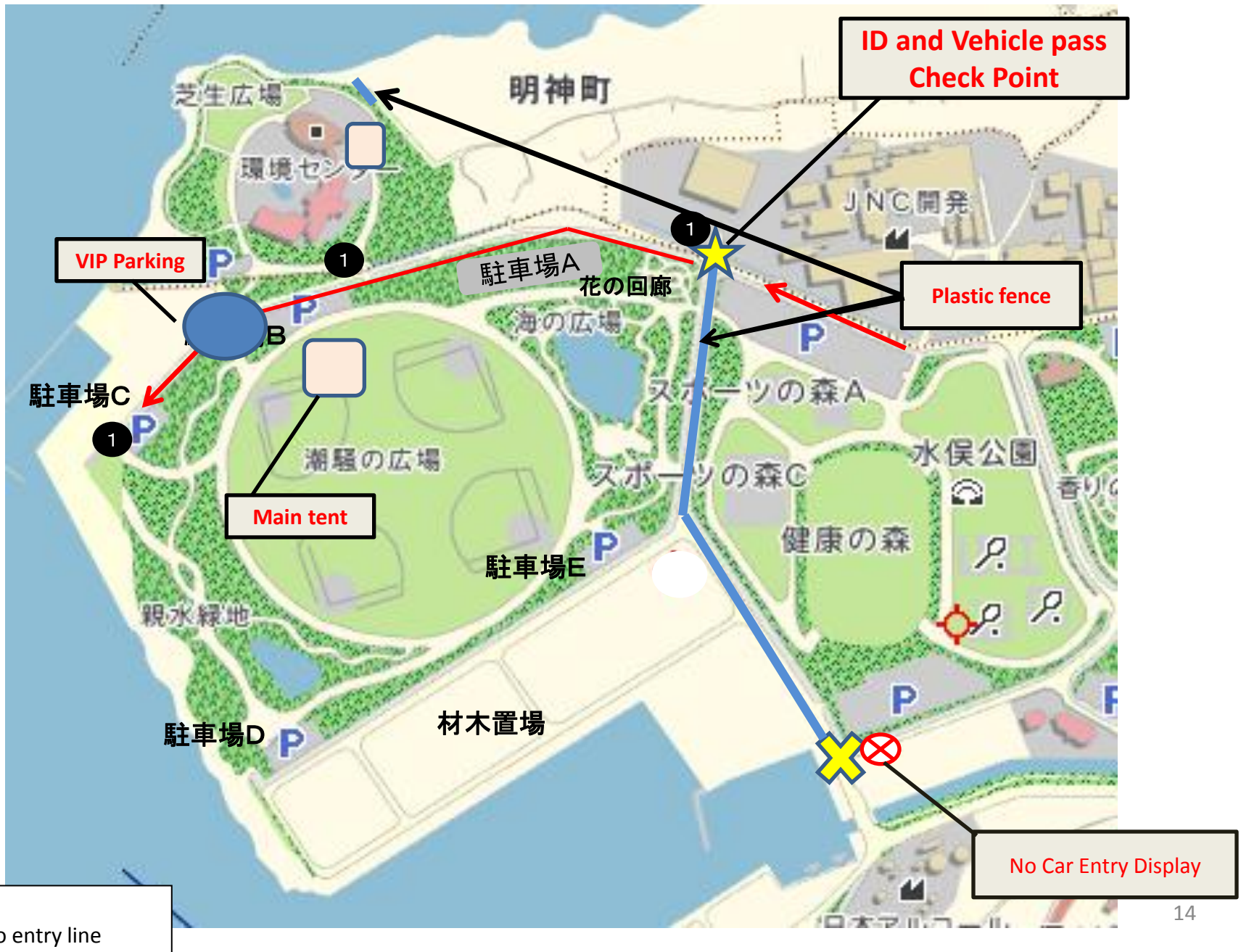
Triangle car stopper

検査中 Electric display

South side doorway

The point is the same as North side doorway. Taxi advance into the taxi getting on and off venue without vehicle passes.

Vehicle Access Restriction (Eco Park Area)



Security (Vehicle access)

1. During the conference, vehicle access to the venues (Kumamoto and Minamata) will be highly restricted.
2. Delegations wishing to obtain vehicle passes to have access to the venues are requested to fill out the registration form and submit it to:

Environmental Health and Safety Division, Ministry of the Environment by 20 September.

Email: MINAMATA.DipCon@env.go.jp

FAX:+81(0)3.3580.3596

TEL:+81(0)3.5521.8259

Security (Vehicle access)

3. Upon receipt of the registration form, a vehicle pass will in principle be directly sent by Ministry of the Environment to the address designated on the form.

As an exceptional case, passes could be picked up at the “Congress bag distribution counter” in the lobby of Hotel Nikko by presenting your ID in the event you could not receive the passes before the Conference.

4. Please note that:

- (a) Only two vehicle passes including minister’s car per country/international organization will be issued;
- (b) Only minister’s cars can be parked in the underground garage of Hotel Nikko; and
- (c) In Minamata, there will be no parking spaces reserved for delegations (transportation between Kumamoto and Minamata will be provided by the Japanese Government).

