

How to reach Tsukuba and the venue: (map on reverse side)

This is explained on this web page

https://www.aist.go.jp/aist_e/guidemap/tsukuba/center/tsukuba_map_c.html

(Google map link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/FamilyMart+AIST+shop/@36.0606396,140.1323435,18z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x60220cd043d52d13:0xaedf18c7be15325d!8m2!3d36.060892!4d140.1334517?shorturl=1>)

Tsukuba city can be reached from Tokyo either by (1) a highway bus from Tokyo station or (2) by Tsukuba Express train from Akihabara station. Takes about 1 hour. Costs about 1,180 yen (IC card can be used to pay).

- (1) **Highway bus** can be caught from the Tokyo station Yaesu Minami (south) gate bus terminal. The bus going to Tsukuba Center/ Tsukuba University leaves from stand number 2, at every 20 minutes (for example, at 7:20, 7:40, 8:00 AM,... the first bus is at 6:50 AM). It takes about 1 hour to reach AIST main campus gate. This bus stop is called “Namiki ni-chome.” Get off at this stop, enter the campus and walk about 5 min. to the auditorium.
- (2) **Tsukuba Express (TX)** leaves from Akihabara station in Tokyo, and takes 45 min. to 1 h to reach Tsukuba. Trains run at every 5 to 20 min. interval. At Tsukuba station, take exit A3 to go up, to taxi stand and bus terminal/station.

From Tsukuba Center/station to AIST campus: At Tsukuba Center bus terminal take a bus from stop number 4, going to Arakawaoki station or Sakura New Town. Get off at “Namiki ni-chome” stop near the AIST main gate (takes about 10 to 15 min., costs 270 yen). Cross the road to enter the AIST campus main gate and walk about 5 min. to the auditorium.

To Namiki or Arakawaoki station: 7:50, 8:00, 8:17, 8:27, 9:07, 9:50, ...

To Sakura New Town: 8:06, 9:22.

Taxi from Tsukuba Center: takes about 15 min. and costs about 1,500 yen.

From AIST main gate (bus stop Namiki 2-chome) to the auditorium (use the map below)

Links:

JR Bus from Tokyo station to Tsukuba:

<http://time.jrbuskanto.co.jp/bk03080.html> (use Google to translate this page from Japanese. Get off at Namiki 2-chome stop in Tsukuba)

Tsukuba Express time table:

http://www.mir.co.jp/en/howto_tx/timetable/weekday_down.html (in English)

