

2009 World Table Tennis Championships

in

Yokohama

April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Yokohama, Japan



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## Welcome Address by the President of The Yokohama Organizing Committee

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As part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the opening the port of Yokohama, the 2009 World Table Tennis Championships will be held in Yokohama from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009. On behalf of the Yokohama Organizing Committee, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the players and the officials who are participating from around the world and also to all the audiences.

Yokohama has held many world-scale competitive sports events as a city of international sports. As next year will mark the 150th anniversary of the opening the port of Yokohama, a number of commemorative artistic and cultural events will take place in Yokohama.

Yokohama which from old times has been a contact point for international exchanges has many heritage attractions, and also Yokohama Arena where the competitions will be held is equipped with sophisticated facilities. Many accommodations are located within minutes walk from the venue so that all the players and the officials would be able to stay there. Additionally, Shin-Yokohama which the venue is located has good access to Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and other places in Japan, so I would suggest visiting many parts of Japan on this occasion.

With just six months to go before the 2009 World Table Tennis Championships commence, we all work together as the Yokohama Organizing Committee and be busy preparing steadily for the successful Championships. I hope that Yokohama with the 2009 World Table Tennis Championships will form the setting of nurturing new dreams, hopes and impressions to the world. Again, I would like to extend to all of you my warmest welcome to Yokohama.



President of the Organizing Committee of the 2009 World Table Tennis Championships in Yokohama  
President of the Japan Table Tennis Association  
**Takeo OBayashi**



## History of the World Table Tennis Championships in Japan

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The World Table Tennis Championships has been held five times previously in Japan. Japan first hosted the world table tennis championships in 1956 held in Tokyo with 134 participants from 23 nations and Japan won a total of 5 gold medals. Since then, the world table tennis championships were held at Nagoya in 1972, Tokyo in 1983, Chiba in 1991, and Osaka in 2001 as each championships had been getting a lot of attention and publicity. In particular, the world table tennis championships in Nagoya provided a venue for the ping-pong diplomacy which led to the political thaw between the U.S. and China. In Chiba it was also memorable as joint North and South Korean team was formed. It is expected that the 2009 World Table Tennis Championships in Yokohama will nurture new dreams and hopes.



# The City of Yokohama

## Introduction of Yokohama

Yokohama is the representative international port city of Japan. Yokohama was the first to open her port to the world in 1859. The little village of merely six-hundred people quickly grew and developed into the second biggest city in Japan with now a population of 3.65 million people. Yokohama was one of the first to absorb and to adapt to the modern Western culture. The various facets of history can still be seen throughout the city: the nostalgic air of old classic buildings and architecture with foreign influences, traditional Japanese temples, festivals, customs that also still remain. Yokohama is a city with a harmony of tradition and evolution.

The waterfront is lined with modern buildings for shopping and dining, as well as one of the world's largest Chinatown and reasonable local cuisine in the downtown area, attracting and entertaining people from all over the country, whether they are young couples on dates, or families with children.

Since its opening as an international trade port in 1859, Yokohama has made astonishing progress with the interchanging of people, technology, cultures with various foreign countries, and in 2009, Yokohama will be celebrating a historical moment of the 150th Anniversary of the Port opening. We hope to see high level competition with their trained 心技体 (soul, skill, and body) with international athletes in the "city of tradition and evolution," Yokohama and to develop beautiful friendship and new history.



## Climate of Yokohama



Yokohama is located in the central along the Pacific side of the Japanese archipelago and has high rainfalls in June and also during September and October. We have a mild climate with average yearly temperature of about 16°C(61F).

As the average temperature for April and May when the Championships will be held about as follows;

Average high / low temperature for April: 18°C(64F) / 10°C(50F)

Average high / low temperature for May: 22°C(72F) / 15°C(59F)



## Outline of the Championships

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### Host City

Yokohama (Japan)

### Organizer

The 2009 World Table Tennis Championships will be hosted by the Organizing Committee of the 2009 World Table Tennis Championships in Yokohama (YOC) which is organized by the Japan Table Tennis Association (JTTA), Kanagawa prefecture Table Tennis Association and Yokohama city under the auspices and authority of the International Table Tennis Federation.