Side events

Side events will be held as follows:

October 7: three side events at lunch break

October 8: three side events at lunch break

October 10: two side events at lunch break at ministerial level

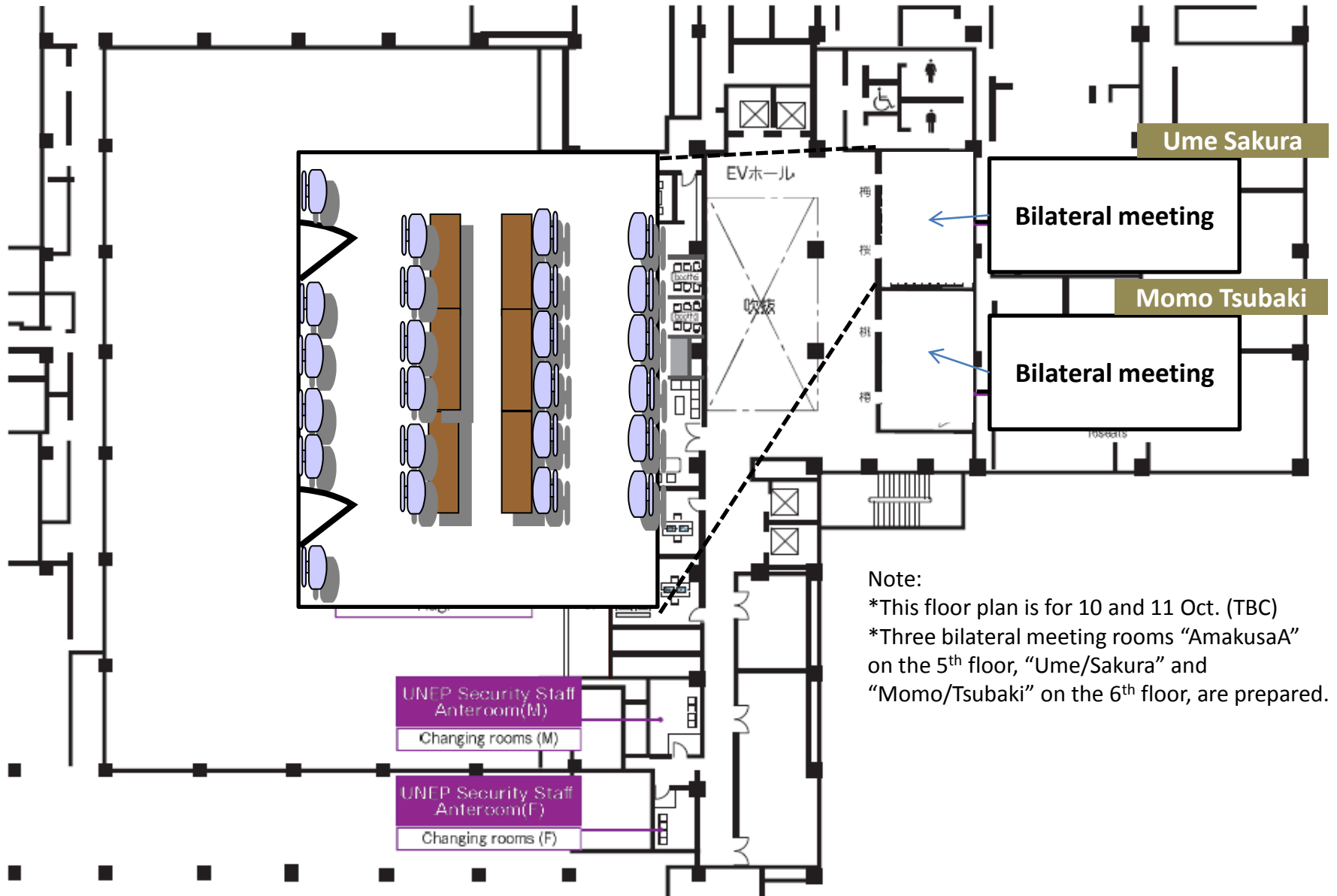
**October 11: one side event in the morning ,
three side events at lunch break**

Bilateral meeting room

1. Three bilateral ministerial meeting rooms (Amakusa A on the 5th floor, Ume-Sakura and Momo-Tsubaki on the 6th floor) will be prepared on 10 and 11 October. Room reservation will be organized through UNEP.
2. Delegations wishing to reserve bilateral meeting rooms are requested to contact:
 - (a) In advance of the meeting:** Ms. Sheila Logan, UNEP Chemical, E-mail: sheila.logan@unep.org
 - (b) During the meeting:** Meeting coordinator, Mr. Francisco Vasquez
3. An open-space coffee lounge on the ground floor is also available for meetings from October 7 to 11.

Floor Layout (Hotel Nikko Kumamoto) (6th Floor)

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Restaurants in Hotel Nikko Kumamoto

7F Japanese restaurant “Benkei” (102 seats)



TEL:096-211-1673

Private room available

Capacity (persons)	Room name	Room charge	Course menu
6~10	“hagoromo” (chair style)	¥3,150	¥7,350 ~
4~8	“kocho” (chair style)		
8~14	“uraku” (tatami-style)	¥5,250	
10~16	“akebono” (tatami-style)		

11:30~15:30 (last order: 14:30) / 17:30~22:00 (last order: 21:00)

7F Japanese restaurant “Sushi-dokoro Tachibana” in restaurant “Benkei”(11 seats)



Counter only

TEL:096-211-1673

Average budget: ¥8,000~¥10,000

11:30~15:30 (last order: 14:30) /
7:30~22:00 (last order: 21:00)

Restaurants Hotel Nikko Kumamoto

2F French restaurant "El Fuego" (38 seats)



Semi-private space available

TEL: 096-211-1663

Capacity (persons)	Room name	Room charge	Course menu
8~12	Round-table	¥ 0	lunch: ¥2,800~ Dinner: ¥7,350~
18~30	Hall (partitions are available)	¥ 0	

11:30~15:30 (last order: 14:30) / 17:30~22:00 (last order: 21:00)

2F Chinese restaurant "Tao-Li" (84 seats)



Private room available

TEL: 096-211-1662

Capacity (persons)	Room name	Room charge	Course menu
4~16	"Shinju", "Hisui"	¥ 3,150	¥4,725 ~
8~20	"Sango", "Kohaku"	¥ 3,150	
8~10	"Ruri"	¥ 3,150	

11:30~15:30 (last order: 14:30) / 17:30~22:00 (last order: 21:00)

Restaurants in Hotel Nikko Kumamoto

1F Tea & cocktail lounge “Fountain” (44 seats)



TEL:096-211-1603

No private room

10:00~23:30 (dring last order: 23:00, meal last order:
21:30)

Partition available for bilateral meeting room layout

2F Brasserie “Serina” (68 seats)



TEL:096-211-1661

No private room

7:00~10:30 (last order: 10:00)

