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18th - 24th May 2025,
A New Future Begins in
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Dear Rose Friends,

Due to an unusually mild winter, the autumn blooming season in Japan has been slightly delayed this year. As the autumn season wraps up, preparations are now in full swing for the upcoming spring event. The Day Tour and Pre/Post-Tour destinations are meticulously tending their roses, eagerly anticipating your visit.

So far, we have received registrations from delegates representing 22 countries. Most attendees have opted for the Full-Day Pass, which also grants access to the "Rose Expo," taking place simultaneously. We are delighted to see such strong interest in the Full-Day Pass, which offers the most comprehensive experience of our services.

While the Early Bird registration period was originally set to conclude soon, we are pleased to announce an extension! You can now take advantage of the discounted Early Bird rates by registering by **January 31**. Don't miss this opportunity to secure your spot at a reduced price.

Hotel reservations have also begun. After completing your event registration, please visit the accommodation page to select your preferred hotel and room type.

For those planning to explore Japan alongside the Fukuyama Convention, we've curated special experiences within the program. Day Tours include visits to local rose gardens, the historic townscape of Tomonoura, and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. In addition, our **Pre-Tour** features several courses, such as a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Itsukushima Shrine (Pre-Tour 1; [view details here](#)). Similarly, the **Post-Tour** offers multiple options, including a journey to Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital (Post-Tour 1; [view details here](#)).

The World Rose Convention in Fukuyama is a perfect reason to embark on your journey to Japan. The city of Fukuyama, renowned as a town of beautiful roses, and its welcoming citizens eagerly await the chance to meet you.



Registration

Plan Your Perfect Visit: Pass Options in Fukuyama


The World Rose Convention in Fukuyama offers participants two flexible options: the Full-Day Pass and the One-Day Pass, allowing you to tailor your experience to your schedule and interests.

Full-Day Pass

With the Full-Day Pass, you gain access to a wide range of activities, including:


- **Ceremonies** such as the Welcome Reception and Opening Ceremony (*displayed in light and dark pink*).
- Themed **lectures** held every morning, with four sessions per day (*displayed in red*).
- **Afternoon Day Tours**, where you can visit various destinations. On May 20, 21, and 23, participants can choose from four courses (A - D). On May 22, the itinerary follows a fixed schedule for Course E (*displayed in blue*).

The Full-Day Pass covers all programs, except for the Farewell Dinner (held on May 24), which require an additional fee for both Full-Day and One-Day Pass holders.

- Yellow : Additional fees apply for the Farewell Dinner and Closing Ceremony.

One-Day Pass

For those unable to attend the entire event, the One-Day Pass offers a flexible alternative. This pass allows you to:

- Select specific lectures or events that interest you.
- Participate in the Welcome Reception, Lunch Party and Farewell Dinner for an additional fee.
- White : Marks programs requiring an additional fee exclusively for One-Day Pass holders.

For detailed information about the lectures and their themes, please visit:

https://en.wrc2025fukuyama.jp/program_conference/

		Program	
18 Sun.	AM		
	PM	Welcome Reception 	
19 Mon.	AM	Opening Ceremony	
	PM	Lunch Party 	Guided walk Rose Expo inspection
20 Tue.	AM	Lectures 「Roses in Asia」	
	PM	Day Tour A or B or C or D	
21 Wed.	AM	Lectures 「Conservation」	
	PM	Day Tour A or B or C or D	Fukuyama Street Dining
22 Thu.	AM	Day Tour E	
	PM	Friends' Dinner	
23 Fri.	AM	Lectures 「Disease Resistance」	
	PM	Day Tour A or B or C or D	
24 Sat.	AM	Breeders Panel Lectures 「New Techniques」	
	PM	Farewell Dinner and Awards Presentation 	



How to Register for the Full-Day Pass

For those who wish to enjoy a full experience of the World Rose Convention while exploring various destinations in Fukuyama, the Full-Day Pass is the ideal choice. To participate in all programs, please follow the steps below:

Step 1: Register for the Full-Day Pass

Access the online registration page (<https://en.wrc2025fukuyama.jp/registration/>) and fill in the following information:

- **Participant Information:** Name, Rose Society (or None), Expo Attendance, Email, Address, Arrival Details (Date/Method), Phone Number
- **Emergency Contact Information**
- **Preferred Pass Type**

Note: You can update your arrival details later.

Additionally, please indicate your attendance for the following events:

- Welcome Reception (May 18 evening)
- Opening Ceremony (May 19 morning)
- Lunch Party (May 19 afternoon)
- Fukuyama Street Dining (May 21 evening)
- Closing Ceremony (May 24 evening) (additional fee required)

Note: The details you enter can be modified after registration.

