

2018 IFMAR 1:10 ELECTRIC R/C DRIFT WORLD CUP (update: 2018.04.17)



2018 IFMAR ELECTRIC R/C DRIFT WORLD CUP

Organized by



April 20th to 22nd, 2018
YATABE ARENA – Tsukuba, Japan



Our Mission

Just as in full-size motorsport, the Japanese origins of R/C drift cars are well known around the world. What makes drifting unique is the enjoyment that comes from building your own unique machine, customizing it, showing others how it runs, and more. However, this great amount of freedom has led to unclear technical regulations and judging criteria, resulting in a situation where we feel further growth is being limited. Currently making rules for car and judgement and organize the judgement seminars and licensing for the authorized judges. Meanwhile proceeding a computer measurement system for fair judgement. We will proceed a concurrent effort to establish the united rule structures in Japan, and eventually world wide, to grow R/C drifting into an even bigger phenomenon than before. It's also fact that a RC market of the present world is being the situation that it's more difficult for a new comer to enter that the driving speed became too speedy by technological progress and too much expense to catch up. Meanwhile, RC Drift car using a plastic tire and doesn't require a wide place to drive it, and possible to enjoy in the slow speed, will not compete for the time. Therefore, it will be most suitable category to get the new people to RC. RCDC will proceed the effort for increasing more people to know RC Drift and involve more people in Japan as well as world wide. As a part of activity, Japan nationals and other international event, rules for car and judgement has planned, and it will build up higher status on RC drift. I believe IFMAR world cup, and world championship will be the essential for achieving the goal that goal.



R.C.D.C. Atsushi Ito



R.C.D.C. Masami Hirotsuka

Basic information (updated:2018.02.28)

General facts of the event

- Name 2018 IFMAR ELECTRIC R/C DRIFT WORLD CUP
- Date April 20th to 22nd, 2018
- Organizer Japan RC Drift Community (R.C.D.C.)
- Supporters' organization IFMAR (International Federation Model Auto Racing) <http://www.ifmar.org/> / FEMCA (Far East Model Car Association) <http://www.femca-rc.com/>
- Host Club Yatabe Arena
- Track Yatabe Arena Drift Grandprix Track **(Temporary Carpet Track)**

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Host Club

Yatabe Arena

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

Chairperson: Hiroshi Suzuki

Address: 4385-2, Midorigaoka, Tsukuba city, Ibaraki 305-0863 Japan

Official Website

Website: <http://rcdc-jp.com/> E-Mail: info@rcdc-jp.com

Organize

R.C.D.C. (Japan RC Drift Community)

Website: <http://rcdc-jp.com/>

Address: 1-31-2, Hayabuchi, Tsuduki-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa 224-0025 Japan

Organizing Committee

Atsushi Ito	Chairman	R.C.D.C.
Masami Hirosaka	Race Director	R.C.D.C.
Chiharu Omata	Deputy Race Director	R.C.D.C.

Race Organization

Jeff Parker	Supervisory auditor	IFMAR
Yasuo Takizawa	Supervisory auditor	FEMCA
Takayuki Watanabe	MC	R.C.D.C.
Satoru Hoshimiya	Main Judge / Japan	R.C.D.C.
Michel van den Hoogenband	Main Judge / Netherlands	D1-10
Tadahiro Fukada	Main Judge / Japan	R.C.D.C.
James Shimpson	Main Judge / United Kingdom	R.C.D.C.
Stanley Shek	Main Judge / U.S.A.	R.C.D.C.
Youhei Hashimoto	Sub Judge / Japan	R.C.D.C.
Takayuki Amarime	Sub Judge / Japan	R.C.D.C.
Takashi Nakamura	Chief computer measurement	R.C.D.C.
Hideo Uchiyama	Computer measurement	R.C.D.C.
Daisuke Yoshioka	Computer measurement	R.C.D.C.
Sachie Morita	Technical Inspector	R.C.D.C.

