



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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**DETAILS FOR THE 6th FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE,
7th TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE AND
8th COMMISSION MEETINGS**

**9 – 18 April 2024
Osaka, Japan (hybrid)**

The 7th Technical and Compliance Committee meeting, the 6th Finance and Administration Committee meeting, and the 8th Session of the Commission will be held in Osaka, Japan from 9-18 April 2024. To facilitate your travel arrangements, the Secretariat (as organizer for these sessions) has prepared information for your reference as below.

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UPDATED INFORMATION

A. Shinkansen Reservation with an Oversized Baggage

If people arrive with oversized baggage(s), please refer to the following page:

<https://global.jr-central.co.jp/en/info/oversized-baggage/index.html>

B. Useful Disaster Prevention Application

The “Osaka Disaster Prevention Application” can be downloaded from the following page and is available in multiple languages:

<https://www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/shobobosai/odp-app/index.html>



C. Meeting Venues:

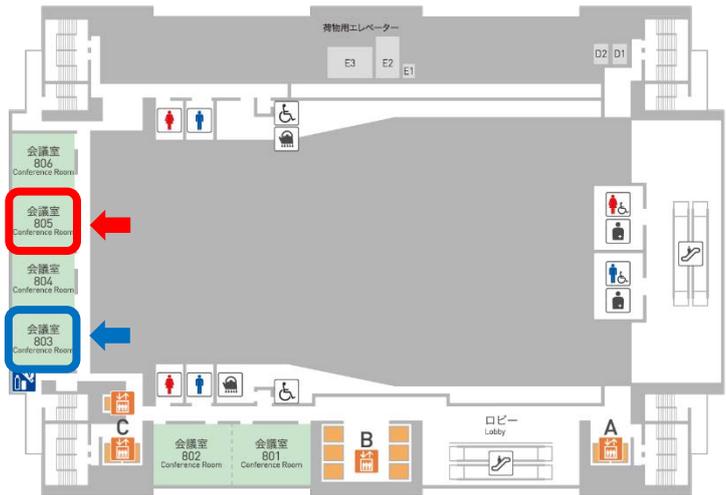
From 09 to 13 April

TCC/FAC: 1009 (10F)
Small Meeting Room: 10-1 (10F)
Secretariat: 10-2 (10F)



On 14 April

Chair Meeting: 805 (8F)
Secretariat's Storage: 803 (8F)



From 15 to 18 April

COM: Conference Hall (12F)
Small Meeting Rm: 1201 (12F)
Secretariat: Waiting Room (12F)



1. Dates

The meetings commence on 9 April 2024 and carry on through to 18 April 2024 as follows:

- 7th Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC07), 9-12 April 2024
- 6th Finance and Administration Committee (FAC06), 13 April 2024
- Head of Delegation (HOD) Meeting, 14 April 2024 (5:00 p.m.)
- 8th Commission meeting, 15 – 18 April 2024

2. Meeting Venue

The meetings will be held at the [Osaka International Convention Centre](#). Main venue, secretariat's office and small meeting rooms are outlined in the table below.

Google map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/FFui479Pm6TZJFQt9>

(a) Main meeting room

Month	Day		Meeting	Floor	Room
April	9	Tue	TCC	10	1009
	10	Wed			
	11	Thu			
	12	Fri			
	13	Sat	FAC	10	1009
	14	Sun	HOD	08	805
	15	Mon	COM	12	Conference Hall
	16	Tue			
	17	Wed			
18	Thu				

(b) Secretariat office

Month	Day		Floor	Room
April	9	Tue	10	10-2
	10	Wed	10	10-2
	11	Thu	10	10-2
	12	Fri	10	10-2
	13	Sat	10	10-2

	14	Sun	08	803
	15	Mon	12	1201
	16	Tue	12	1201
	17	Wed	12	1201
	18	Thu	12	1201

(c) Small meeting room – Please see Secretariat to book.

Month	Day		Floor	Room
April	9	Tue	10	10-1
	10	Wed	10	10-1
	11	Thu	10	10-1
	12	Fri	10	10-1
	13	Sat	10	10-1
	14	Sun	-	-
	15	Mon	12	Waiting Room
	16	Tue	12	Waiting Room
	17	Wed	12	Waiting Room
	18	Thu	12	Waiting Room

3. Meeting Contact and Documentation

Online pre-registration for TCC, FAC and COM participants is on the NPFC website <https://www.npfc.int/meetings> and will be available as of 1 January 2024. Please log in to your NPFC account and register **by 22 March 2024**.