Once all the information is entered, please complete your registration.

Step 2: Select Day Tours and Hotel Reservations via My Page

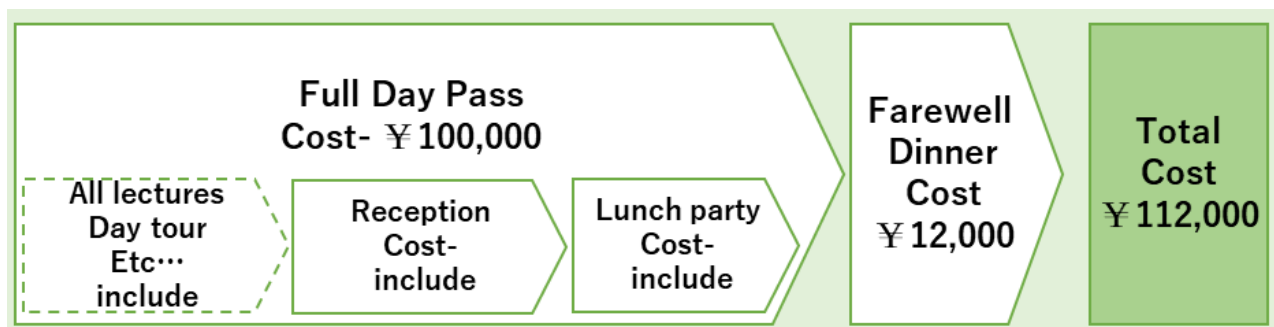
After completing your registration, you will be able to access **My Page**. On My Page, you can:

- Choose your Day Tour destinations
- Make hotel reservations
- Edit any information entered during registration

Step 3: Payment

Once you've reviewed your selections, proceed to make your payment through My Page. If you're uncertain about attending the Farewell Dinner, you can first complete payment for the Full-Day Pass only, and add payment for the Farewell Dinner later, until 5:00 PM (JST) on April 30th.

The cost for full participation in all programs is as follows (Early Registration rates).





For those who can't attend the entire schedule but still want to participate in the Convention, the One-Day Pass is a great option. To register for the One-Day Pass, please follow the steps below:

Step 1: Register for the One-Day Pass

Access the online registration page (<https://en.wrc2025fukuyama.jp/registration/>) and enter your participant information, emergency contact details, and preferred pass type.

First, complete this part of the registration process for the One-Day Pass.

Step 2: Select Day Tours and Hotel Reservations via My Page

After completing your registration, you will be able to access My Page. On My Page, you can select your Day Tour destinations, make hotel reservations, and edit the information you entered during registration.

Please note that Day Tour destinations vary depending on the date.

▼Day Tour schedule

May 2025	20 Tue. Afternoon	21 Wed. Afternoon	22 Thu. All day	23 Fri. Afternoon
	A. Sera Kogen	A. Sera Kogen	E. Full of Peace and Culture, "The city of Water" Hiroshima	A. Sera Kogen
	B. Encounter with Anne	B. Encounter with Anne		B. Encounter with Anne
	C. Explore Tranquil Rose Gardens	C. Explore Tranquil Rose Gardens		C. Explore Tranquil Rose Gardens
	D. Tomonoura, and Shinshoji temple	D. Tomonoura, and Shinshoji temple		D. Tomonoura, and Shinshoji temple

Details of Day Tours can be found here: [<https://en.wrc2025fukuyama.jp/registration/>]

Step 3: Payment

For One-Day Pass holders, it is also possible to attend additional events, such as:

- Welcome Reception (JPY 5,000)
- Opening Ceremony (free)
- Lunch Party (JPY 3,000)
- Farewell Dinner and Closing Ceremony (JPY 12,000)

The costs for attending these additional events are as follows (Early Registration rates):