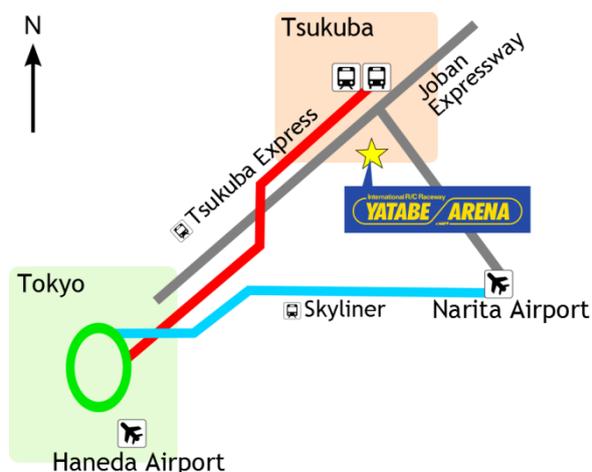
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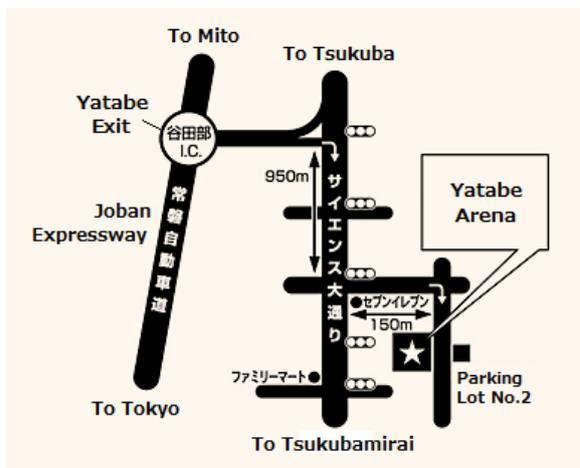
Address	4385-2 Midorigaoka, Tsukuba-city, Ibaraki 305-0863 Japan
Telephone	+81-29-836-0914
E-mail	info@yatabearena.com
Website	http://www.yatabearena.com/

Yatabe Arena is a R/C car facility with indoor drift, on-road, and off-road tracks, located in Tsukuba, Japan. The facility is less than 3 minutes from the nearest highway interchange.

Tsukuba City is about 50 km northeast of Tokyo and 40 km northwest of the New Tokyo International Airport (Narita Airport). It covers an area of 28,000 hectares with a population of about 200,000.



To the north lies Mount Tsukuba, 877 meters above sea level. Mount Tsukuba has been revered since ancient times for its striking beauty, earning the name Shiho or "purple peaks" for the rich purple hue it casts from certain angles during the seasons. It is considered to be comparable to Mount Fuji, the tallest mountain in Japan and is loved by the Japanese people. (<http://www.tsukubainfo.jp/tsukuba/tsukuba.html>)



When using a car with a navigation system to reach Yatabe Arena, please set the destination to 36°00' 44.70" N, 140°05'07.33" E (JDG). The car navigation system will consider the traffic conditions to lead you on the most optimal journey.

Japan uses left-hand traffic which the same as the U.K. and Australia. Participants from countries which use right-hand traffic should exercise caution when driving.

If you're involved in a traffic accident, call "110", the emergency response number in Japan.

Track and Facilities



Hello RC Enthusiasts!

