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## Technical Tour of Japan

20 May to 28 May 2012



Shinkansen train was awarded as an IEEE Milestone in 2000

The IEEE History Center's Milestones celebrate technological breakthroughs or turning points, around a number of which the IEEE Life Members Committee organizes technology themed tours. The IEEE Technical Tour of Japan is planned by the IEEE Japan Council History Committee and the IEEE Tokyo Section Life Members Affinity Group, with the cooperation of three IEEE Sections in Japan – the Kansai, Nagoya, and Tokyo Sections – as the third IEEE Technical Tour of the IEEE Life Members Committee. The following itinerary includes visits to the awarded IEEE Milestones, as well as to related museums and cultural heritages in the districts of Nara, Kyoto, Nagoya, Tokyo, and Yokohama. In Japan, we have fourteen dedicated IEEE Milestones as of the end of 2010. We welcome you to take advantage of this great opportunity to get to know the history of electrical and electronics engineering achievements and the cultural heritages in Japan.

The tour is planned with Life Members and their companions in mind, and the pace of the tour is set for seniors; however, all IEEE members are welcome.

### Brief Itinerary

#### **Day 1:** Sunday, 20 May – **Welcome to Kyoto**

- Arrival in Japan and registration at the Westin Miyako Hotel in Kyoto (3 nights).

#### **Day 2:** Monday, 21 May – **Sharp Historical Hall and Temples in Nara**

- Sharp Historical Hall in Tenri, Nara (IEEE Milestones: Electronic Calculators and PV Cells)
- Great Buddha of Todai-ji, Kohoku-ji, and Toshodai-ji
- Welcome dinner by Kansai Section with Maiko dance show

#### **Day 3:** Tuesday, 22 May – **Lake Biwa Canal Museum and Heritages in Kyoto**

- Keage Power Station and Lake Biwa Canal Museum
- Heian Jingu shrine, Kinkaku-ji, and Kiyomizu-dera

#### **Day 4:** Wednesday, 23 May – **Railway Park in Nagoya**

- Two-hour bus trip to Nagoya, and stay at the Nagoya Tokyu Hotel (1 night)
- Railway Park of the Central Japan Railway Co. (IEEE Milestone: Tokaido Shinkansen)
- Welcome dinner by Nagoya Section at Tokugawaen Garden Restaurant

#### **Day 5:** Thursday, 24 May – **Yosami Memorial Museum and Toyota Commemorative Museum**

- Yosami Memorial Museum in Kariya (IEEE Milestone: Yosami Radio Transmitting Station)
- Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology in Nagoya
- Two-hour ride on Shinkansen Express Train from Nagoya to Tokyo
- Stay at the Prince Sakura Tower in Tokyo (4 nights)

#### **Day 6:** Friday, 25 May – **NHK\* Museum of Broadcasting and Seiko Institute of Horology**

- NHK\* Museum of Broadcasting (IEEE Milestone: Satellite Broadcasting)
- \*Nippon Hoso Kyokai, meaning the Japan Broadcasting Corporation
- Seiko Institute of Horology (Milestone: Quartz Watch)
- Senso-ji (Asakusa) and Sumida river (Cruise dinner)

#### **Day 7:** Saturday, 26 May – **Toshiba Science Museum and JVC VHS Commemorative Hall**

- Toshiba Science Museum in Kawasaki (IEEE Milestone: Japanese Word Processor)
- TEPCO\* Electric Power Historical Museum (\*Tokyo Electric Power Company)
- VHS Commemorative Hall (IEEE Milestone: VHS, Home Video Recording) and Takayanagi Museum (IEEE Milestone: Electronic Television) both of JVC
- KENWOOD Corporation in Yokosuka
- Dinner in Chinatown of Yokohama

#### **Day 8:** Sunday, 27 May – **Edo-Tokyo Museum, Akihabara, and shopping in Ginza**

- Edo Tokyo Museum and Akihabara electronics town
- Shopping in Ginza/Nihonbashi
- Farewell Dinner served by Tokyo Section

#### **Day 9:** Monday, 28 May – **End of Tour**

- End of Tour after breakfast
- Narita and Haneda airports are available.

**Additional tours:** Japan Travel Bureau (JTB) provides pre-tour and/or post-tour plans upon the request of participants.

**Registration:** The final arrangements will appear in the December IEEE Life Members Newsletter, and registration will open on 1 January 2012.

Please visit <http://www.ieee.org/Tech-Tour/Japan> or e-mail [lm-tours@ieee.org](mailto:lm-tours@ieee.org) with questions about the tour.

