

SIGGRAPH Asia 2027 - Site Selection

The Site Selection Criteria Questions Answered: Inclusion, Safety and Accessibility.

Additionally please look at [the usual SACAG analysis document](#) already submitted to the EC.

Inclusion

- **Are there particular demographics or groups within our community that would be excluded by this choice?**
 - There are no groups explicitly excluded by choosing Tokyo, as far as we are aware.
 - In fact, the city makes a concerted effort to welcome diverse dietary and religious needs, offering dedicated resources like a Muslim Travelers' Guide and a Vegan & Vegetarian Guide.
- **Are there particular demographics or groups within our community that would be more included by this choice than others?**
 - Students are highly prioritized, with budget accommodations nearby starting around USD 32 to USD 84 per night.
 - The Local Committee specifically plans to replicate student-industry networking events, similar to the Production Meetup at SIGGRAPH Asia 2024 which saw 500 students and 45 companies interact.
 - Individuals with mobility, hearing, or visual impairments are also strongly supported through extensive accessibility infrastructure at both Haneda and Narita airports, as well as on Tokyo's public transit system.
- **Is there an established or growing graphics community located there?**
 - Tokyo is positioned as Japan's foremost hub for the computer graphics and content industries.
 - The local ACM SIGGRAPH Tokyo Chapter is a highly active, interdisciplinary community deeply involved in the global CG landscape.
 - Demoscene groups exist across Tokyo.
 - Additionally, Japan's animation and video game sectors are robust and heavily backed by government investment.
- **Can we enforce ACM values within the context of the conference?**
 - Yes, Tokyo's city-wide initiatives align exceptionally well with ACM's values regarding sustainability, diversity, and social inclusion.
 - The city heavily promotes the UN Sustainable Development Goals, aiming for net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 and enforcing strong environmental guidelines for business events.
- **Does the location support SIGGRAPH's goal to grow globally?**
 - Tokyo is a massive global hub connected to the world via nearly 800 international flights daily across 163 direct routes.
 - Historically, hosting the event in Tokyo has drawn enormous international crowds, including over 8,400 attendees from 60 countries during the 2024 conference.
- **Will hosting in that location enhance the local industry?**

- Bringing the conference to Tokyo provides substantial, tangible benefits to both local academia and the digital content industry.
- It directly engages Japanese developers and studios, acting as a catalyst for future digital entertainment development in the region.
- **Are there reputational risks the organization needs to consider?**
 - There are not any reputational risks associated with Tokyo. It is globally recognized as a safe, clean, and highly reliable destination for mega-events.
- **Does the size of the convention center allow all desired attendance and programs?**
 - Yes. The Tokyo International Forum is the city's largest convention facility, boasting 145,000m² of total floor space.
 - It easily accommodates complex setups, including a 5,000m² exhibition hall and multiple large-capacity theaters and meeting rooms connected by pedestrian bridges.

Safety

- **What is the overall safety of the location? (Identify a global tracking site)**
 - Tokyo was ranked as the fifth safest city in the world according to The Economist's Safe Cities Index 2021.
 - The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) also consistently reports that Japan has one of the lowest crime rates globally.
- **What plans are proposed to address any safety concerns?**
 - While custom event-specific security plans aren't detailed in the bid, the city's inherent safety infrastructure is extremely robust.
 - Police boxes (koban) are stationed throughout Tokyo, providing immediate assistance and ensuring that delegates can walk safely anywhere, at any time.
- **Are there any governmental travel advisories against the country?**
 - Not as we know. Japan is globally considered a very safe travel destination and currently sits at the lowest possible travel advisory level (Level 1: Exercise Normal Precautions) from the US State Department.

Accessibility

- **What is the average expected cost per attendee for the location?**
 - Accommodation is versatile: student and budget hotels run between USD 32 and USD 142 per night, while mid-tier to luxury options range from USD 155 to USD 613.
 - Airport transportation is highly affordable, ranging from USD 3.80 via train to about USD 36 for a taxi.
 - Tokyo's dining scene is famous for offering high-quality food across all price points, providing excellent value for money.
- **Are there entry or travel restrictions to the proposed country (Travel Visa concerns)?**
 - Japan is highly accessible, offering a visa waiver program for citizens of 74 countries and regions for short-term stays.
 - For those outside these regions, the host committee actively provides invitation letters to support the visa application process.

- **Is the location physically accessible, allowing differently abled individuals the ability to travel to, enter, and experience the conference in person?**
 - Yes, Tokyo's infrastructure is built with accessibility in mind. Both international airports offer electric carts, autonomous wheelchairs, tactile paving, and elevators with Braille and audio guidance.
 - Additionally, multipurpose restrooms with beds and ostomy facilities are standard, and assistance dogs are welcomed.
- **Is the location close to an international airport?**
 - Very close. The proposed venue is only a 30-minute train ride from Haneda Airport, and 60 minutes from Narita Airport.
- **Has SIGGRAPH hosted a conference there before, and if so, how did it perform?**
 - Tokyo has successfully hosted SIGGRAPH Asia in 2018, 2021, and most recently in 2024.
 - The 2024 conference was a massive success, drawing 8,415 attendees from 60 countries and over 80 exhibiting brands.
- **Has ACM ever hosted an event there before?**
 - SIGGRAPH Asia was held in Tokyo Japan in 2018, 2021, and 2024.
 - SIGGRAPH Asia was held in Japan in Yokohama in 2009 and Kobe in 2015.
- **Is there financial investment from governments and/or local visitors bureau?**
 - The Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau are offering a substantial financial subsidy