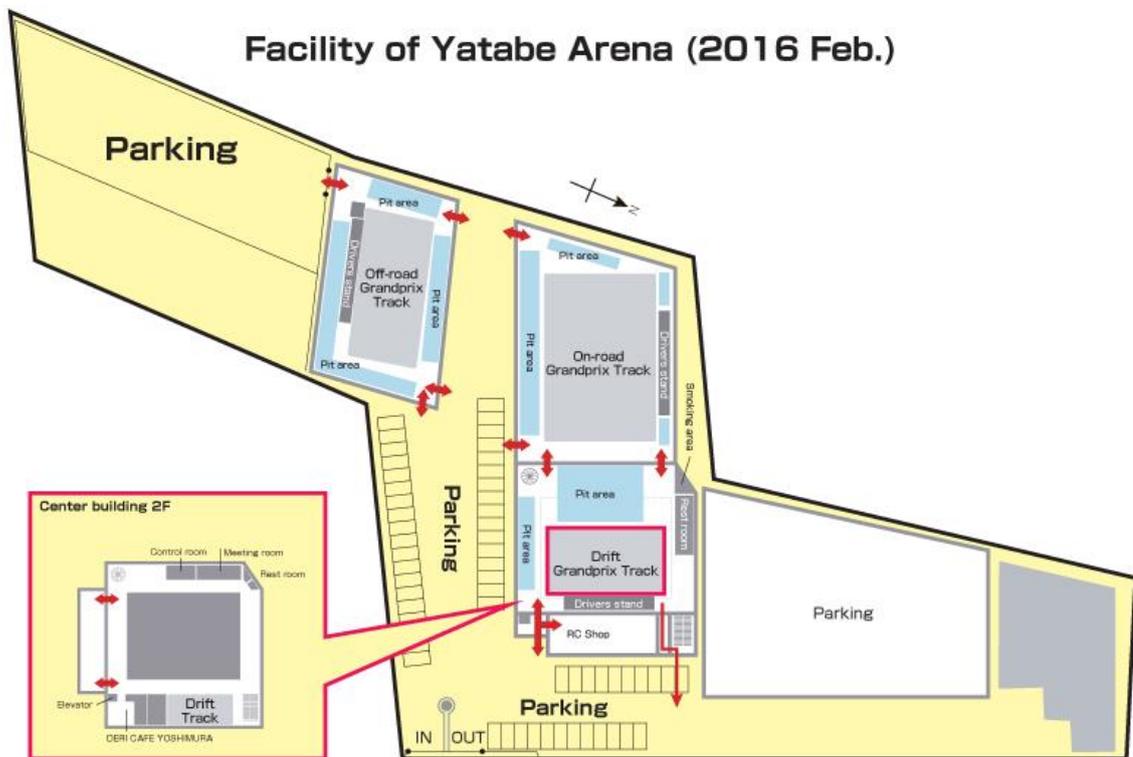
We, the Yatabe Arena staff are here to ensure that you'll be 100% satisfied during your visit.

If you have any suggestions of how we can improve, please do not hesitate to speak to one of our experienced staff members.

Our best reward is being told "great work!" from our guests, so we will work hard to make your experience a great one. We'll provide the world's best venue, Yatabe Arena, so you can experience the best time of your RC racing career!

We're going to challenge ourselves to exceed expectations!

Diagram of the Venue with tracks and facilities



Recently, the ground area was expanded to 14,850 m² (approx. 160,000 sq. ft.).

- The parking area has been expanded to accommodate large events.
- Track expansions resulted in: two Drift tracks, one On-Road track, one Off-Road tracks.
- All tracks are All-Weather Tracks where you can race or practice in any weather.

The Central Building consists of:

- Yatabe Arena Pit Shop -- a large fully-stocked RC shop
- a café which serves beverages and light meals
- Facilities for family and children to enjoy away from the RC tracks.



On-Road Grandprix Track



Drift Grandprix Track



Off-Road Grandprix Track

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Drift Sports Track



Parts Shop



Café & Restaurant



Restroom



Wood Deck



For Kids



Parking #1



Parking #2 (more parking available)



Hiroshi Suzuki (Venue Manager)

We Send Our Sincerest Welcome to Competitors from Around the World

Yatabe Arena is honored to host the 2018 IFMAR Electric Drift World Cup. Our mission will be "working toward a bright future of the Drift competition scene by providing under equal and fair conditions in a comfortable human-friendly environment."



From FEMCA R/C Drift Asia Championship 2016.

Locations of Facilities during the World Cup at Yatabe Arena

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Track surface will be Carpet



Pit Area



Meeting room



Relax space at Center building 2F

Event Schedule

The time table is the temporal version, schedule might be changed depending on the number of entry drivers.