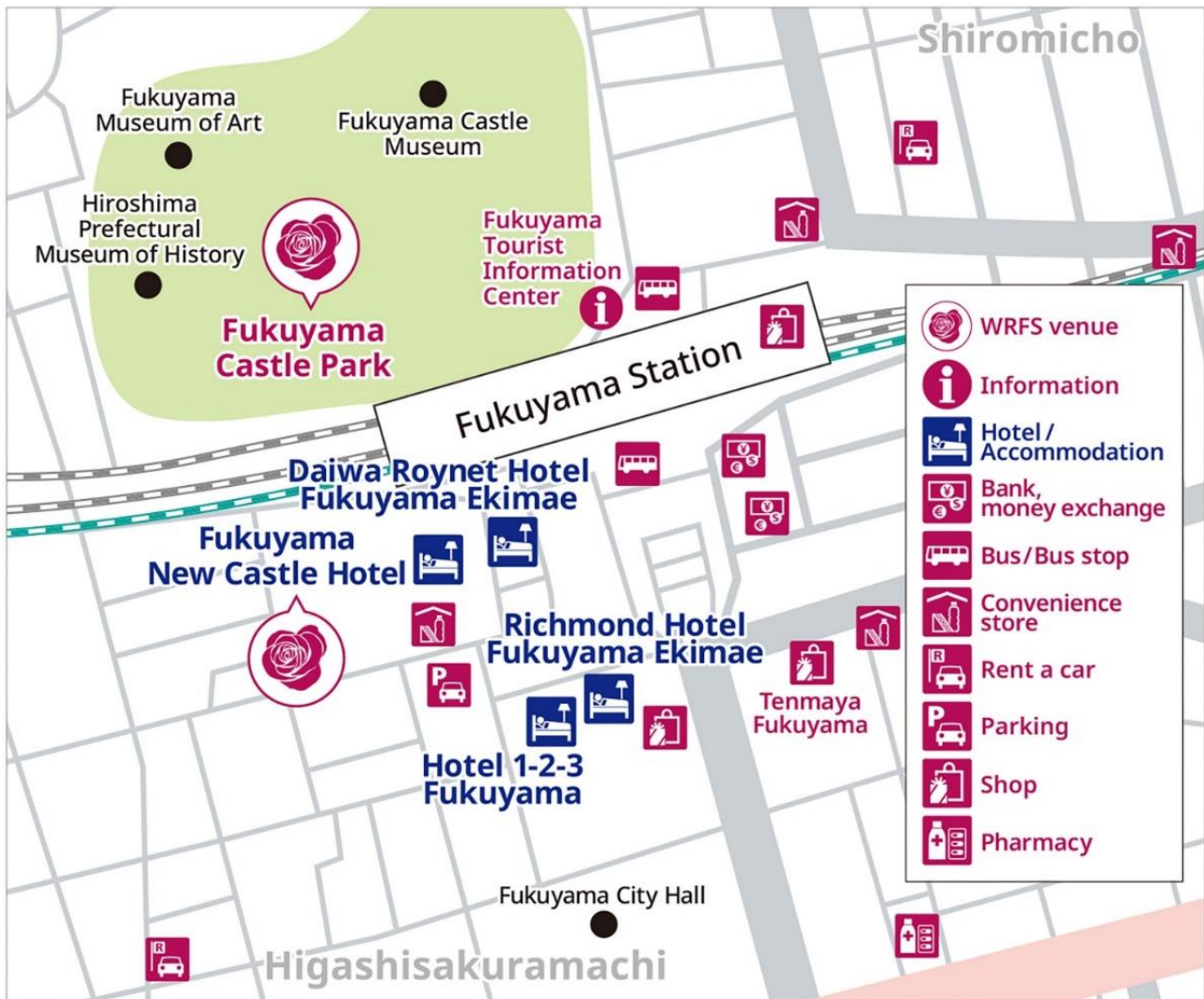
If you have any questions about the registration process, please feel free to contact the WRC2025 Registration Desk at (wrc2025-regist@or.knt.co.jp). We will respond within three days.



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Accommodation

We have a sufficient number of rooms in a range of price categories available near the venue. Special rates are being offered for the delegates. Reservations can be made on the website after completing your event registration, so please book early.



Official Hotels

- Fukuyama New Castle Hotel / Convention Venue
- Daiwa Roynet Hotel Fukuyama Ekimae / 1-minute walk to the venue
- Richmond Hotel Fukuyama Ekimae / 5-minute walk to the venue

Each hotel is fully prepared to ensure a comfortable stay for all guests.

For more details on room types and prices, please visit:

<https://www.knt.co.jp/ec/2025/wrcfukuyama-hotel/en/>



Day Tours

As part of the WRC2025 in Fukuyama, we offer a selection of exciting Day Tours from the 3rd to the 6th day of the event. Day Tours are included in the registration fee. While the Full-Day tour to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and the Botanical Garden on May 22, titled "Hiroshima: A City of Peace and Culture," is fixed, on May 20, 21, and 23, you can choose your preferred destination from four different tour options.

