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# **N**ARA, **J**APAN

## Meeting Planner's Guide







# Journey to the Heart of Japan

## Nara.

### Japan's Cradle of Wisdom

Known as "the birthplace of Japan," Nara is where the nation's history and culture were first established over 1300 years ago. That legacy can be seen today, in the form of temples and shrines, artifacts at the Shosoin Repository, and through traditional performing arts in which the wisdom and knowledge of our ancestors has been preserved.

Nara's rich history, culture, faith, and natural beauty have become the elements that create a profound and inspiring environment, and furthermore have provided various wisdom and inspiration to people in every age, attracting the hearts of many people.

Building upon this vibrant past, Nara continues to evolve as a premier destination for business events, offering a unique setting to create new history and shape the future.

## WHY NARA

### ①The Birthplace of Japan

Home to three World Heritage Sites and over 60 Michelin-rated attractions, Nara is Japan's leading tourist destination and the birthplace of many iconic aspects of Japanese culture, including sake, tea, Gagaku (ancient court music), Noh (Japanese traditional play), sumo wrestling, sumi ink, and calligraphy brushes.

Nara's convention environment, while situated in an urban area, is surrounded by natural beauty and World Heritage Sites. This setting will liberate the mind of participants, stimulate their imagination, and foster the creation of new ideas and business opportunities.

### ②Excellent Domestic and International Access, and Convenient Location

Located in the heart of Japan, Nara offers excellent access to major cities and Kansai International Airport (KIX), making it an ideal meeting point for participants from both domestic and international locations. Furthermore, our compact convention district boasts a concentration of World Heritage sites, conference venues, accommodations, and banquet facilities, all within a 3km radius of major transportation hubs.

### ③Extensive Track Record of Organizing Successful Events

Nara's exceptional conditions for business events have made it a favorite choice for organizers from around the world, resulting in a proven track record of successful business events. We offer a comprehensive range of support services tailored to organizers and participants, providing seamless assistance from the entire Nara team to ensure a perfect business event.



# ①The Birthplace of Japan

Gain New Knowledge  
Surrounded by World Heritage  
and Majestic Nature

Inspiration from  
craftsmanship nurtured  
in Nara's climate

Enjoy the roots of  
Japanese food in the  
birthplace of Washoku  
(traditional Japanese cuisine)  
culture

Nara is where the roots of "washoku" (traditional Japanese cuisine) were nurtured, including tea, udon noodles, sake, manju (sweet buns), and tofu. A rich food culture thrives here, from traditional local dishes like Kakinoha-zushi (persimmon leaf sushi) and Miwa-somen (Fine noodles) to creative cuisine using Yamato vegetables. Furthermore, we are promoting local gastronomy through the combination of traditional techniques and cutting-edge food science, such as developing health foods using Yamato Toki (Yamato Angelica root). It is more than a mere "meal", it is a new intellectual experience that integrates culture, history, and health.



Kakinoha-zushi



Miwa-somen noodle



Yamato Vegetables



Japanese refined Sake

Encounter the techniques  
and beauty handed down  
in Nara and experience  
ancient technology  
firsthand

Nara is home to traditional crafts with long and distinguished history that continue to thrive today, including Nara-fude (brushes), Nara-sumi (ink), Nara-shikki (lacquerware), Nara-uchiwa (fans), Takayama-chasen (tea whisks), and Akahada-yaki (pottery). In Nara, where the history and culture of Japan remain strong, participants can experience the traditional techniques and industries passed down by artisans, and coming into contact with "the real thing" will stimulate intellectual curiosity and enhance new creativity.



Nara-fude brush



Nara-sumi ink



Nara-uchiwa fan



Takayama-chasen tea whisk

A place for intellectual  
exchange where tradition  
and cutting-edge  
technology merge

Nara is not only the "origin of cutting-edge technology" in Japan, where new cultures and technologies gathered via the Silk Road, but also the "birthplace of medicine" in Japan, a region where medical and pharmaceutical culture has flourished since ancient times. Today, research continues at academic institutions such as Nara Medical University and Nara Institute of Science and Technology, creating a place where tradition and cutting-edge technology coexist.



Nara Medical University



Nara Institute of Science and Technology

Creating the future  
with a sense of  
eternity with  
World Heritage Sites

Nara Prefecture boasts the most World Heritage sites in Japan, with a total of three. In addition, we are working towards the registration of "Ancient Capitals of Asuka and Fujiwara" as a World Heritage site in 2026. By experiencing the breath of history and the wisdom of our ancestors that we have protected for over 1300 years, we will create new value that connects to the future.



Historic Monuments of  
Ancient Nara



Buddhist monuments in  
the Horyu-ji Temple area



Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes  
in the Kii Mountain Range



Ancient Capitals of  
Asuka and Fujiwara

Tranquility and  
nature providing  
a creative  
environment

With a vibrant urban center and a natural environment that is unparalleled, Nara is an ideal setting for participants to disengage from their daily routines, unwind, and enhance their concentration and creativity. Nara Prefecture is dedicated to environmental conservation efforts, including Mt. Kasuga Primeval Forest and Yoshino Forest. In collaboration with UN Tourism (United Nations World Tourism Organization), Nara Prefecture is committed to developing sustainable tourism destinations, leveraging the wisdom of the past to create a sustainable future.



Spring cherry blossoms on  
Mt. Yoshino



Summer Scenery of  
Mt. Kasuga Primeval Forest



Nara Park Autumn Foliage



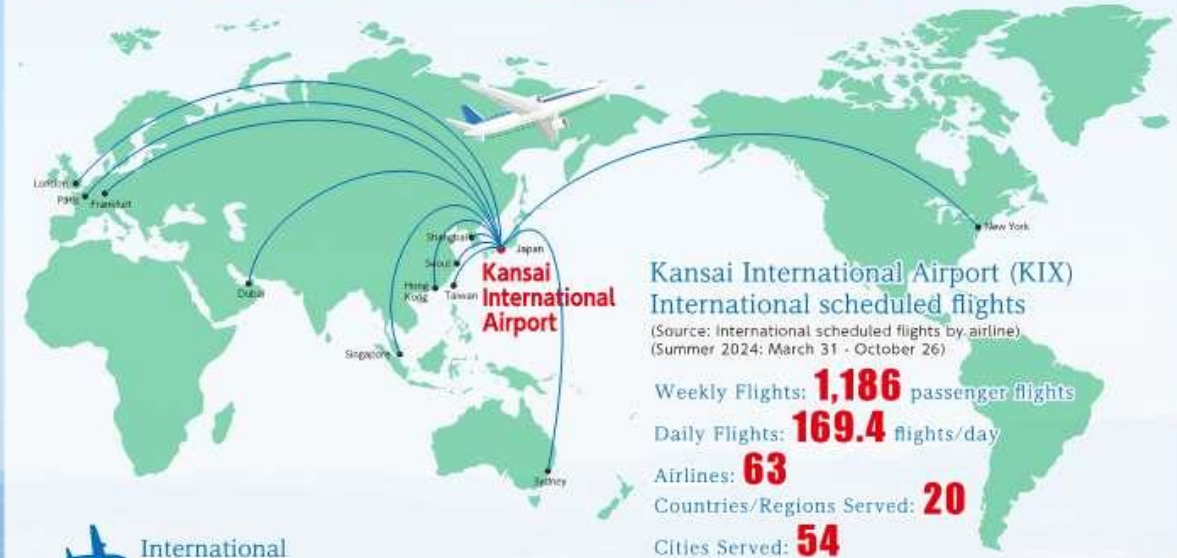
Winter frost of  
Mt. Miune



## ②Excellent Domestic and International Access, and Convenient Location

Nara's compact urban functionality provides an ideal environment for hosting business events.

For international access, Kansai International Airport (KIX), one of Japan's leading international airports, is the most convenient option.



### International flights

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| New York  | 15 hours            |
| London    | 14 hours 30 minutes |
| Paris     | 12 hours 30 minutes |
| Frankfurt | 12 hours            |
| Dubai     | 10 hours            |
| Sydney    | 9 hours 45 minutes  |
| Hong Kong | 3 hours 30 minutes  |
| Taiwan    | 2 hours 30 minutes  |
| Shanghai  | 1 hour 45 minutes   |
| Singapore | 6 hours             |
| Seoul     | 1 hour 30 minutes   |

### Railway

1 hour 30 minutes

### Bus

1 hour 30 minutes

### Car

1 hour 10 minutes

NARA

### Domestic flights

|                                      |  |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Itami Airport                        | Railway                                      | 1 hour 30 minutes  |
|                                      | Bus  | 1 hour 20 minutes  |
| Haneda Airport                       | By train (Shinkansen and conventional lines) | 4 hours 30 minutes |
|                                      | Air and Rail Travel                          | 3 hours            |
| Chubu Centrair International Airport | Railway                                      | 2 hours 30 minutes |

It is also easily accessible from various regions within Japan.





