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High Expectations of World Engineering Conference and Convention 2015



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Organized every four years by the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), the World Engineers Convention (WEC), will be held at the Kyoto International Conference Center in Kyoto, Japan in 2015. Engineers from over 90 member countries and over 10 international organizations will gather in Japan for discussions of significant developments in engineering and to take advantage of a chance for exchanges of ideas among engineers with a wealth of knowledge. Up to 3,000 persons are expected to gather for this event, the fifth convention.

The first WEC, which drew 3,500 participants, was held in 2,000 (June 16 to 19) in Hannover, Germany under the theme “Humankind, Nature and Development.” The second convention was held in Shanghai, China in 2004 (November 2 to 6) under the theme “Engineers Shape the Sustainable Future.” It was attended by 3,000 persons. The third WEC, which drew 5,000 participants, was held in Brasilia, Brazil in 2008 (December 2 to 6) under the theme “Engineering: Innovation with Social Responsibility.” The fourth convention was held from September 5 to September 7, 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland under the theme

“Engineers Power the World — Facing the Global Energy Challenge.” It was attended by approximately 2,000 persons. The WEC to be held in Kyoto (November 28 to December 4), the fifth convention, has as its theme “Engineering: Innovation and Society.” The idea is to promote discussions on how the role of engineers in society has evolved and to talk about what the social role of engineers should be in the future.

Allow me to offer a few words about our convention venue. Kyoto was established over 1,000 years ago — as Japan’s capital city in 794. It continued to function as the nation’s imperial capital until 1867. Along with this historic role, Kyoto is also central to Japanese traditions. While Japan’s primary political and economic functions have for the most part shifted to Tokyo, Kyoto remains a prime attraction for tourists and others seeking to learn more about Japanese culture. Kyoto and its environs, which have been designated as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, has 17 official World Heritage Properties, including many ancient temples and shrines which provide examples of ancient Asian architecture and sites producing classical art. In addition, Kyoto’s renown Japanese cuisine has been designated an Intangible Heritage. We invite WEC participants to combine their WFEO activities with some sightseeing to learn firsthand about the true culture of Japan.

In keeping with the basic aims of the WEC, WECC2015 will host a large exhibition





featuring the results of the most recent advances made in engineering fields. Along with exhibits on some of the technologies themselves, lectures and presentations will be given on leading research results. Among the exhibits will be displays of energy technologies and high-speed railways of the future. Participating engineers will surely learn a great deal by encountering all this. Japanese participants view the WECC2015 as an invaluable opportunity to hear the ideas and opinions of participants from all over the world and to get a new look at the technologies of the future.

The Executive Committee has already received requests from participants in regard to the latest Japanese technologies they want to learn about, the cultural sites they want to visit and the Japanese company representatives they want to exchange views with. We have made as many adjustments as possible to accommodate the wishes of participants.

The Convention will present the world of the future seen through the eyes of engineers, and it will present engineers telling you their visions of the future. Finally, Kyoto will be a venue representing a fusion of culture, history and technology. We very much look forward to meeting visitors from all over the world in Kyoto where the trees will be ablaze with red late-autumn leaves.

Advance Registration for WECC2015 will be end on August 31 (Mon.) 2015!

If you have not registered for WECC2015, please don't miss the advanced Registration deadline!
More details about WECC2015 are available from followings.

Registration details:

<http://www.wecc2015.info/registration/index.html>

Program details:

<http://www.wecc2015.info/program/index.html>

Accommodation details:

<http://www.wecc2015.info/accommodation/index.html>

Technical Visits & Pre/Post-Conference Tours:

<http://www.wecc2015.info/events/technical/index.html>

We are looking forward to welcoming you all at the venue!



WECC2015 Venue