May 2025	20 Tue. Afternoon	21 Wed. Afternoon	22 Thu. All day	23 Fri. Afternoon
	A. Sera Kogen: a Fascinating Highland Surrounded by Flowers	A. Sera Kogen: a Fascinating Highland Surrounded by Flowers	E. Full of Peace and Culture, "The city of Water" Hiroshima	A. Sera Kogen: a Fascinating Highland Surrounded by Flowers
	B. Encounter with Anne, and Lakeside Affectionate Handcrafted Rose Garden Tour	B. Encounter with Anne, and Lakeside Affectionate Handcrafted Rose Garden Tour		B. Encounter with Anne, and Lakeside Affectionate Handcrafted Rose Garden Tour
	C. <Recommended> Join Rose Trials Voting! Explore Tranquil Rose Gardens & Meet Locals	C. <Recommended> Join Rose Trials Voting! Explore Tranquil Rose Gardens & Meet Locals		C. <Recommended> Join Rose Trials Voting! Explore Tranquil Rose Gardens & Meet Locals
	D. Tomonoura, the Japan Heritage port town, and Shinshoji temple in the season of fresh green	D. Tomonoura, the Japan Heritage port town, and Shinshoji temple in the season of fresh green		D. Tomonoura, the Japan Heritage port town, and Shinshoji temple in the season of fresh green

Both the Full-Day Pass and One-Day Pass offer the option for accompanying persons to join Day Tours with the delegates through the **Accompanying Person Pass**.

We would like to particularly introduce the following courses, which offer a special opportunity to experience Fukuyama’s Community Spirit through roses:

- **B: Encounter with Anne, and Lakeside Affectionate Handcrafted Rose Garden Tour**
- **C: Join Rose Trials Voting! Explore Tranquil Rose Gardens & Meet Locals**



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B. Encounter with Anne, and Lakeside Affectionate Handcrafted Rose Garden Tour

Holocaust Education Center

The history of community development through roses in Fukuyama began as a symbol of recovery from the devastation of war, with roses deeply cherished by the citizens as a symbol of revival. As a result, the people of Fukuyama have a strong connection between Roses and Peace. At the Holocaust Education Center in the city, a rose called ‘Souvenir d’Anne Frank’ is planted, and students are actively involved in propagating it.



In this tour, you will have the opportunity to hear from the students about their efforts and actions. These students, who love peace, are dedicated to passing on the painful history of the Holocaust. The Holocaust Education Center in Fukuyama was established in 1995 by Mr. Otsuka, who had a personal connection with Otto Frank, Anne Frank’s father. Through interactions with the students, you will feel how deeply Mr. Otsuka’s vision has been embraced by the local community, resulting in a growing number of meaningful actions.



Garden Tomitani

Garden Tomitani won the Grand Prize in the Local Garden Category at the 2024 Fukuyama Rose Garden Competition. This rose garden is entirely managed by local volunteers, and delegates will have the chance to enjoy the stunning roses along with the warm hospitality of the local community. The garden's landscape during the rose season, with its



adjacent pond, the blue of the sky, the red nishikigoi in the water, and the white of migratory birds, will leave visitors in awe. Here, the local volunteers who manage the garden will warmly welcome you. In a space where you can leisurely enjoy time with friends, such as the pergola dome and arches, you will experience the living rose garden that plays an integral role in community development.



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C. Join Rose Trials Voting! Explore Tranquil Rose Gardens & Meet Locals

This highly recommended tour immerses you in Fukuyama's "Community Development through Roses" initiatives, offering an authentic experience of local culture and horticultural excellence.

Rose Garden Kanae

Discover the heartwarming story of Kanae Elementary School's rose garden—a postwar symbol of peace and community renewal. This cherished garden not only connects students and residents but also instills civic pride through shared care for its vibrant blooms.



Witness how the Community Spirit through Roses flourishes here, as volunteers and children work together to nurture and beautify the roses surrounding the school grounds. It's an inspiring example of roses can connect generations and bring communities closer.



Fukuyama City Gardening Center

Next, visit a scenic hillside facility with breathtaking views of the Seto Inland Sea. Delegates can take part in the "Fukuyama International Townscape Rose Trials," casting your vote for the next outstanding rose variety, chosen for its ease of care and suitability for urban settings. Explore themed gardens, from fragrant rose displays to serene Japanese gardens, and wander through lush orchards. Every corner of this center offers a picturesque scene where nature and innovation blend seamlessly.



Sanyo Expressway Fukuyama Rest Area

Enjoy a rare rose garden on a Expressway, a welcoming showcase of Fukuyama's charm for travelers. This garden, meticulously maintained by its management company, is a testament to how urban infrastructure and community engagement can harmoniously coexist.



A dedicated parking area ensures local residents can also access and enjoy this space, highlighting inclusivity and city pride.