### ③ Extensive Track Record of Organizing Successful Events

#### Case 1 International Participants Meeting 2024 Summer (IPM 2024 Summer)



#### A Gateway to the Expo from Nara: Blending Culture and Moving Forward

The 'International Participants Meeting 2024 Summer' was an official conference for countries, regions, international organizations, and corporations planning to participate in the Osaka-Kansai Expo 2025. It facilitated information sharing and coordination regarding the Expo preparations, pavilion construction plans, and participating countries' operational policies.

Nara's proximity to Osaka, the Expo's host city, offered excellent access. With easy transportation from Kansai International Airport, it was an ideal location for attracting both domestic and international participants.

Nara is also a popular tourist destination for international visitors, valued for its opportunity to experience Japanese culture and history. International participants can experience the Japanese philosophy and values related to the Expo's theme, "Designing Future Society for Our Lives."

A promotion booth for Nara was set up, showcasing municipal booths, local cuisine, and craft booths representing Nara. At the reception hosted by Nara Prefecture, a welcome speech by the Governor of Nara Prefecture, sake tasting, and Japanese drum performances were held, and Yoshino cedar chopstick sets were distributed as souvenirs.



| DATA  |
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| ● Organizer: Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition  |
| ● Dates: June 25-26, 2024   |
| ● Number of Participants: 600 participants from 160 countries/regions and international organizations |
| ● Conference Venue: Nara Prefectural Convention Center  |
| ● Banquet Venue: Nara Royal Hotel   |

#### Case 2 JANOG54 Meeting in NARA



#### "Connecting the Internet through Discussion" — Deepening the Connections in Nara

'JANOG54 Meeting in NARA' is a technical conference organized by JANOG (Japan Network Operators' Group), a community of Japanese Internet technologists. JANOG serves as a platform for Internet operators and network engineers to exchange information and discuss the latest technologies and operational challenges.

The theme for this year's event was "Connecting the Internet through Discussion" — Deepening the Connections in Nara. Face-to-face discussions and debates were the key to the successful event. It was also necessary to have a venue and access to accommodate several thousands of participants from all over the country. The Nara Prefectural Convention Center, the venue for the event, provided a comfortable meeting environment with sufficient capacity and access, and new dialogues and connections were created in the serene atmosphere nurtured by Nara's culture.

Food trucks using local ingredients, and ice cream made using "Kotoka," a representative brand of strawberries from Nara, were provided. In addition, a sake tasting, a welcoming address by the Governor of Nara Prefecture, and novelty goods in collaboration with local companies were provided at the social gathering.



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| ● Organizer: Japan Network Operators' Group            |
| ● Dates: July 3-5, 2024                                |
| ● Number of Participants: 3,249                        |
| ● Conference Venue: Nara Prefectural Convention Center |
| ● Banquet Venue: Hotel Nikko Nara                      |



### ③ Extensive Track Record of Organizing Successful Events

#### Case ③ 17th World Congress on Parasitic Plants



#### Learning in Nature, along with Special Experiences Unique to Nara



World Congress on Parasitic Plants is a long-established congress for parasitic plant researchers worldwide. Researchers specializing in diverse fields gather to discuss the molecular mechanisms and genome analysis of various parasitic plant species, as well as parasitic weed management techniques, aiming to solve academic and agricultural challenges.



Nara Kasugano International Forum I・RA・KA, the venue, is a beautiful convention facility with tiled roof that harmonizes with the greenery of Nara Park, and the use of the Noh (Japanese traditional play) Theater as the main stage for presentations gave a great impression to participants. It was necessary to take off shoes to go on the Noh stage, but presenters enjoyed it as a unique Japanese experience. In addition, the nature-rich environment was well received as some participants discovered parasitic plants while strolling through Nara Park. During the congress, more than 100 people participated in the "Shika Yose (Deer Calling)" early in the morning, and voices of excitement were heard at the sight. At the banquet party, Gagaku music was performed and traditional costume dressing experience was held, and participants enjoyed taking pictures until sunset, making for a valuable experience.

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| ●Organize: Nara Institute of Science and Technology Plant Symbolics        |
| ●Dates: June 3-7, 2024   |
| ●Number of Participants: 140   |
| ●Conference Venue: Nara Kasugano International Forum I・RA・KA               |
| ●Banquet Venue: Japanese Garden, Nara Kasugano International Forum I・RA・KA |

Gagaku performance and workshop, Yamato-cha tea tasting, and Nara local sake tasting were held at the garden in the I・RA・KA. Deer calling experience and an excursion to Todaiji Temple and Nigatsudo Hall with interpreter guides were also held.



#### Convention Venues & Accommodation

##### Nara Area Convention Venues

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- 12 Noborioji Hotel Nara

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- 14 Daiwa Roynet Hotel Nara
- 15 Onyado Nono Nara Natural Hot Spring
- 16 Washington Hotel Plaza Nara
- 17 Super Hotel Premier JR Nara Station
- 18 AB Hotel Nara
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- 20 Smile Hotel Nara
- 21 Toyoko Inn Kintetsu Nara Ekimae
- 22 Henn na Hotel Nara
- 23 Iroha Grand Hotel Kintetsu Nara Ekimae
- 24 APA Hotel Kintetsu Nara Ekimae

##### Kashihara Area Convention Venues and Accommodation

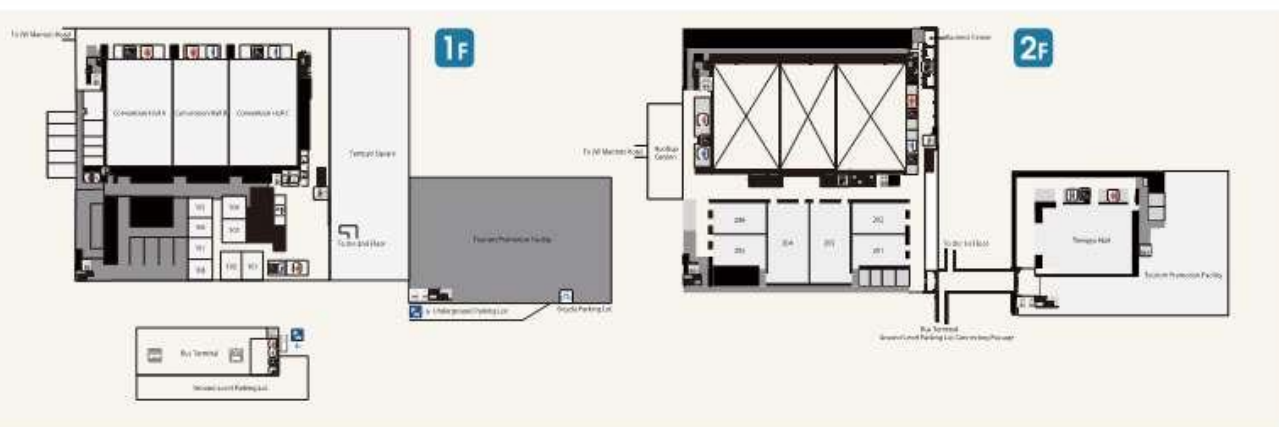
- 25 Grand Mercure Nara Kashihara
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# 01 Nara Prefectural Convention Center



A center for tourism and exchange hub with a hall that can accommodate up to 2,000 people, located in the center of Nara city, the ancient capital surrounded by World Heritage sites.



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Address: 1-691-1, Sanjo-ji, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-32-2290  
FAX: +81-742-32-2291

- Access: 10-min walk from Kintetsu Shin-oniya Station
- Opening hours: 9:00 to 21:30
- Closed: January 1st to January 4th and December 28th to December 31st, and every Monday
- Parking lot: 400 spaces \*Maximum fee 24 hours / 1,000 yen

<https://www.nara-cc.jp/>



| Room   | Area                | Capacity (by layout) |           |  |           |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
|  |                     | Banquet              | Reception | Theater  | Classroom |
| Convention Hall A B C Full use                           | 2,100m <sup>2</sup> | 576                  | 600       | 2,000  | 1,155     |
| Convention Hall A  | 730m <sup>2</sup>   | —                    | —         | 700  | 360       |
| Convention Hall B  | 600m <sup>2</sup>   | —                    | —         | 521  | 300       |
| Convention Hall C  | 770m <sup>2</sup>   | —                    | —         | 700  | 360       |
| Meeting Room 101~108 Each room * 2 rooms can be combined | 50m <sup>2</sup>    | —                    | —         | 45   | —         |
| Meeting Room 201/202/205/206 * 2 rooms can be combined   | 160m <sup>2</sup>   | —                    | —         | 150  | 72        |
| Meeting Room 203/204 * 2 rooms can be combined           | 315m <sup>2</sup>   | —                    | —         | 270  | 156       |
| Tempyo Hall  | 600m <sup>2</sup>   | —                    | —         | Flat: Theater 504<br>Staircase type: Theater 476 | —         |



## Convention Hall

A column-free large space of 2,100 m<sup>2</sup> with a ceiling height of 9.9 m, which can be divided into three spaces. Suitable for various conferences, academic societies, etc.), exhibitions, as well as lectures and parties.



## Meeting Rooms 201-206

Dignified meeting rooms that can be used for large-scale conferences, academic subcommittees, various committees, and ceremonies.



