

J-SLA Newsletter March, 2015

We hope you all are doing well. It is still quite cold in Japan and we can hardly wait for spring to come! Surely you have already marked your calendar for the J-SLA annual conference on June 6th & 7th at Hiroshima University. Please find information about transportation and accommodations for the conference below.

1. Transportation between Hiroshima and Hiroshima University

Hiroshima University is located in Higashi-Hiroshima City, not in Hiroshima City. Although the university appears to be closer to Higashi-Hiroshima *Shinkansen* station on a map, it is more convenient to take JR from Hiroshima station, instead of taking the *Shinkansen* and arriving at Higashi-Hiroshima station. Take JR bound for Okayama (岡山) or Shiraichi (白市) (but not for Seno, which does not go all the way to Saijo station) and get off at Saijo (西条). Then, take a bus from the station to Hirodai Nishiguchi (広大西口), the bus stop nearest the conference site.

It takes about 40 minutes from Hiroshima station to Saijo station and about 15 minutes from Saijo to Hirodai Nishiguchi. Please be aware that you may need to wait for 15 minutes for between JR trains if you miss one. There are not many JR trains in Hiroshima compared with big cosmopolitan cities such as Tokyo and Osaka!

Hiroshima University HP: <http://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/index.html>

Access map site: <http://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/top/access/index.html>

2. Accommodations in Higashi-Hiroshima

There are hotels available in the Saijo area in Higashi-Hiroshima.

Toyoko-Inn Higashihiroshima Sijo-eki mae

<http://www.toyoko-inn.com/hotel/00160/index.html> (Japanese)

Hotel Sunrise 21 <http://www.hotel-sunrise21.com/> (Japanese)

Green Hotel Morris <http://www.hotel-morris.co.jp/higashi-hiroshima/> (English)

Saijo HAKUWA Hotel <http://www.saijo-hakuwahotel.com/> (Japanese)

Hotel Gran Casa <http://hotel-grancasa.com/> (Japanese)

Hotel VanCornell <http://hotelvancornell.jp/> (Japanese)

Notes:

- We have not arranged special rates with any of the hotels listed above.
- You may find some hotels located near Higashi-Hiroshima Shinkansen station; however, the transportation between that station and the university is relatively inconvenient. We strongly recommend that you book a hotel in the Saijo area.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

For student members who are planning to complete a degree in March and regular members who are changing affiliations in April, please let us know your new mailing address as soon as you settle in. In particular, if you have not given us your new mailing address through our website, you may not be able to receive the journal *Second Language*. Also, we would appreciate it if you could let us know your new e-mail address promptly so that we can easily contact you when necessary and send you newsletters successfully. Since the membership term is from April 1st to March 31st of the following year, we will be updating the list of members including contact information in April, though you are of course welcome to advise us of changes at any time. Thank you for your cooperation.

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