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Both tours offer an exclusive opportunity to explore Fukuyama's profound love for roses and the civic spirit that flourishes in its communities.

Secure Your Spot Today!

To join these enriching journeys, register for a Full-Day Pass. Pre-selection of your preferred tours is required, so please complete your registration by **February 21st, 2025**.

For more information, visit the official registration page:

<https://en.wrc2025fukuyama.jp/registration/>

Lectures

Dates: May 20, 21, 23, 24

We will be holding 15 lectures at the Fukuyama New Castle Hotel near Fukuyama Station. You can learn about the latest fascinating research on roses, especially Japanese and Asian roses, from leading scholars and experts from around the world.



The lecture theme for the third day, May 23, is "**Disease Resistance**".

1st Period

Maria Eva Giorgioni: Rose Trial in Bologna and Roses in Italy

Roses are a popular flowering plant in Italian gardens, with at least 24 native species. While hybrid tea roses were common in the mid-20th century, there has been a resurgence of old roses due to their hardiness, versatility, and historical significance. Numerous public and private rose gardens exist throughout Italy, with some specializing in old roses. Several of these gardens host international rose competitions and trials, contributing to the ongoing cultivation and appreciation of roses in Italy.





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2nd Period

Hayden Foulds: Improving Disease Tolerance in Roses - A Combination of Breeding and Culture

Roses can be susceptible to various diseases, but the occurrence of disease depends on the presence of a pathogen, a susceptible host, and favorable environmental conditions. To increase the appeal of roses, breeders have focused on developing disease-tolerant varieties. Good cultural practices also play a crucial role in maintaining rose health. This lecture will examine breeding efforts to enhance disease tolerance in roses, focusing on common diseases like black spot, rust, and powdery mildew. It will also explore the impact of cultivation practices on disease tolerance and suggest effective management methods.



3rd Period

Thomas Debener: Breeding for Disease Resistance: Scientific and Applied Aspects

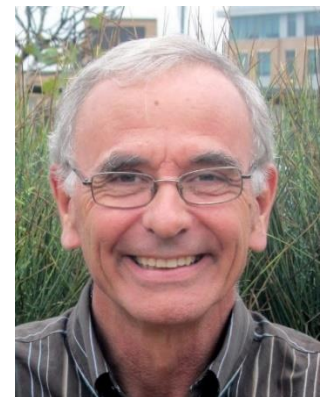
Plants possess diverse defense mechanisms to resist diseases, ranging from physical barriers to complex biochemical processes. Genetic resistance can be broad or specific, with broader resistance typically being more durable. Roses, like other plants, exhibit various forms of disease resistance. While some sources of resistance have been identified and used in breeding, scientific approaches to disease resistance are not widely employed in commercial rose breeding. However, programs like the ADR trials and Earth-Kind[®] rose trials offer valuable tools for selecting disease-tolerant varieties.



4th Period

David Byrne: Rose Rosette Disease in the Landscape and its Management

Rose Rosette Disease (RRD), a devastating disease caused by a virus and spread by mites, emerged in the US in the 1990s and significantly impacted garden roses. The rose industry responded with a coordinated research program that led to advancements in diagnostics, understanding of the disease, management strategies, and development of resistant cultivars. While management strategies can help, the most effective approach is using RRD-resistant roses. Current research focuses on understanding the resistance mechanisms and developing tools to accelerate the breeding of resistant varieties.



More details below;

https://en.wrc2025fukuyama.jp/program_conference/



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Pre-Tours and Post-Tours

Before and after the Convention, we offer three tours, each lasting six days. As the departure and destination points vary for each tour, please review the details carefully and select the course that best suits your interests.

During the **Pre-Tours**, you will explore the western side of Japan, focusing on its natural beauty and wild rose habitats.

In the **Post-Tours**, you will experience iconic Japanese landscapes, such as the historic Buddhist temples of Kyoto, and visit renowned gardens recognized with the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence.

Pre Tour 12-17th MAY

- 1 Miyajima Mountain Rose (*Rosa sambucina*), Seto Inland Sea, and the Japanese Gardens of the Sanin Region
- 2 Tour of the Kuma River Tsukushii Rose (*Rosa multiflora* var. *adenochaeta*) Colony, Scenic Spots in Kyushu, and Rose Gardens
- 3 Tour of Osaka's Rose Gardens and Osaka Expo 2025

Post Tour 25-30th MAY

- 4 Tour of Gardens in the Ancient Capital of Kyoto and Rosa & Berry Tawada, Gifu World Rose Garden Tour
- 5 Echigo Hillside Park Fragrant Rose Garden and North Kanto Rose Garden
- 6 WFRS Outstanding Garden Award-Winning Rose Garden and Hakone, Mt. Fuji Area Tour

Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage early booking for those interested. These special tours offer a unique opportunity to visit famous rose destinations across Japan while exploring the country's rich culture and heritage.

