# **News from Nara MICE**

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## Nara Prefectural Convention Center is re-open for business with

## new health & safety protocols and control measures

Nara Prefectural Convention Center, which was closed for a while to prevent the spread of COVID-19 disease, is re-opening from May 19, 2020 with new health & safety protocols and control measures to welcome business events.

In view of the current COVID-19 situation, the facility will close at 6pm and may be closed all day on the days there is no business events scheduled to take place in the building.

### <The re-opened facilities>

Convention Facilities (Convention hall, meeting rooms, waiting rooms, Tempyo hall and Tempyo Square)

As a measure to prevent the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, the Center is implementing the following precautionary measures.

- · Permitting admission to the building only to the participants and organizers of the event
- Installing hand sanitizers at the front entrance
- Encouraging all visitors to use hand sanitizers and thorough cough and sneeze etiquettes
- Restricting on the use area of the building
- · Ventilating the entire building using air conditioning equipment
- Mandating all staff to wear face masks

We also ask business event organizers strictly to follow the guidelines below.

- Do not visit the Center if you have fever and/or cold symptoms
- Ensure that all participants are wearing face masks as well as to always have disinfectant solutions ready for use, and to disinfect the surfaces regularly
- Please keep the ventilation open during the meetings and events
- Restrict to a relatively small number of people (indoors: 100 people or less and within a half of its original capacity. Outdoors: 200 people or less and social distancing of at least 2 meters)
- · Keep at least 2 meters between participants and avoid contact with each other
- Keep the distance between the performers and the audience by at least 5 meters, and do not come into contact with each other

- Please take the garbage with you when you leave
- Please obtain the participant's name and contact information in order to check their health status in the future if necessary

#### <Tourism Promotion Facility>

The shops and restaurants in Tourism Promotion Facility in the Center are back in business with the following temporary opening hours from May 18, 2020.

#### [NARA TSUTAYA BOOKS]

- : 8:00 to 20:00 [Café seats available]
- Starbucks Coffee : 8: 00 to 20: 00 [Café seats available]
- Nakagawa Masashichi Shoten : 10: 00 to 18: 00
- Family Mart : 8: 00 to 20: 00

We have changed the layout of seats in the above premises to maintain social distancing.

 We continue to closely monitor the situation and respond appropriately. The above protocols and measures may change according to the circumstances.
Thank you for your understanding and support.

#### About Nara Prefectural Convention Center

Nara Prefectural Convention Center is located in the middle of Nara City between Nara Park and Heijo Palace Site, surrounded by World Heritage sites. Easily reached from Kansai International Airport via a direct limousine bus in 90 minutes, Nara city offers excellent access to travelers from overseas. Equipped with 14 conference rooms, indoor and outdoor multi-purpose spaces, and tourism promotion facilities, including Nara Prefecture's largest convention hall at 2,100 square meters, Nara Prefectural Convention Center is the ideal location for a wide variety of events such as international conferences, academic meetings, seminars, exhibitions and business negotiations. Please visit <u>http://www.nara-cc.jp/english/index.html</u> for more information.

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