「The Organizing Committee of the 2009 World Table Tennis Championships in Yokohama (YOC)」

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E-mail: <mailto:info@wttc2009-yokohama.or.jp>

Website: <http://www.yokohama2009.com>

### Duration of the Championships

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

### Venue

Yokohama Arena (Main playing hall and Practice hall 1)

Location: 3-10 Shin-Yokohama, Kohoku-ku,  
Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, 220-0033 Japan

Website: <http://www.yokohama-arena.co.jp/english/index.html>

Outline of facility:

Yokohama Arena is one of the largest multipurpose indoor arenas in Japan.

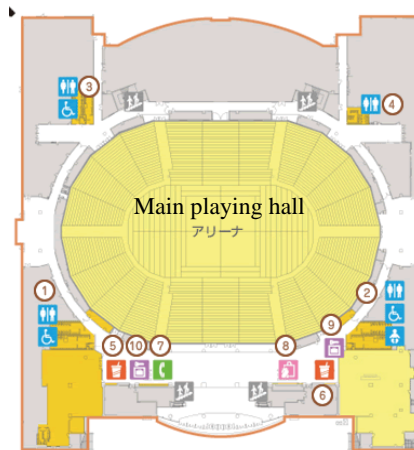
Main playing hall: 8,000 square meters with 28 tables

Practice hall 1: 1,000 square meters with 14 tables

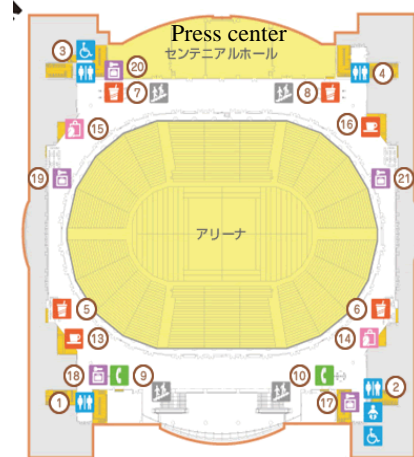
Press center: 750 square meters

Maximum occupancy load: 15,750 persons





1<sup>st</sup> floor plan



2<sup>nd</sup> floor plan



3<sup>rd</sup> floor plan



4<sup>th</sup> floor plan

### Yokohama Kohoku Sports Center (Practice hall 2)

Location: 518-1 Mamedocho, Kohoku-ku,  
Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, 222-0032 Japan

Website: [http://www.yspc.or.jp/kohoku\\_sc](http://www.yspc.or.jp/kohoku_sc)

Outline of facility:

Yokohama Kohoku Sports Center is a public facility with three gymnastic rooms, a training room and tennis courts. The 1<sup>st</sup> gymnastic room which will be used as the Practice hall 2 has an area of 1,000 square meters with 14 tables. Yokohama Kohoku Sports Center is only about 500 meters away from Yokohama Arena where the Championships will be held.





## Competitions

### Events

The following Championship events will be played;

- Event 1: Men's Singles, for the prestigious St. Bride Vase  
(Holder: WANG Liqin, China)
- Event 2: Women's Singles, for the Geist Prize  
(Holder: GUO Yue, China)
- Event 3: Men's Doubles, for the Iran Cup  
(Holders: MA Lin / CHENG Qi, China)
- Event 4: Women's Doubles, for the W. J. Pope Trophy  
(Holders: WANG Nan / ZHANG Yining, China)
- Event 5: Mixed Doubles, for the Heydusek Cup  
(Holders: WANG Liqin / GUO Yue, China)

### Schedule

Date	Events
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Opening Ceremony Qualification stage
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Qualification stage Mixed Doubles 1 <sup>st</sup> round
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Men's Singles 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> round, Women's Singles 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> round Men's Doubles 1 <sup>st</sup> round, Women's Doubles 1 <sup>st</sup> round
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Men's Singles 3 <sup>rd</sup> round, Women's Singles 3 <sup>rd</sup> round Men's Doubles 2 <sup>nd</sup> round, Women's Doubles 2 <sup>nd</sup> round Mixed Doubles 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> round
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Men's Singles 4 <sup>th</sup> round, Women's Singles 4 <sup>th</sup> round Men's Doubles 3 <sup>rd</sup> round, Women's Doubles 3 <sup>rd</sup> round Mixed Doubles Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals
Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Men's Singles Quarter Finals, Women's Singles Quarter Finals, Men's Doubles Quarter Finals, Women's Doubles Quarter Finals, Mixed Doubles Final, Awarding Ceremony
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Men's Singles Semi-Finals, Women's Singles Semi-Finals, Men's Doubles Semi-Finals, Final, Awarding Ceremony Women's Doubles Semi-Finals, Final, Awarding Ceremony
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Men's Singles Final, Awarding Ceremony Women's Singles Final, Awarding Ceremony