11:30~15:30 (last order: 14:30)

17:30~22:30 (last order: 21:30)

Restaurants in Kumamoto Hotel Castle

11F Restaurant bar “TOUR DE CHÂTEAU” (74 seats)



Private room available

TEL:096-326-3311

Capacity (persons)	Room name	Room charge	Course menu
10~20	Belle-mere	¥ 0	¥10,000~
5~10	Laurier	¥ 0	¥5,000~

17:30~1:00 (last order: 24:00)

1F Dining kitchen “Kuyoan” (100 seats)



Private room available

TEL:096-326-3376

Capacity (persons)	Room name	Room charge	Course menu
8~20	“Hosokawa ”	¥ 0	¥7,000~

7:00~21:30 (last order: 21:00)

Restaurants in Kumamoto Hotel Castle

BF Chinese restaurant “Toukagen” (100 seats)



Private room available

TEL:096-326-3368

Capacity (persons)	Room name	Room charge	Course menu
20	“Baika”	¥ 0	Lunch: ¥2,500~
13	“Ranka”	¥ 0	Dinner: ¥5,000~

11:30~21:30 (last order: 21:00)

1F Bar “Castle Club Eldorado” (35 seats)



TEL:096-326-3311

No private room

Cover charge: ¥1,580

18:00~24:00

Minamata tour (Overview (Oct 9))

1. On Wednesday, 9 October 2013, the Government of Japan will organize a one-day 'Minamata Visit' programme, during which participants are able to visit Minamata city, the site of the Minamata disease outbreak caused by contamination from methyl mercury-containing effluent from chemical plants that occurred more than fifty years ago.
2. There are two types of programme, either
 - 1) half-day basic programme in the afternoon for all meeting participants, or
 - 2) full-day programme with an optional tour in the morning for the limited number of participants, plus the half day programme.

Minamata tour (Overview (Oct 9))

3. For the full day programme, in the morning, participants can visit a small-scale care facility to dialogue with patients or a private museum to learn more about the history of Minamata Disease.
4. Also, in the afternoon, there will be an opportunity to learn the history and lessons of Minamata Disease through a visit to some museums in the Eco-Park.
5. In the evening of 9 October, a Ceremonial Opening of the Diplomatic Conference will be held, where a “Lecture by storyteller” will be performed by a Minamata Disease patient. A reception hosted by Japan will follow the Ceremonial Opening.

Minamata tour (Half-Day Basic Programme)

Others' schedule

- 10:30 Pick up at main hotels
(by chartered bus)
- 11:30 Departure from Kumamoto Station.
to Shin-Minamata Station (by
Shinkansen bullet train)
- 11:55 Arrival at Shin-Minamata Station
- 12:20 Arrival at Eco-Park (by chartered bus
from Shin-Minamata Station)

VIP schedule

- 11:20 Pick up at main hotels
(by chartered bus)
- 12:20 Departure from Kumamoto Station
to Shin-Minamata Station (by
Shinkansen bullet train)
- 12:45 Arrival at Shin-Minamata Station
- 13:10 Arrival at Eco-Park (by chartered bus
from Shin-Minamata Station)

*There will be two bullet trains. The first train will depart at 11:30 and the second will depart at 12:20 from Kumamoto Station. VIPs are expected to take the second train, while others are to take the first train in principle.

*Transportation between Kumamoto and Minamata will be provided by the Japanese Government.

Minamata tour (Full Day Programme)

A little longer programme is prepared for limited participants. The full-day programme has reached maximum enrollment. Registration for the half-day programme is, however, still open.

9:00 Departure from Hotel Nikko Kumamoto
(by chartered bus)

11:20 Arrival in Minamata: Each participant will join either Group1 or 2 listed below.

[Group 1] Dialogue with patients of Minamata Disease

[Group 2] Learning the history of Minamata Disease

13:00 Arrival at Eco-Park (by chartered bus) and link with Half- Day Basic Program

***More Detailed information (Participant's list, ticket distribution, departure time and location etc.)will be available on arrival at the congress bag distribution counter in the lobby of Hotel Nikko Kumamoto.**

Minamata tour

(Events at Eco-Park(TBC))

Arrival(12:20-13:10) – 16:00

Remembrance at Eco-Park

Floral Tribute at Memorial Cenotaph for Minamata Disease Victims

Tree-planting (only head of state and ministers)

Lunch and Tour

Visit Minamata Disease Archive, Municipal Museum, and Prefectural Environmental Center to learn the history of Minamata Disease and current activities for revitalization of Minamata.

* Exhibitions by patient groups will also be presented.

* Lunch box and drink will be served at main tent in the Eco-park. Please enjoy Minamata-Ashikita local food. There will be opportunity to meet the Minamata citizens, to buy local products as well in the tent.

14:00- and 15:00- Parallel Event “Lecture on Experience of Minamata” by Storytellers

at Minamata Disease Archives, multipurpose hall

【Speakers】Ms. Rimiko YOSHINAGA and Mr. Hajime SUGIMOTO

Around 16:00 – Proceed to Minamata Cultural Hall, the venue for ceremonial opening (by chartered bus from Parking C)

Minamata tour (Eco-Park)

Remembrance, Floral Tribute, Lunch, Museums

③ Three museums
Exhibitions by patient groups

Exhibition by
business sector

Walk (Cars prepared only
for participants with walking
disabilities)

