

Tips from international students at Osaka University

Speech Translation App: VoiceTra

- Since most Japanese people cannot speak English, a real-time voice translation app may be useful.
- VoiceTra excels in Japanese: <https://voicetra.nict.go.jp/en/manual.html>



Taxi apps

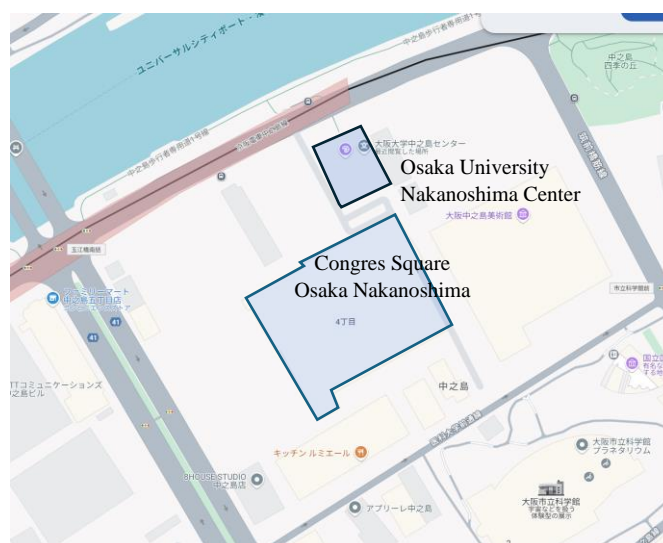
- To call a taxi, apps (ex. GoTaxi and DidiTaxi) are convenient in Osaka.