## Meeting Rooms 101-108

Ideal for gatherings, seminars, training, etc. Also can be used as waiting rooms for large-scale events.



## Tourism Promotion Facility

Designed to offer visitors a variety of experiences that aim to reflect the unique charm of Nara, including sales of goods that actively utilize local products and foodstuffs.



## Tempyo Square (Outdoor Plaza with Large Roof)

Regardless of the weather, it can be used for any events with a sense of openness. Ideal for exhibitions, marches, eating and drinking space, etc.



## Tempyo Hall

Approximately 500m<sup>2</sup> "theater space" can be used for movie screenings and other events. The stair-type seating can be retracted for flat use.

## Facility Features



The Nara Prefectural Convention Center is an ideal facility for hosting business events, such as international conferences, and exhibitions. The design harmoniously blends traditional Nara culture with state-of-the-art equipment. Access is also convenient and close to tourist attractions, making it possible to hold events that combine business and tourism. Spacious halls, meeting rooms, and exhibition areas are fully equipped, and it has the flexibility to accommodate events of various sizes.

## Event support services



With our abundant experience and expertise, we support conventions of all sizes, including international conferences, academic conferences, exhibitions, ceremonies, and events. We provide consulting services tailored to your needs, from creating plans and proposals all the way to post-convention. Based on extensive operational know-how in schedule management, promotion, PR, venue setup, security, catering, etc., our experienced staff will provide thorough support from pre-preparation to day-of operation and post-processing.



## 02 Nara Kasugano International Forum I・RA・KA



Located in a corner of Nara Park where deer roam freely, and Todaiji Temple and Kasugataisha Shrine are within walking distance, Nara Kasugano International Forum I・RA・KA is the perfect venue to enjoy the abundant nature and traditional culture of the ancient capital of Nara.



### DATA

Address: 101 Kasugano-cho, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-27-2630  
FAX: +81-742-27-2634  
Access: 20-min walk from Kintetsu Nara Station Exit 2  
Opening hours: 9:00 to 21:30  
Closed: January 1st to January 4th and December 28th to December 31st, and every Monday (the following weekday if it is a public holiday)  
Parking lot: 30 spaces

<http://www.ira-ka.jp/>



| Room                | Area                | Capacity (by layout)   |                        |         |           |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------|
|                     |                     | Banquet                | Reception              | Theater | Classroom |
| Noh Theater Hall    | 855.1m <sup>2</sup> | —                      | —                      | 500     | —         |
| Reception Hall 1    | 508.1m <sup>2</sup> | 200                    | 300                    | 420     | 252       |
| Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 | 305.1m <sup>2</sup> | 108                    | 110                    | 170     | 168       |
| Meeting Rooms 3 & 4 | 305.1m <sup>2</sup> | Available upon request | Available upon request | 50      | 40        |
| Garden              | 4,000m <sup>2</sup> | 200                    | 300                    | —       | —         |
| Reception Hall 2    | 482.2m <sup>2</sup> | 116                    | 160                    | 250     | 116       |
| Meeting Rooms 5 & 6 | 405.1m <sup>2</sup> | 180                    | 150                    | —       | 204       |

\*Additional charges may apply for equipment such as tables and chairs, upon request.  
\*Internet access is available in both the main building and annex.



### Noh Theater Hall (Main building)

This 500-seat hall has a full-fledged Noh stage made of Japanese cypress. The stage can be used for a variety of events, including international conferences, lectures, and ceremonies, as it is equipped with removable pillars for projection and sound. This unique hall, rich in traditional culture, will make a strong impact on both domestic and international guests.



### Garden (Main building)

Exclusive use of the vast garden with a view of Mt. Wakakusa can be arranged. How about a garden party where you can experience the nature of Nara in each of the four seasons, such as cherry blossoms, new green leaves, and autumn leaves? Noh play, Gagaku (ancient Japanese court music and dance), and tea ceremony are perfect performance to add to the party. As a backup in case of rain, reception halls etc. are available for use.



### Reception Halls 1 (Main Building) & 2 (Annex)

As multipurpose halls, reception halls are equipped in both the main building and the annex respectively. These halls can be used as a main venue for academic conferences, and furthermore as an exhibition venue for posters and equipment. How about a glamorous event such as a party, ceremony, or exhibition, as a place where people can gather and enjoy the greenery of Nara Park?



### Conference Rooms 1-4 (Main Building)

The rooms can be freely laid out with tables and chairs, and are used for a variety of purposes such as conferences, lectures, and parties. Conference Rooms 1 and 2, and 3 and 4 can be used jointly or separately.



### Conference Rooms 5 & 6 (Annex)

Located in the annex building connected to the main building by a corridor. By connecting Conference Rooms 5 and 6, the space can accommodate up to 204 people. In addition, Reception Hall 2 can be used as the main venue or a party room, and small-sized conferences can be held in the Annex alone.

## Facility Features



View of the Annex from the Special Drawing Room (Main Building)

Nara Kasugano International Forum I・RA・KA Embraced by a Splendid Landscape and Enduring History. The main building and annex, surrounded by the garden, are standing each other, and connected by a corridor. Stepping outside the facility, you will be greeted by deer, which have been protected as messengers of the deity. Offering a variety of excursion and attraction menus is also one of our features. At the Noh theater hall, which symbolizes "Nara, the birthplace of Noh," and in the lush garden, not only can you enjoy authentic Noh and Gagaku, but various experience workshops are also possible. Take your time to visit Todaiji Temple and Kasugataisha Shrine. Appreciate art at the adjacent Nara National Museum. For outdoor enthusiasts, jogging in Nara Park and climbing Mt. Wakakusa are also recommended. We invite you to use our facility, where both domestic and international organizers and guests can experience the "real" Nara.



### 03 Nara Park Bus Terminal



It can be used for meetings, exhibitions, and events in an excellent location where history and nature are fused.

Located right next to Nara Park, Nara Park Bus Terminal is a facility that takes advantage of the rich natural environment and historical background. It is easy to access tourist attractions, and participants can enjoy sightseeing after the event. In addition, taking advantage of the convenience of the bus terminal, access from all over the country is also convenient. Fully equipped with a spacious space, multipurpose hall, commercial facilities, etc., it is ideal as a place for business, cultural exchange, and meetings.

#### Facility Features

Lecture Hall is equipped with tiered seating and a movable screen in an approximately 300㎡ area that can be used for lectures and screenings. The spacious venue can also accommodate meetings and workshops. The bright and open design provides a comfortable environment for participants. In addition, natural light can be taken into the hall by opening the curtains on the rear of the stage and on both walls.

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Address: 76 Noborijō-cho, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-81-3151  
FAX: +81-742-81-3885

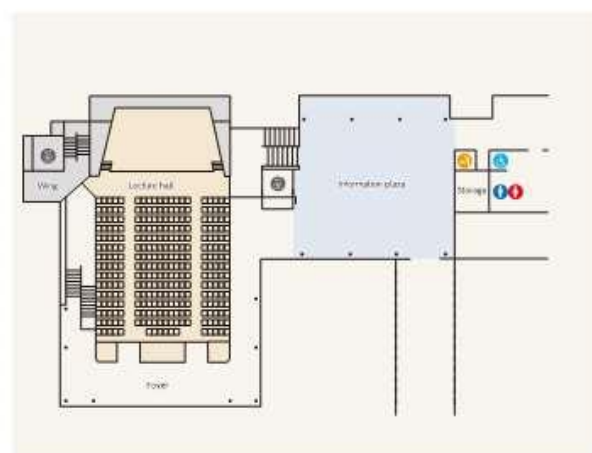
Access: 10-min walk from Kintetsu Nara Station

Opening hours: 7:30 to 20:00

Closed/Open all year round

Parking lot/Use nearby parking lot

<https://npbt.jp/>



| Room  | Area   | Capacity (by layout) |           |         |           |
|---|--------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|   |        | Banquet              | Reception | Theater | Classroom |
| Lecture Hall  | 317.5㎡ | —                    | —         | 296     | —         |
| Information Plaza<br>(Available for use only when the Lecture Hall is closed) | 272.2㎡ | —                    | —         | —       | —         |



### 04 Nara Centennial Hall



A multipurpose hall with state-of-the-art facilities and excellent access, Nara Centennial Hall is an optimal base for international conferences, exhibitions, and corporate events.

Nara Centennial Hall is a prestigious convention facility where you can feel Nara's history and culture. Equipped with a large hall with a maximum of 1,500 seats, as well as small and medium-sized meeting rooms that can be used for multiple purposes. Equipped with the latest audio and visual equipment, it can be used for international conferences, academic symposiums, and corporate events. Located within walking distance from JR Nara Station, it has good access from both Japan and overseas. The hall provides a special event experience that is integrated with Nara's rich culture, creating new possibilities for business and exchange.

#### Facility Features

We are making various efforts to realize comfortable and effective event management. Equipped with the latest audio and visual equipment, it also supports hybrid conferences and online distribution. Experienced staff will support you from the planning stage to smooth progress. In addition to being conveniently located within walking distance from JR Nara Station, it can also be linked with surrounding historical and cultural facilities. By proposing special performances and activities unique to Nara, we will support your next event that will remain in the memory of the participants.