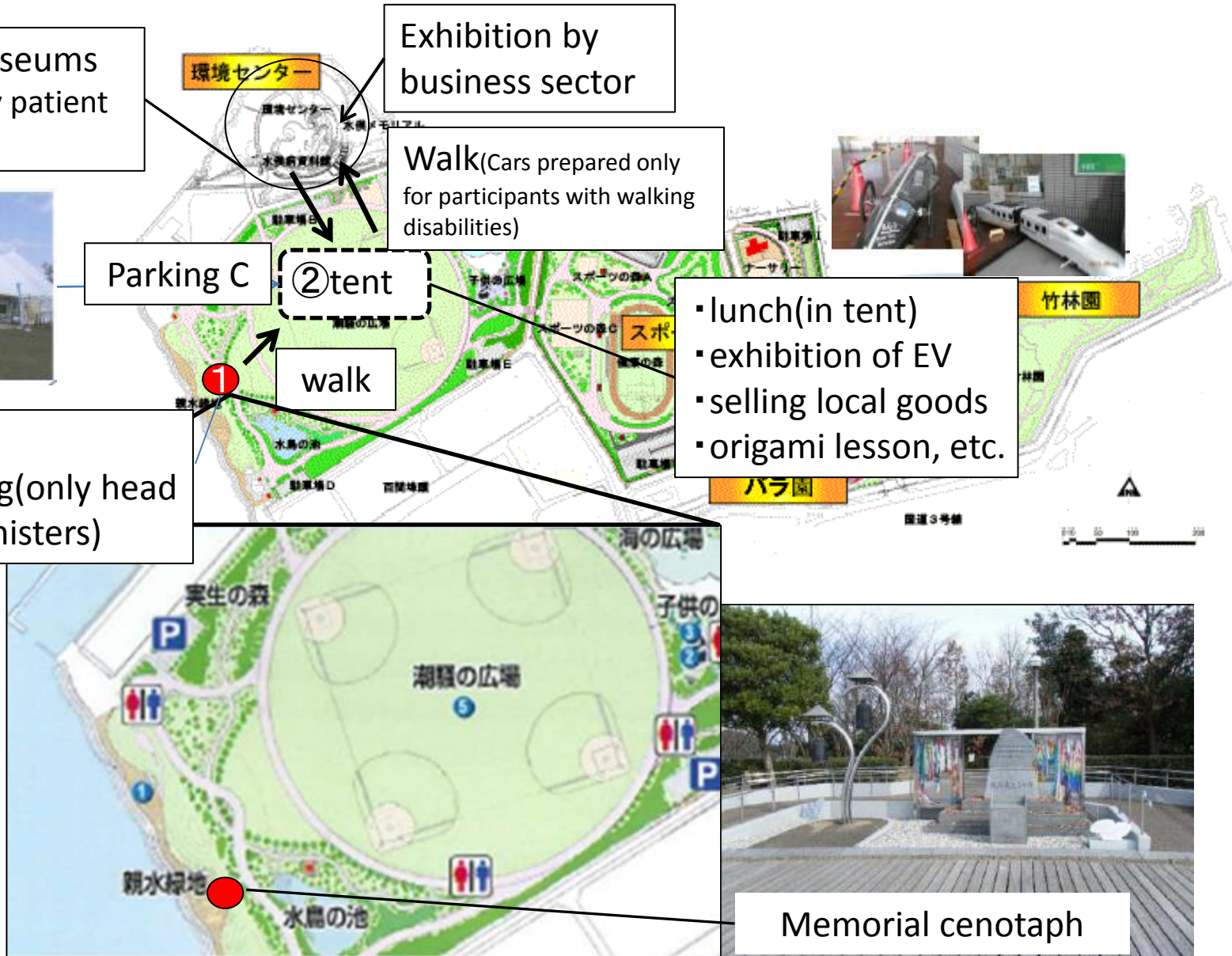
Parking C

② tent

walk

- lunch (in tent)
- exhibition of EV
- selling local goods
- origami lesson, etc.

① floral tribute
& Tree Planting (only head
of state and ministers)



Memorial cenotaph

Minamata tour (Ceremonial opening)

(Organised by the UNEP and the Japanese Government)

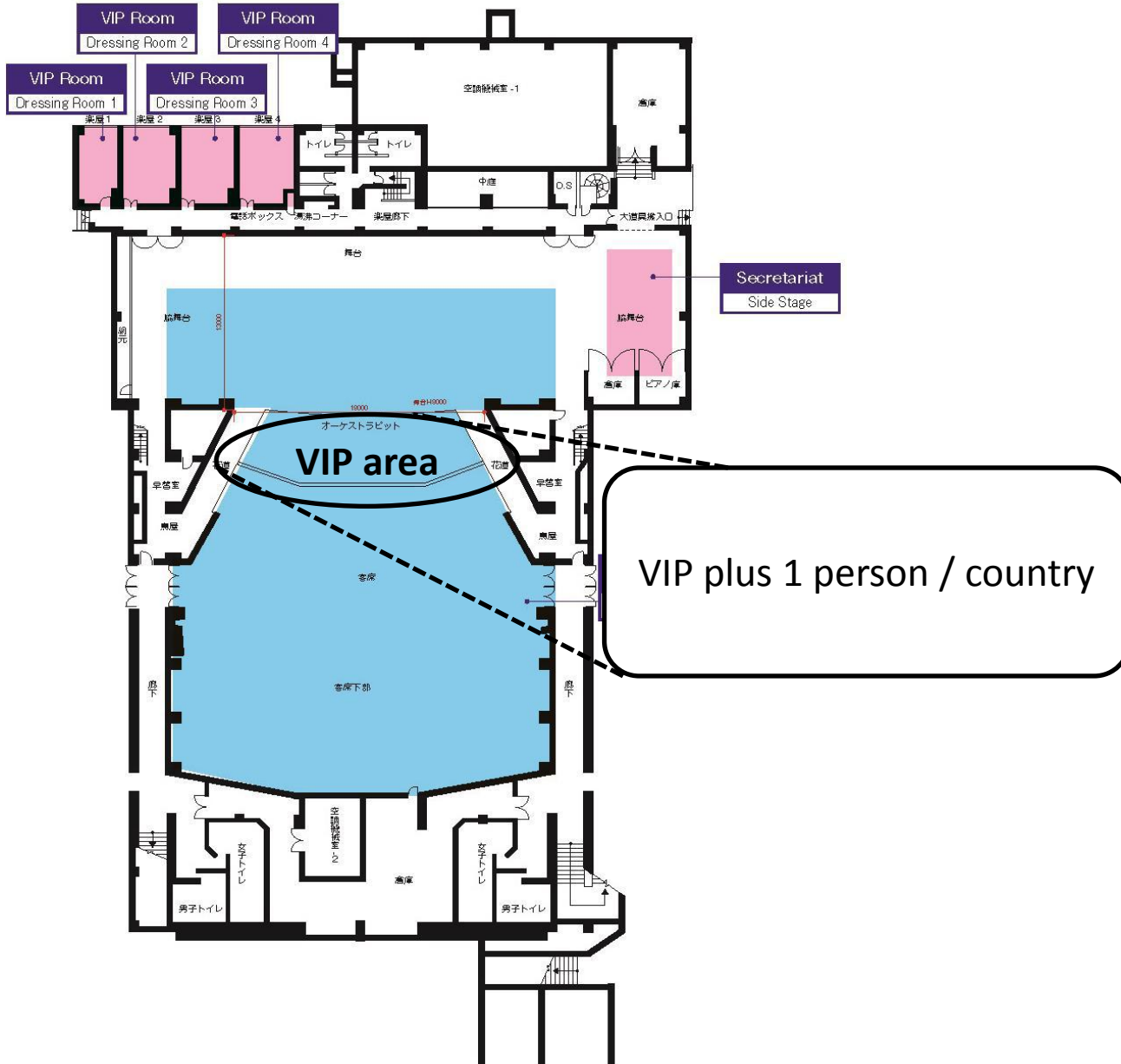
17:00 – 17:15 Movie “Outline of Minamata Disease” (pre-opening movie)

