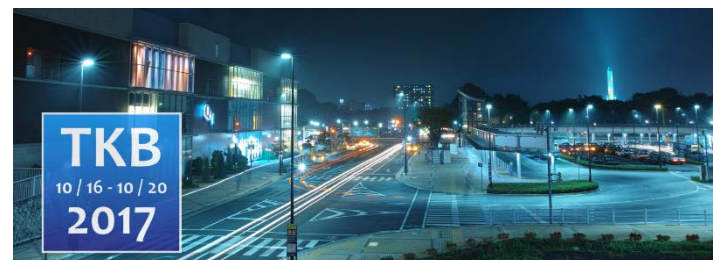




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Travel information





KEK has two campuses

Electron machines in Tsukuba
and proton machines in Tokai



Mount
Tsukuba
筑波山
★
Tsukuba
HEPiX
Tsukuba

Tokai



Narita

Haneda



KEK Tsukuba



**10km from the city center
(30min bus ride)
2km to the closest shops
and restaurants**

Mt. Tsukuba

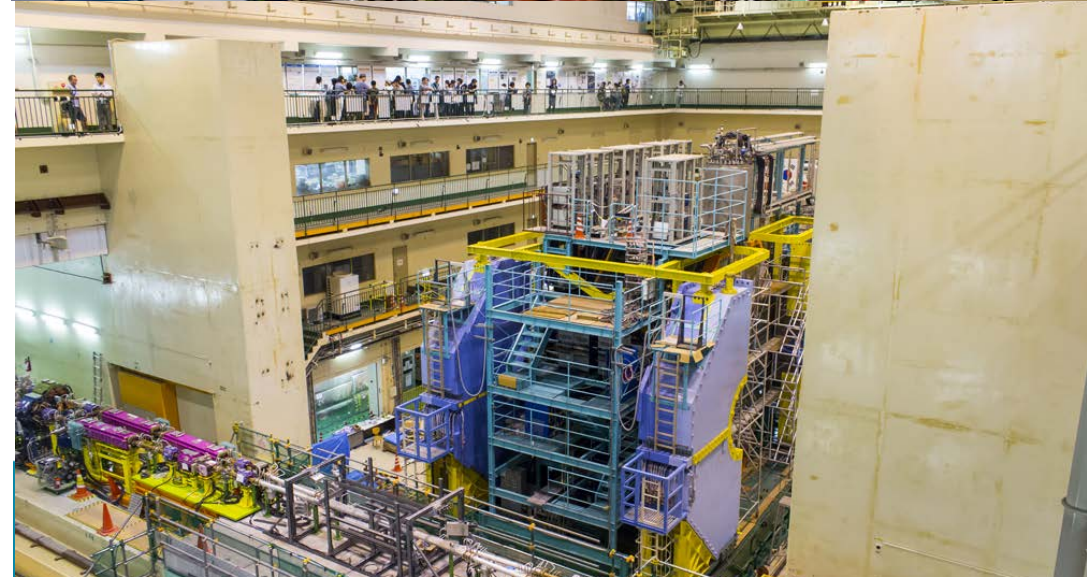
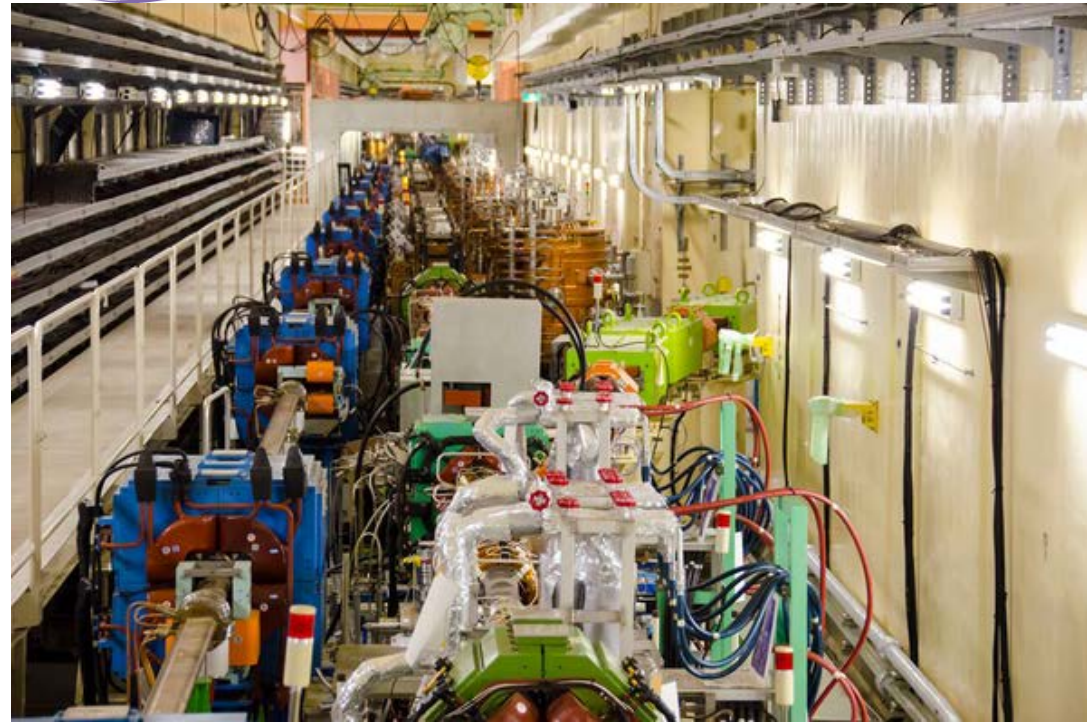
1km



