

LETTER OF INTENT

As the local organizing committee, we hereby confirm that we are willing to organize the SIOF Asia 2023 Congress in Yokohama, JAPAN.

We take full responsibility and have the complete understanding, knowledge, and experience to host and organize the SIOF Asia 2023 Congress in Yokohama, JAPAN.

Asia has the largest population in the globe and the economic growth is also the fastest. Nevertheless, cultural, political and economical diversity has been making it difficult to collaborate closely in childhood cancer care and research compared to Western communities. Furthermore, recent global difficulties are challenging to hold international conferences. However, we won't stop working to improve the lives of children and adolescents with cancer through global collaboration, because no child should die of cancer.

SIOF Asia and its congress is the more important than ever to bring Asian communities together and provide the opportunities of collaboration, education and friendship.

We hope to have the honor of hosting SIOF Asia the first time in Japan in 2024. We are confident that we will make a significant contribution to the Asian childhood cancer community through hosting SIOF Asia 2024.

1. Date & Venue

Date: June 22-25, 2024

Venue: PACIFICO Yokohama North, 4th Floor (The venue has already been reserved for SIOF Asia 2024 on the above dates.)

PACIFICO Yokohama is one of the largest convention complexes in Japan. It has supported many historical international conferences and cultural events since its opening in 1991. North is one of the facilities in PACIFICO Yokohama and its multi-purpose hall has a capacity of more than 5,000 guests. The carpeted and column-free

hall in North accommodates a variety of occasions, such as large parties, exhibitions, company conventions, and conferences.

The 4th floor has 14 meeting rooms ranging from large, medium, and small sizes. The large meeting room can accommodate approximately 120 to 400 participants depending on the seating style, such as classroom or theater respectively. Each small meeting rooms can hold up to about 40 people, and it can also be combined into a bigger room to fit up to 72 people. The flexibility in arrangements is a huge advantage of North, where multiple talks and poster exhibitions can be held simultaneously in different rooms. Thus, the space at 4th floor alone is spacious enough to hold SIOP Asia Congress where 500 participants are to be expected.

North is also equipped with cutting-edge technologies, including audio-visual equipment and high-speed internet connection, which are ideal for online and hybrid conferences.

PACIFICO Yokohama also offers a complete catering service that meets the needs of event organizers. The quality taste and service of InterContinental Yokohama Grand or Yokohama Royal Park Hotel will be catered to the conference gala dinners or banquets at reasonable prices.

Conveniently located in the center of Japan, PACIFICO Yokohama has easy access to international airports by train, bus or taxi. Just 40 minutes from Haneda International Airport by bus, about 100 minutes from Narita International Airport, and about 30 minutes from Central Tokyo by train.

2. About YOKOHAMA

Yokohama is a lovely resort and port city, where you discover the truly Japanese beauty to the futuristic view of the waterfront skyscrapers. As the first Japanese port opened its gate to the world in 1859, Yokohama has created an interesting blend of Japanese and western cultures, commemorating its 150th anniversary of the port-opening in 2009.

At the same time, since opened its gate, Yokohama has played a major role, a window to the world. Japan's first Western style hotel and restaurant were opened in Yokohama, and the city was also the site of Japan's first coffee shop and bakery as well as its first

modern waterworks and railroads. Yokohama, built on its rich heritage of enterprising endeavor, has become a truly international city and Japan's largest international trading port.

Yokohama is also known for the city rich in excitement with unique attractions such as the world's biggest Chinatown, extended shopping districts and traditional Japanese garden and hot-spring facility. Contemplating in a serene Japanese garden "Sankeien", you can enjoy authentic Japan. Also, you will find the very best of jazz with nice Yokohama cocktails.

With a wide range of accommodation from internationally-known hotel chains to local Japanese resorts, we believe that we can ensure our conference participants a comfortable stay in Yokohama.

3. Local Organizing Committee

Chair: Kimikazu Matsumoto Director, Children's Cancer Center, National Center for Child Health and Development

Vice Chair: Akihiro Yoneda Vice Director, Children's Cancer Center, National Center for Child Health and Development

Secretary General:

Keita Terashima Chief, Division of Brain Tumor, Children's Cancer Center, National Center for Child Health and Development

Daisuke Tomizawa Chief, Division of Leukemia/Lymphoma, Children's Cancer Center, National Center for Child Health and Development

4. Supporting Organization (tentative)

- 1) The Japanese Society of Pediatric hematology / Oncology
- 2) Japan Children's Cancer Group (JCCG)

5. Secretariat

Convex Inc. has been chosen to be the secretariat and will be fully involved in the organization process of SIOP Asia 2024 in Yokohama, Japan.

Since Convex was founded as a professional congress organizer in 1976, they have been dedicated to organizing congresses and conventions of all kinds, both international and domestic, such as:

14th International Oncolytic Virotherapy Conference (IOVC 2022)

Hybrid - 400 participants

The 24th Annual Congress of Japanese Society of Pressure Ulcers (2022)

Hybrid – 4,000 participants

The 19th International Symposium on Pediatric Neuro-Oncology (ISPNO 2020)

Hybrid – 1,400 participants from 60 countries

The 6th Meeting of the Asian Leksell Gamma Knife Society (ALGKS 2019)

130 participants

The 19th International Congress of Neuropathology (ICN2018)

900 participants from 41 countries

The 21st International Epidemiological Association (IEA),

World Congress of Epidemiology (WCE2017)

1,131 epidemiologists from 58 countries

21st International Conference on Brain Tumor Research and Therapy (2016)



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