

## **SSDM Young Researcher Award**

Given for outstanding papers authored by young researchers and presented at the previous year's conference.

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Limited financial support is available for presentations by full-time students. Student presenters who are interested in support should contact the secretariat directly (e-mail: [ssdm\\_secretariat@intergroup.co.jp](mailto:ssdm_secretariat@intergroup.co.jp)) prior to the end of August after receiving their acceptance letter. A copy of their student ID should be submitted at application.

## **TRAVEL GRANT**

A travel grant is available for young researchers under 35 years old from overseas universities or public research institutes. The grant is available only to those whose abstracts are accepted.

An application form for the Marubun Grant will be sent to eligible authors. The grant is authorized by Marubun Research Promotion Foundation (MRPF).

## **BANQUET**

The conference banquet will be held on the evening of Wednesday, September 24. The banquet fee (Regular: ¥7,000, Student/Accompanied person: ¥4,000) is NOT included in the Registration fee. Participants who wish to attend the banquet are requested to order the banquet ticket through the on-line registration. Banquet tickets may also be purchased at the on-site registration desk.

## **REGISTRATION**

Participants are required to register online at the conference web site <http://www.ssdm.jp>, in which the forms for registration, short course and banquet will be available in the beginning of June, 2008.

The registration and banquet fees are:

	Registration Fee		Short Course (in Japanese)	Banquet
	Before 24:00, Aug. 17 (Japan time)	After 0:00, Aug. 18 (Japan time)		
Regular	¥50,000	¥55,000	¥15,000	¥7,000
Student	¥7,000		¥3,000	¥4,000
Accompanied person				¥4,000

\* Fees include tax.

## **VISA REQUIREMENT**

Overseas participants who require a visa should consult the nearest Japanese Embassy. Please note that obtaining a visa may take much longer than you anticipate, and we strongly recommend that you commence the application process as soon as possible. If your visa application requires an invitation to attend the SSDM conference, please contact SSDM Secretariat, [ssdm\\_secretariat@intergroup.co.jp](mailto:ssdm_secretariat@intergroup.co.jp).

## **LOCATION**

SSDM2008 will be held at Tsukuba International Congress Center (EPOCHAL TSUKUBA).

2-20-3 Takezono, Tsukuba, Ibaraki

305-0032, Japan

Phone: +81-29-861-0001

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Tsukuba International Congress Center has been contributing greatly to the continued development of science and technology, standing as the kernel place for such exchange, where people nearly 2 million have gathered since it was established in 1999. Just 50 km from Tokyo and 40 km from Narita Airport, the congress center is located in Tsukuba, the center of advanced technology, research and development, and the pre-eminent location for conventions.

<http://www.epochal.or.jp/index.html>

## **OFFICIAL TRAVEL AGENT**

Kinki Nippon Tourist Co., Ltd. (KNT)  
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### **Hotel Accommodations**

KNT has blocked rooms at following hotels in Tsukuba for the conference period.

Reservations can be made through the conference website beginning in June.

If the hotel of your first choice is fully booked, your second choice or a hotel in the same grade will be reserved.

Hotel Name	<b>Okura Frontier Hotel Tsukuba</b>
Room Rates	Single: ¥ 12,000 Twin: ¥ 11,000 (per person, per night)
Hotel Deposit	¥ 20,000
Check-in/out	Check-in: 14:00/Check-out: 11:00
Address	1-1364-1, Azuma Tsukuba-city, Ibaraki 305-0031, Japan
Phone	+81-29-852-1112
Access to Hotel	2 min. walk from Tsukuba Sta. , A3 exit.
To Conference site	6 min. walk

Hotel Name	<b>Okura Frontier Hotel Tsukuba Epochal</b>
Room Rates	Single: ¥ 12,000 Twin: ¥ 11,000 (per person, per night)
Hotel Deposit	¥ 20,000
Check-in/out	Check-in: 14:00/Check-out: 11:00
Address	2-20-1 Takezono, Tsukuba-city, Ibaraki 305-0032, Japan
Phone	+81-29-860-7700
Access to Hotel	8 min. walk from Tsukuba Sta. , A3 exit.
To Conference site	Next to the site

Hotel Name	<b>Hotel Grand Shinonome</b>
Room Rates	Single: ¥ 7,350
Hotel Deposit	¥ 10,000
Check-in/out	Check-in: 15:00/Check-out: 10:00
Address	488-1 Onozaki, Tsukuba-city, Ibaraki 305-0034, Japan
Phone	+81-29-856-2211
Access to Hotel	5 min. walk from Tsukuba Sta..
To Conference site	13 min. walk

Hotel Name	<b>Hotel Route Tsukuba</b>
Room Rates	Single: ¥ 7,000
Hotel Deposit	¥ 10,000
Check-in/out	Check-in: 15:00/Check-out: 10:00
Address	1145-3 Hanamuro, Tsukuba-city, Ibaraki 305-0025, Japan
Phone	+81-29-860-2111
Access to Hotel	20 min. walk (or 5 min. by taxi) from Tsukuba Sta.
To Conference site	30 min. walk (or 10 min. by taxi)

Hotel Name	<b>Tsukuba Daily Inn</b>
Room Rates	Single: ¥ 6,930
Hotel Deposit	¥ 10,000
Check-in/out	Check-in: 16:00/Check-out: 10:00
Address	1-12-4 Sengen, Tsukuba-city, Ibaraki 305-0047, Japan
Phone	+81-29-851-0003
Access to Hotel	30 min. walk (or 7 min. by taxi) from Tsukuba Sta.
To Conference site	15 min. walk (or 3 min. by taxi)

## Notes:

All room rates are per person per night including breakfast, 10% service charge, and consumption tax.

## Application and Payment

Participants wishing to reserve hotel accommodations should access the Registration and Accommodation pages of the conference website.

The page will be opened in early June and reservations should be made by no later than September 9, 2008 (Japan time).

\*Confirmation sheet will be sent by KNT after the application deadline.

Application should be accompanied by the payment of room deposit and communication fee of 500 JPY.

No reservation will be confirmed in the absence of this payment.

All payment must be paid only in Japanese yen by one of the following method.

### 1) Credit Card by Online

(VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club or JCB only.)

\*Please fill in the necessary items in the credit card section of the application form.

### 2) Bank Transfer:

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp.

Suzuran Branch

SWIFT Code: SMBCJPJT

Account Number: 6103515

Account Name: Kinki Nippon Tourist Co., Ltd.

## Cancellation

In case of cancellation, a written notification should be sent to KNT to avoid any trouble.

The cancellation charge are:

Up to 14 days before the arrival date----- No Charge

13 - 7 days before-----10 % of daily room charge

6 - 2 days before-----40 % of daily room charge

Less than 2 days, or no notice given-----100% of daily room charge

## Refund

Refunds will be made during or after the conference after deducting bank and/or credit card service charges and the cancellation penalties.

If payment was made by credit card, refund will be made to the same credit card.

If the payment was made by bank transfer, please inform us of your bank account.

\*Communication fee of 500 JPY is not refundable.