KEK, High Energy Accelerator
Research Organization



KEK Tsukuba





Tsukuba, the city of history and science



- [Tsukuba](#) area was well developed since 1500 years ago
 - Capital of the local government in 7th century
- Mt. Tsukuba(877m), the mountain of love
 - The twin peaks symbolize the couple of Gods
 - Wedding ceremony at the shrine is popular
 - “Utagaki” was held once a year at the shrine in ancient
 - People exchange short love songs/poems randomly to find their partners in competitive behavior
 - “Like the Minano River surging from the peak of Mt. Tsukuba, my love cascades to make deep pools below the falls. ” (Retired Emperor Yozei, 9-10C) translated by Peter McMillan, one of the best 100 short songs chosen in 12C





Tsukuba Science City



- The artificially designed/built city for national universities(2), a private university and national research institutions (32) including JAXA, KEK etc.
 - Private companies also have their laboratories
 - Construction started in 1968 and ended in 1985
 - 210K+ population in City of Tsukuba
 - 20K+ students
 - 36K+ employees in the universities and institutions
 - 8K+ PhDs
 - 5K visiting foreign researchers a year(more than 2 weeks stay)
- Rapid train service between Akihabara(Tokyo) and Tsukuba since 2005
 - 45 min by the fastest service





Transportation from the airports



- Three international airports near-by
 - Nariata (HND) ~60km (international and domestic)
 - Haneda (NRT) ~80km (international and domestic)
 - Ibaraki (IBR) ~20km (domestic and a few flights from China)
- From Narita (~110JPY/USD)
 - Taxi 20K~30K JPY (~50min)
 - Fixed price airport taxi 32,000 JPY (max 6people) english@iace.co.jp
 - [Airport bus for Tsukuba](#) (55~70min) 2,200JPY
 - Easy but not frequent, almost every hour
 - Train (~1.5hours) 1,940JPY
 - Frequent but two changes at least
- From Haneda
 - Taxi 30~40K JPY
 - [Airport bus for Tsukuba](#) (1.5~2 hours) 1,850JPY
 - Easy but not frequent every 90min
 - Train (1.5+ hours) 1,840 JPY
 - Frequent but two changes at least
- Car rentals
 - We do not recommend this option especially for people who arrive at Haneda
 - Drive the same side as UK, Australia, NZ and etc.
 - If your country has not signed on the Geneva convention, you need to consult with your embassy in Japan first. Japan has not signed the Vienna Convention yet.
 - France, Germany, Switzerland and etc.
 - Don't forget to bring your international drivers license (Geneva Convention) **with the original** together