	13 th April (Fri)	Track Closed	Track change to competition layout
	14 th April (Sat) to 15 th April (Sun)	09:00 to 19:00	Free practice
	16 th April (Mon) to 18 th April (Wed)	11:00 to 20:00	Free practice
	19 th April (Thu)	11:00 to 17:00	Free practice
1 st Day	20 th April (Fri)	08:00 to 09:00	Gate open & Registration
		09:00 to 09:30	Drivers meeting
		09:30 to 17:30	AWD & RWD class timed practice
		11:30 to 12:00	Drivers meeting
		15:00 to 15:30	Drivers meeting
		19:00	Gate close
2 nd Day	21 st April (Sat)	08:00 to 09:00	Gate open & Registration
		08:20 to 09:00	Opening ceremony & Drivers meeting
		09:00 to 09:30	AWD class timed practice (Only drivers who join from Saturday)
		09:30 to 10:00	RWD class timed practice (Only drivers who join from Saturday)
		10:00 to 10:30	AWD class controlled practice
		10:45 to 12:50	AWD class Qualifying (2 single runs)
		13:10 to 14:00	RWD class controlled practice
		14:10 to 17:50	RWD class Qualifying (2 single runs)
		19:00	Gate close
3 rd Day	22 nd April (Sun)	08:00 to 09:00	Gate open & Registration
		08:10 to 08:20	Drivers meeting (Only drivers who join from Sunday)
		08:30 to 08:50	AWD class timed practice (Only drivers who join from Sunday)
		08:50 to 09:00	RWD class timed practice (Only drivers who join from Sunday)
		09:00 to 09:50	AWD class Qualifying (1 single run)
		10:10 to 13:50	RWD class Qualifying (1 single run)
		12:10 to 12:40	Drivers meeting for Tsuiso Final 16
		13:00 to 14:30	AWD class Tsuiso Final 16
		14:40 to 16:10	RWD class Tsuiso Final 16
		16:30 to 17:10	Awards ceremony
		18:00	Gate close

Entry

For Oversea drivers: Max 50 drivers for AWD & 50 drivers for RWD Class. If the entry become full booking, can not join any more. **For Japanese drivers:** Top 3 drivers from 18 tracks of regional qualifying of 2017 and Top 24 at R.C.D.C. All Japan Drift Championship 2017 and each of Top 24 drivers of additional special qualify rounds on 2018 Mar.18th and Mar. 25th can join this competition. Also Sponsor of 2017 R.C.D.C. All Japan R/C Drift Championship will have chance to participate 1 driver for each class without any qualify rounds.

Online entry will be started from Feb. 26th. Link address of online entry: <http://entry.mtabe.com/RCDC/>

Entry Fee is 12,000 JPY for 1 class (Including control tire).

As for the overseas drivers entry fee need to be paid at the same time of the registration at the Yatabe Arena track.

Rules

Race will follow the R.C.D.C. TECHNICAL RULES: <http://rcdc-jp.com/regulation.html>

TRANSMITTERS (Approved Frequencies)

1. All radio-controlling devices shall only use the frequencies permitted in this country.
2. Use of 2.4GHz frequency band is permitted (Devices approved by the Japan Radio Control Safety Association only).

We must observe Japanese radio law which is governed by the Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications when we use any kind of radio equipment.

This Japanese law is not for protective trade for Japanese products, but for preventing interference and disturbance of wireless communications and for effective use of radio wave as a rare and a limited resource. Similar to the case with Japan, other countries may have similar regulation for using radio waves. This can be demonstrated by the frequency band list that is shown in the results of R/C car championship tournaments.

2.4 GHz

The 2.4GHz band is not an exclusive band for hobby R/C use. The 2.4GHz band is categorized as ISM (Industry, Science and Medical) band and many other devices such as microwave ovens, medical equipment, amateur radio communication and Wi-Fi use this frequency band. Thus, to avoid unnecessary interference and illegal use of radio waves in Japan, all radio products must obey Japanese technical standard and regulation.

Similarly to the narrow band, each country may have unique regulations for using the 2.4GHz band. Thus, we must follow regulations, rules and laws of each country when we export our products to foreign countries and vice versa. We must obtain TELEC approval, the technical standard for radio products in Japan, when we import any radio products from overseas countries. Therefore, to avoid unnecessary problems, every radio products supplier must realize that they cannot sell any radio equipment without TELEC approval.

