

# Ceremonies and Social Events

## Welcome Reception:

Date: Sunday, April 3, 18:00 – 20:00  
Venue: Room C 3F, Osaka City Central Public Hall  
Fee: Free

### Performance:

Tea ceremony (16:00 – 20:00)  
Japanese harp (Koto) performance

① 17:50 – 18:20

② 19:10 – 19:40

## Opening Ceremony:

Date: Monday, April 4, 10:00 – 10:30  
Venue: Room A 1F, Osaka City Central Public Hall

## Half-day Excursions

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 15:00 – 18:00

Fee: 5,000 JPY per person

\* Each course includes transportation, English-speaking tour guide, and admission fee.

The following courses are available. A Reservation is required in advance, however on-site reservation will be also available. Please visit Registration / General Information Desk on the 1F for the further information by April 5.

- Course A: Osaka City Cruise & Osaka Castle
- Course B: Expocity Tour (Shopping & Experience)
- Course C: Shitennoji Temple & Sumiyoshi Taisha
- Course D: Noh Theater & Dotonbori Walk

Further information will be available at the General Information in the Entrance Hall.

## **Yodogawa-'Hanami'-Walking (Yodo River-Flower Viewing-Walking)**

Starting at 18:00 just after the poster session on Thursday, April 7; walking for 30-40 min on the riverside of Yodo river; arriving at Taiko-en around 1840 before starting Banquet at 19:00.

Yodogawa (Yodo river) is the principal river in Osaka Prefecture which flows south west from Lake Biwa, through Kyoto and Osaka, and in into Osaka Bay. The riverside of Yodo river in the city has been well-known as a place of scenic beauty since old times. Especially, the cherry blossoms (Sakura) in early April (hopefully during 2016 IUPAC Photochem) is wonderful view along the riverside! Japanese people usually have picnics under cherry trees that are called 'Hanami'. Let us enjoy wonderful Sakura beauty during the walking to the banquet place 'Taiko-en'.



## Banquet:

The banquet will be held on April 7 at “Taiko-en”.

Reservation is required in advance. However, on-site reservation will be also available if there is some space in the capacity.

Please visit Registration/General Information Desk on the 1F floor for the information by April 6.

Date: Thursday, April 7, 19:00 – 21:00

Venue: Diamond Hall 3F “Taiko-en”

Address: 9-10 Amijima-cho, Miyakojima-ku, Osaka 534-0026, Japan

Tel: +81-06-6356-1110

Fee: 15,000 JPY

## Taiko-en Japanese garden

Banquet place, Taiko-en, is an oasis in the city and historic property in 5.7 acre impressive Japanese garden in traditional Tsukiyama-shiki Kaiyu-style. The garden expresses beauty throughout the year, together with its historic and distinguished buildings. For example, 13-layered stone Pagoda is built in the Kamakura period (1151-1333) and their upper part is still amazingly well preserved. Furthermore, they consists of historical stone statues as well as stone bridge, which is said that to be the largest stone bridge from a single slab of rock in western japan. With the traditional garden and architecture as a backdrop, Taiko-en is one of Japan’s most prestigious banquet venues.





## **Awards & Closing Ceremony:**

Date: Friday, April 8, 17:30 – 18:00

Venue: Room A 1F, Osaka City Central Public Hall

## **Mixer:**

Date: Friday, April 8, 18:10 – 19:00

Venue: Room D B1F, Osaka City Central Public Hall

Fee: Free