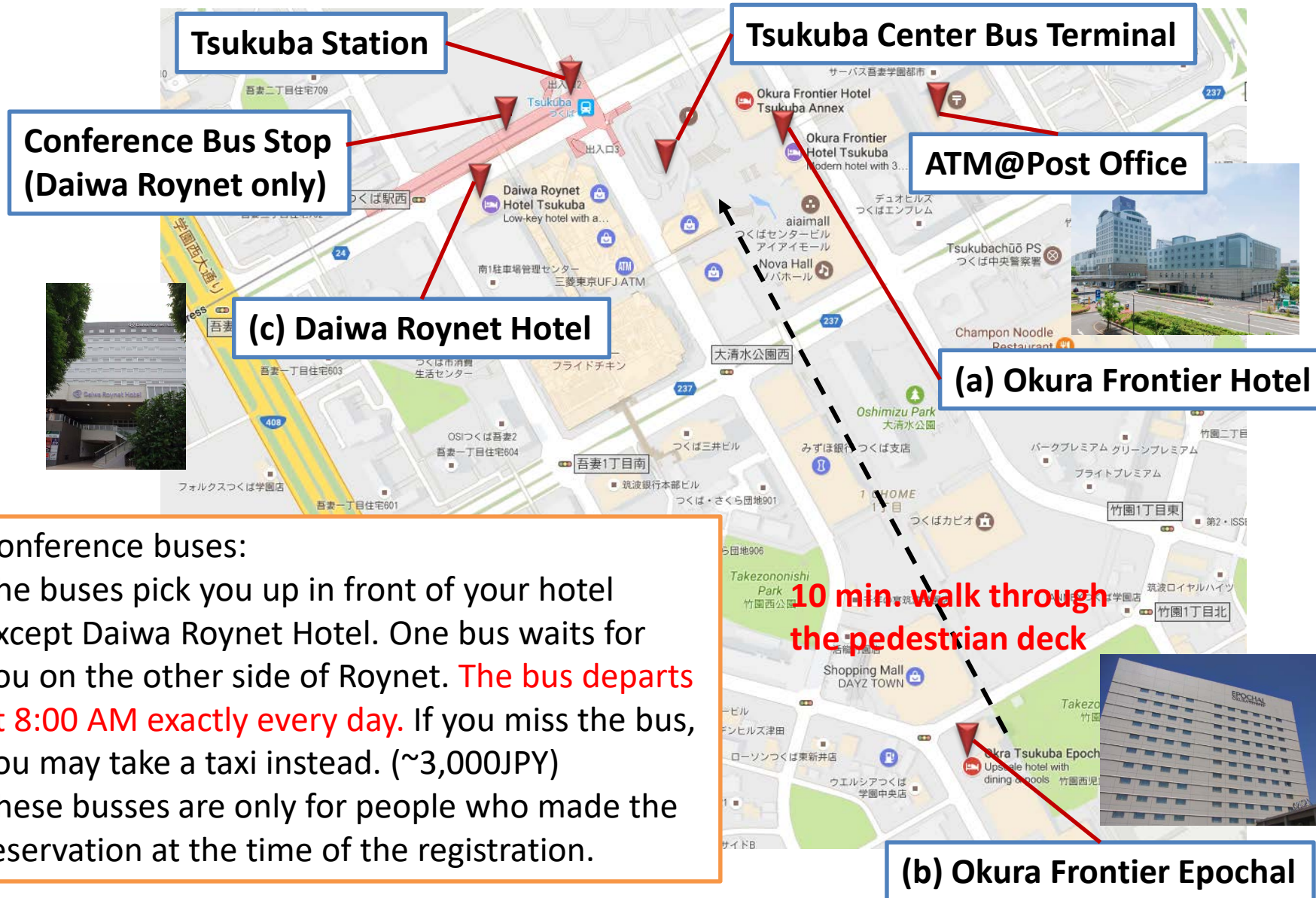


Travel tools

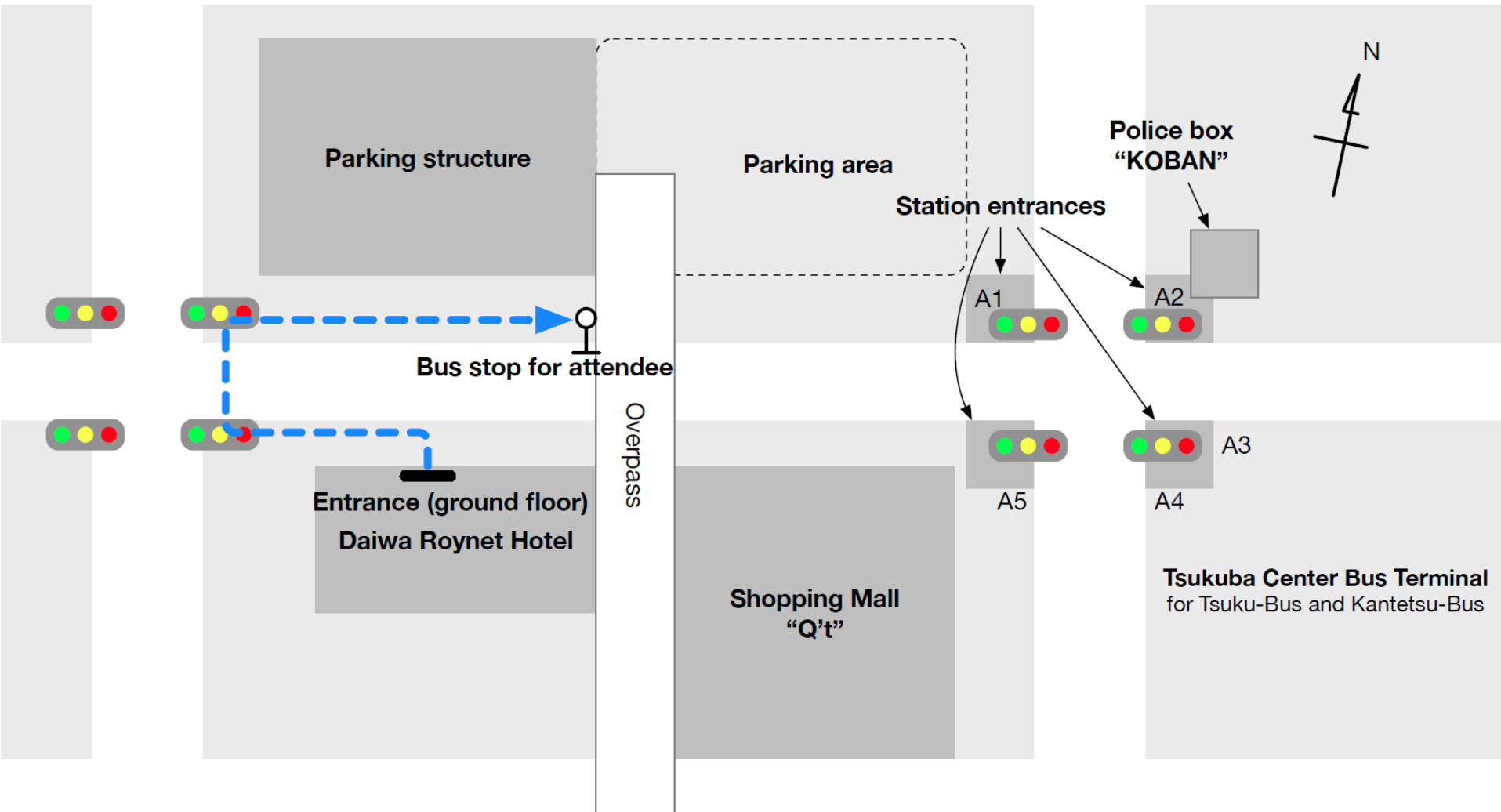


- maps