## Equipment

For the championships, the following equipment from San-Ei, Tamasu and Gerflor will be used;

Tables: San-Ei IF VERIC-W (Blue) - Total 56 tables  
28 tables for the Main playing hall  
14 tables for the Practice hall 1  
14 tables for the Practice hall 2

Nets and Posts: San-Ei

Balls: Tamasu, Butterfly \*\*\* White

Flooring: Gerflor



## Meetings

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### The Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will take place at Shin-Yokohama Prince Hotel. Each Association, whose membership subscriptions have been paid up to and including those for 2008, is entitled to be represented by two delegates at the Meeting. The ITTF recommends that at least one delegate should be a woman.

### The Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009 at Shin-Yokohama Prince Hotel.

Details in writing of business and propositions to be dealt with at the AGM and the Board of Directors must reach the ITTF Secretariat not later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009.



## Entry Fees

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The entry fees will be as follows;

- Event 1 and 2 (Singles events): 2,650 yen for each player
- Event 3, 4 and 5 (Doubles events): 5,300 yen for each pair

### Payment

Associations are requested to pay their entry fees, extra hospitality costs and hospitality costs for those persons not entitled to free accommodation and meals, when submitting their entry forms. Payment should be made in Japanese yen currency by direct bank transfer **before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009** to the following bank account of the Yokohama Organizing Committee;

Account Holder: 2009 WTTC YOKOHAMA  
Bank Address: THE BANK OF YOKOHAMA, LTD., ISEZAKICHO BRANCH  
3-46 ONOECHO NAKAKU  
YOKOHAMASHI KANAGAWAKEN, JAPAN  
Account No.: 1560435  
Swift Code: HAMAJPJT

Please note that the bank transfer fee must be borne by Associations. ITTF has approved that the payment should be made in Japanese yen currency. All associations whose payment will not be made in Japanese yen from necessity also need to pay 2,500 yen for those receipt and exchange fee in addition to the transfer fee.

All associations that do not pay their invoices through bank transfer in advance, must go to the Accreditation Center in Shin-Yokohama Prince Hotel to pay and obtain their accreditations upon arrival. It is payable in Japanese yen currency by cash only. No credit card is acceptable.



## Accreditation

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Copy of passport and two photographs, 4cm × 3cm (vertical and horizontal), of each person named on the “List of Official Party” must be sent directly in advance to the Yokohama Organizing Committee to facilitate the issue of Accreditation Cards. The relevant person’s name should be written on the back of each photograph. Associations could send the photographs of each person on the “List of Official Party” also by e-mail to the Yokohama Organizing Committee;

[ad-entry@wttc2009-yokohama.or.jp](mailto:ad-entry@wttc2009-yokohama.or.jp)

In order to avoid delays at the Accreditation Center, Associations providing all the required information and payment in advance will receive their accreditations at the Accreditation Center in Shin-Yokohama Prince Hotel.

However, the accreditations for media persons will be given at the main hall (Yokohama Arena) starting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009.



## Hospitality

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Free accommodation and meals will be provided from lunch on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April to breakfast on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 for;

- not more than three (3) men and three (3) women players nominated by an Association.
- One (1) delegate to the General Meeting from each Association if he /she is not already included in the nominated players listed above.
- ITTF Officers, members of the Board of Directors, the Olympics Commission and full members of Committees.
- Personal Honorary Members.
- President’s Advisory Council.
- up to four (4) members of the Doping Control Panel appointed by the Sports Science Committee.
- up to four (4) racket control officials appointed by the ITTF Equipment Committee.
- up to three (3) members of the Calendar Working Group.
- up to eight (8) members of the Athletes’ Commission.
- International Umpires and Referees from other Associations invited in accordance with the directives issued by the ITTF.
- up to three (3) members of the ITTF staff and the ITTF Museum Curator.