The meeting will be organized as in-person meeting but remote participation via Webex will be possible. Please indicate in the registration process if you will attend in-person or on-line. We note that your participation type may be different for different meetings so please indicate this in your registration.

4. Visa Information

Please access the webpage of Japan consular services from the link below to determine if you need a visa to enter Japan.

Link: https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

An official invitation letter is essential for some participants to apply for a Japanese visa. Each delegation that applies for a Japanese visa is kindly requested to provide the information in **Attachment 1** to the meeting coordinator, Mr. Yukiya Uchida (yukiya_uchida230@maff.go.jp) and Mr. Kenichi Ono (kenichi_ono250@maff.go.jp), **by 24 February 2024** to facilitate issuance of the invitation letters from Japan for visa purposes.

5. Border Measures

After 29 April 2023, valid vaccination certificate or a pre-arrival test is not required to enter Japan.

Current Japanese Border Measures (<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html>)

To facilitate entry procedures to Japan procedures, please visit this VisitJapan website (<https://vjw-lp.digital.go.jp/en/>)

6. Accommodation Guide and map

Each participant is responsible for making his or her own hotel arrangement. You are **strongly encouraged** to make your reservations early due to room availability for the duration of the meeting to avoid having to move rooms/hotels. There are a wide range of hotels available, and the Secretariat has arranged small block booking has been organized should you wish to use some of the neighbour hotels. Booking shall be on a first-come-first-served basis and can be reached via <https://amarys-jtb.jp/2024npfc/>. Note that there are three sections – 1. Review of hotel properties 2. Register your identity to facilitate any changes and 3. Booking the chosen hotel (registration online is required). Note that the hotels specify the charge rates for single versus double occupancy and these are priced accordingly. You can direct any inquiries or requests, such as early check-in or late check-out, to the following email address: westec_op5@jtb.com

Hotel Name	Access to the Meeting Venue	Address and Reservation
Rihga Royal Hotel Osaka	3 minute walk (220 m)	Address: 5-3-68 Nakanoshima, Kita-ku, Osaka, 530-0005 JAPAN Tel.: +81 (0)6-6448-1121 Reservation: Special Website or the hotel's website
Rihga Place Higobashi	18 minute walk	Address: 1-13-10 Edobori, Nishi-ku,

(1.2 km)

Osaka, 550-0002 JAPAN

Tel.: +81(0)6-6447-1122

Reservation: Special Website or
[the hotel's website](#)