 - <http://maps.google.com>
- Japan train planner
 - <https://world.jorudan.co.jp/mln/en/>
- Narita airport bus information
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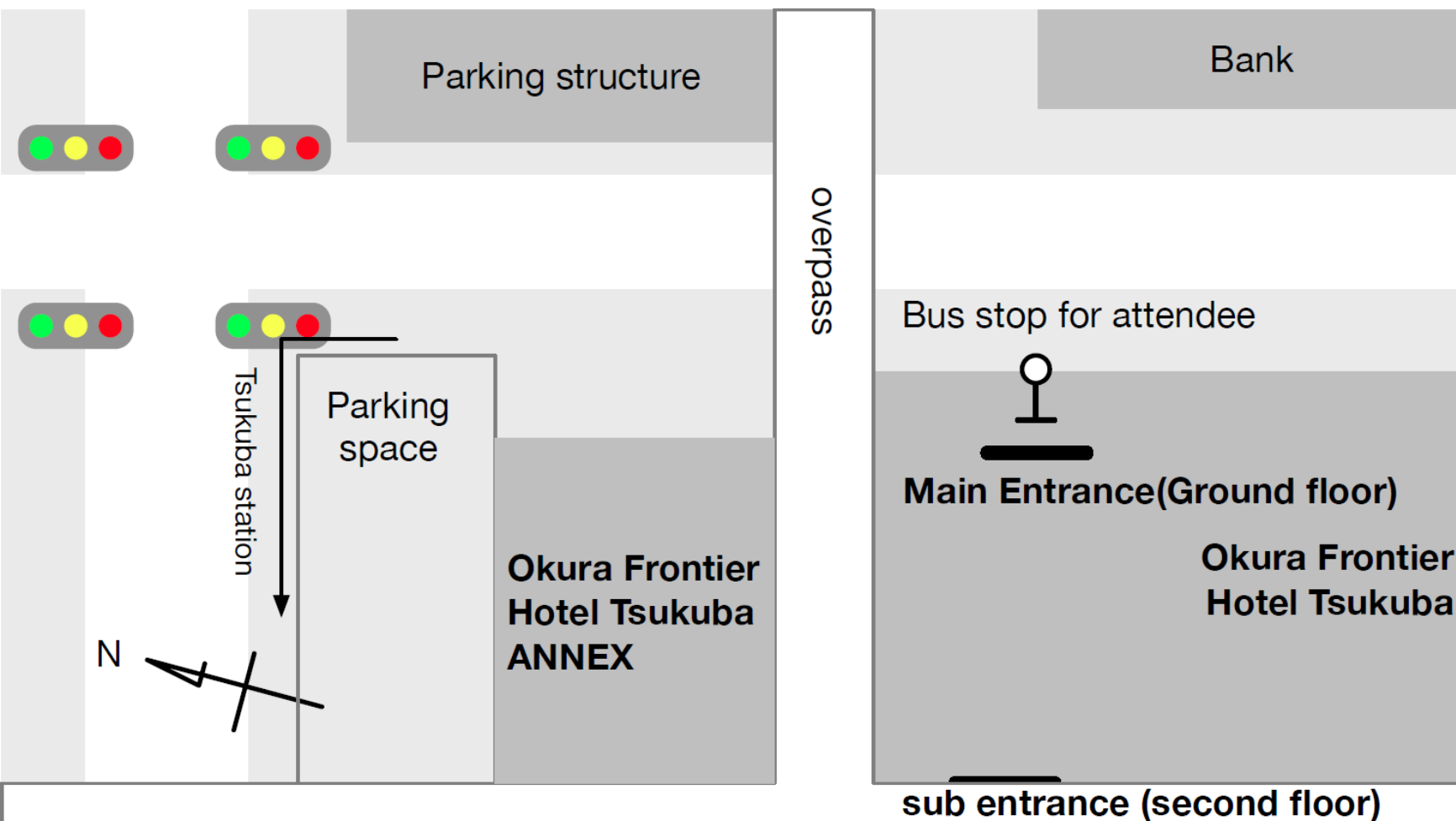
Tsukuba Center Area



