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## **2023 IFAC World Congress in Yokohama**

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The city of Yokohama is set to hold the 22nd World Congress of the International Federation of Automatic Control in 2023. That decision to choose Yokohama among the three remaining finalists (Yokohama, Chicago and Melbourne) was made this June at the IFAC Council meeting in Istanbul.

The Division Committee of IFAC, Science Council of Japan put their weight behind the bid to make Yokohama the choice. Cooperative efforts between the Yokohama Convention & Visitors Bureau, the city of Yokohama, PACIFICO Yokohama and the Japan Tourism Agency and Japan National Tourist Organization (JNTO) also provided instrumental support.

Receiving high marks from the IFAC Council, Yokohama was chosen for a multitude of reasons. The enthusiasm and future vision of Japanese scientists played a major role. Yokohama offers superior advantages to attendees. The city is easily accessible from major airports and the public transit system is excellent. With meeting facilities, hotels, shopping malls, and more all located in one general area, it makes for an ideal city to host such events. The high level of safety of the area, and Japan in general, is also part of its appeal.

It will have been 42 years since Japan last hosted the event in Kyoto in 1981. The conference will take place in July of 2023 at the PACIFICO Yokohama with 2500 participants expected, including about 1700 from abroad. It is to be chaired by Professor Hajime Asama (PhD., Eng, the University of Tokyo, School of Engineering, Department of Precision Engineering).

The conference's aim is "To advance control science and technology through research, development and application of automatic control and systems engineering while taking into account a harmony of traditional culture and innovation. Impact on society is also a major concern."

According to the IFAC's website, "The purpose of the Federation is to promote the science and technology of control in the broadest sense in all systems, whether, for example, engineering, physical, biological, social or economic, in both theory and application. IFAC is also concerned with the impact of control technology on society."

The World Congress is held every three years. The next is to be held in 2017 in Toulouse, France.

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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