IMPORTANT NOTE: To comply with Japanese Radio Frequency law please DO NOT use radio products without TELEC approval during this event.



Sponsorship (Updated:2018.02.28)

About Sponsorship deal, please contact to: info@rcdc-jp.com / Masami Hirose

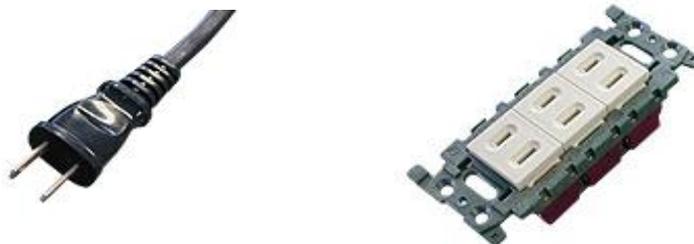
There is Personal Sponsor (PATRONS).

Electricity

Electricity supplies in the venue are 100V AC (50Hz)

Power outlets are available in the pit tables for charging purposes only. Participants must provide their own power cords, and transformers and/or plug adapters if required.

LiPo safety bags must be used while charging LiPo batteries.



Catering



A café is located in the Central Building which serves drinks and light meals, ready to satisfy the hunger of Yatabe Arena visitors. The menu consists of typical Japanese cuisines and Western cuisines. Soft drinks and non-alcoholic beverages are also available.

During large events, food trucks can be called serve menus such as kebabs, ice cream and *takoyaki* snacks.



Hotel Information

HOTEL MARK-1 (Official Hotel)

3 minute walk from Kenkyu-gakuen station (Tsukuba Express).

15 minutes to Yatabe Arena by car.



Price: 5,658 to 8,000yen for 1 person. Including parking.

(500 yen for breakfast)

Address	D3 Gaiku 5, Kenkyu-gakuen Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki, 305-0817 Japan
Telephone	+81-29-875-7272
Fax	+81-29-875-8472
E-mail	tsukuba@mark-1.jp
Website	http://www.mark-1.jp/tsukuba/index_english.html

TOYOKO INN

3 minute walk from Kenkyu-gakuen station (Tsukuba Express).

15 minutes to Yatabe Arena by car. (1 min. by foot from Hotel MARK-1).



Price: 6,264 to 8,424 yen for single & twin rooms including breakfast.

(500 yen for parking)

Address	5-13-7 Kenkyu-gakuen Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki, 305-0817 Japan
Telephone	+81-29-863-1045
Fax	+81-29-863-1046
Website	http://www.toyoko-inn.com/hotel/00228/ reservation: https://yoyaku.4and5.com/reserve/html/rvpc_srchHtl.html

HOTEL BESTLAND

1 minute walk from Kenkyu-gakuen station (Tsukuba Express).

15 minutes to Yatabe Arena by car.



Address	5-8-4, Kenkyu-gakuen Tsukuba-shi Ibaraki 305-0817 Japan
Telephone	+81-29-863-1515
Fax	+81-29-863-1517
E-mail	https://www.hotel-bestland.co.jp/form/
Website	http://www.hotel-bestland.co.jp/en/

Price: approx. 6,000 to 28,000 yen for single or twin rooms including parking. (1,100 yen for breakfast).

Shopping Facilities near the Hotels



There is a shopping mall near the hotels.

A wide variety of groceries and everyday items are available.

24-hour convenience stores such as 7-Eleven and Family Mart are located around the city as well.

Transportation (for over sea drivers only)

There are no shuttle bus during the event but, If you keep the receipt of taxi from hotel to the Yatabe Arena or the Yatabe Arena to hotel (only date of from April 20th to April 22nd), R.C.D.C. will support max 1,000 yen for one way. If you provide taxi receipt of 1,500 yen, R.C.D.C. pay you 1,000 yen. If you provide taxi receipt of 4000 yen, R.C.D.C. still pay you 1,000 yen also.

OKURA FRONTIER HOTEL TSUKUBA

Adjacent to Tsukuba station (Tsukuba Express).
 About 9.7 km, or 20 minutes to Yatabe Arena by car (1min. by foot from Tsukuba Center bus terminal and Tsukuba Station).

