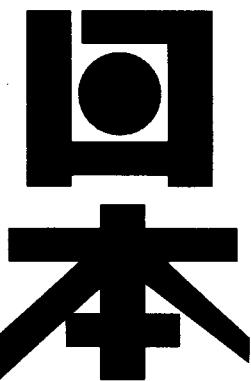


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Nippon 2007

A Bid for first Worldcon in Japan

First CON-t-ACT with Japan

Japanese fandom has finally organized and started preparations to bid for Worldcon site selection. Please join us in promoting the first Asian Worldcon.

Pre-supporting Membership Rate:

US\$20.00 or JP¥2,000

(Rates for other currencies have not yet been decided)

Cash: Payable only at our party room.

Personal checks will be accepted; payee TBA(after Chicon)

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Come to our bid parties at Chicon2000

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There are several reasons why you should choose Japan:

1. Traditional Japanese Culture

(sightseeing and exposure to Japanese traditions and history)

In addition to familiar sightseeing attractions like the Imperial Palace, Sensouji Temple, and Kabuki and Noh plays, you will have the opportunity to join in the Bon Odori (summerdancing festival held throughout the country).

Another exciting option is one of Japan's famous fireworks exhibitions.

Depending on the city designated as the convention site, one-day excursions can be made from Tokyo (to the shrine to the Tokugawa Shogun in Nikko or the open-air museum at Lake Ashino-Ko, at the foot of Mount Fuji) or either Kyoto or Osaka (to the giant statue of Buddha in Nara or the Hiroshima Peace Park).

2. Modern Recreation

Ever wonder what Tokyo Disneyland has that the original doesn't? You can find out! And by 2007 you may be able to see Disney Sea as well! The Korean venture "Lotte World" is currently under construction, and universal Studios Osaka will be open by 2007. For something unseasonal, you can enjoy skiing in summer at "SSaws" indoor skiing facility. And there's much, much more!

3. The World of Anime, Computer Games & Manga

There are countless shops and other places of interest for the fans of Anime, computer games and Manga(Japanese Comics). First of all, there is Tokyo's famous "Electric Town," Akihabara," where you will find many software outlets (Anime DVDs, game CD-ROMs, etc.). Not far away is Jimbo-Cho, with the nation's largest concentration of second-hand-booksellers, many specializing in manga and anime-related books.

Summer vacation is also the hottest season for fanzine events in Japan. You may be familiar with the world's largest fanzine fair, called "Komike" in Japanese ("Comic Market", featuring a HUGE dealers room), held around mid-August. Around the immediate time Worldcon will be held there are usually several other (comparatively) smaller fanzine fairs scheduled.

4. Comfortable Convention Facilities

We are currently in negotiations with the two biggest convention centers in the Tokyo area, the Japan convention Center in Chiba and Pacifico Yokohama.

Both were designed and built during the Japanese economy's boom days in the 1980s, and are therefore more than adequate in terms of size and facilities. Fortunately for us, the recent economic situation in Japan has brought their rental fees down to more manageable levels.

5. Experienced staff

Although the Worldcon has never been held in Japan, the Japan SF Convention has been held annually since 1962 and now attracts 1,000 to 2,000 attendees each year. We believe that we now have the capability to host a Worldcon.

It was decided at a business meeting of "the Federation of Science Fiction Fan Groups of Japan" to merge the Japan SF Convention for 2007 with Nippon 2007, thereby ensuring that all Japanese SF fans will be working in unison towards a common goal.

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