## Official Hotels

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**Shin-Yokohama Prince Hotel** \*Located about 150 meters to the main hall (Yokohama Arena)

Address: 3-4 Shin-Yokohama, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, 222-8533 Japan

Phone: +81 45 471 1111 / Fax : +81 45 471 1188

Website: <http://www.princejapan.com/shinyokohamaprincehotel/>

**Shin-Yokohama Kokusai Hotel** \*Located about 300 meters to the main hall

Address: 3-18-1 Shin-Yokohama, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, 222-0033 Japan

Phone: +81 45 473 1311 / Fax : +81 45 474 0152

Website: <http://www.khgrp.co.jp/shinyoko/index.php>

**Toyoko Inn Shin-Yokohama** \*Located about 600 meters to the main hall

Address: 2-2-14 Shin-Yokohama, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, 222-0033 Japan

Phone: +81 45 470 1045 / Fax : +81 45 470 1046

Website: [http://www.toyoko-inn.com/e\\_hotel/00061/index.html](http://www.toyoko-inn.com/e_hotel/00061/index.html)

**Daiwa Roynet Hotel Shin-Yokohama** \*Located about 200 meters to the main hall

Address: 3-17-1 Shin-Yokohama, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, 222-0033 Japan

Phone: +81 45 473 4155 / Fax : +81 45 473 4154

Website: <http://www.daiwaroynet.jp/english/index.html>



Shin-Yokohama  
Prince Hotel



Shin-Yokohama  
Kokusai Hotel



Toyoko Inn  
Shin-Yokohama



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Players and officials who are listed on Associations' official entry forms but who are not entitled to free hospitality can be accommodated with the others and on the same basis, including meals, transport and admission, at a charge of Japanese yen 16,900 per person per day in a twin/double room or Japanese yen 19,000 per person per day in a single room. The same rates apply for days not covered by free hospitality. Full hospitality organized by the YOC could be arranged from 25<sup>th</sup> April (starting with lunch) at the earliest and the latest until 6<sup>th</sup> May (finishing with breakfast).



## Visa Requirements

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Whenever participants, guests and visitors need an entry visa for Japan, our agencies abroad will, in accordance with general rules of the law of nations, issue visa swiftly and in a service-oriented manner.

The following countries need a visa to enter Japan (as of February 2008):

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, American Samoa, Angola, Armenia, Aruba, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bermuda, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central Africa, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Congo D.R., Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominica, East Timor, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Farce Islands, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Greenland, Grenada, Guam, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran IR, Iraq, Jamaica, Jersey, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Korea DPR, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall, Mauritania, Micronesia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, North Mariana Islands, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Palestine, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Sudan, Syria, Tahiti, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

In order to facilitate the process of obtaining visas for all participating delegations that need a visa for Japan, completed E visa form distributed by the ITTF should be sent not later than 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 by e-mail to the Yokohama Organizing Committee;

[ad-entry@wttc2009-yokohama.or.jp](mailto:ad-entry@wttc2009-yokohama.or.jp)

All associations that have an embassy or consulate of Japan in their country or in neighboring countries need to obtain entry visas for Japan in a timely fashion. For all those delegations that do not have an embassy or consulate of Japan in their country or in neighboring countries, entry visas will be ensured at Tokyo Narita airport (Japan).

With such a large number of tourist spots in Yokohama, it is hard to see all things not only for tourist but also even for natives. Here we introduce some recommended spots and surely you will enjoy!

### Sankeien Garden



This vast, genuine Japanese garden with an area of 180,000 square meters was built in 1906 by Sankei Hara, who made a fortune through silk trading, and was also known as a dilettante. Rinshunkaku and the three story pagoda (moved from the former Tomyoji temple) in the garden have been designated as national cultural properties. The garden is well known for its plum blossoms in winter, cherry blossoms and

azaleas in spring, and the changing colors of leaves in autumn, making it popular among foreign visitors.

- “Yokohama Station” by all lines or “Sakuragicho Station” on the JR & Yokohama Subway lines then City Bus #8 / #148 to “Honmoku Sankeien Mae” and then walk 3 minutes.