Conference Bus (Daiwa Roynet Hotel)

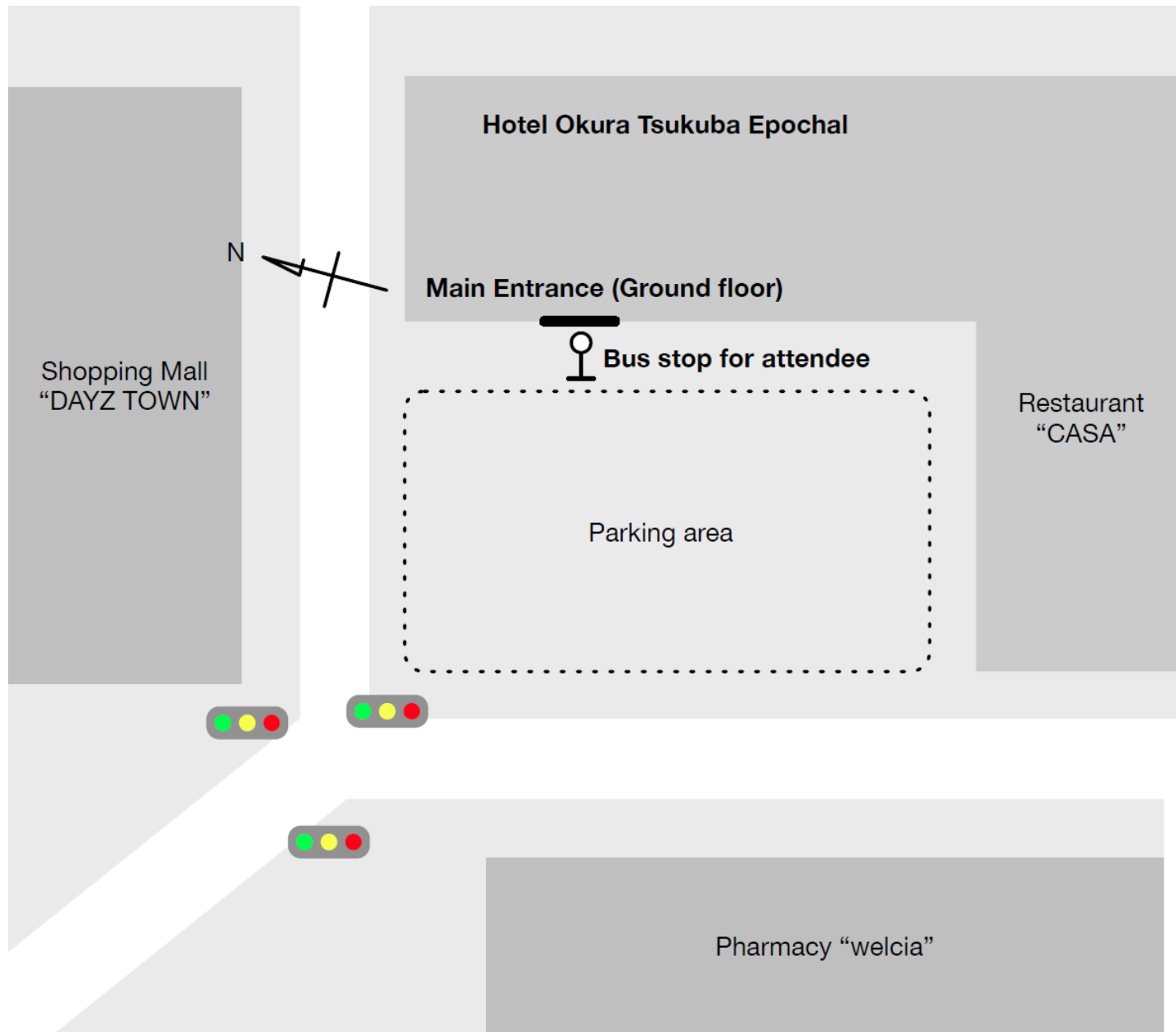


Conference Bus (Okura Frontier Hotel **Main Bldg.**)



Bus for attendee come to the main entrance at the ground floor, please wait at the lobby.
Please do not use the sub entrance.

Conference Bus (Okura Frontier Hotel **EPOCHAL**)





Safety information



- Criminal rates are lower in all over Japan
 - Possession of guns is not allowed
 - Civilian possessions: 0.6 firearms per 100 people in Japan while 101.5 in US, 30.3 in Germany, 31.2 in France and 6.7 in UK
- Natural disasters
 - Chance on feeling smaller scale earthquakes during your stay
 - The maximum expected scale in Tsukuba is 6- in [Japanese seismic intensity scale](#)
 - Modern buildings are designed as earthquake tolerant
 - October is the end of typhoon season. Still there is a small chance.
- Foods
 - All of the foods from Fukushima are screened
 - Only ND (Not Detected) foods are sold (less than 10 Bq/Kg)
 - No banana (~100 Bq/Kg) is produced in this region
 - Many of restaurants are not yet aware well the necessity on paying more attention to food allergies
 - People who have the allergy on wheats must pay more attention
 - Basic seasonings such as “shoyu” and “miso” often made from wheats(not always)
 - There are a few [restaurants](#) that offer menu for vegetarian or Halal menu in Tsukuba



Travel tips in Japan



- No tip! : There is no tipping custom
 - Service fees are always included in your bill at restaurants, hotels and everywhere even if not noted
- Pay at cashers at restaurants and café otherwise requested
- Restaurants tend to close much earlier than Europe (9-10PM)
- Not be scared of [robotic toilets](#) not only [Gundom](#)!