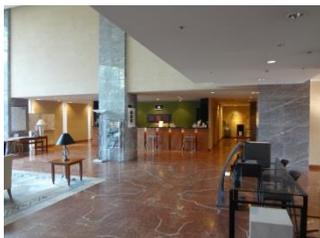


Price: approx. 13,068 to 142,560 yen for single, twin and suite rooms.

Address	1-1364-1 Azuma Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki 305-0031 Japan
Telephone	+81-29-852-1112 +81-29-861-1166 (reservations)
Fax	+81-29-852-5623
E-mail	yoyaku@okura-tsukuba.co.jp
Website	http://www.okura-tsukuba.co.jp/eng/

OKURA FRONTIER HOTEL TSUKUBA EPOCHAL

5min from Tsukuba station by car (Tsukuba Express).
 About 9.7 km, or 20 minutes to Yatabe Arena by car (15min. by foot from Tsukuba Center bus terminal and Tsukuba Station).



Price: approx. 13,068 to 108,001 yen for single, twin and suite rooms.

Address	2-20-1 Takezono, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki 305-0032 Japan
Telephone	+81-29-860-7700 +81-29-861-1166 (reservations)
Fax	+81-29-860-7701
E-mail	yoyaku@okura-tsukuba.co.jp
Website	http://www.okura-tsukuba.co.jp/eng/

WOODY HOTEL SUWA

Located near Yatabe Arena
 5.7 km, 10 minutes to Yatabe Arena by car.



Price: approx. 5,200 to 10,000 yen for single & twin rooms

Address	436-7 Kamiyokoba Tsukuba-shi Ibaraki 305-0854, Japan
Telephone	+81-29-836-7123
Fax	+81-29-836-7122
E-mail	http://www.woodysuwa.com/form/
Website	http://www.woodysuwa.com/

Access

New Tokyo International Airport
(Narita Airport)

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

Located about 57.4 km from Narita Airport, Yatabe Arena is about 50 minutes by car.



Google Map Directions to Yatabe Arena from Narita Airport (incl. public transport): <https://goo.gl/maps/yqoYi>

Car Rental

Various car rentals are available at Narita Airport. Please ask an information attendant for directions to a rental car company.

When using a rental car, please use the car navigation – it will be much easier to reach Yatabe Arena using the car navigation system. If the rental car's navigation system does not support English, please ask an attendant to enter the address of Yatabe Arena for the destination.

Public Transportation

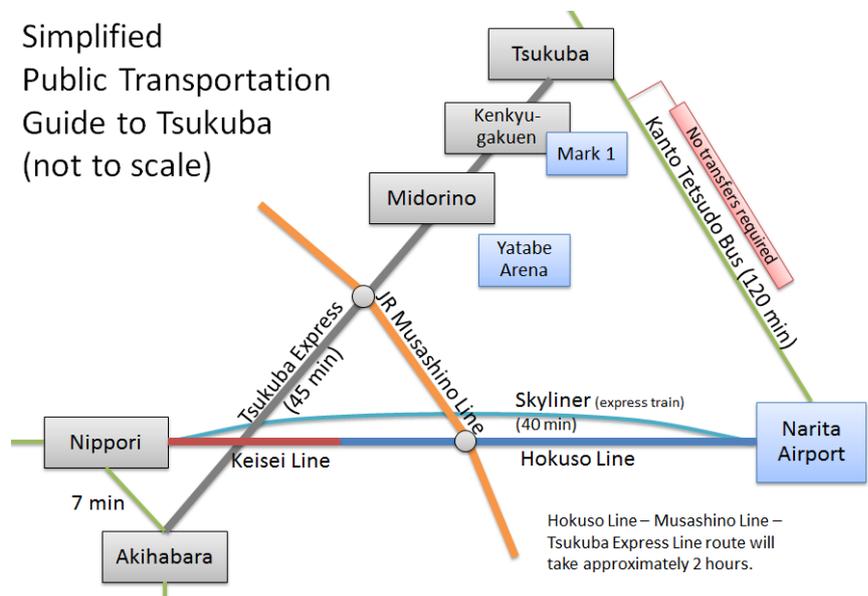
Public transportation options are also available.