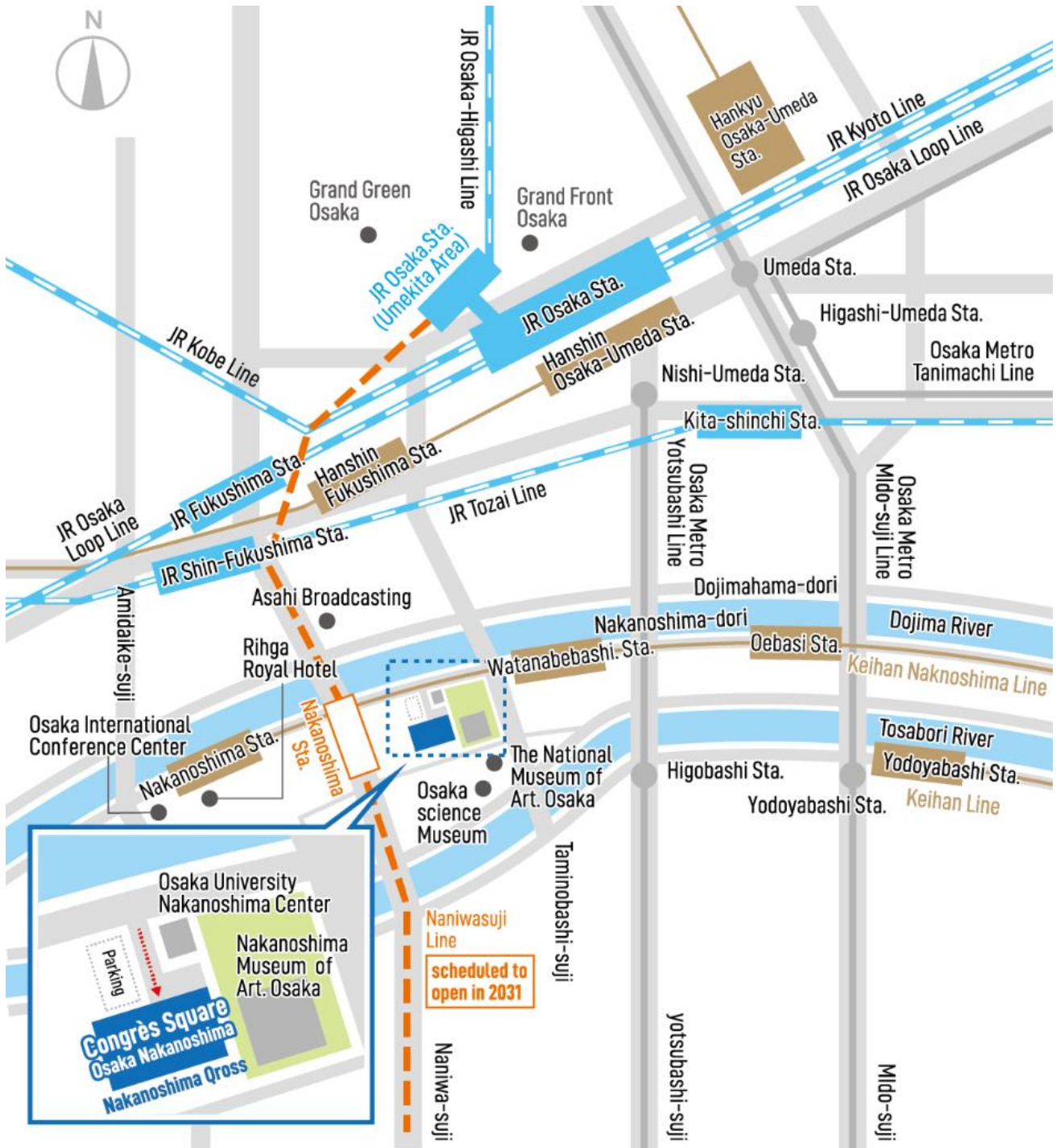


Conference venue

The venues are Osaka University Nakanoshima Center and Congres Square Osaka Nakanoshima, which are adjacent to each other. The venues are located in Nakanoshima, Osaka, with good access from central Osaka.


- Osaka University Nakanoshima Center
<https://www.onc.osaka-u.ac.jp/>
3-53 Nakanoshima 4-chome, Kita-ku, Osaka 530-0005, Japan
Google map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ytNSJ21BT7kivwT7A>
- Congres Square Osaka Nakanoshima
<https://osaka.congres-square.jp/nakanoshima/en/>
3-51, Nakanoshima 4-chome, Kita-ku, Osaka 530-0005, Japan
Google map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/WDULr37MX9w6inWP7>









- Five-minute walk from Nakanoshima Station on the Keihan Nakanoshima Line
- Ten-minute walk from Fukushima Station on the Hanshin Main Line
- Ten-minute walk from Higobashi Station on the Osaka Metro Subway Yotsubashi Line
- Fifteen-minute walk from Yodoyabashi Station on the Osaka Metro Subway Midosuji Line or Keihan Main Line
- Twenty-minute walk from JR Osaka Station
- Ten-minute walk from Fukushima Station on the JR Osaka Loop Line or Shin-Fukushima Station on the JR Tozai Line

Nearby stations and guidance

1. **Nakanoshima Station** 

 - **Walking Distance:** Approximately 5 minutes.
 - **Address:** 5-3, Nakanoshima, Kita-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 530-0005.
 - **Train Line:** Keihan Nakanoshima Line
2. **Fukushima Station**  

 - **Walking Distance:** Approximately 11 minutes from Exit Gate.
 - **Address:** 7-1-3 Fukushima, Fukushima-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 553-0003.
 - **Train Line:** JR Osaka Loop Line (the next station from JR Osaka Station)
3. **Higobashi Station** 

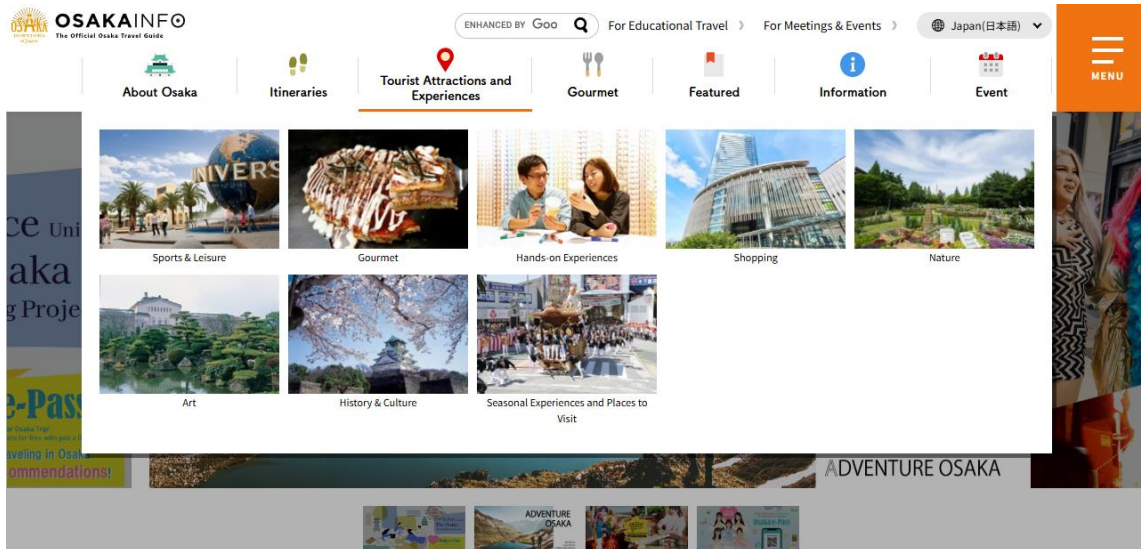
 - **Walking Distance:** Approximately 12 minutes from Exit Gate 2 or 4.
 - **Address:** 1 Chome Edobori, Nishi Ward, Osaka, 550-0002.
 - **Train Line:** Yotsubashi Line.
4. **Yodoyabashi Station** 

 - **Walking Distance:** Approximately 16 minutes from Exit Gate 6 or 7.
 - **Address:** 3 Chome-1-25 Kitahama, Chuo Ward, Osaka, 541-0041.
 - **Train Line:** Midosuji Line.