17:15 –17:40 Remarks by representatives of UNEP and the host country

17:40 –18:10 Lecture by a storyteller of Minamata Disease
【Speaker】Mr. Masami OGATA

18:10 – Walk to the reception place at Moyaikan

Minamata tour (Cultural Hall)



outside



inside



Minamata tour (Reception at Moyai-kan)

18:10 – 18:30 Welcome drink

18:30 – 18:40 Welcome remarks by representatives of the host country

19:30 – Closure of the Reception

19:30 – Departure from Moyaikan, back to Kumamoto (by chartered bus)

Note 1: Buses will depart from the premise at around 19:15, 19:40, and 20:00.

Note 2: Those taking Shinkansen from Shin-Minamata back to Kumamoto (at your own expense*) can take taxi to Shin-Minamata station by calling:

- MINAMATA TAXI:0966-63-1228,
- KIMISHIMA TAXI: 0966-63-4141,
- TAIYO TAXI:0966-63-2151,
- MUTSUMI KOUTSU: 0966-78-4123

* Making a reservation for Shinkansen in advance is recommended.

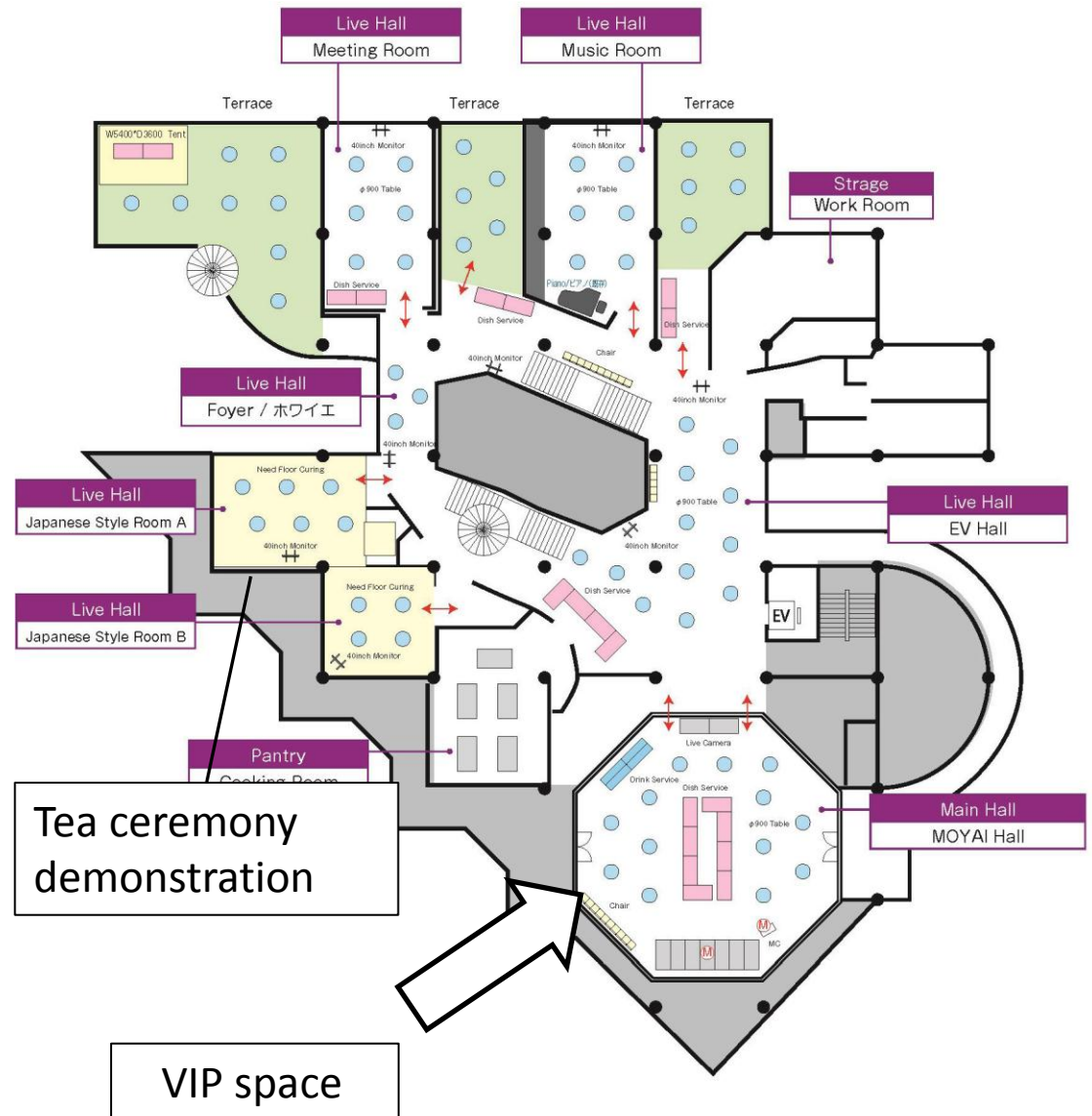
Minamata tour (Moyai-kan Reception)

Reception will be held on the 2nd floor and the 3rd floor. VIP space will be prepared at Moyai Hall on the 3rd floor.