Although you can join just the Pre-/Post-Tours, we encourage participants to combine them with the World Rose Convention in Fukuyama and the Rose Expo to deepen your appreciation of the world of roses.



Registration and General Inquiries

Q: How can I confirm if my registration was successful?

A: After completing your registration, you will receive an automatic confirmation email from the Registration Desk (WRC2025-regist@or.knt.co.jp). The subject line of this email will be:

Subject: WFRS 20th World Rose Convention - Registration Entry Notice / 参加申込受付通知 - Registration No.

This email will include details about your registration status and the information needed to log in to your My Page. Please make sure to keep this email for future reference.

Q: What should I do if I lose my registration information?

A: If you lose your registration details, please contact the Registration Desk for assistance.

Email address: WRC2025-regist@or.knt.co.jp

Q: I am trying to register but cannot submit my application.

A: Please contact the Registration Desk for assistance.

Email address: WRC2025-regist@or.knt.co.jp

Q: How do I register a couple for the Convention?

Do I need to make 2 separate registrations?

A: If the person registering alongside you wishes to attend the WRC2025 lectures, they will need to register separately from the main delegate. If they do not plan to attend the lectures but wish to join the Day Tour(s), please register them as an Accompanying Person through My Page.

Note: If the person does not plan to participate in any part of the Convention program, registration as an Accompanying Person is not required. However, hotel reservations for two people can still be made.

Q: Can I get help with my visa application?

A: Visa support details, including the application process, will be published on the WRC2025 official website in January 2025. Visa applications will begin in February 2025.

Q: Can I experience the atmosphere of the Rose Conference by attending the Opening Ceremony, Lunch Party, and Welcome Reception with a One Day Pass?

A: Yes, with a One Day Pass, you can attend the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Lunch, and Welcome Reception, as well as select lectures on the May 20, 21, 23, and 24. For more details on the lectures, refer to: [Our Website \(Lectures\)](#).

Please note that on the May 22, there are no lectures, but you will participate in a day trip to Hiroshima.

Separate fees apply for some events:

- Welcome Reception: JPY 5,000

- Lunch Party: JPY 3,000



Pass Options

Q: What events can I attend with my pass?

A: The Full-Day Pass and One-Day Pass offer different inclusions:

- The Full-Day Pass includes the Welcome Reception (May 18th) and Lunch Party (May 19th).
- The One-Day Pass does not include these but allows access by paying an additional fee.
- The Farewell Dinner (May 24th) requires separate fees for both Pass types.

Note: Until April 30th, 5:00 PM (Japan Standard Time), you can register for additional programs along with your main pass (Full-Day or One-Day Pass) through your My Page account. If you're uncertain about which events to attend, you can modify your selections later.

What included in the registration fee

Registration fee for WRC2025 includes:	Full Day Pass	One Day Pass	Accompanying Person Pass
Lectures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> on applied date(s) only	-
Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025	<input type="radio"/>	-	Full Day: <input type="radio"/> One Day: -
Day Tour	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> on applied date(s) only	<input type="radio"/>
Lunch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> on applied date(s) only	<input type="radio"/>
Welcome Reception (May 18)	<input type="radio"/>	- Can be applied for an additional fee	
Opening Ceremony (May 19)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lunch Party (May 19)	<input type="radio"/>	- Can be applied for an additional fee	
Fukuyama Street Dining (May 21)	<input type="radio"/>	-	-
ID Pass	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Convention Kit (Program, Bag, Souvenir)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	-
Morning tea (Snack)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	-

Payment

Q: I get errors in credit card payment.

A: Please contact your credit card company to check the details of the error.

If the error persists, we will provide an alternative payment URL from the Registration Desk.

Alternatively, you may try using a different card for payment.

If the issue is still unresolved, we kindly suggest making a bank transfer.



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Q: How can I confirm if my registration fee payment was successful?

A: - For payments by credit card, a payment confirmation email will be sent automatically to your registered email address.
- For payments by bank transfer, an individual confirmation email will be sent as soon as we confirm your payment.

Accommodation

Q: Should(Can) I book a hotel myself?

A: Hotel bookings can be made individually or through My Page.

Pre- and Post-Convention Tours

Q: I can't log in to the Pre-/Post-Tour system. How can I register for a tour?