Websites introducing key neighborhoods and events in Osaka

- The official guide to Osaka, run by the Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau
- It is packed with useful information, including basic information about Osaka, museums, events, and gourmet food.

<https://osaka-info.jp/en/>



- Some guide maps published by Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau

<https://osaka-info.jp/en/information/area-map-download/>

- Midosuji Illumination 2024

OSAKA Hikari Renaissance will feature a lighting program that makes use of the waterfront scenery of Nakanoshima. You can enjoy LED decorations between Honmachi Station and Namba Station of Midosuji Line.

<https://www.hikari-kyoen.com/en//>




- General guide for areas in Osaka
<https://insideosaka.com/osaka-districts/>
- Site introducing popular neighborhoods in Osaka
<https://id.hotels.com/go/japan/jp-most-popular-neighbourhoods-osaka>
- A local's secret guide to 42 Osaka's hidden gems
Detailed guide by a local resident.
<https://www.cityunscripted.com/travel-magazine/hidden-gems-in-osaka>
- Nakanoshima Museum of Art, Osaka
The musium next to the conference venue
<https://nakka-art.jp/en/>

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Product Information in English

- App **Payke** can scan the barcodes of products and instantly display detailed information in English, making shopping in Japan easier for overseas visitors.
- Download the app from the icon on the left.
- If you scan the product's barcode using the scan icon on the right, English information will be displayed.



Useful information for Muslim participants

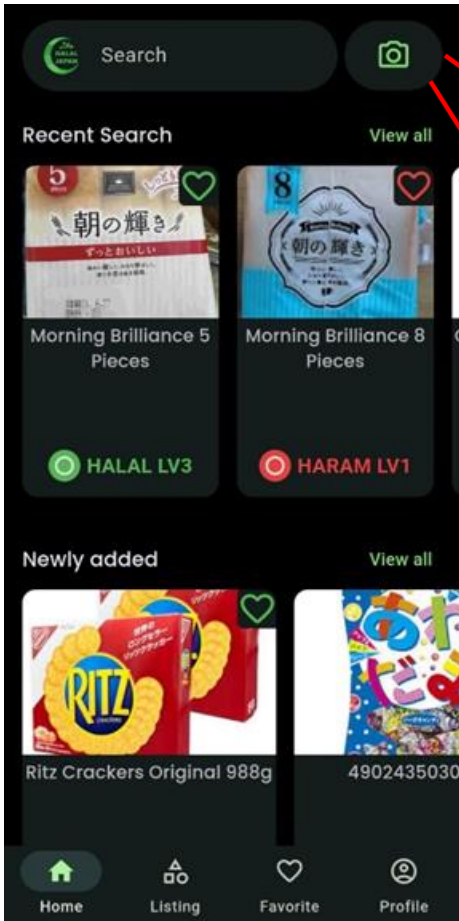
Prayer room at the conference venue

- There is a prayer room on the 8th floor of Osaka University Nakanoshima Center.
- Prayer times for December 9th and 10th, 2024:
 - Dhuhr : 11:50 JST
 - Asr : 14:29 JST
 - Maghrib : 16:48 JST



Muslim-friendly mobile apps: HALAL JAPAN

- Smartphone App that effectively identify whether food and drink are halal.
- Available on Play Store and App Store.
- Search manually by category, store, and brand or scan the product barcode.
- Free trial for 7 days, enough for the conference period.



Muslim Friendly Map

- Published by Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau
Available at the bottom of the page: <https://osaka-info.jp/en/information/area-map-download/>

Vegetarian restaurants

1. Near Umeda station:
 - a. Cosme Kitchen Adaptation - Umeda Store.
 - i. Location: 〒530-8224 Osaka, Kita Ward, Umeda, 1 Chome-13-13 阪神梅田本店 3F
 - ii. Operation time: 10:00-20:00
2. Near Nakanoshima:
 - a. OPTIMUS cafe オプティマスカフェ
 - i. Location: 〒541-0041 Osaka, Chuo Ward, Kitahama, 2 Chome-1-14 KITA2 BLD.
 - ii. Operation time: 8:30-17:00
3. Near Shinsaibashi station:
 - a. Paprika shokudo Vegan
 - i. Location: 〒550-0013 Osaka, Nishi Ward, Shinmachi, 1 Chome-9-9 Alivio 新町 1F
 - ii. Operation time: 11:30-15:00 and 17:30-22:00

Websites of Vegetarian-Friendly Restaurants in Osaka

- **A Guide to VEGETARIAN RESTAURANTS in OSAKA**
Available at the bottom of the page: <https://osaka-info.jp/en/information/area-map-download/>
- The Happy Cow App: www.happycow.net/
- [The 10 Best Vegetarian Restaurants in Osaka \(Updated 2024\) \(tripadvisor.com\)](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g106645-Osaka-Vegetarian.html)