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Address: 7-1 Sanjo-miyamae-cho, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-34-0100  
FAX: +81-742-34-1000

Access: 1-min walk from JR Nara Station

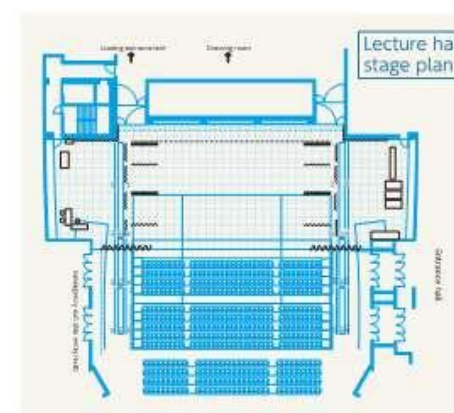
Opening hours: 9:00 to 21:30

Closed: Tuesdays (the following day if it is a public holiday) and the day after public holidays (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays)  
Year-end and New Year holidays (December 28th to January 4th)

Parking lot: 500 spaces



<http://www.nara100.com/user01.html>



| Room                       | Area   | Capacity (by layout) |           |                                |           |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
|                            |        | Banquet              | Reception | Theater                        | Classroom |
| Lecture Hall               | 194.4㎡ | —                    | —         | Ground floor seating only 1475 | —         |
| Middle Hall                | 102㎡   | —                    | —         | 434                            | —         |
| Small Hall                 | 132㎡   | —                    | —         | 70                             | 40        |
| Banquet Facility with Café | —      | 80                   | 120       | —                              | —         |





# New Facilities to Open in Nara

In addition to the extensive conference and event facilities already existed, there will be more places to stay and socialize, further improving the environment for welcoming visitors from Japan and abroad.

## Nara Prefectural Cultural Hall

Reopening



Reopening after renovation in 2027

Nara Prefectural Cultural Hall is ideally located just a 5-minute walk from Kintetsu Nara Station. Surrounding it are the Prefectural Museum of Art and the Nara National Museum. Furthermore, it is located close to the World Heritage Sites of Todaiji Temple, Kohfukuji Temple, and Kasugataisha Shrine, positioning it at the heart of Nara, a city of culture.

We are proceeding with improvements based on the concept of "commitment to sound," and by introducing high-quality acoustic equipment and developing a video distribution environment, etc., it will become even more comfortable to use.

The International Hall with approximately 1,100 seats and the Small Music Hall with approximately 350 seats can be used not only for music and theater performances, but also for symposiums, lectures, and conference venues. Perfect venue as a new hub for cultural exchange and conferences in Nara.

Event Venue

## Hotel NEI Nara

Newly Open



JR Tokai Group's first luxury hotel "Hotel NEI NARA" to open at the gateway to Nara

"Hotel NEI Nara" is located at the gateway to Nara, a 2-minute walk from Kintetsu Nara Station with easy access to Kasugataisha Shrine, Todaiji Temple, Kohfukuji Temple, and more. The hotel is "Unbound Collection by Hyatt" brand, one of the luxury brands developed by Hyatt. Spacious guest rooms averaging 40 square meters or more will welcome domestic and international guests visiting Nara region. With the concept of "Being NARA Neighbors!," the hotel aims to be a bridge to Nara, a place with mystical and profound charm, by creating a cycle in which visitors become fans of Nara, visit repeatedly, and further communicating the charms of Nara to people in Japan and abroad. (The opening date will be announced through a press release from the JR Central Group once it is confirmed.)

Nara is interesting because you go there



Accommodation

## Nara Area Accommodation with Convention Facilities



### 05 Hotel Nikko Nara



Hotel Nikko Nara combines with beautiful history of Nara with modern facilities, ideal for corporate meetings and events.

This venue features equipment and services that can accommodate all events, from business meetings to large-scale international conferences, with sophisticated meeting rooms, comprehensive sound and visual equipment, and high-quality catering services unique to the hotel. The experienced team will support you in creating a memorable event in an environment surrounded by the nature and culture of Nara.

#### As a Base for Business Events

Hotel Nikko Nara is directly connected to the west exit of JR Nara Station, providing excellent accessibility. Tourist attractions such as Nara Park, Kohfukuji Temple, Todaiji Temple, and Kasugataisha Shrine are within walking distance, and it takes less than an hour by train to Kyoto and Osaka, providing an ideal base for Kansai sightseeing and business trips. You can feel the origin of Japan through its many World Heritage Sites, and enjoy the quaint townscape and the nature of the changing seasons. The breakfast buffet "Nara no Asa Gohan (Breakfast of Nara)" and the shaved ice in the lobby lounge are also very popular. In addition, all lodging guests can use the Welcome Lounge where they can enjoy a selection of wines and local Nara sake.



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Address: 8-1 Sanjo-honmachi, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-35-8831  
FAX: +81-742-35-6868

- Access: Directly connected to JR Nara Station
- Rooms: 330
- Opening hours: Consultation required
- Parking lot: Facility underground 1st and 2nd floors

<https://www.nikkonara.jp/>



| Room     | Area                | Capacity (by layout) |           |         |           |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|          |                     | Banquet              | Reception | Theater | Classroom |
| Hiten    | 1,000m <sup>2</sup> | 460                  | 700       | 1,000   | 700       |
| Hagoromo | 230m <sup>2</sup>   | 100                  | 120       | 220     | 120       |
| Tenku    | 218m <sup>2</sup>   | 100                  | 120       | 220     | 120       |
| Fuyū     | 59m <sup>2</sup>    | 20                   | —         | 40      | 18        |
| Kiyo     | 69m <sup>2</sup>    | 20                   | —         | 50      | 24        |
| Shōbu    | 58m <sup>2</sup>    | 20                   | —         | 40      | 18        |
| Yūi      | 92m <sup>2</sup>    | 40                   | —         | 60      | 30        |
| Fuji     | 115m <sup>2</sup>   | 40                   | —         | 60      | 30        |



## 06 Novotel Nara



We provide a comfortable space for conducting efficient meetings and events. With convenient access, you can also fully enjoy the charm of Nara.

Located along the Saho River, known for its beautiful cherry blossom trees, it is conveniently located near popular areas and World Cultural Heritage Sites such as Todaiji Temple, Kasugataisha Shrine, and Kohfukuji Temple. All 264 guest rooms feature a modern design inspired by Nara's culture and nature, and are available in standard and executive types. We also have a spacious room that can be used as a meeting area. The flexible layout can accommodate a variety of events, large and small. It is ideal for business meetings, seminars, and exhibitions. We provide support so that you can focus on discussions in a sophisticated space. You can have an efficient and meaningful time while enjoying the historical scenery of Nara.

### Banquet rooms to suit various needs

We have banquet halls that can accommodate a variety of events for business and private use. They feature designs based on the themes: nature and the culture of Nara. The large banquet hall "Earth" can accommodate up to 110 people and is attractive with its bright atmosphere facing the Saho River. The medium-sized banquet hall "Water" is suitable for meetings and seminars, and is fully equipped with the latest equipment. The small banquet hall "Wind" is ideal for small gatherings and can be used flexibly. All banquet halls are equipped with sound equipment, projectors, screens, and internet lines to support the success of events. In addition, barrier-free access, cloakrooms, smoking areas, as well as restaurants, lounges, and rooftop terraces are available, making it ideal for relaxation and interaction.



#### DATA

Address: 7-1-45 Omiya-cho, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-32-3020  
FAX: +81-742-32-3021

- Access / 8-min walk from Kintetsu Shin-omiya Station
- Rooms / 264
- Opening hours / 9:00 to 21:00
- Parking lot / Multistory parking lot 22 spaces; Flat parking lot 22 spaces. Total 44 spaces

<https://www.novotelnara.com/>



| Room  | Area              | Capacity (by layout) |           |         |           |
|-------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|       |                   | Banquet              | Reception | Theater | Classroom |
| Earth | 170m <sup>2</sup> | 80                   | —         | 144     | 99        |
| Water | 100m <sup>2</sup> | 50                   | —         | 79      | 48        |
| Wind  | 20m <sup>2</sup>  | —                    | —         | U-shape | 10        |

## 07 JW Marriott Hotel Nara



An outstanding meeting experience that leads to success in a place that combines natural beauty and urban convenience.

JW Marriott Hotel Nara is Marriott Group's highest-ranked international luxury hotel that first landed in Japan. All 158 rooms (including 16 suites) are modernly furnished and comfortably equipped, and have a sophisticated space where you can relax like a residence. The hotel has over 640m<sup>2</sup> of function rooms, which can be used for receptions, wedding banquets, conferences, and other purposes. The main ballroom "Yoshino" has an area of 373 m<sup>2</sup> and can accommodate up to 300 people for standing buffet and 240 people for seating. There are also 4 small banquet halls, so it can be laid out flexibly according to the purpose.

### Collaboration with Nara Prefectural Convention Center

It is directly connected to the adjacent Nara Prefectural Convention Center by a connecting bridge, making it easy to move around.