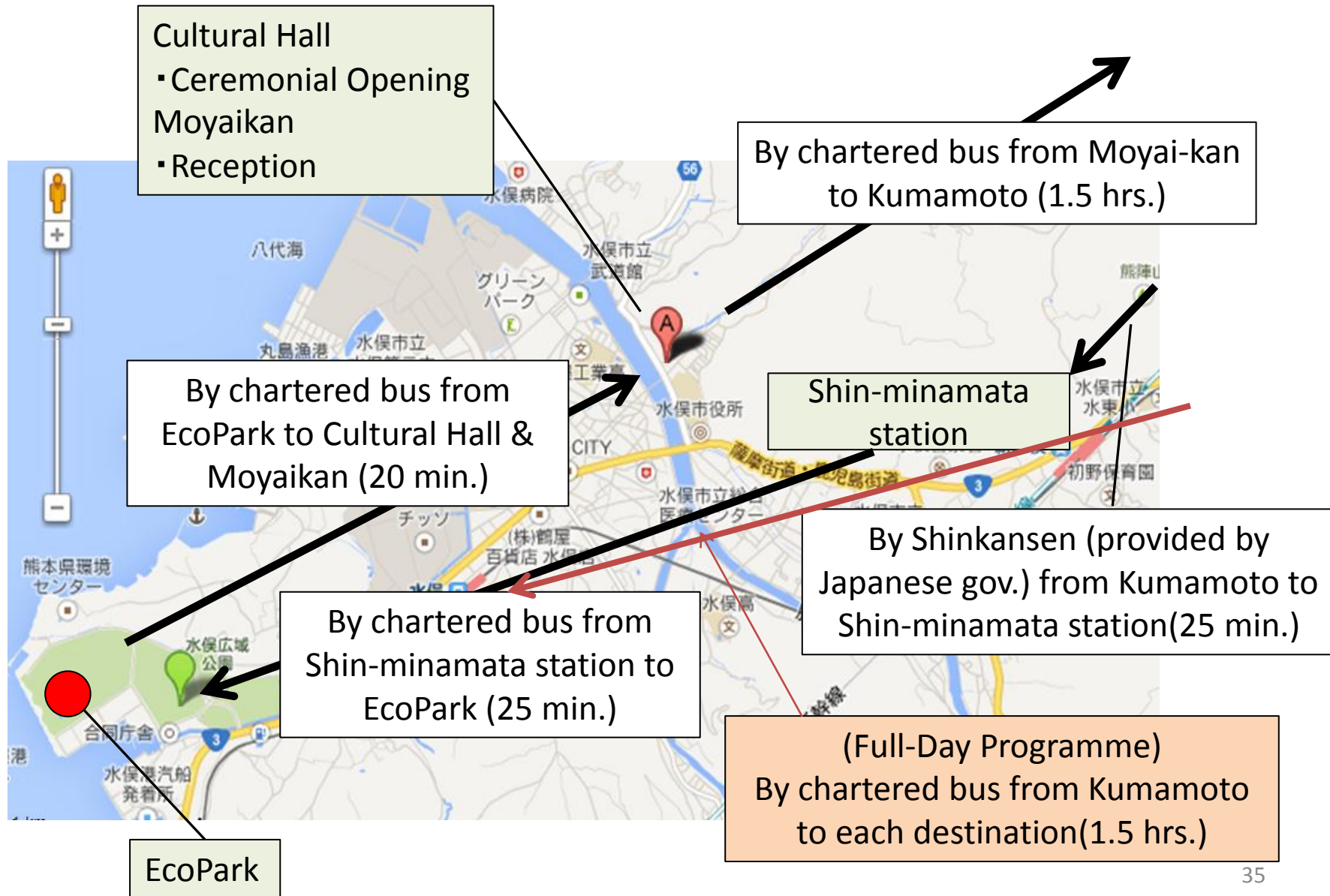
Media* will cover only the beginning of the ceremony in the VIP room escorted by media officers of the Government of Japan.

*Pre-registration is required.

VIP can be accompanied by one person.



Transportation of Minamata tour (Half-Day)



Note!

- The display of conference badges is mandatory to gain access to the venues in Minamata city.
- Participants are requested to register and receive their badges at the registration counter in Hotel Nikko Kumamoto before departure to Minamata.
- **Detailed information (Participant's list, ticket distribution, departure time and location etc.) will be available on arrival at the congress bag distribution counter in the lobby of Hotel Nikko Kumamoto.**
- Dress Code: Business casual, but walking attire is preferable since the Eco-park is a wide-open coastal space.
- **If the visit is called off due to heavy rain a notice will be displayed by 8 a.m. in the lobbies of the eleven main hotels.**

Kumamoto reception

18:15 – Welcome drink

18:45 – 19:00 Welcome remarks by host country side

20:30 – Closure of the Reception (back to hotel by chartered bus)

- It will take about 15 to 20 minutes both by chartered bus or on foot from Hotel Nikko.

Note: MOFA recommends participants to “walk” to the reception venue.

