



Proposal to host the 2017 International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR 2017) In Kyoto, Japan

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The General Chair is Koichi Kise. He organized DAS2008, CBDAR2005 and 2007 as a Co-Chair and served as a track chair of the document analysis track at ICPR2012, and is serving as a Program Co-Chair of ICDAR2013 and ACPR2013. He is currently the chair of TC-11 and a member of IAPR Conferences and Meetings Committee.

The Executive Co-Chairs are Shinichiro Omachi, Seiichi Uchida and Masakazu Iwamura. Shinichiro Omachi organized S+SSPR2012 as a Program Co-Chair. Seiichi Uchida organized DAS2012 as a Program Co-Chair, and CBDAR2009 as a Co-Chair. Masakazu Iwamura organized CBDAR2011 and CBDAR2013 as a Co-Chair and CBDAR2005 and 2007 as an organizer.

The General Chair and Executive Co-Chairs have been jointly researching for about 10 years and won IAPR/ICDAR2007 Best Paper Award. They have an experience of successfully organizing DAS2008 held in Nara, Japan.

We will be supported by JTB Corporation, which has organized many international conferences, including ACM Multimedia 2012.

The Venue

Kyoto is one of the most popular destinations in Japan. Approximately 50 million people visit there every year. Kyoto had been the imperial capital of Japan for more than 1000 years and is known as a city of UNESCO World Heritage, in which about 20% of Japan's National Treasures and 14% of Important Cultural Properties exist.

ICDAR2017 will be taken place in the “autumn leaves” season, in which green leaves change their color to yellow and red gradually and eventually fall (See the pictures of the cover pages of this bid). Many people fascinated by the beautiful scenery visit Kyoto in the season. ICDAR2017 will provide an opportunity to the participants to access the best season in Kyoto.



Conference Site - Kyoto Terrsa

The ICDAR2017 will be held in Kyoto Terrsa, which is in a 15-minute walk from Kyoto station, the main entrance to Kyoto.

Plenary talks are given in Terrsa Hall which provides 850 seats at most. Two other rooms each of which can provide more than 160 seats are reserved for parallel oral sessions. We also have enough space for poster and demo presentations in Kyoto Terrsa.



Terrsa Hall for plenary talks



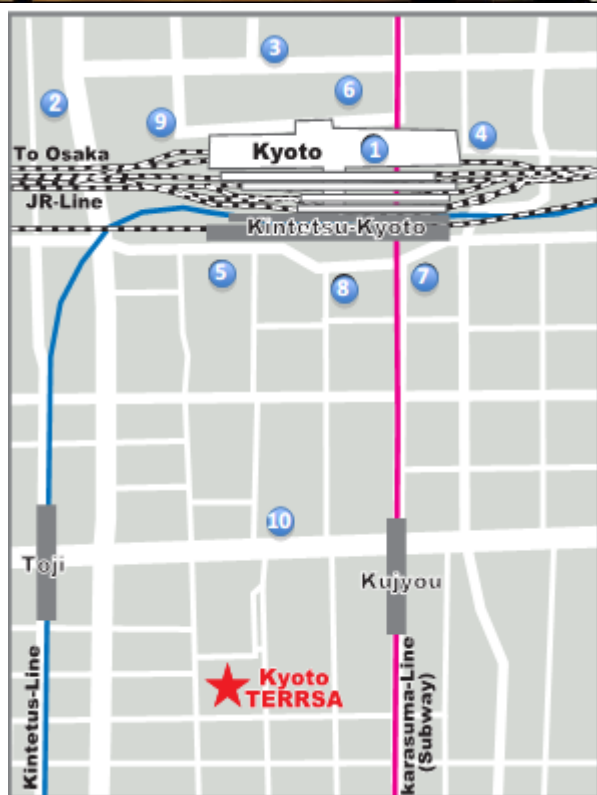
Rooms for parallel oral sessions



Accommodations

Kyoto has a wide variety of hotels in any categories. Rooms have been reserved for ICDAR 2017 attendees in selected hotels in Kyoto at special rates shown in the table below.

Kyoto of the autumn leaves season is always crowded with tourists from all over the world. Thus it is not easy to book hotels in Kyoto in this season. But please do not worry. We have a big advantage to make reservations 4 years in advance and can invite people in the community to the best of Kyoto.