A: Pre-/Post-Tour registrations are handled through a separate system from the main Convention registration. You cannot use your Convention registration account to log in to the tour system. Please re-enter your details to create a new account for the tour booking.

- **Tour Information:** [Tour Details](#)

- **Tour Inquiries:** WRC2025-tour@or.knt.co.jp

Q: Is there a package tour that includes the bullet train, accommodation, and convention registration?

A: WRC2025 offers 5-night, 6-day Pre-/ Post-Convention Tours, but we do not sell individual tickets for transportation to Fukuyama or packages that combine train tickets, accommodation, and registration fees.

For accommodation, we provide hotel options as part of the convention registration process. Please visit our official website for more information: [Hotel Booking](#).

If you are unsure how to reach Hiroshima Airport (HIJ) or Fukuyama Station, please contact the Registration Desk (WRC2025-regist@or.knt.co.jp) for assistance. Once you arrive, volunteers will be available at Hiroshima Airport and Fukuyama Station from May 16 to 18 to guide you to the venue.

Information Updates

Q: I still have questions about the convention details, getting around Fukuyama, or access to the venue. Will I receive more information after completing my registration?

A: Yes, we will provide additional details to help you plan your visit, including useful tips for first-time travelers to Japan and highlights of the Convention program. As we approach the end of the Early Bird Registration period and more attendees complete their registration, we will increase the frequency of updates via E-mail.

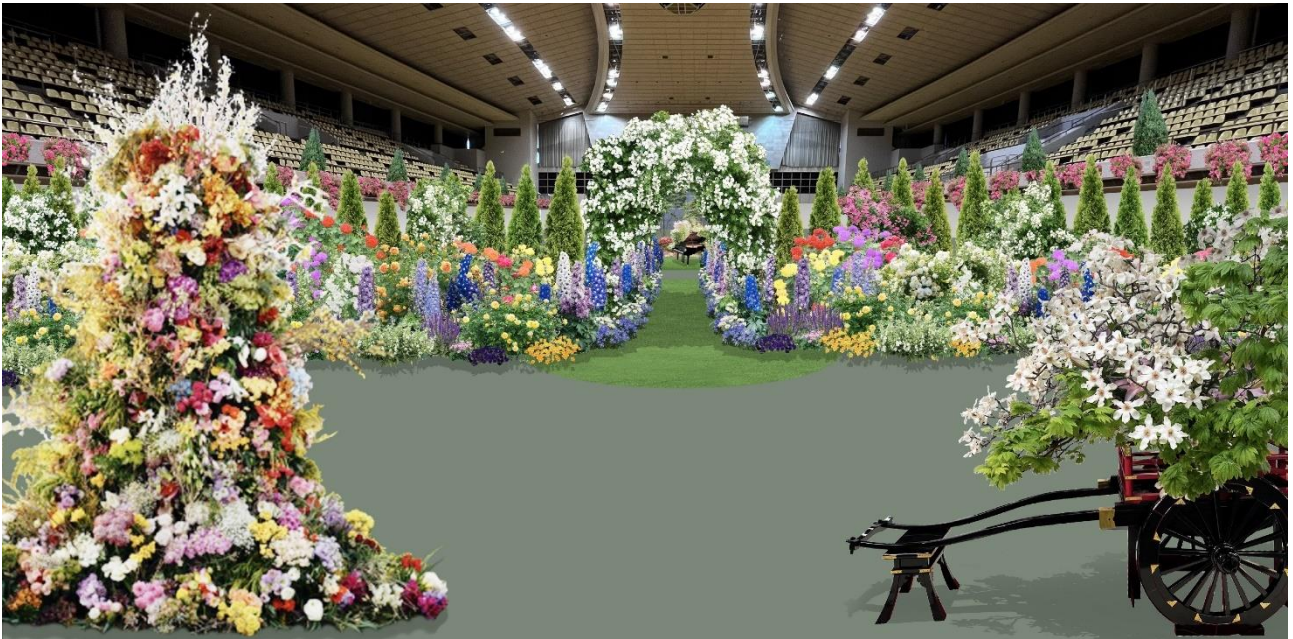
For detailed information, visit: <https://en.wrc2025fukuyama.jp/registration/>



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Rose Expo

In addition to the World Rose Convention, immerse yourself in a spectacular rose-themed event held at a gymnasium in Fukuyama. A highlight of the event is the traditional *Fukuyama Cut Rose Contest* (or Rose Show), featuring exquisite rose arrangements that showcase the artistry and innovation of rose cultivation.



Event Details

Taking place during the first three days of the convention, this special event is free for all delegates.

