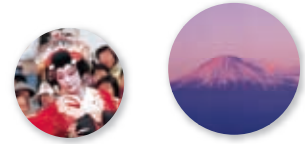




Scout Association of Japan is bidding to host the 23rd World Scout Jamboree — 2015 in Japan



Why JAPAN?

Proposed Theme



"和", a kanji character (pronounced "WA"), is the proposed theme.

By positioning the 23rd World Scout Jamboree as an event at which all young people will be united in Japan where tradition and technology meet, with the aim of achieving peace and harmony of humankind and creating a better world, we propose "和 WA" as the theme.

In Japanese "和" means unity, harmony, a spirit of unity, cooperation, friendship, peace, and total, and also encapsulates the culture of Japan.



The Scout Association of Japan proposes the theme "和" WA - a spirit of unity, in hope that Scouts from around the world will be able to have the opportunity;

- to address themselves to the issue of sustainable development in the world,
- to realize the meaning of "unity" for the development of the Scout Movement,
- to respect and understand each other with all their heart.



Proposed Venue



- **Place** Kirara-hama. Ajsu, Yamaguchi, Japan
- **Latitude and longitude**
At latitude of 34.01 north and longitude of 131.23 east
- **Altitude** 2.7m - 15.8m
- **Traveling Time**
Approx. 2 hours from Major International Airports

Beautiful Yamaguchi, open to the Sea

Located at the western end of Honshu Island, three sides of Yamaguchi Prefecture face the sea. It is blessed with many places which have spectacular sights created by nature.

As the area has had active exchanges with the Eurasian Continent since ancient times, and has accepted the advanced culture from the Continent.

Yamaguchi Prefecture, developed to be called Western Kyoto, has played an important role in Japanese culture, industry and history.

The climate is relatively mild and comfortable for living. You will enjoy our beautiful scenery, delicious food and friendly people who will appeal to your heart.

We selected the Jamboree venue in Western Japan, which would be appropriate for our theme. It includes the city of Hiroshima, along with the Atomic Bomb Dome, which was officially inscribed on the list of World Heritage Sites; the Seto Inland Sea, where marine contamination was overcome by the cooperation of companies and local communities and serves as suitable material for environment education; and numerous other historical sites from ancient Japan, which will help you to understand Japanese culture.

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Access to the site

The access to the site is excellent. The site is located 30 minutes from Shin-Yamaguchi Station on the JR Shinkansen (bullet train) line, which is capable of carrying a large number of passengers. Within a 2-hour radius of the site, there are four international airports that serve as gateways from the world, out of which, Fukuoka International Airport and Kansai International Airport, which are expected to become Asian hub airports, are located west and east of the site.



The number of flights from around the world at both airports are expected to increase by 2015. In addition, as Haneda Airport plans to provide flights from Asian countries, visitors arriving at Haneda Airport will be able to enjoy the convenience of direct flights to Yamaguchi Ube Airport.

Of course, Narita Airport, the largest airport in Japan, can be used for transportation and use of this airport will be convenient for arranging the schedules of visitors including both Home Hospitality, which will be hosted by 180,000 Scout members, and travel in Japan before the event starts.

Overall Programmes

As Japan is a country where science and technology and tradition exist side by side, 23WSJ will provide programmes related to the theme "Tradition - Innovation - Evolution." The content of the programme will be announced via the Internet in advance of the event, and we will arrange to provide a Join-in-Jamboree programme for youth who can't directly participate. We will undertake to construct a network to ensure coordination between programmes.



Solidarity Operation - "Operation Japan"

The Japanese version of the solidarity operation offered by World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), to financially support Scouts in the countries where otherwise it would be difficult for them to participate in 23WSJ will operate that as many Scouts as possible from 216 countries and territories around the world could join in 23WSJ.

Scout Association of Japan(SAJ) would like to stress that it would try and encourage as many of the 216 countries and territories to join 23WSJ by making use of its "Operation JAPAN".

According to the guidelines of WOSM, 3% of the participation fee is to be used for the support programme. In addition to the above support, SAJ would collect extra money from Japanese Participants, each of whom SAJ would ask to donate over US\$10.00.