

2010 GMSI Summer Camp

General Information

This year's Summer Camp will bring together 76 PhD students in a variety of engineering fields and from 17 universities in a more than a dozen different countries. Participants will work together in teams of two groups, and the task of each group will be to present a novel idea for a product or service related to one of the following five topics:

- Home
- Work/School
- Communication
- Infrastructure
- Entertainment.

Teams will be pre-selected in order to maintain diversity, and will be announced at the start of the camp. To help get to know your fellow teammates everyone is requested to introduce themselves, their university, and their research topic using a short (5 minute) Powerpoint-style presentation. Your teammates are most likely not experts in your field, so please make sure your research introduction is appropriate for a general audience (i.e., no conference-type talks.)

The goal of each team is to propose the two innovative ideas (one for each group), so the two groups should work together to improve and develop each other's ideas. The ideas presented by each team will be evaluated, and an award will be presented to the top team.

Participants will share a room with one or two others, and all meals will be taken at the venue. Meals and lodging during the camp will be provided by GMSI. Note there are *no* restaurants or convenience stores nearby, but there are a few vending machines that sell drinks and light snacks. You can relax in the indoor pool or the *onsen* (hot springs), but remember that swimming suits are only allowed in the pool!

Note:

If your travel to Japan is being paid for by GMSI, you *must* give your boarding pass to GMSI staff after you arrive.

Dinner will be provided for those who will arrive in the evening of July 27th, and is served from 18:00 to 20:30. Camp registration will start the morning of July 28.

Schedule

	7:00	8	9	10	11	12	13:00	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Wed. Jul 28	Breakfast				Arrival & registration	Lunch	Opening/ guidance	Self-introduction & meet team members				Dinner	1st Group Meeting	
Thurs. Jul 29	Breakfast	1st Team Meeting			Meetings			Excursion			Meetings			
Fri. Jul 30		Meetings			Meetings		Final presentations (30min x5)				Banquet			
Sat. Jul 31		check-out	Lectures (35min x3)		Closing									

Transportation Information

Narita airport 成田空港 ⇄ Izu-Kogen 伊豆高原

When you arrive at Narita airport, please visit the JR East service center (see maps below). The JR staff can help you to buy all the necessary tickets from Narita airport to Izu-Kogen. We recommend one of the following routes (train name is shown in parentheses):

Narita airport → (Narita Express) → Tokyo station → (Odoriko) → Izu-Kogen station
One transfer is required at Tokyo station.

The last Odoriko leaves Tokyo at 15:30, so you will need to leave Narita airport by 14:15.

Time: 3-4 hours Cost: ~¥8500.

Narita airport → (Narita Express) → Tokyo station → (Shinkansen) → Atami station → (Ito Line & Izu Kyuko line) → Izu-Kogen station

Two (or three) transfers are required at Tokyo and Atami (and maybe Ito) stations.

Time: 3-4 hours Cost: ~¥8000.

Detailed information at http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/customer_support/service_center.html

Credit cards are accepted at JR service centers and ticket offices, but generally not elsewhere.



Haneda airport 羽田空港 ⇄ Izu-Kogen 伊豆高原

When you arrive at Haneda airport, take the Keikyu line to Shinagawa station.

You can buy all the necessary tickets from Shinagawa station to Izu-Kogen station at the JR Reservation Ticket Office (midori-no-madoguchi) in Shinagawa station (look for the green sign at right.) We recommend the following route (train name is shown in parentheses):



Haneda airport → (Keikyu line) → Shinagawa station → (Shinkansen) → Atami station → (Ito line & Izu Kyuko line) → Izu-Kogen station

Two (or three) transfers are required at Shinagawa and Atami (and maybe Ito) stations.

Time: ~3 hours Cost: ~¥6000.

Detailed information about Shinagawa station can be found at <http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/stations/e788.html>

When you arrive at Izu-Kogen a shuttle bus should be waiting in front of the station. If no bus is there, and one doesn't arrive shortly, call the Izu-Kogen Club at 0557-51-0711.