In addition, its location provides excellent access to tourist attractions in Nara City, making it possible to approach both business and tourism aspects. In addition to the hotel's extensive banquet and event space, it is possible to hold events of various sizes and formats.



#### DATA

Address: 1-1-1 Sanjo-cho, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-36-6000  
FAX: +81-742-36-6262

- Access / 10-min walk from Kintetsu Shin-omiya Station
- Rooms / 158
- Opening hours / Consultation required
- Parking lot / Available

<https://www.marriott.com/ja/hotels/osa/jw-marriott-hotel-nara/overview/>



| Room            | Area              | Capacity (by layout) |           |         |           |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|                 |                   | Banquet              | Reception | Theater | Classroom |
| Yoshino 1 & 2   | 373m <sup>2</sup> | 220                  | 150       | 380     | 230       |
| Katsuragi       | 74m <sup>2</sup>  | 20                   | 30        | 60      | 30        |
| Unebi           | 41m <sup>2</sup>  | 10                   | 20        | 25      | 18        |
| Wakakusa & Miwa | 152m <sup>2</sup> | 30                   | 30        | 140     | 60        |



## 08 Nara Royal Hotel



A hotel with a convention function that combines tradition and modernity. We will support your meetings, exhibitions, and seminars in a splendid manner in a space where you can feel the breath of culture.

Nara Royal Hotel is an ideal MICE facility where business and leisure are in harmony. It can accommodate a variety of events, from large-scale meeting rooms to seminars and exhibitions. Surrounded by rich nature and a historical background, the hotel also has a variety of dining options and accommodation facilities. Access is also good, making it ideal for corporate events and meetings.

### Features of the Banquet Hall

This facility boasts one of the largest banquet halls in Nara Prefecture, with three banquet halls and can accommodate up to 1,335 people. It can be used for a variety of events such as large conventions, seminars, and exhibitions, as well as reunions, thank-you parties, welcome and farewell parties, and year-end parties. We offer everything from buffets to course meals to suit your needs. In addition, we have a shop with staff-recommended Nara souvenirs and a rental cycle service that allows you to easily enjoy sightseeing. You can fully enjoy your stay in the ancient city of Nara.



| Room                      | Area              | Capacity (by layout) |           |         |           |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|                           |                   | Banquet              | Reception | Theater | Classroom |
| Kasuga (All)              | 148m <sup>2</sup> | 60                   | 125       | 150     | 90        |
| Houou (All)               | 680m <sup>2</sup> | 335                  | 570       | 660     | 400       |
| Suzaku (All)              | 326m <sup>2</sup> | 160                  | 280       | 320     | 190       |
| Royal Hall                | 235m <sup>2</sup> | 120                  | 200       | 250     | 140       |
| Special Room              | 25m <sup>2</sup>  | 12                   | —         | 25      | 15        |
| Golden Room               | 50m <sup>2</sup>  | 25                   | 25        | 50      | 30        |
| Banqueting & Meeting Room | 68m <sup>2</sup>  | 30                   | 55        | 60      | 40        |

### DATA

Address: 254-1 Hokkeji-cho, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-34-1131  
FAX: +81-742-34-3231  
■ Access/10-min walk from Kintetsu Shin-onmiya Station  
■ Rooms/131  
■ Opening hours/Consultation required  
■ Parking lot/230 spaces, Meeting use: Free for 4 hours

<https://nara-royal.co.jp/>



## 09 Nara Hotel



We offer a special space where you can feel the beautiful scenery and history of the ancient city. Please use this sophisticated facility as a venue for business events.

Nara Hotel is one of Japan's leading hotels with a history of over 150 years, and features a quiet and calm space unique to Nara with the latest conference facilities. It is fully equipped with flexible venues that can accommodate a wide range of needs, from large-scale events to small-scale meetings. We also provide high-quality accommodations. Its ease of access makes it an ideal place to concentrate on conferences while experiencing historical culture.

### Features of holding business events

This venue is characterized by hospitality that combines tradition with modern services. Set in a historical building, sophisticated customer service and facilities are used to create a special experience. Delegates are provided with support from specialized staff and flexible services that meet individual needs. Participants are treated with high-quality Japanese-Western fusion cuisine made from locally sourced ingredients. In addition, excellent accessibility to nearby tourist attractions makes for a pleasant stay.



| Room                                     | Area              | Capacity (by layout) |           |         |           |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|  |                   | Banquet              | Reception | Theater | Classroom |
| Yamato                                   | 452m <sup>2</sup> | 330                  | 400       | 400     | 280       |
| Wakakusa                                 | 132m <sup>2</sup> | 60                   | 70        | 100     | 40        |
| Kongo                                    | 237m <sup>2</sup> | 130                  | 140       | 220     | 120       |
| Kei                                      | 85m <sup>2</sup>  | 40                   | 50        | 50      | 30        |
| Matsu & Take<br>*2 rooms can be combined | 8m <sup>2</sup>   | —                    | —         | —       | —         |

### DATA

Address: 1096 Takabatake-cho, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-26-3300  
FAX: +81-742-23-5252  
■ Access/8-min taxi ride from JR Nara Station,  
5-min taxi ride from Kintetsu Nara Station  
■ Rooms/127  
■ Opening hours/9:00 to 21:00  
■ Parking lot/100 spaces

<https://www.narahotel.co.jp/>





## 10 Shisui, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Nara



**DATA**  
Address: 62 Noborioji-cho, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-93-6511  
Access: 15-min walk from Kintetsu Nara Station  
3-min bus ride "Kencho Higashi" stop from JR Nara Station  
Rooms: 43  
Parking lot: 10 spaces

<https://www.suishihotel.com/shisui/>



### A Luxurious Stay in Nara

Shisui, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Nara, is a luxurious hotel where you can feel the beautiful scenery of Nara. It features a design that blends the history and culture of the ancient city, allowing you to enjoy modern comfort and traditional Japanese beauty. The spacious guest rooms are equipped with sophisticated interiors and state-of-the-art equipment, so please enjoy a luxurious stay. At the hotel's restaurant, you can enjoy delicious cuisine made with fresh local ingredients, and there is also a relaxing spa facility. It has good access to Nara's famous spots, making it a place where you can spend an elegant time along with sightseeing.

## 11 Fufu Nara



**DATA**  
Address: 1184-1 Takabatake-cho, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-81-7738  
FAX: +81-742-81-3576  
Access: 5-min taxi ride from Kintetsu Nara Station  
10-min taxi ride from JR Nara Station  
Rooms: 30  
Parking lot: 15 spaces

<https://www.fufunara.jp/>



### A Healing Time Woven From the Tranquility of the Ancient City and Nature

Resort Hotel Fufu Nara is a luxury resort hotel that provides a luxurious space where you can feel Nara's nature and history. Surrounded by the tranquility of the ancient city and a rich natural environment, it is the perfect place for guests seeking healing and refreshment. Please enjoy a place where you can relax your mind and body by blending a sophisticated design that makes you feel the beauty of Japanese style and modern comfort. In addition, we will create a special time through cuisine that makes use of local ingredients, hot springs, and personalized services. We value harmony with nature and provide a place where you can reset your mind and body in comfortable silence.

## 12 Noborioji Hotel Nara



**DATA**  
Address: 40-1 Noborioji-cho, Nara City  
TEL: +81-742-25-2591  
Access: 3-min walk from Kintetsu Nara Station  
15-min walk from JR Nara Station  
Rooms: 13 rooms  
Parking lot: 8 spaces

<https://www.noborioji.com/>



### Immerse the Five Senses in the Atmosphere of the Ancient City

At Noborioji Hotel Nara, we cherish the warm moments hidden in everyday life: casual conversations, meals, and moments where people's hearts connect. Right next to the World Heritage site "Kohfukuji Temple," in an environment filled with the atmosphere of the ancient city of Nara, you can experience Nara's culture while touching the ancient history. At our 13-room Relais & Châteaux auberge, indulge in a feast for the senses with exquisite food and music. In the private dining room, you can enjoy a special time with cuisine prepared in the open kitchen right in front of you. In the adjacent salon, the warm tones created by the famous "TANNOY Westminster" speakers resonate, creating a blissful time. In the wine cave, the ultimate dining experience awaits with over 1,000 carefully selected wines.