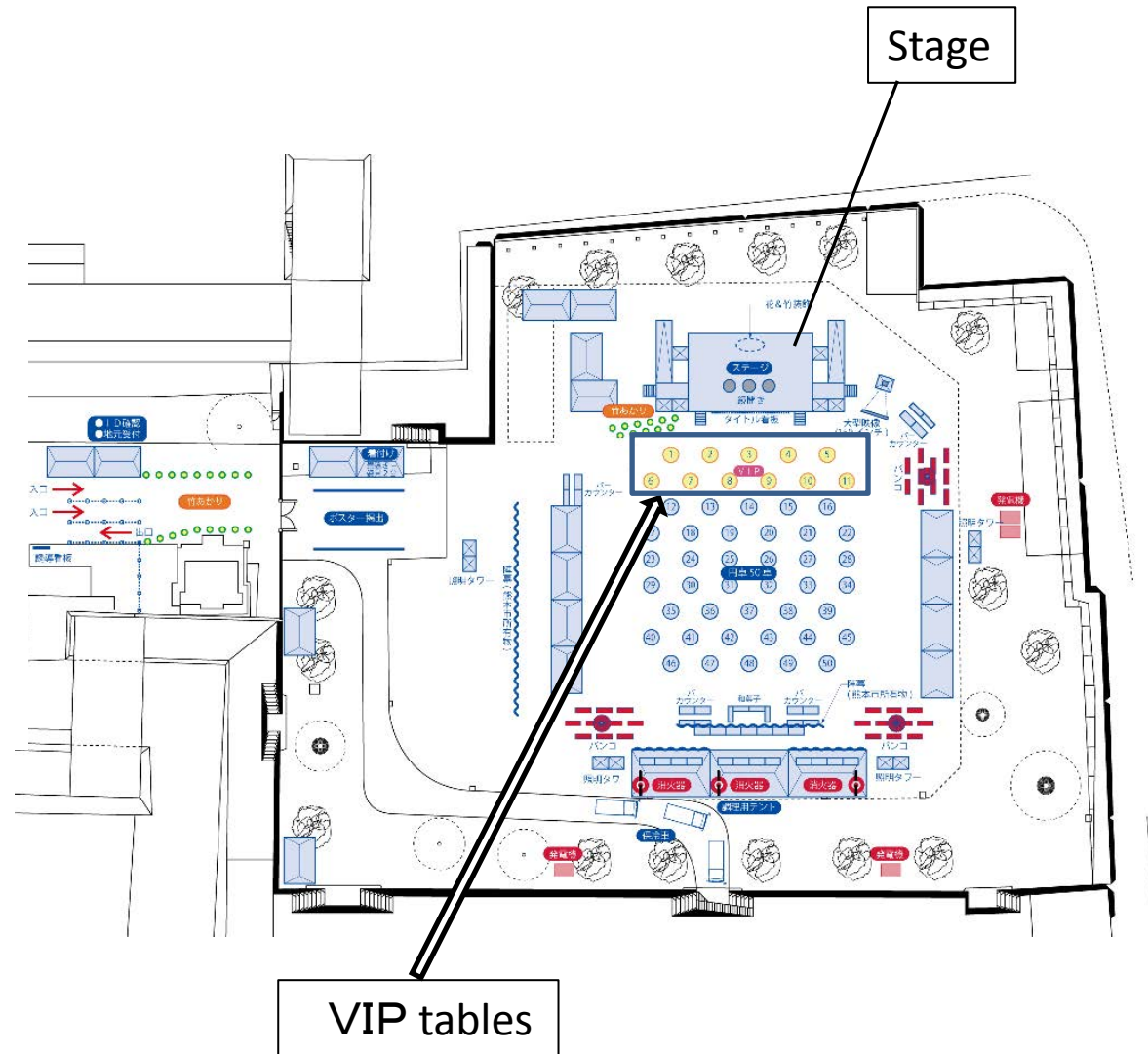
- Stand-up meal

Kumamoto Reception

Reception will be held at Bugyomaru of the Kumamoto Castle. (Kumamoto Castle Hotel if the weather is Rainy)

VIP tables will be prepared in first row and second row, accompanied by two persons.

Media will cover all through the ceremony.



Press / Entourage media

1. PROCEDURES FOR MEDIA ACCREDITATION

- Media participation at the Conference of Plenipotentiaries is subject to accreditation by the UNEP Secretariat.
- For details, please refer to the information on Press/International Media at the following URL.

<http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/MinamataConvention/DipConPress/tabid/106382/Default.aspx>

2. ENTOURAGE MEDIA

- Entourage media who accompany VIPs are also requested to submit registration forms to the UNEP to acquire conference badges.

NOTE: There will be briefing sessions exclusively for the media on 19 September.

AOB

1. For vehicle registration and finger print exemption, please use the form.
2. After filing in the form, please send it as electronic data to Japan Secretariat in Ministry of Environment (MINAMATA.DipCon@env.go.jp) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (minamata-dipcon@mofa.go.jp) respectively.