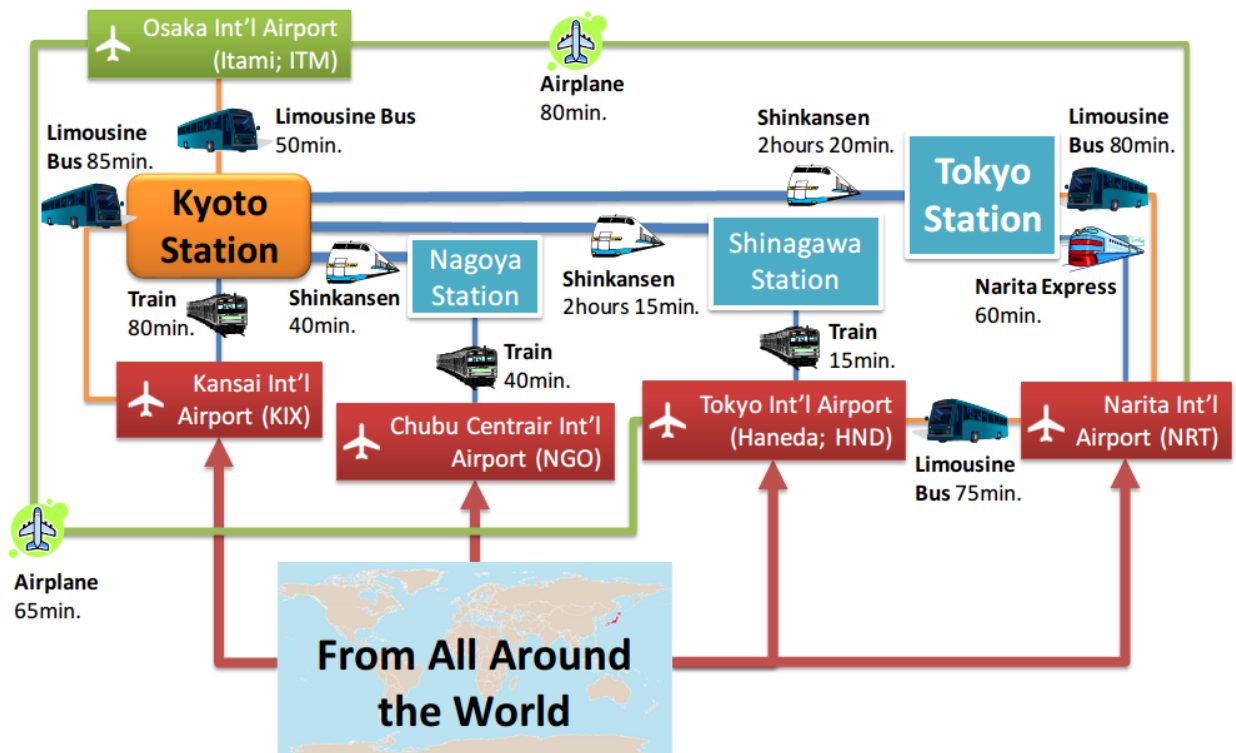
Map No.	Category	Hotel Name	Number of rooms				Price	Internet
			Twin room	Single room	etc	Sub total		
1	★★★★	Hotel Granvia Kyoto	509	0	11	520	\$180 - \$300	○
2	★★★	Rihga Royal Hotel Kyoto	434	33	8	475	\$110 - \$200	○
3		Hotel New Hankyu Kyoto	252	40	25	317	\$110 - \$200	○
4		Kyoto Century Hotel	195	16	0	211	\$110 - \$200	○
5		New Miyako Hotel	918	36	30	984	\$110 - \$200	○
6	★★	Kyoto Tower Hotel	100	52	10	162	\$90 - \$130	○
7		Hotel Keihan Kyoto	193	84	3	280	\$80 - \$150	○
8		Hotel Vista Kyoto Hachijoguchi	100	115	0	215	\$80 - \$130	○
9		APA Hotel Kyoto-Ekimae	60	132	0	192	\$80 - \$100	○
10		Kyoto Daiichi Hotel	15	150	0	165	\$65 - \$80	○



Travel

Kyoto is easily accessible from all areas in the world. To be precise, you will take one of the following ways:

- **Via Kansai International Airport (KIX):** Probably the most common way to reach Kyoto is via Kansai International Airport (KIX); direct flights from many countries and direct connections to Kyoto Station via train and limousine bus are available.
- **Via Narita International Airport (NRT):** Narita International Airport (NRT) is the main entrance to Japan, which has many flights from all around the world. NRT locates at about 60 to 80 min distance from Tokyo. If you plan to visit Tokyo before the conference, this would be an option. From Tokyo, a direct Shinkansen (the bullet train) brings you to Kyoto in two and a half hours. Another route would be to use a flight from NRT to Osaka International Airport, aka. Itami Airport (ITM). A direct limousine bus brings you to Kyoto in 50 minutes.
- **Via Tokyo International Airport (HND):** Some international flights arrive at Tokyo International Airport aka. Haneda Airport (HND). There is a direct train to the nearest Shinkansen station (Shinagawa Sta.) which takes 15 minutes and then a direct Shinkansen to Kyoto taking 2 hours and 15 min. are available.
- **Via Chubu Centrair International Airport (NGO):** If a flight to Chubu Centrair International Airport (NGO) is available, this would be the easiest way to reach Kyoto. A 40-minute direct train to Nagoya Station and a 40-minute direct Shinkansen bring you to Kyoto.