## Accommodation with 100+ Rooms

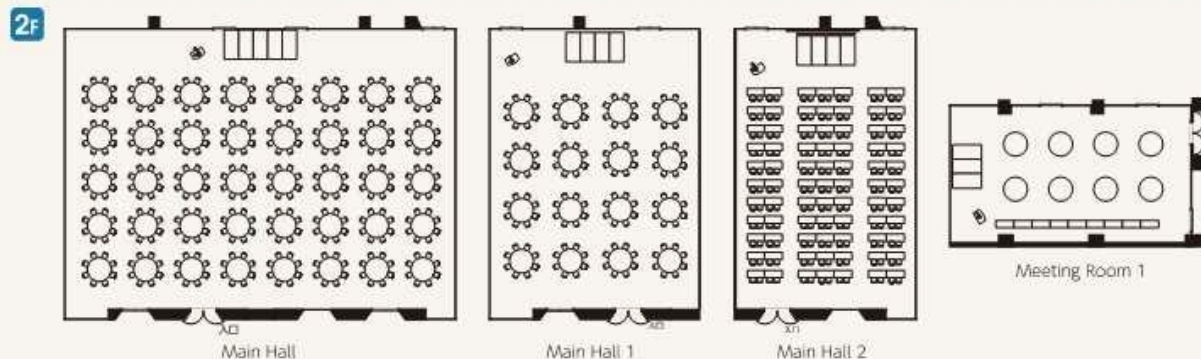
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| <b>13</b><br><b>Piazza Hotel Nara</b><br>Address: 11-20 Sanjo-honmachi, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-742-30-2200           | <b>14</b><br><b>Daiwa Roynet Hotel Nara</b><br>Address: 11-12 Sanjo-honmachi, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-742-30-6186            | <b>15</b><br><b>Onyado Nono Nara Natural Hot Spring</b><br>Address: 1-1-6 Oniya-cho, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-742-20-5489 |
| <b>16</b><br><b>Washington Hotel Plaza Nara</b><br>Address: 31-1 Shimonsanjo-cho, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-742-27-0410 | <b>17</b><br><b>Super Hotel Premier JR Nara Station</b><br>Address: 1-2 Sanjo-honmachi, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-742-27-9000  | <b>18</b><br><b>AB Hotel Nara</b><br>Address: 4-30 Sanjo-honmachi, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-742-27-1005                   |
| <b>19</b><br><b>Comfort Hotel Nara</b><br>Address: 321-3 Sanjo-cho, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-742-25-3211               | <b>20</b><br><b>Smile Hotel Nara</b><br>Address: 4-21 Sanjo-honmachi, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-742-25-2111                    | <b>21</b><br><b>Toyoko Inn Kintetsu Nara Ekimae</b><br>Address: 4-30 Sanjo-honmachi, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-742-27-1005 |
| <b>22</b><br><b>Henn na Hotel Nara</b><br>Address: 46-1 Takama-cho, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-50-5210-9999              | <b>23</b><br><b>Iroha Grand Hotel Kintetsu Nara Ekimae</b><br>Address: 30-1 Konishi-cho, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-742-27-0168 | <b>24</b><br><b>APA Hotel Kintetsu Nara Ekimae</b><br>Address: 29-1 Kamisanjo-cho, Nara City, Nara<br>TEL: +81-570-065-511   |



## 25 Grand Mercure Nara Kashihara



Conduct Business Events in a Prime Location with Comprehensive Facilities.  
Make Comfortable and Efficient Meetings a Reality in our 15 Meeting Rooms.



### DATA

Address: 652-2 Kume-cho, Kashihara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-744-28-6636  
FAX: +81-744-28-6644

- Access: 1-min walk from the East Exit of Kashiharajingu-mae Station
- Rooms: 209
- Opening hours: Consultation required
- Parking lot: 74 spaces



<https://grand-mercure-nara-kashihara.jp/>

| Room                   | Area              | Capacity (by layout) |           |         |           |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|                        |                   | Barquet              | Reception | Theater | Classroom |
| Main Hall              | 757m <sup>2</sup> | 400                  | 600       | 800     | 408       |
| Main Hall 1-2          | 347m <sup>2</sup> | 160                  | 250       | 300     | 192       |
| Meeting Room 1         | 221m <sup>2</sup> | 100                  | 120       | 180     | 100       |
| Meeting Room 2         | 206m <sup>2</sup> | —                    | —         | 150     | 112       |
| Meeting Room 2-A + 2-B | 131m <sup>2</sup> | —                    | —         | 80      | 30        |
| Meeting Room 3         | 145m <sup>2</sup> | 60                   | 80        | 120     | 80        |
| Meeting Room 4-5       | 131m <sup>2</sup> | 60                   | 70        | 100     | 56        |
| Meeting Room 6         | 115m <sup>2</sup> | —                    | —         | 100     | 48        |
| Meeting Room 7         | 113m <sup>2</sup> | —                    | —         | 100     | 48        |
| Meeting Room 8         | 116m <sup>2</sup> | —                    | —         | 100     | 48        |
| Meeting Room 8-A       | 60m <sup>2</sup>  | —                    | —         | 40      | 20        |
| Meeting Room 8-B       | 56m <sup>2</sup>  | —                    | —         | 40      | 20        |



MAIN HALL



MAIN HALL 1



MAIN HALL 2



MEETING ROOM 1



MEETING ROOM 2



MEETING ROOM 3



MEETING ROOM 4-5



MEETING ROOM 6-7



MEETING ROOM 8-A + 8-B

Standing in an excellent location, approximately a 1-minute walk from the East Exit of Kintetsu Kashiharajingu-mae Station, access to historical sites such as Asuka and Mt. Yoshino is also outstanding. It features a hot spring with its own source on the premises, a sauna, spacious guest rooms, and free Wi-Fi. Please enjoy an all-inclusive stay to your heart's content. In addition, 15 halls and meeting rooms of various sizes can be utilized for a variety of purposes such as business and events.

### Features of the Meeting Rooms

It features a total of 15 diverse meeting rooms, including "MAIN HALL," which boasts an area of 757 m<sup>2</sup> and can accommodate up to 800 people in a theater format, 600 people for a standing buffet, 408 people for a conference, and 400 people for a formal meal. It is ideal for large-scale seminars and international conferences. It also has a wide range of rooms and plans for social gatherings and networking events, making it a versatile place for business and exchange.



## 26 Candeo Hotels Nara Kashihara 27 Kashihara City Convention Room



### A Hotel with Convention Rooms Based in Kashihara Area.

This hotel is conveniently located approximately 3 minutes on foot from Kintetsu Yamatoyagi Station. The hotel's interior has a stylish and relaxing space with a "Japanese modern" concept that makes use of the warmth of wood. From the west side of the guest rooms, you can see Mt. Niijo, and from the east side, Mt. Miminashi, beautiful mountains that have been sung about in the "Manyoshu." In addition, it is the first co-located facility in Japan where the 1st to 4th floors are the Kashihara City Hall and the 5th floor and above are the hotel, providing excellent convenience. With comfortable guest rooms and comprehensive facilities, it is an accommodation facility that serves as a conference base in Kashihara City.

### Candeo Hotels Nara Kashihara DATA

Address: 1-1-58 Naizen-cho, Kashihara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-744-21-8700  
FAX: +81-744-21-8710

- Access: 3-min walk from Kintetsu Yamatoyagi Station
- Rooms: 139
- Parking lot / Use nearby parking lot



<https://www.candeohotels.com/ja/nara-kashihara/>



### Features of Kashihara City Convention Room

It can be used for a variety of purposes such as meetings, seminars, training, exhibitions, and social gatherings, and provides a comfortable meeting environment equipped with projectors and sound equipment. It is an attractive convention room that is co-located with the Kashihara City Hall and hotel, providing excellent convenience, with an open and modern space with natural light coming in from large windows.



### Kashihara City Convention Room DATA

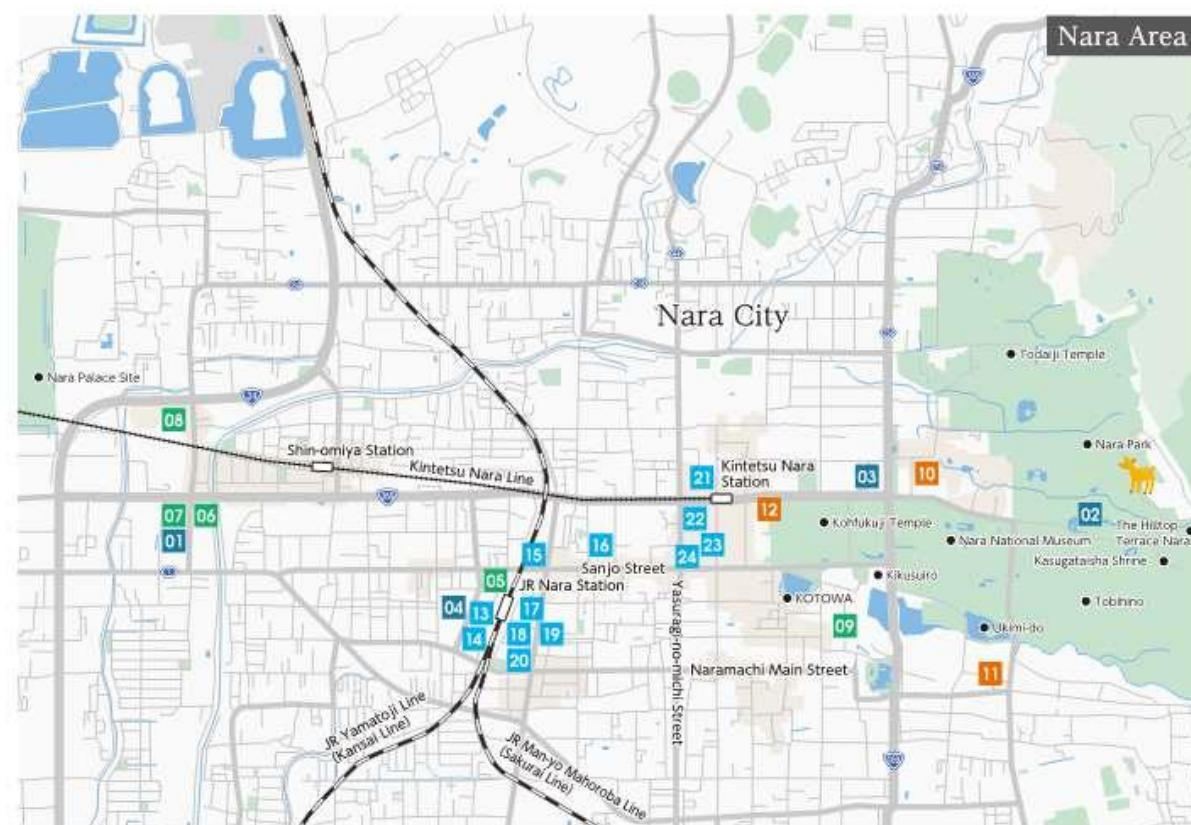
Address: 4F, 1-1-60 Naizen-cho, Kashihara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-744-47-2924  
FAX: +81-744-47-2787