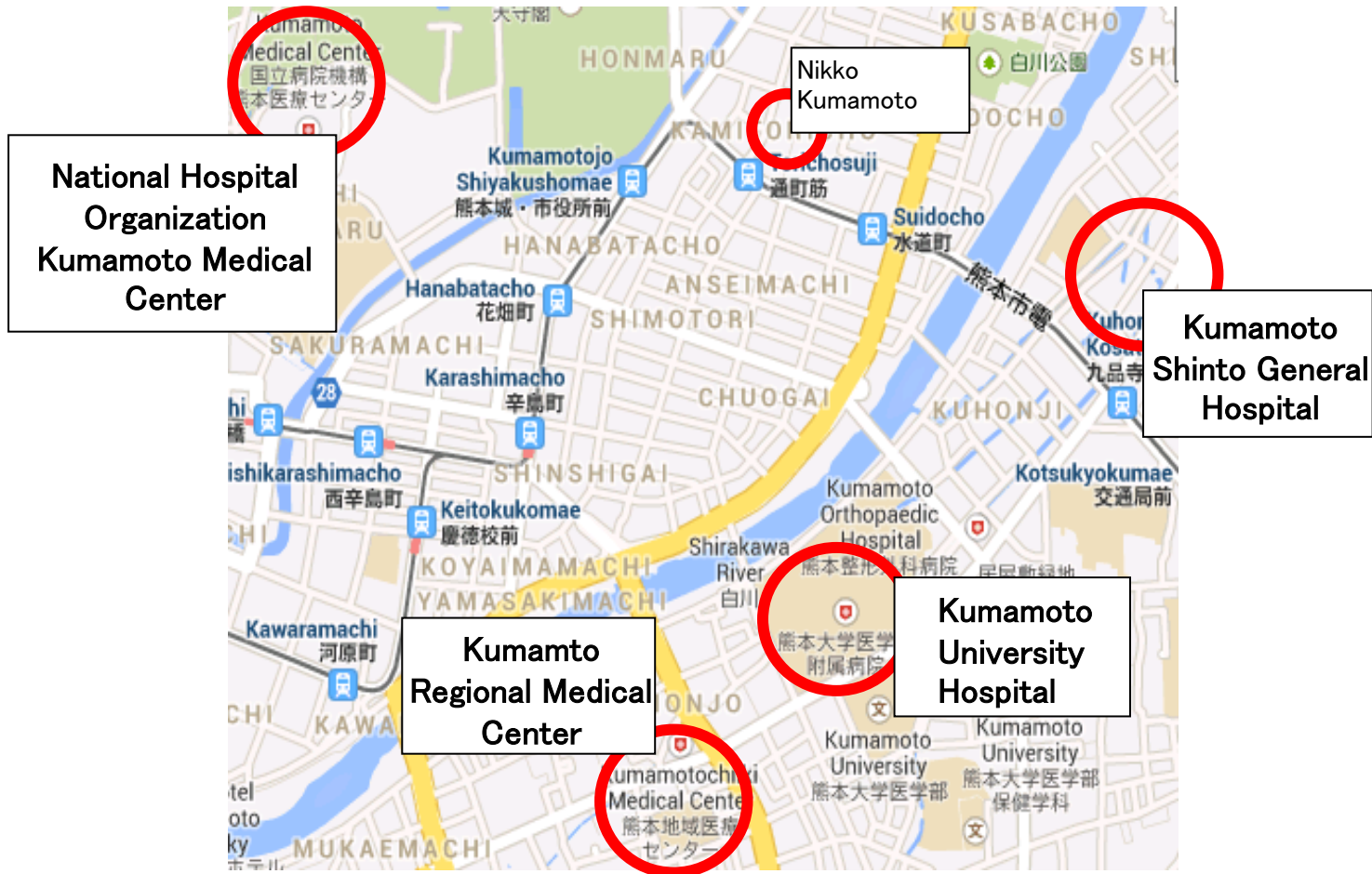
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(The List of Main English-speaking Hospitals in Kumamoto)

●Kumamoto City			
Name	Address	Phone	Speciality
Kumamoto University Hospital	1-1-1, Honjo, Chuo Ward, Kumamoto City, 860-8556	096-344-2111	Internal Medicine, Respiratory medicine, Cardiology, etc.
National Hospital Organization Kumamoto Medical Center	1-5, Ninomaru, Chuo Ward, Kumamoto City, 860-0008	096-353-6501	Internal Medicine, Respiratory medicine, Cardiology, etc.
Kumamoto Regional Medical Center	5-16-10, Honjo, Chuo Ward, Kumamoto City, 860-0811	096-363-3311	Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Respiratory medicine, etc.
Kumamoto Shinto General Hospital	1-17-27, Shinyashiki, Chuo Ward, Kumamoto City, 862-0975	096-364-6000	Respiratory medicine, Cardiology, etc.
Saiseikai Kumamoto Hospital	5-3-1, Chikami, Minami Ward, Kumamoto City, 861-4193	096-351-8000	Cardiovascular surgery, Internal Medicine, Respiratory medicine, etc.
Japanese Red Cross Kumamoto Hospital	2-1-1, Nagamineminami, Higashi Ward, Kumamoto City, 861-8520	096-384-2111	Internal Medicine, Respiratory medicine, Cardiology, etc.

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(Map of Hospitals in Kumamoto)



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(The List of Main English-speaking Hospitals in Minamata)

● Minamata City			
Name	Address	Phone	Speciality
Minamata City General Hospital and Medical Center	1-2-1, Tenjincho, Minamata City, 867-0041	0966-63-2101	Respiratory Medicine, Cardiology, Gastrointestinal Medicine, etc. ✕It's not easy to speak English for the staff.
Mizuho Hospital	705-14, Fukuro, Minamata City, 867-0034	0966-63-5196	Psychiatry
Satou Clinic	1-2-8, Sakuraimachi, Minamata City, 867-0045	0966-69-3007	Internal Medicine, etc
Fukami Clinic	1-4-5, Ozonocho, Minamata City, 867-0042	0966-63-6390	Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Surgery

CIQ (Customs officers in airports: updated)

1. Contact customs officers to enter the restricted area to pick up international flight passengers. NOT allowed to enter the restricted to pick up domestic flight passengers.

	Narita	Haneda	Chubu Centrair
Tel	0476-34-2108	050-5533-6913	0569-38-7605
Person in Charge	Mr. Miyashita	Mr. Niihara	Mr. Akiba
URL of airport	http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/index.html	http://www.haneda-airport.jp/inter/en/	http://www.centrair.jp/en/

	Kansai International	Fukuoka	Kumamoto
Tel	072-455-9006	092-477-0100	096-232-3781
Person in Charge	Mr. Maeiwa	Mr. Higashi	Mr. Kato
URL of airport	http://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/en/index.asp	http://www.fuk-ab.co.jp/english/frame_index.html	http://www.kmj-ab.co.jp/eng/index.html

2. Communications with customs officers should be in Japanese language.



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<http://www.env.go.jp/en/chemi/mercury/mcm.html>

For further information, please contact following:

- (a) CIQ and visa: Global Environment Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tel: 03-5501-8245, minamata-dipcon@mofa.go.jp)
- (b) Others: Environmental Health and Safety Division, Ministry of the Environment, (Tel: 03-5521-8260, ehs@env.go.jp)