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Planned 2020 Opening of New Convention Facilities in Yokohama

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Plans are underway for the construction of new convention facilities covering 20,000 sqm to be located adjacent to the PACIFICO Yokohama convention center. The new site will help Yokohama gain a competitive edge by meeting the increased demand for international business events.

Scheduled for a spring 2020 opening, the Takenaka Group will be responsible for the design and construction. The Takenaka Corporation is one of the Japan's largest contractors. From five domed stadiums in Japan (in Sapporo, Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, and Fukuoka), to museums, hospitals, and office buildings, they have a wealth of experience in a wide range of projects.

More locally, they were responsible for the construction of Yokohama Arena and Nissan Stadium in the city, venues that can accommodate large events, such as sports matches and concerts.

The Resort Trust Corporation will be responsible for the management of the new hotel planned adjacent to the convention facilities. It will be a fourteen-storied building which has 270 guest rooms (including for both general guests and members only). The company manages various resort related ventures including exclusive membership hotels and golf clubs. The Resort Trust Group also manages the prestigious Kahala Hotel & Resort in Hawaii.

Convention Facilities Overview

*One floor underground. Six floors above ground

*Multi-purpose hall with 7,604 sqm of space (10,007 sqm including the foyer).

*Meeting room space of 6,562 sqm (30 meeting rooms)

(Roughly the same size as the PACIFICO Yokohama convention center)

Upon completion, the new Convention Center combined with the PACIFICO Yokohama convention center, will allow for large scale meetings of 5,000 people to be held in both centers at the same time.

In addition to the above projects, progress is being made in the construction of the Apa Hotel & Resort Yokohama Bay Tower in the harbor area. With over 2,400 rooms spread over 37 floors, the hotel will be the largest of its kind in Japan and is scheduled to open in 2019.

Note to Editors:

The Yokohama Convention & Visitors Bureau is a non-profit organization funded mainly by the City of Yokohama. In addition to motivating and supporting the Japanese association community to bid for conferences to Yokohama, it also provides assistance for business events planners considering Yokohama for their upcoming events.

Photos to accompany this media release are available from:

<http://www.welcome.city.yokohama.jp/eng/convention/media-center/>

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