- Access: 3-min walk from Kintetsu Yamatoyagi Station
- Opening hours: 9:00 to 21:30
- Closed: Open all year round
- Parking lot / Use nearby municipal parking lot

<https://migrants.jp>



| Room            | Capacity (by layout) |           |         | Classroom                    |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|
|                 | Banquet              | Reception | Theater |                              |
| Convention Room | —                    | —         | —       | 117<br>(without fully round) |



### Kashihara Area

#### Nara Area Convention Venues

- 01 Nara Prefectural Convention Center
- 02 Nara Kasugano International Forum I・RA・KA
- 03 Nara Park Bus Terminal
- 04 Nara Centennial Hall

#### Nara Area Accommodation with Convention Facilities

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#### Kashihara Area Convention Venues and Accommodation

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## Unique Venues

### Experience Nara's History and Nature in Special Venues

There are many unique venues that showcase Nara's traditional natural beauty, with a special atmosphere that cannot be experienced in other cities. These venues provide event participants with unique experiences and lasting impressions of events. By taking advantage of Nara's unique characteristics, we help participants create special and unforgettable memories.



Experience the Nature and Traditional Culture of Ancient Nara

#### Nara Kasugano International Forum I-RA-KA

Address: 101 Kasugano-cho, Nara City, Nara

| Venue  | Reception | Food and drink | Notes   |
|--------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| Garden | 300       | ○              | Outdoor |



<http://www.i-ry-ka.jp/>



<https://www.suzakumon-heijokyo.com/>

MICE Experience to Create the Future in a 1300-Year Historical Space

#### Nara Palace Site Historical Park

Address: Niijyojicyo, Sakicho, Nara City

| Venue                                 | Theater | Classroom | Reception | Banquet | Food and drink | Notes   |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Heijokyu Izanai-kan Multipurpose Room | 200     | 120       | —         | —       | ○              |         |
| Tempyo Umashi-kan Restaurant          | —       | —         | 100       | 50      | ○              |         |
| Kentoshi Ship Front Garden            | —       | —         | 100       | —       | ○              | Outdoor |
| Tempyo Mihashiki-kan Observation Deck | —       | —         | 30        | 20      | ○              | Outdoor |



<https://www.heijokyo.jp/>



A Special Moment at Nara National Museum with Eternal Beauty

#### Nara National Museum

Address: 50 Noborioji-cho, Nara City, Nara

| Venue                        | Theater                                  | Reception | Banquet | Food and drink | Notes                                |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|---------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Lecture Hall                 | 180                                      | —         | —       | ×              |                                      |
| Buddhist Art Research Center | The number of participants is negotiable | ×         | —       | ×              | Requires Protective Measures         |
| Pilori                       | The number of participants is negotiable | —         | —       | ○              | Outdoor                              |
| Restaurant                   | The number of participants is negotiable | —         | —       | ○              | Direct Reservation at the Restaurant |



<https://www.narahaku.go.jp/>



A Base for Exchange and Learning Surrounded by History and Nature

#### Nara Park Bus Terminal

Address: 76 Noborioji-cho, Nara City, Nara

| Venue             | Theater | Reception | Notes   |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|---|
| Lecture Hall      | 296     | ×         | Approximately 300m in size, featuring tiered seating and a movable screen |
| Information Plaza | —       | ○         | Available for use only when the lecture hall is booked                    |



<https://npt.jp/>

## Banquet Venues

### Fostering Time for Interaction and Connection in Spaces Uniquely Nara

You can feel the Nara vibe with traditional Japanese culture and menus that make use of local features, while participants can spend time networking and relaxing.



A Memorable Time in Nara at Kikusuiro

#### Kikusuiro

Address: 1130 Takabatake-cho, Nara City, Nara

| Venue         | Theater | Classroom | Reception | Banquet |
|---------------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Shimo Hiroma  | 100     | 80        | 50        | 30      |
| Oriental Room | 100     | 60        | 150       | 130     |
| THE GARDEN    | 100     | 60        | 80        | 60      |
| THE KIKUSUI   | —       | —         | 150       | 100     |



<https://www.kikusuiro.com/>



High-Quality Banquet Space where History and Nature Intertwine

#### KOTOWA Nara Park Premium View

Address: 15 Imamikado-cho, Nara City, Nara

| Venue    | Theater | Classroom | Reception | Banquet |
|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| SHUKA    | 120     | 60        | 150       | 100     |
| AKATSUKI | 120     | 60        | 150       | 100     |



<http://www.kotowa-nara.com/premiumview/>



A Sophisticated Banquet Hall that Deepens the Interaction of Participants

#### The Hilltop Terrace Nara

Address: 98-1 Kasugano-cho, Nara City, Nara

| Venue           | Theater | Classroom | Reception | Banquet |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Hillside Room   | —       | 150       | 200       | 130     |
| Gardenside Room | —       | 100       | 120       | 80      |



<https://www.hilltopterrace.co.jp/>

Inquiries regarding unique venues, banquets, and attractions

Nara Visitors Bureau  
TEL : +81-742-23-8288  
E-mail : [conv@nara-kankou.or.jp](mailto:conv@nara-kankou.or.jp)



<http://mice-nara-kankou.or.jp/>

## Attractions

### Special Attractions where You Can Feel the Charm of Nara with All Five Senses

Nara's attractions have their own unique charm that takes advantage of Nara's rich history, culture, food, and nature, and deliver unique and meaningful experiences to event participants.



Sake Tasting



Yamato-cha Tea Tasting



Gagaku (ancient Japanese court music) Performance + Workshop



Noh Play Performance + Workshop



Fast Mochi Pounding



Japanese Drums (Wadaiko)



## Learning and Healing in Nara, where 1300 Years of History and Modernity Intersect.

In Nara, we can guide conference participants to experiences that combine historical charm and modern convenience. The ancient capital of Japan, Nara, is the perfect place to enjoy both business and tourism against the backdrop of its rich cultural heritage. On excursions, participants can spend a time that combines learning and relaxation while visiting Nara's historical landmarks and beautiful natural landscapes. There are many experiences to stimulate intellectual curiosity, visiting World Heritage Sites such as Todaiji Temple and Kasugataisha Shrine, interacting with deer in Nara Park, and strolling through the charming townscape.



The Heart of Nara, where History and Beauty Live On:  
Tour 1000 Years of Time at Todaiji Temple.

### Todaiji Temple

Todaiji Temple, widely known for the Great Buddha of Nara, is one of Japan's leading temples that was founded in the Nara period and was built as the center of Kokubunji Temple in Heijokyo Palace, the capital at the time. In the precincts, there are numerous national treasure buildings, including the Great Buddha Hall, the world's largest wooden building, and the Tegaimon and Hokkedo, which retain the vestiges of the time of its construction. In addition, the Nandaimon and Shoro (Bell Tower), which were restored in the Kamakura period, and the Nigatsu-do Hall, which was rebuilt in the Edo period (17th - 19th century), are all buildings of high historical value. In 1998, it was registered as a World Heritage Site as the "Cultural Properties of Ancient Nara," and its cultural importance and beauty have been widely recognized.



An Elegant Time Woven from Tradition and Nature:  
A Special Experience with Nara's History.

### Shikayose (Deer Calling) Experience (The Nara Deer Preservation Foundation)

"Shikayose" is a special experience unique to Nara where deer are called with the elegant sound of a natural horn. This tradition, which began in 1892 at the Deer Park Completion Dedication Festival using a trumpet, has been passed down to the present day and is enjoyed as a tourist event. It can also be implemented as a special program for MICE events by reservation.



A vividly vermillion shrine standing in an ancient forest.