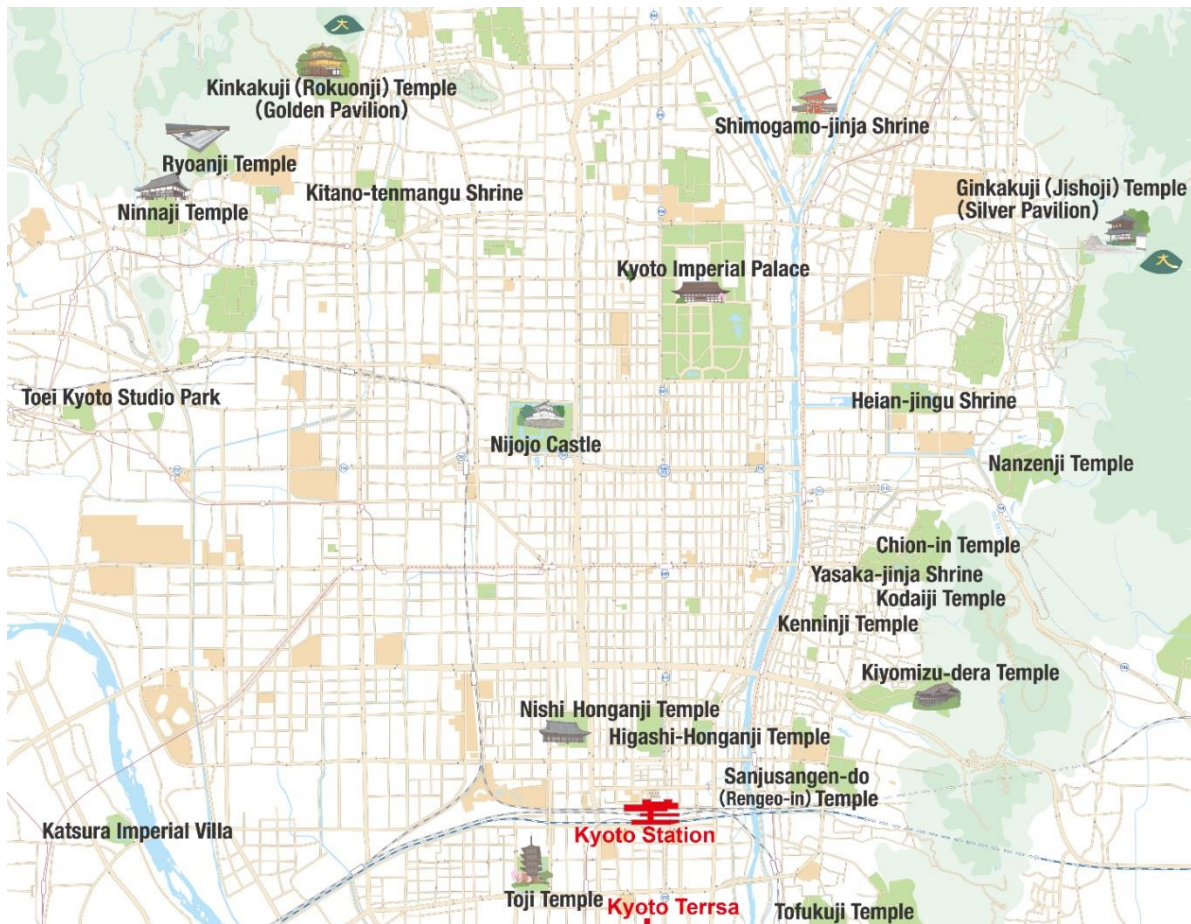
Climate

Since Kyoto is surrounded by mountains, temperature tends to be high in summer and low in winter. November, in-between autumn and winter, is a kind of best timing to visit Kyoto, where the average high is 17.0 ° C (62.6 ° F) and average low is 7.8 ° C (46 ° F).

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Record high °C (°F)	19.9 (67.8)	22.9 (73.2)	25.7 (78.3)	30.7 (87.3)	33.8 (92.8)	36.8 (98.2)	38.2 (100.8)	39.8 (103.6)	38.1 (100.6)	32.2 (90)	26.9 (80.4)	22.8 (73)
Average high °C (°F)	8.9 (48)	9.7 (49.5)	13.4 (56.1)	19.9 (67.8)	24.6 (76.3)	27.8 (82)	31.5 (88.7)	33.3 (91.9)	28.8 (83.8)	22.9 (73.2)	17.0 (62.6)	11.6 (52.9)
Daily mean °C (°F)	4.6 (40.3)	5.1 (41.2)	8.4 (47.1)	14.2 (57.6)	19.0 (66.2)	23.0 (73.4)	26.8 (80.2)	28.2 (82.8)	24.1 (75.4)	17.8 (64)	12.1 (53.8)	7.0 (44.6)
Average low °C (°F)	1.2 (34.2)	1.4 (34.5)	4.0 (39.2)	9.0 (48.2)	14.0 (57.2)	18.8 (65.8)	23.2 (73.8)	24.3 (75.7)	20.3 (68.5)	13.6 (56.5)	7.8 (46)	3.2 (37.8)
Record low °C (°F)	-11.9 (10.6)	-11.6 (11.1)	-8.2 (17.2)	-4.4 (24.1)	-0.3 (31.5)	4.9 (40.8)	10.6 (51.1)	12.8 (55)	7.1 (44.8)	0.2 (32.4)	-4.4 (24.1)	-9.4 (15.1)
Precipitation mm (inches)	50.3 (1.98)	68.3 (2.689)	113.3 (4.461)	115.7 (4.555)	160.8 (6.331)	214.0 (8.425)	220.4 (8.677)	132.1 (5.201)	176.2 (6.937)	120.9 (4.76)	71.3 (2.807)	48.0 (1.89)
Snowfall cm (inches)	5 (2)	8 (3.1)	2 (0.8)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (1.2)
Avg. precipitation days (≥ 0.5 mm)	7.8	9.2	11.9	10.6	11.4	12.9	12.9	8.7	11.0	8.8	7.6	8.1
Avg. snowy days	3.1	3.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
% humidity	66	66	62	59	62	67	70	66	68	68	68	68
Mean monthly sunshine hours	123.2	117.4	146.8	175.4	180.9	138.3	142.3	182.7	136.8	157.4	138.1	135.8



Tourist Attractions



Kyoto is the heart of Japan and a city with over a millennium of history. You can find all of the tea ceremony, flower arrangement, kimonos, Geisha and Maiko in addition to hundreds of temples and gardens in the cultural center of Kyoto. Only photos of representative places are put below. There is no difficulty to find out more. See [Official Kyoto Travel Guide](http://www.kyoto.travel/) (<http://www.kyoto.travel/>) or just google "Kyoto sightseeing".



Conference Format

Basically ICDAR2017 follows the style of ICDAR2013.

Program

We continue in the traditional three track format with keynote speakers being selected from both the community (for the awards speaker), and prominent researchers of related fields and influential managers in companies.

Prizes and Awards

We will continue in the ICDAR traditional of awarding both community and conferences specific awards, including the ICDAR Outstanding Achievements award and the Young Investigator award, as well as conference recognition of the best paper, best student paper and best poster.

