

Information for LabPhon 14 Participants (2014.06.17)

Please visit the conference website (<http://www.ninjal.ac.jp/labphon14/>) from time to time as it is regularly updated. It contains many pieces of useful information including an updated program of the main conference (July 25-27) and its satellite events (July 24 and 28). It also has useful information about hotels, journey to the conference venue, tourist information, etc. Below we give some information which you might find particularly useful.

1. Hotels

As already noted on the conference website, hotels near the conference venue are already very crowded. Most hotels in Tachikawa are already fully booked on Saturday, July 26, because of the annual Fireworks Festival in Tachikawa which attracts over 300,000 people every year. If you haven't booked your hotel yet, we recommend that you do so as soon as you can. The conference website lists more than ten hotels near the conference venue, including three big hotels that offer discount rates for LabPhon 14 participants. If you need any assistance, please contact the organizers at labphon14@ninjal.ac.jp.

2. Lunch and dinner for non-participants

If someone accompanies you to the conference, you can book a conference dinner (Saturday, July 26) for him/her at JPY 3,000 per person (children under 12 are free). Please contact us before July 15 if you decide to bring someone with you to this banquet. In the second half of the banquet, you can enjoy the firework festival from the balcony of the building. Please note, however, that we cannot provide lunch for accompanying persons; please bring lunch for them.

3. Satellite events

There will be a pre-conference colloquium featuring Bob Ladd and Anne Cutler on Thursday, July 24. This will be followed by registration (name tag, conference booklet, etc.) and a complimentary wine reception. There is no need to make a booking for these events. On the other hand, the satellite workshop on Monday, July 28, requires pre-registration. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please visit the following website and register for it: <http://phonetik.uni-muenchen.de/labphon14-satellite/registration.html>

4. Journey to NINJAL in Tachikawa

For those who are not familiar with Tokyo, the conference website gives details about the journey from Narita and Haneda Airports to Tachikawa and to NINJAL. Tourist information is available, too, including the links to various useful websites. In addition, complimentary guidebooks about tourists' spots in Tokyo will be available at the registration desk, in several languages including English and Japanese.

5. Wifi and PC at NINJAL

Wifi is available free of charge at NINJAL. The password can be found in the conference booklet you will receive at the registration desk. A PC is available for oral presentations upon request. If you want to use this service, please contact us soon.

6. Restaurants near the conference venue

There are hundreds of restaurants and shops near JR Tachikawa Station, which is 20 minutes on foot from the conference venue. Most restaurants are reasonable in price, including those on the top floor of the two big department stores near the station, Takashimaya and Isetan. At the conference, we plan to prepare a dinner map for vegetarians.

7. *The Vowel*

The Phonetic Society of Japan is selling the last 30 copies of *The Vowel: Its nature and Structure* by Tsutomu Chiba and Masato Kajiyama. This pioneering book is out of print and costs \$195 through Amazon. This book is available at the registration desk at the special conference rate of JPY1,000 (ca \$10) on a first-come first-served basis.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact us at labphon14@ninjal.ac.jp.

We look forward to welcoming you to Tokyo in July.

LabPhon 14 Organizers