Emergency Contact Information

GCOE Contact Person: Erik Einarsson

Tel: 090-8104-6005 (Mobile)

Regarding the Venue (Izu-Kogen Club)

- Each room will be shared by two or three people.
- Slippers and robes can be found in the guest rooms, and are for wearing to the *onsen*. Please refrain from wearing these in the restaurant and lobby.
- The *onsen* can be used during the following hours: 6:00 – 9:00 15:00 – 24:00
- There are no towels in the *onsen*, so please bring one from your room.
- Please refrain from using the *onsen* or sauna after consuming alcohol.
- The restaurant is non-smoking.
- No food or drink is allowed in the meeting rooms.
- Internet access is available in the guest rooms, but not in the meeting rooms.
- On the last day of the camp (Jul 31st), return your key to the front desk by 9:30.

Weather & Climate

The area around Izu-Kogen is best known for cherry blossoms, which unfortunately bloom in early April. Fortunately, however, the nearby Jogasaki coast is 20 km of beautiful and rugged coastline along the eastern side of the Izu peninsula. The summer is quite humid, with temperatures averaging 27 °C (80 °F) during the day and 24 °C (75 °F) at night.



Miscellaneous

There are very few places to exchange money in Japan, so we suggest you exchange some money at the airport. ¥15,000 should just cover the costs of the train tickets to the Camp and the first night's meal.

Note that Japan is mostly cash-based, so relatively few places accept credit cards.

You will need to pay for the dinner in cash on July 27. The cost of the dinner, however, will be included in your reimbursement.

Breakfast on the morning of Jul. 28 will be from 7:00 – 8:30.

Breakfast on all other days will be from 7:30 – 8:50.

The venue has a few karaoke rooms and a bar, which only accept cash. The cost for enjoyment of these facilities will not be covered by GMSI.

Accommodations in Tokyo

For those who will leave Japan on Sunday, August 1st

GMSI has reserved a total of 16 rooms for Saturday, July 31st at the following hotels.

1. **Ueno Cube Hotel** <http://www.cubehotel.jp/en/>
2. **Super Hotel Ueno Iriya-guchi** http://www.superhotel.co.jp/en/s_hotels/ueno.html

If you will leave Japan on August 1st a reservation has been made for you in advance. However, if you have made other arrangements and **do not** wish to stay in one of these rooms, please contact the GMSI office as soon as possible (no later than Friday, July 25th.)

The hotel fee will be included in the reimbursement you receive upon arrival at the camp, so please pay the accommodation fee directly to the hotel.

For those who will visit a GMSI-related laboratory before or after the camp

GMSI can provide some financial support, but ***you will be responsible for arranging your own accommodations in Tokyo***. Please contact the lab you will be visiting and ask for assistance. You can also refer to the following links.

<http://travel.rakuten.co.jp/en/>
<http://www.ikyuu.com/en/>

When returning to Narita airport from a hotel near Ueno, the Keisei Skyliner may be more convenient.

For more info see

<http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/access/train/index.html>

Financial Reimbursement

Students from abroad will be reimbursed for their travel expenses during the camp.

GMSI RAs will be reimbursed after the camp by bank transfer.

A note on funding

There are several restrictions on how the budget for the GMSI project can be used, so the following restrictions apply if GMSI is providing your air ticket.

1) GMSI can only provide a regular round trip ticket (i.e., the departure and return airports must be the same.)

2) Your stay should be from July 27 to Aug 01 in principle. However, if you wish to extend your stay in Japan and visit one or more laboratories at the University of Tokyo, GMSI may be able to provide some additional support if the laboratories are related to the GMSI program. In such cases, please inform us of your detailed schedule, attaching a copy of your correspondence with the UT professor with whom you are arranging your visit. You need not have appointments on Sunday, but should have at least one for each weekday during your extra stay

3) There may be some restrictions on visiting UT depending on your nationality. We will inform you individually if this is the case. This would be very unfortunate, but such restrictions are imposed by the Japanese government, not by GMSI.