### Kasugataisha Shrine Main Hall Special Visit

Kasugataisha Shrine is the head shrine of approximately 3,000 Kasuga shrines nationwide and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Founded in 768 to pray for the protection of Heijokyo Palace and the prosperity of the nation, the shrine's main deity, Takemikazuchi-no-mikoto, is said to have arrived riding a white deer, hence deer are considered divine messengers. Visitors can enjoy special access to Ukigumo-no-mine Worship Hall on the summit of Mt. Mikasa, Chumon Gate, O-ro Corridor, and Main Sanctuary (Omoya), as well as viewing Tsuru-toro (hanging lanterns) dedicated by warlords and shoguns during the Warring States period in the corridors.



Experience the Mysterious Healing of History and Nature  
at Kasugayama Primeval Forest

### Kasugayama Primeval Forest Trekking

It is possible to take a refreshing walk in this special natural environment during or around business events. "Mt. Kasuga Primeval Forest," where hunting and logging have been prohibited for over 1,100 years has been carefully protected as the sacred area of Kasugataisha Shrine. This mysterious forest, which is registered as a World Cultural Heritage Site and designated as a Special Natural Monument of Japan, soothes and touches the heart of those who visit. Experience the harmony of Japanese history and nature as you walk through the sacred forest shrouded in silence.



Experience Brush Making in Nara, where You Can Feel 1300 Years of Tradition:  
A Special Moment to Feel the Skills of the Craftsman and Finish Your Own Brush.

### Brush Making Experience (Akashiya)

In Nara, the birthplace of Japanese brushes, you can enjoy a special brush-making experience with craftsmen who have inherited 1300 years of tradition. In this program, you will actually experience the "glue hardening" process of brushes using thick and thin brushes for beginners and intermediate users. You can touch the skills of the craftsmen and take home the brush you finished on the spot. It is also ideal as a special program for MICE as a valuable opportunity to come into contact with traditional culture.



A Memorable Time in Nara,  
the Birthplace of Noh Performance

### A Tour of Places Related to Noh Performance (Nara City)

Starting from Nara Kasugano International Forum I・RA・KA, this is a tour that visits famous places related to Noh performances associated with Nara and pines drawn on the mirror boards of the Noh stage. You can experience the profound charm of history and art while experiencing the world of Noh, which is said to have originated in Nara. As part of the MICE program, please enjoy a moment to reminisce about cultural experiences and the history of the region.



Learn About the Charm of Sake with All Five Senses - At Umenoyado Sake Brewery,  
Experience Sake Making that Allows You to Experience Depth and Delicacy

### Umenoyado Sake Brewery, Sake Brewery Tour, Tasting Experience, Plum Wine/Syrup Making Experience

At Umenoyado Sake Brewery, you can learn about the depth of sake brewing through sake brewery tours (reservations required). A professional staff will introduce the sake brewing process in an easy-to-understand manner. There are many exhibits to enjoy with all five senses, such as displays of sake rice that is actually used and devices that allow you to experience the sound of fermentation, making it an experiential program where you can come into contact with Japanese manufacturing.



History in Your Hand  
- Create a One-of-a-kind Nigiri-sumi (Gripped Ink) in Nara.

### Nigiri-sumi Experience (Kinkoen)

In Nara City, the source of 95% of Japan's sumi ink, you can craft a truly unique "Nigiri-sumi" ink stick at a workshop steeped in over 150 years of tradition. Expert guidance will be provided throughout the process, ensuring a creation that is entirely your own. The unique scent, softness, and warmth that spreads when you take the raw ink in your hand. It is said that characters written with ink can last for a thousand years. Please take home souvenirs unique to Nara while experiencing Japanese traditional crafts.



A scenic spot where the spirit of  
tea has lived on for more than 360 years.

### Jikoin Temple

Jikoin Temple is a Rinzai sect Daitokuji school temple, established in Kanbun 3 (1663) by Katagiri Iwami-no-kami Sadamasa (Sekishu), the second lord of the Koizumi domain, to pray for the repose of his father, Sadataka, the first lord. The temple was built by inviting the 185th abbot of Daitokuji Temple, Reverend Gyokushu, as its founder. In addition to its role as a temple, the entire temple grounds are designed as a single tea ceremony room, and even now, after more than 300 years, it is possible to see its original form, making it a nationally valuable place.



Experience the History of Sumo:  
Feel the Charm of the Dohyo Ring Directly

### Kehayaza Sumo Experience

This museum was established to honor Taima-no-kehayaz, who was from Katsuragi City and is said to be the founder of sumo. It houses approximately 13,000 valuable materials, and you can enjoy learning about the history of sumo. Inside the hall, there is a dohyo (sumo ring) of the same size as the main venue, and you can actually go up and experience it. This facility, where you can have a unique experience of sumo culture, is the perfect spot for team building.





## Enjoy Local Cuisine in Nara

Nara, the birthplace of Japanese food culture, is a treasure trove of flavorful ingredients. In addition, there are many Michelin-starred dining rooms and restaurants that are committed to local production for local consumption. Please visit Nara and enjoy dishes and ingredients that can only be tasted locally.

### Restaurant



#### Akordu

Address: 70-1-3-1 Sumon-cho, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-77-2525

A famous creative Spanish restaurant in Nara. It offers a special experience with creative cuisine and beautiful spaces that make use of local ingredients.



<https://akordu.com/>



#### Muso-an

Address: 70-7-1-2 Sumon-cho, Nara City, Nara  
TEL: +81-742-23-0131

This Japanese restaurant offers seasonal kaiseki cuisine in a Japanese space overlooking a Japanese garden in Nara Park.



<https://naramusuan.com/>



#### Awa Naramachi Store

Address: 1 Shonami-cho, Nara City  
TEL: +81-742-24-5699

A reservation-only restaurant in a 140-year-old townhouse that serves dishes using traditional Yamato vegetables and Yamato beef.



<https://www.kiyosumi.jp/naramachiten>



#### NIPPONIA Tawaramoto Maruto Shoyu

Address: 170 Iyodo, Tawaramoto-cho, Shiki County, Nara  
TEL: +81-744-32-2064

A space infused with history, renovated from Nara Prefecture's oldest soy sauce brewery. Enjoy lodging and cuisine featuring handmade vegetables and soy sauce.



<https://maruto-shoyu.co.jp/>



#### Dining HAKUHO

Address: 354 Teiguchi, Katsuragi City  
TEL: +81-745-69-8026

Dining HAKUHO at the foot of Mt. Katsuragi is the only Chanko-Nabe (Hot Pot) specialty store in Katsuragi City, the birthplace of sumo. It is produced by former Yokozuna (Grand Champion) Hakuho and you can enjoy authentic Chanko.



[https://www.instagram.com/dining\\_hakuho](https://www.instagram.com/dining_hakuho)



#### Da terra

Address: 884 Kawahara, Asuka-mura, Takaoka County, Nara  
TEL: +81-744-41-9072

An Italian restaurant in a 100-year-old private house where you can enjoy fresh vegetables from your own garden and seasonal seafood and meat dishes. A course meal is attractive.



<https://da.terra.jp/>

### Nara's Representative Specialty Products



#### Kakinoha-zushi (Persimmon Leaf Sushi)

A traditional local dish in Nara, consisting of vinegared rice topped with fish (mainly mackerel) and wrapped in persimmon leaves. The persimmon leaves enhance the aroma and flavor and have a high preservation rate. It is a sushi dish that represents Nara.



#### Miwa Somen (Miwa Fine Noodles)

Miwa Somen, which boasts a long history, is a traditional fine noodle made in the Miwa area of Nara Prefecture and is characterized by its thin and smooth texture.



#### Narazuke Pickles

Narazuke is a traditional Nara pickle characterized by vegetables such as melon and eggplant pickled in sake lees. It is characterized by its rich flavor and deep taste, and is popular as a local specialty.



#### Seishu (Japanese refined Sake)

Nara is also said to be the birthplace of refined sake, and 27 breweries have protected and developed the making method. You can not only enjoy the taste, but also visit the sake breweries.



#### Yamato-cha Tea

Nara Prefecture ranks 7th in the nation in terms of production volume of crude tea. It is carefully made in various parts of the prefecture according to their own unique climate. Not only the taste, but also the unique production method that matches the land is highly evaluated.



#### Yoshino Kudzu (Yoshino Arrowroot Starch)

Yoshino Kudzu is high-quality kudzu powder produced in the Yoshino area of Nara Prefecture, and is characterized by its smooth, transparent, and unique texture. It is also processed into sweets, making it ideal for gifts and souvenirs.



#### Nara Fruits

Strawberries, persimmons, and pears, which are grown in a rich natural environment, are famous. High-quality Nara fruits are branded and exported overseas. In particular, the production volume of persimmons produced in greenhouses boasts the highest in Japan.



It is possible to arrange catering and boxed lunches using plenty of Nara ingredients, such as lightly roasted Kakinoha-zushi (persimmon leaf sushi), warm "nyumen" noodles with Miwa somen (fine noodles), and salads using Narazuke pickles. In addition, by using local specialties such as rare brands of sake, Yamato-cha tea, and Yoshino Kudzu (arrowroot) sweets as souvenirs or commemorative gifts, you can enjoy the taste of Nara even after the meeting. We can provide guidance according to your budget and preferences, so please feel free to contact us.

