

Field Trips RC21 at Yokohama Congress scheduled on 16 July

Yokoso (Welcome to) Yokohama!

We are delighted to have this opportunity to give you a very warm welcome to Yokohama. Yokohama holds a special and unique status among Japanese cities. It was among the very first Japanese city opened for international trade in the 19th century, and has been developed as a major port city since. Based on this historical legacy and taking the advantage of close proximity to Tokyo, the city has developed its industrial function in Keihin Factory Belt. The city has, over the years, also been known for its international tradition. More recently, the city hosts many ethnic communities and advocates multiculturalism. However, some parts of the city are facing the rapidly aging population and loss of economic vitality, and are struggling to revitalize the local community. Thus we can say that Yokohama has pretty much everything that RC21 member may be interested, such as rich historical legacy of industrialization and urbanization, immigration and diverse ethnic culture, communities struggling for revitalization, etc. We hope that the field trip we organize (course #1~#3) will show you everyday life of Yokohama and enrich your experience in Japan.

General Information

Pre-registration

All three courses have limited capacity, and we have to adopt “first come, first served” policy. Thus, we strongly recommend you to make a pre-registration via email. Please indicate **the preferred course number in the title of your email**, and send with your name and contact hand phone number (if you have) to

rc21@tamacc.chuo-u.ac.jp

Registration Desk and the Payment Arrangement

Registration desk will open at room 311+312 from 12:30 on Wednesday. Participants have to come to the desk and pay the cost by Japanese Yen (unfortunately we can't accept credit card).

Waiting List

If there are more demands than the capacity allows, we will make waiting lists for each course. Those who are on the waiting list will only be allowed to join the tour if there will be vacancies at the registration desk.

Breaking the tour

All the tours will start from Pacifico Yokohama, the congress venue, around 1:00 pm and may take 3.5 to 4 hours to complete. Those who would like to participate the afternoon session starting 3:30 pm may leave the tour early, and we'll provide the instructions for taking public transport.

Meal

Unfortunately we will not be able to provide meals during the tour. Please take care of yourself.

Contact

If you have any queries about the field trip, please contact to Asato SAITO (asatosaito@ynu.ac.jp).

Courses

Course #I:

A Critical-Geographical Tour of Yokohama

Bus Tour: Starts 13:00 at Pacifico Yokohama, Room 311+312

Date: Wednesday 16th July 2014

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM (But you have an option to leave the tour at 1500 at Motomachi-Chukagai Stn.)

Support Staff: Hideo Nakazawa(Chuo Univ.), Takashi Nakazawa(Shizuoka Univ.), Kei'ichi Sato(Hitotsubashi Univ.)

Description: This bus tour is an introduction to Yokohama's social geography. Yokohama's history is described as accumulative development of (1) international trading port and literary Japan's window toward the world from the end of 19th century, (2) an important part of the Greater Tokyo heavy industrial belt from earlier 20th century, and (3) an edge city functioning as business center of Kanagawa prefecture as well as commuters' suburb and tourist destination from the latter half of 20th century. This tour is planned to visit basic subjects as above and also to showcase topics which may interest RC21 members as migration, city planning and architectures, urban renewal, social movements and tourism. The tour starts in room 311+312 at Pacifico to have introduction from Yokohama City Planning Division officers before the bus shows you around including 3 stops to walk around.

Note: No meals provided.

Meeting point: Pacifico Yokohama Room 311+312

Meeting Time for Registration: 12:30

Duration: 3.5 to 4 hours

Max participants: 40 (Email pre-registration recommended)

Costs: ¥2,000/person (payable at the registration desk by cash)

Itinerary

13:00 Pacifico Yokohama Room311+312: Introduction of Yokohama Geography (by Yokohama City Planning Office).

- 13:30 Getting on a hired bus from Pacifico Yokohama. The bus will pass through following historical points:
- ◇Sailing Ship Nihon Maru and Sakuragicho.
 - ◇Noge District: Boasts full of small ordinary restaurants and bars
- 13:50 Kogane-cho. Off the bus for 30mins walk. Urban renewal took place in the recent decade to renovate the brothel area into artists' town. Koganecho Area Management Center staff will show you around.
- 14:30 The bus continues drive passing through some street corners as follows;
- ◇Isezaki-cho, former prosperous shopping street, but now under stagnation.
 - ◇Kotobuki-cho, hidden underclass corner.
 - ◇Nippon O-dori: Historical Roads built at the end of feudal Japan.
 - ◇Honcho-dori, full of historical architecture as it served as Yokohama's Wall Street.
- 14:50 Chukagai (China Town) station. The largest and oldest China Town in Japan. Some of you may leave the tour here to rejoin the Congress or to enjoy shopping at China town. Minato-mirai Stn.(nearest to Pacifico) is just 3 stations from Motomachi-Chukagai Station.
- 15:00 Yamate Area (Full of historical architecture). Off the bus for 20 mins wondering.
- 15:30 The bus will go through Negishi forest park.
- 15:40 Brief stop at Honmoku shrine to show you the panoramic view of Negishi Industrial Bay.
- 16:20 Passes Yamashita Koen, Yamashita Pier and Zonohana (literally "Nose of Elephant") pier, the first pier to open in 1860s
- 16:30 Red Brick Warehouse District and JICA Overseas Migration Museum. Leave the bus and brief lecture by the JICA staff. The tour terminates here and it is just 200 meters walk to Pacifico Yokohama.

