

Time Table of Technical Tour

Date:	9 August (Tue), 2011	Contact person during the tour
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Important Notification

Due to a postponement of the conference, we made a slight change on the plan of the technical tour. Major changes are followings;

1. To unify previously scheduled courses A and B (Cancel a visit to Nara national museum)
2. To use a bus as transportation from Kyoto to Nara, and between each sites of Nara city
3. To cancel a walk tour in precincts of Todai-ji temple

NARA is the ancient capital city of Japan, celebrates the 1300th anniversary of its founding at 2010. Being located 40 km south of Kyoto, a lot of historical buildings, items and cultures have been preserved and many of them are registered as national treasure. We visit the World Heritage sites of center of Nara city such as Kofuku-ji temple, Todai-ji temple and Kasuga-taisha shrine. There you may find many different styles of huge timber constructions and wooden statues.

Tour is to start at Kyoto station. Visiting Kofuku-ji temple to see many impressive Buddhist statues exhibited in the museum, observing a reconstruction site of huge timber hall and demonstration of traditional timber processing by master carpenters. After lunch, moving to Todai-ji temple to visit the largest timber structure in Japan (*Daibutsu-den*) walking through unique gate (*Nandai-mon*) displaying two big wooden statues of guardian gods (*Niou-zo*). Finally visiting to Kasuga-taisha shrine via dense Japanese cedar grove, looking on a performance of dedication dance to the forest based on Japanese religion.

Schedule

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| 8:00 | Meeting at the public space in front of Kintetsu railway gates (south entrance of JR Kyoto station, second floor). →see more info. at;
http://www.kintetsu.co.jp/foreign/english/useful/about_stations/3-4-kyoto.html
http://www.kyoto-station-building.co.jp/map_en/index.html |
| 8:30 | Departure to Nara by bus |
| 9:20 | Kofuku-ji temple precincts
visiting listed places by turns of two groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction site of Chukondo (Middle Main Hall) under restration• Custody place of wooden building parts for Chukondo• History museum |

- Buddhism architectures of 8th century in the precincts of Kofuku-ji temple
- Demonstration of traditional wood processing

13:00 **Nara Women's University**

- Lunch at Saho Kaikan (packed lunch).

14:00 **Todai-ji temple**

- Great south gate, *Nandai-mon* (12th century)
- Great guardian statue, *Niou-zo* (12th century)
- Great Buddha hall, *Daibutsu-den* (18th century)

→see more info. at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T%C5%8Ddai-ji>

16:00 **Kasuga-taisha shrine**

- Enjoy watching Kagura sacred dance
- Preserved forest area of the shrine

17:00 Return back to Kyoto by bus (We make a brief stop at Kintetsu Nara station for those who wants to stay in Nara personally)

18:30 Arrival at JR Kyoto station



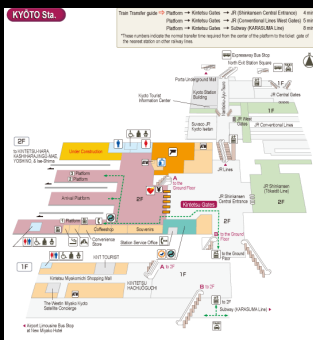
Kofuku-ji temple precincts



Great Buddha hall of Todai-ji temple



Kasuga-taisha shrine



Floor map of Kintetsu Kyoto station (gathering place)

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Chukondo (under construction at Kofuku-ji temple)



Statue of Ashura (Buddhism guardian) in Kofuku-ji history museum.