- **Lectures & Seminars**

Join renowned rose experts and enthusiasts for an engaging program of talks, lectures, and seminars, offering fresh insights into the art, culture, and care of roses.

- **Exquisite Entrance Gardens**

Be captivated by stunning entrance gardens designed by celebrated Japanese artists. These displays harmonize Eastern and Western aesthetics, with traditional Japanese rose arrangements providing a unique cultural touch.

Discover More

For more details, visit the official website:

https://en.wrc2025fukuyama.jp/roseexpo_about/



Access to Fukuyama

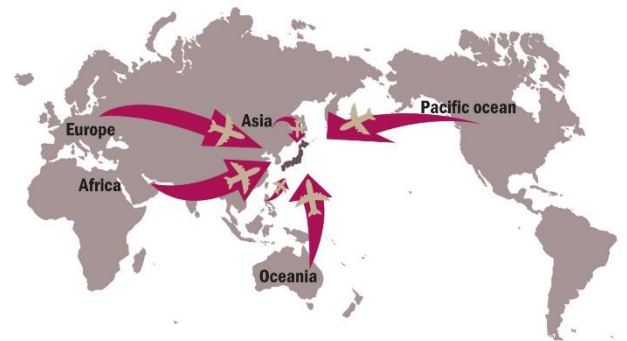
Narita International Airport (NRT)

Narita Airport, serving the Greater Tokyo area, is a major international gateway, offering an extensive network of 102 routes to 101 cities across 38 countries and 3 regions (as of May 2024). Its global connections make it an excellent entry point for international travelers.

Other Airports

In addition to Narita, travelers can conveniently access Japan through:

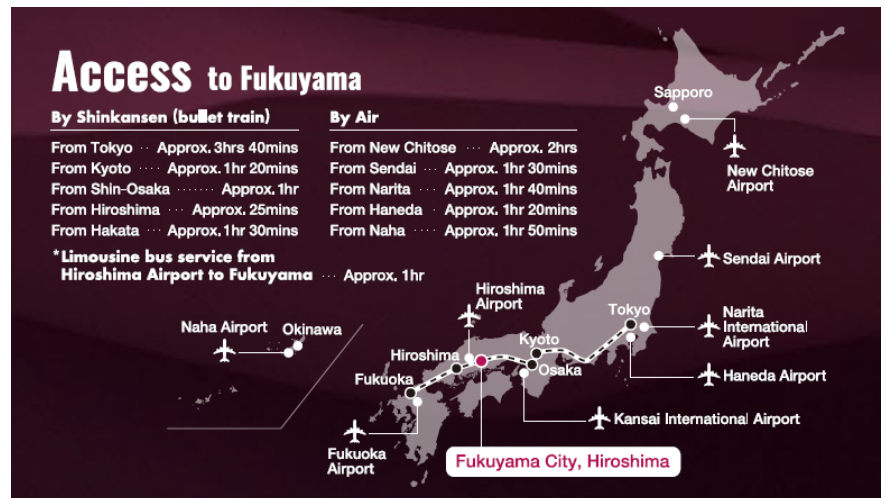
- **Haneda Airport (HND):** Another Tokyo-based hub offering extensive domestic and international connections.
- **Kansai International Airport (KIX):** Located near Osaka, ideal for exploring western Japan before heading to Fukuyama.



Reaching Fukuyama

From these airports, getting to Fukuyama is straightforward:

- **By Air:** Hiroshima Airport (HIJ) is the closest airport to Fukuyama, with a direct one-hour bus service to the city.
- **By Train:** Fukuyama Station is a key stop on the Sanyo Shinkansen line, providing high-speed connections to major cities across Japan.



Important Notes for Tour Participants

- **Pre-tour participants:** Confirm the departure airport for your selected tour.
- **Post-tour participants:** Confirm the arrival airport for your tour's conclusion.

Helpful Resources

- **Visit Japan Web:** Streamline immigration procedures, customs declarations, and duty-free purchases. [<https://services.digital.go.jp/en/visit-japan-web/>]
- **Japan Travel:** Explore sightseeing, transportation tips, and more. [<https://www.japan.travel/en/>]



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Stay Updated

Stay informed with the latest updates about the convention by visiting our [official website](#).
Subscribe to our mailing list for announcements and exclusive updates.

We look forward to welcoming you to **Fukuyama, the City of Roses**, and ensuring a memorable experience!

Sincerely,

Yukiko Shimura

Yukiko Shimura
President, Japan Rose Society

Naoki Edahiro

Naoki Edahiro
Chair, World Rose Convention Fukuyama Organizing Committee