Submission and Review

The program committee will run the submission and review process through an existing conference system (EasyChair for example). The program committee chairs all have experience with ICDAR and the existing reviewing standards.

Some new trials are planned to be introduced in the reviewing process: area chairs, and double blind submission. Author response was introduced in the review process in ICDAR2013. This gives authors opportunities to correct factual errors made by reviewers. A drawback of the current way is to ask the reviewers to read the response and update the review if needed. This, however, does not always work well. In order to compensate for it, the program chairs are required to spend exhausting efforts on checking conflicts between the review and response, and judge which is more reliable if they conflict. The topics of papers may be out of the field of the program chairs. So as to ensure high review quality as well as reduce the load of program chairs, we plan to introduce area chairs who are in charge of recommending oral/poster/rejection papers by checking the reviews and author response in a specific topic. This is a common system in other fields such as computer vision. In addition, double blind submission is introduced. Double blind submission can help prevent reviewers from having biases caused by knowing author names. This is also beneficial to ensure high review quality.

Workshops, Tutorials, Competitions and Doctoral consortium

We keep the good traditions established by ICDAR2013. An idea to improve is to update the selection process of competitions. In ICDAR2013, it was “post selection” which does not select competitions beforehand and eventually competitions were selected based on the number of participants. This can spoil the effort of participants spent on submitting a result if the competition is canceled afterward. “Pre selection” would help minimize the number of competitions canceled afterward.

Proceedings

Since the 2nd ICDAR in 1993, the ICDAR proceedings have been published by IEEE Computer Society Press. ICDAR 2017 will continue this tradition and we expect the Proceedings of the 14th ICDAR to be also published by IEEE Computer Society Press.

Welcome Reception and Conference Dinner

The welcome reception will be held at the conference venue. The conference dinner will be held in Rihga Royal Hotel Kyoto, which is in a 10-minute walk from Kyoto station and a 15-minute walk from the venue. Some traditional attractions including a Maiko dance will be shown.



Conference Schedule

ICDAR2017 is temporarily scheduled as follows.

- Workshops: November 10-11, 2017
- Tutorials: November 12, 2017
- Doctoral Consortium: November 12, 2017
- Conference: November 13-15, 2017

November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					10 Workshop	11 Workshop
12 Tutorials / Doctoral Consortium (Welcome Reception)	13 Conference Day 1	14 Conference Day 2 (Banquet)	15 Conference Day 3			

Timeline

Following the tradition, we will adhere the following timeline.

July 2015	Initial Progress Report to ICDAR Advisory Board
November 2015	First Call for Papers
May 2016	Second Call for Papers
November 2016	Final Call for Papers
February 2017	Workshops, Tutorials and Competitions Proposal Due
May 2017	Paper Submission Deadline
August 2017	Acceptance Notification
September 2017	Camera Ready Papers Due
November 2017	Conference

Finances

We provide a rough estimate of the budget with the estimated number of 300 participants for break-even. All numbers represent the amount of money in Japanese Yen.

Registration Fee (in JPY)

	Early-Bird Registration	Regular Registration	Onsite Registration
IAPR Member	75,000	80,000	85,000
Non Member	80,000	85,000	90,000
Student	40,000	45,000	50,000

Budget (in JPY)

Outgo

	Per Person	Flat Fee
Expenses for registration	990	396,000
Rooms / Equipment		2,980,489
Small Items (Budges and registration kit)	660	71,500
Reception	4,400	
Banquet	11,495	1,356,180
Proceedings		3,000,000
Invited speaker		1,000,000
Staffs		1,000,000
Miscellaneous		2,000,000
IAPR levy	2,000	
Subtotal	5,863,500	11,804,169
Total		17,667,669

Income

	Fee	No. person	Subtotal
IAPR member (Early-Bird)	75,000	140	10,500,000
IAPR member (Late)	80,000	10	850,000
IAPR member (Onsite)	85,000	10	900,000
Non-member (Early-Bird)	80,000	0	0
Non-member (Late)	85,000	0	0
Non-member (Onsite)	90,000	0	0
Student (Early-bird)	40,000	140	5,600,000
Student (Late)	45,000	0	0
Student (Onsite)	50,000	0	0
Total		300	17,750,000