

# Welcome Message

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Welcome to Japan for the 42nd Chemistry Olympiad!

We wholeheartedly wish you students, from 69 countries and regions, your best performance in the Practical Exam on the fourth day and the Theoretical Exam on the sixth day, that are to culminate in the Awarding Ceremony on the final evening. Besides, you are strongly encouraged to expand your circle of friends toward an international one, by taking such opportunities as daily lodging life, excursions, sporting events and parties. At least some of your competitors will surely be your future colleagues to join hands in an effort to advance chemical knowledge and technology for the benefit of mankind.

And dear mentors, scientific observers and guests from more than 70 countries, we wish you all the best during your 10-day stay here. Occasionally from your extremely busy

schedule please take time to relish the flavor of this country: you will find it basically of Eastern culture but of Western civilization.

For most of you this may be the first time of flying over to Japan, one of the rare countries encompassing a wide range of climate zones from sub-frigid to sub-tropical, with a north-south extension of about 3000 km. Because of this, the main body of Japan enjoys a temperate climate with four distinct seasons. Although late July in Tokyo is unfortunately amid the hottest time of year, we do believe the fervor of you participants in this big international event will be much more intense than the heat from natural weather.

On behalf of all the members of Organizing and Executive Committees, we promise you to be an efficient catalyst to make your stay a pleasant, memorable and rewarding one.

## OVTA Overseas Vocational Training Association

The registration room and accommodation for the mentors are located at the Overseas Vocational Training Association (OVTA) in Makuhari, Chiba. At the OVTA, seminar rooms and facilities are provided for companies which plan to expand their overseas

businesses, and also Japanese language lessons are given for foreigners who are working in Japan. The Makuhari sub-center (*fuku-toshin*) is a newly developed area created by landfilling the Tokyo bay in late 1970s. There is located the *Makuhari Messe*, or the International Convention Center, as well as numerous offices of domestic and international companies.



OVTA building



Makuhari Messe



Makuhari fukutoshin, the sub-center

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