- People learn English in schools, but not so fluent
 - Write down or show your phone/tablet screen
 - Education emphasis on reading and writing than conversation
 - Google translate may help you if you are lucky enough
- Still cash oriented and needs some cash
 - Even chain stores and super markets with the VISA or Master signs sometimes refuse to take foreign issued credit cards
 - The shops with the UnionPay sign are likely to take foreign issued VISA and Master also
 - Only 2 ATMs accept foreign credit cards around the Tsukuba station
 - Tsukuba Post Office and Benimaru store
 - All of Post Offices and Seven Eleven stores in Japan have ATMs that accept foreign cards





Laptops and mobile phones

- AC outlet
 - Type A
 - The same with North America
 - Don't forget to bring the proper adopter with you if necessary
 - There is no chance to buy one in Tsukuba
- Mobile phones
 - Radio bands may be different from other countries
 - If you want LTE(4G) speed, you need to pay attention
 - SIM free iPhones will work with prepaid SIM sold at the airports in Japan
 - Check your phone at <https://www.frequencycheck.com/>





Further information



- Please regularly check our web page
 - <http://hepix-fall-2017.kek.jp/>
 - <http://huf2017.kek.jp/>
- Restaurants [guide](#) around the Tsukuba station
 - “Shu” is the best sushi bar in this area
 - Reservation is necessary
 - Seats on the counter are recommended
 - » Small size parties only, 2-3 people
 - They take credit cards
 - If you are brave enough, say “Omakase”. You pay as requested, but the best foods and sake will be offered.
- Shop [guide](#) around the Tsukuba station
- [A day trips from Tsukuba](#)
- [Otaku](#) (sub-culture)



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