

Media Accreditation

Registration has already closed on May 15.

International Media Center

The International Media Center (IMC) will be set up as follows near the venues of the TICAD V meetings and other sessions. Access to the IMC is reserved for members of the media in possession of the prescribed ID card.

(1) Venue: Exhibition Hall A, PACIFICO YOKOHAMA

Location: 1-1-1 Minato Mirai, Nishi-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa

(2) Hours of Operation (TBD)

Friday, May 31 10:30 to 22:00

Saturday, June 1 06:30 to 22:00

Sunday, June 2 07:30 to 22:30

Monday, June 3 07:30 to 15:00

(3) Main Facilities

A. Shared working space

- Approx. 180 seats (table, chair, electrical outlet, Wi-Fi available free of charge)
- Use of the common working space will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

B. Shared press conference room

- 1 room
- The schedule of press conferences, etc. which will be held at the shared press conference room will be provided by the Information Desk at the IMC.

C. TICAD V monitor

- There will be a monitor showing live video of the TICAD V meetings and other sessions in Japanese, English, and French.
- There will also be live streams in Japanese, English, and French (the website will be informed to you later).

D. Information desk

- A designated information desk will be set up to provide members of the media with various information related to TICAD V as well as to offer guidance regarding the use of the IMC.

E. There are no live feeds of video data and equipment to transmit video data of TICAD V meetings and other sessions (IP transmission is possible).

F. There is no parking space specially reserved for members of the media. Please use the general parking space located near the IMC.

G. No free food or light meals will be provided. The provision of some beverages is currently being considered.

Events Coverage

(1) Coverage of events organized by the Japanese Government, with the exception of joint press conference, is in principle limited to media pools due to the limited space available (events open to the media will be informed to you later).

(2) Only members of the media carrying the prescribed ID card and pool card, among other relevant ID, may form pools and attend joint press conferences.

(3) Media representatives will gather at a designated point at a designated time for pools and coverage of joint press conferences. Upon security clearance, media representatives will be escorted to their position by a TICAD V Secretariat officer. Media representatives may not cover an event from a location other than their position (the meeting time, location, and position will be informed to pools and other points of contact later).

(4) Pools and members of the media covering joint press conferences may gain access to the building, which will serve as the venue for the TICAD V meetings and other sessions, only if they are escorted by a TICAD V Secretariat officer.

Distribution of Photos

Photos of the TICAD V meetings and other sessions will be made available on an online

photo-sharing website (the website will be informed to you later). The photos may be used without credit on the condition of not making any alterations. It is expected that photos will be uploaded within 12 hours of taking them.

Video Distribution

Video data of TICAD V meetings and other sessions may be copied at the IMC (the distribution method and timing will be informed to you later). The video data may be used without credit.

Entering Japan

Visa

Foreign nationals who wish to temporarily enter Japan for the purpose of conducting media activities are required to obtain a temporary visitor visa prior to departure. You can apply for a temporary visitor visa at the Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan serving your area. It cannot be obtained after landing in Japan.

Please click [here](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/) (http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/) regarding the documents needed to apply for a temporary visitor visa.

Japan currently has visa waiver arrangements for nationals of 61 countries and regions (http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html) who wish to stay in Japan for a short-term. Nationals of these countries and regions holding valid passports are not required to obtain a visa. Please note that regardless of the visa waiver arrangements, temporary visitor visas are required for U.S. nationals who wish to enter Japan for the purpose of engaging temporarily in media activities.

Immigration

Foreign nationals must hold valid passports with the approved visas for the purpose of entering Japan unless visa waivers apply.

In addition to submitting embarkation and disembarkation cards, foreign nationals entering Japan are required to be fingerprinted and photographed (facial photographs)

by means of special devices (except for certain exemptions) and then interviewed by immigration inspectors. If a foreign national who is not eligible for exemption from this requirement refuses to submit his/her fingerprints or facial photographs, he/she will be denied entry into Japan and will be ordered to leave.

Immigration Bureau <http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/english/>

Customs, Accompanying Filming Equipment (regarding ATA Carnet)

When entering Japan, you are required to submit a customs declaration form for both accompanied and unaccompanied baggage at customs clearance. If you bring in items exceeding the limit of the **duty-free allowance**

(http://www.customs.go.jp/english/c-answer_e/keitaibetsuso/7104_e.htm) or **cash**

exceeding \1,000,000 or its equivalent

(http://www.customs.go.jp/english/c-answer_e/keitaibetsuso/7305_e.htm), please follow the necessary customs procedures.

Customs <http://www.customs.go.jp/english/passenger/index.htm>

*If you have filming or other professional equipment, you can use an ATA Carnet for import/export customs clearance. To obtain a carnet to bring goods into Japan, contact your local Chamber of Commerce.

The Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (regarding ATA Carnet)
www.jcaa.or.jp/carnet-j/about.html (Japanese only)

Japan Customs (Import/export procedure using an ATA Carnet/foreign carnet)
http://www.customs.go.jp/english/c-answer_e/keitaibetsuso/7303_e.htm

Quarantine

In order to prevent infectious diseases and situations that may seriously affect the nation's health, quarantine inspections and import/export procedures are undertaken for all persons, food, animals, and plants arriving from abroad by air or sea.

Quarantine Information Office, Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare

www.forth.go.jp (Japanese only)

Animal Quarantine Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

<http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/>

Plant Protection Station, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

<http://www.pps.go.jp/english/>