Course #2:

Exploring the Downtown Corner of Yokohama: The Ex-Day-Laborer's
Town KOTOBUKI-CHO and the Art - Based Revitalized Area

KOGANE-CHO

(Pre-registration Strongly Recommended)

Walking Tour

Date: Wednesday 16th July 2014

Destinations: Kotobuki-cho & Kogane-cho

Time: 13:00 – 17:00

(You have an option to leave the tour at 15:00 at Ishikawa-cho Stn.)

Meeting Point:

12:30 at Pacifico Yokohama, Room 311+312

or

13:45 at North Gate of Ishikawa-cho Station (JR Negishi Line)

(If you would like to join the tour from this point, please notify in the pre-registration email.)

Support Staff: Kahoruko YAMAMOTO (Tokyo Metropolitan University), Keiko YAMAGUCHI (Tokyo Gakugei University) and Mahito HAYASHI (Kinjo Gakuin University)

Languages Available: English and Japanese

Description:

This tour will visit Kotobuki-cho, former day-laborers district and now so-called “welfare town” where many residents are living on the state benefit, and Kogane-cho, former brothel town and now the forefront of artist-led regeneration. The NPO leaders and the local experts will deliver a talk.

Itinerary:

13:00 Leave Pacifico Yokohama

13:45 North Gate of Ishikawa-cho Station (JR Negishi Line)

14:00 Visiting Kotobuki-cho. Lecture by the “Kotobuki Shiensha Koryukai (Local Volunteer Group)” staff

14:30 20mins walk in Kotobuki-cho

15:00 Visiting “Hamakaze: Municipal Self-Support Assistance Center and Shelter for the Homeless”

15:15 Walking through the downtown area and a local market. Heading to Kogane-cho area.

16:00 Lecture by the “Kogane Cho Area Management Center” staff

16:30 20mins walk in Kogane-cho area

17:00 Kogane-cho Stn. (Keikyu Line)

Min participants: 10

Max participants: 20 (Registration Strongly Recommended)

Costs: ¥1000/person (payable at the registration desk by cash)

Note:

- **Please DO NOT take photographs in Kotobuki-cho area.**
- No Meals provided. You should take care of your lunch yourself.
- Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

References (Available in English):

*About Kotobuki-cho

- Carolyn S. Stevens, 1997, *On the Margins of Japanese Society: Volunteers and the Welfare of the Urban Underclass*: Routledge.
- Tom Gill, 2001, *Men of Uncertainty: The Social Organization of Day Laborers in Contemporary Japan*. State University of New York Press.
- Kahoruko Yamamoto, 2010, "The Changes in the Social Structure and Social Activism in the Urban Underclass Area: A Case of Yokohama, Japan". *Toshi-kagaku-kenkyu*. No.3. <http://bit.ly/1uti5CW>

*About Kogane-cho

- Kogane Cho Area Management Center
<http://www.koganecho.net/info/english.html>
- The Japan Times, 'Koganecho transformed: from sleaze to teas: Yokohama enlists both artists and creators to restore luster to its former brothel town' (Mar 24th, 2011) <http://bit.ly/1kzCMaU>

Course #3:

The transformation of industrial areas:

A quick view of the Keihin Factories Belt

Bus Tour Starts 13:00 at Pacifico Yokohama,

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Time: 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

(N.B.: You have the option to leave the tour at 15:00 at Kawasaki Station.)

Support Staff: Kazushi Tamano (Tokyo Metropolitan University), Tatsuto Asakawa (Meiji Gakuin University), Yutaka Sato (Akita International University)

Description: This bus tour guides you to the Keihin Factories Belt, a driver of the industrialization of post-war Japan that has seen massive transition, through a perspective of labor. Although the Belt has attracted many labors, their industries have continued to rise and fall. As such, varieties of the population have settled in and out as the labor power in accordance to the changes in market demands in each given period. This tour is intended to visit some places that show in particular the decline of those industrial communities and the changing social profiles of the local population stemming from such regional transition.

Note: No Meals provided. You should take care of your lunch yourself.

Meeting point: Room 311+312, Pacifico Yokohama

Meeting time: 12:30

Duration: 210 mins (3 1/2 hours)

Capacity: 40 delegates (Pre-registration recommended)

Costs: ¥2,000/per head (payable at the meeting point by cash)

Itinerary

13:00 Leave Pacifico Yokohama on a hired bus.

13:15 Brief visit to Koyasu. This place houses a number of fishing boats which show a revival of fisherman's life in a factory zone.

14:00 Short walk in Rokugo-dote in Ota City. This neighborhood remains some features of the industrial community that has characterized Ota City, although it has been transformed from the factory zone into the residential zone with modern apartment blocks.

14:15 Travelling via the Route 132, from which to see a typical landscape of the Keihin Factories Belt.

14:20 20-minute break at Kawasaki Marien. You can look out over the port and factories from the observation floor.

15:00 Kawasaki Station. Participants attending a session from 15:30 at Pacifico Yokohama may leave the tour.

15:20 Short walk in Tsurumi Ushioda-machi. The high street of this neighborhood houses Okinawan goods and grocery shops and ethnic restaurants run by immigrants from South America.

16:00 End of tour at the Landmark Tower Dockyard Garden. The owner, the Mitsubishi Estate replaced the erstwhile Mitsubishi Shipbuilding. In just 200 meters to Pacifico Yokohama you will enjoy various amenities.