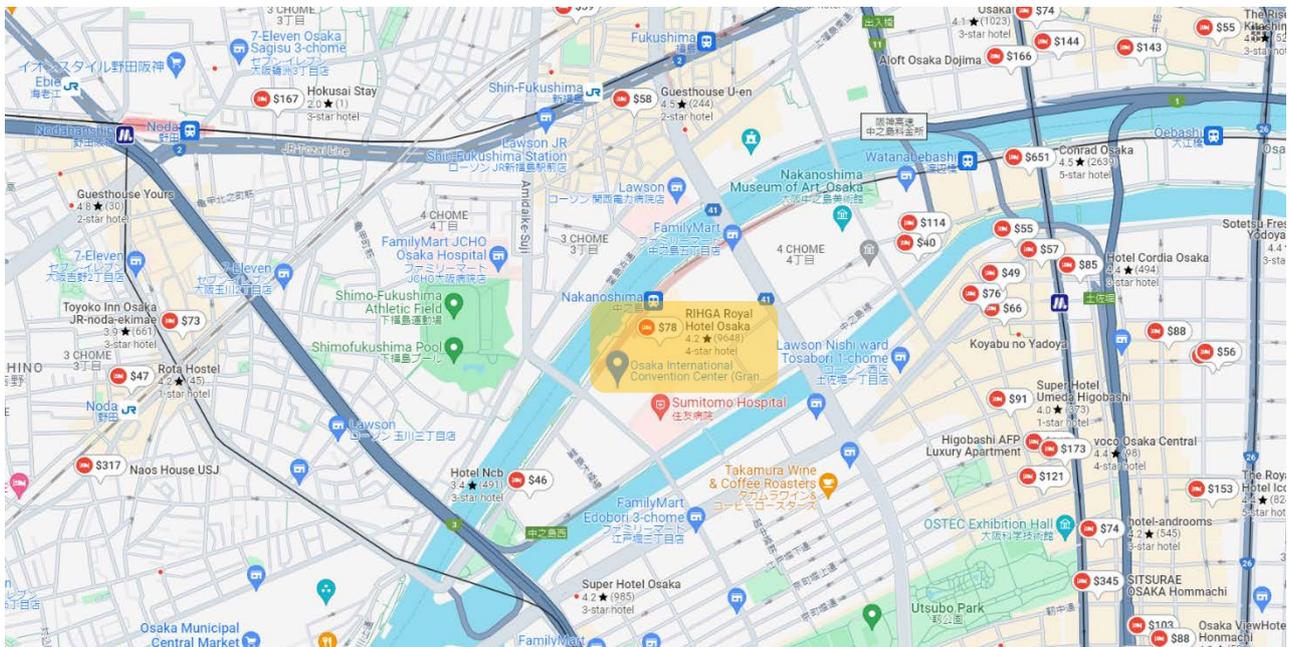
Aloft Osaka Dojima

18 minute walk
(1.3 km)

Address: 2-1-31 Dojimahama, Kita-ku,
Osaka, 530-0004 JAPAN

Tel.: +81 6-4796-6662

Reservation: Special Website or
[the hotel's website](#)



Some other hotels nearby can be found in the following page:

<https://www.gco.co.jp/en/tourism/>

7. Transportation from Airports to the Meeting Venue/Your Hotel

Travel to your hotel is often through Osaka Station unless your hotel offers a bus shuttle:

1. Arrival at the Kansai International Airport:

- Approximately 55 minutes to Osaka Station on the JR Line/60 minutes by airport limousine bus.

2. Arrival at Itami Airport (assuming international arrival elsewhere in Japan):
 - Approximately 30 minutes to Osaka Station by airport limousine bus or monorail and train
3. Arrival by Shinkansen at Shin-Osaka Station:
 - Approximately 5 minutes to Osaka Station by JR local line
4. Free Shuttle bus between Osaka Station to Rihga Royal Hotel / Osaka International Convention Centre
 - A free shuttle bus taking about 15 minutes that can be used between Osaka Station and the hotel / convention center is available.
https://www.rihga.com/osaka/location#complimentary_shuttle_bus
5. General observations:
 - For more information regarding travel to the Osaka International Convention Centre, please refer to their website (<https://www.gco.co.jp/en/traffic-access/>)
 - Escalators in Osaka: Unlike Tokyo, Osaka escalator users stand on the right leaving space to walk up/down on the left. This is the reverse of elsewhere in Japan.

8. Meeting Registration

Pre-registration using your NPFC account is required in advance of the meeting (<https://www.npfc.int/meetings>) and will be available as of **1 January 2024**. Meeting packages and name-tags (required to access the meeting room) will be available outside the TCC, FAC or COM plenary room at the following times:

- 7th TCC meeting (9 April) – from 08:00 to 09:00 a.m.
- 6th FAC meeting (13 April) – from 08:00 to 09:00a.m.
- 8th Commission meeting (15 April) – from 08:00 to 09:00a.m.

If this registration time is not convenient for you, please ask the Secretariat staff for your registration package.

9. Social Events

There will be a reception organized by the Secretariat:

- *15 April 2024, 6:30 p.m., foyer on 12th floor outside plenary*

10. Other Information

A. Wi-Fi

The Wi-Fi settings will be available in the Conference Room.

SSID: NPFC2024_Osaka / Password: Osaka2024

(SSID: FREE- OICC / Password: grandcube)

B. Electricity

The voltage in Japan is **100 V**, which is different from North America (120V), Central Europe (230V) and most other regions of the world. Japanese electrical plugs (plug type A) have two, non-polarized pins that fit into North American outlets, as shown below.



A portable plug adaptor may be necessary to use your electronic devices.

C. Illness or injury

The Secretariat maintains a small medical kit for routine acute medical issues. Drug store can be found on 1st Floor, Rihga Royal Hotel Osaka (Opens from 11:00 to 19:00 every day) but some medications available in your home country may only be available in Japan with a prescription.

- [COVID-19 infection prevention measures](#) / Japan National Tourism Organization
- [Information in case of illness or injury](#) / Japan National Tourism Organization

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Police

Emergency call – 110

Fire, Ambulance or Emergency Rescue

Emergency call – 119

If you have any questions regarding *visas*, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Or Mr. Kenichi Ono at kenichi_ono250@maff.go.jp

If you have any questions regarding *meeting preparations*, please do not hesitate to contact:

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