JR “Negishi Station” then City Bus #58 / #99 / #101 / #126 to “Honmoku” and then walk 7 minutes.

- Phone: 045-621-0635

### Yokohama Museum of Art

The museum mainly houses a collection of 20th century contemporary works of art, featuring the work of writers noted for their connection to Yokohama, the work of surrealists as well as a photograph collection.

- 3 min. walk from Minatomirai Station (Minatomirai Line)
- Phone: 045-221-0300



### Nippon-Maru Memorial Park



You can tour inside the Nippon-Maru, once called "Swan of the Pacific", and enjoy a feel of those days. A museum of harbors and ships, the "Yokohama Maritime Museum" is also a must.

- 5 min. walk from Sakuragi-cho Station (JR or Yokohama City Subway)
- Phone: 045-221-0280

## Red Brick Warehouse

These lovely red brick buildings with their original facades (about 100 years old) have been refurbished from top to bottom. In Building #1, there is a hall, and multipurpose space. In Building #2, a restaurant with live performances, a beer garden, and 31 shops selling a variety of food and goods. Outside you can relax in an area with greenery and trees.

- Approx. a 6-minute walk from the Bashamichi Station or the Nihon-odori Station (Minatomirai Line)



## The Chinatown



Living up to its boast of being one of the biggest Chinatowns in the world, more than 500 restaurants and groceries etc. throng here. A unique look of the stores lining the streets, colored yellow and red, engenders another exotic atmosphere to Yokohama.

- 0 min. walk from Motomachi-Chukagai Station (Minatomirai Line)
- 5-minute walk from the Ishikawa-cho Station (JR)

## Yokohama Bay Bridge/Sky Walk

Connecting Honmoku Pier and Daikoku Pier, this 860 meter long suspension bridge, opened in 1989, is one of the largest in the world. The Sky Walk connected to the bridge offers a panoramic view of Yokohama Port as well as Mt. Fuji, and Boso Peninsula.

- Municipal Bus either from Tsurumi Station on the JR (#17) or from Sakuragi-cho Station (JR or Yokohama City Subway) (#109) to Sky Walk-mae
- Phone: 045-506-0500



## Sojiji Temple



The head temple of the Buddhist's Soto sect. The "Daisodo" building covers an area equivalent to 1,000 tatami mats, and the treasure house contains Buddhist statues and ancient documents designated as national cultural properties.

- 6 min. walk from Tsurumi Station on the JR
- Phone: 045-581-6021

## Shomyoji Temple

This temple, built by Sanetoki Hojo during the Kamakura period, was made as the Hojo family temple of the Kanazawa area. The Jodo style garden with Ajiike Pond in front of the main temple is wonderful.

The temple's bell was portrayed in the woodblock print

"Shomyo-no-Bansho," one of eight prints depicting views of Kanazawa by Hiroshige Utagawa.



- 12 min. walk from Kanazawa Bunko Station on the Keihin Kyuko Line
- Phone: 045-701-9573

## Yokohama Hakkeijima Sea Paradise



The "Aqua Museum" with 100,000 fish, polar bears, and sea otters is one of the largest aquariums in Japan. You can enjoy assorted rides with a sea theme at the "Pleasure Land". At "Restaurant Plaza," you can try different kinds of food from all over the world. At Bay Market, original souvenirs are on sale. One day is not enough to enjoy all of this man-made island.

- 2 minute walk from the Hakkeijima Station (Seaside Line, connecting between Kanazawa Hakkei of Keihin Kyuko Line and Shin-sugita Station of JR)
- Phone: 045-788-8888

## Mitsui Outlet Park Yokohama Bayside

This is the largest marina in Japan accommodating 1,500 boats and sailboats. It is fun just watching sail boats sailing in Tokyo Bay and beyond. The district with restaurants and outlet shops designed with an American East Coast Port Town in mind is enjoyable for families as well as the young.



- 5 min. walk from Torihama Station on the Seaside Line
- Phone: 045-775-4446
- Website: [http://www.31op.com/yokohama/foreign/index\\_en.html](http://www.31op.com/yokohama/foreign/index_en.html)

\* For more information, please refer to the website of Yokohama Convention & Visitors Bureau as:

<http://www.welcome.city.yokohama.jp/eng/tourism/>