The closest train station to Yatabe Arena is the "Midorino" station on the [Tsukuba Express](#) line.

"Kenkyu-gakuen" station is the closest station to the Mark 1 and Toyoko Inn hotels.

Buses from Narita Airport to the Tsukuba Center in downtown Tsukuba is available as well.

Simplified
Public Transportation
Guide to Tsukuba
(not to scale)



The "Tsukuba" station of the Tsukuba Express line is located in the Tsukuba Center.

Public Transportation Options from Narita Airport

Midorino Station

- Yatabe Arena is 4.7km, 7 minutes by car, or about 1,700 yen by taxi from Midorino Station.
- To Midorino Station can be reached via Skyliner and Tsukuba Express
- Narita Airport to Ueno (by Skyliner) to Akihabara (by JR Line) to Midorino (by Tsukuba Express).

Tsukuba Center Bus Station

- Yatabe Arena is 10.6km, 19 minutes by car, or about 3,000 yen by taxi from Tsukuba Center..
- Tsukuba Center can be reached by highway bus from Narita Airport (2,600 yen). About 60 min.

Tsukuba Station (Tsukuba Express)

- Tsukuba Center and the Tsukuba Station are same place.

Using the bus or train to reach Tsukuba from Narita Airport

		
<p>The train service is located in the underground train terminal.</p>	<p>This is the bus service counter. Tickets are purchased here.</p>	<p>The bus to “Tsukuba-center” will lead to the bus stop closest to Yatabe Arena. Here the next bus departs at 12:55 PM.</p>
		
<p>The Keisei Bus offers service to many locations, including Tsukuba.</p>	<p>The Keisei Skyliner express train service offers a comfortable non-stop ride to central Tokyo. When heading to Tsukuba Center by train, this will be the first train of the journey.</p>	<p>Upon arriving at Nippori or Ueno, one would transfer to the local train (very frequent service) to Akihabara in order to catch the Tsukuba Express train service.</p>

		
<p>The Skyliner offers frequent service. However, all seats are reserved seats, the next available train may not be</p>	<p>Cellular phones rentals are available.</p>	<p>This is the car rental counter.</p>
		
<p>Beware of operating hours of the car rental counter – it is different between companies so please ask to lental car company.</p>	<p>Tsukuba Center is an intermediate stop, so the signage may mention “Tsuchiura” as the destination.</p>	<p>This is yellow bus is a free shuttle which runs between Terminal 1 and 2. The two terminals are very far apart, this bus can be useful when meeting people who have arrived at the other terminal.</p>

Directions when driving to Yatabe Arena from Narita Airport

		
<p>After leaving the Narita Airport, proceed straight to Route 295</p>	<p>After 4 km, take a left to Green sign "Narita" Highway.</p>	<p>After 200 m, take a right to "Kashima"</p>
		
<p>After 5 km, turn left onto KEN-O EXPWY toward "Tsukuba"</p>	<p>After 39 Km, take the left toward "Tokyo".</p>	<p>Proceed toward "Tokyo"</p>
		
<p>Next Exit highway at "Yatabe"</p>	<p>In 250 m, turn right toward "Tsukubamirai"</p>	<p>After 1.4 km, turn left at this 7-Eleven. In 200 m, turn right at this intersection. Then, Yatabe Arena will be at your right in 200 meters.</p>

Tokyo International Airport (Haneda Airport)

<http://www.tokyo-airport-bldg.co.jp/en/>

Located about 73 km from Haneda Airport, Yatabe Arena is about 70 minutes by car.



Google Map Directions to Yatabe Arena from Haneda

Airport (incl. public transport): <https://goo.gl/maps/FE89Q>

Car Rental

Various car rentals are available at Haneda Airport.

Please ask an information attendant for directions to a rental car company.

When using a rental car, please use the car navigation, as the route will require travel on multiple highways through central Tokyo – it will be much easier to reach Yatabe Arena using the car navigation system.

If the rental car's navigation system does not support English, please ask an attendant to enter the address of Yatabe Arena for the destination.

Public Transportation

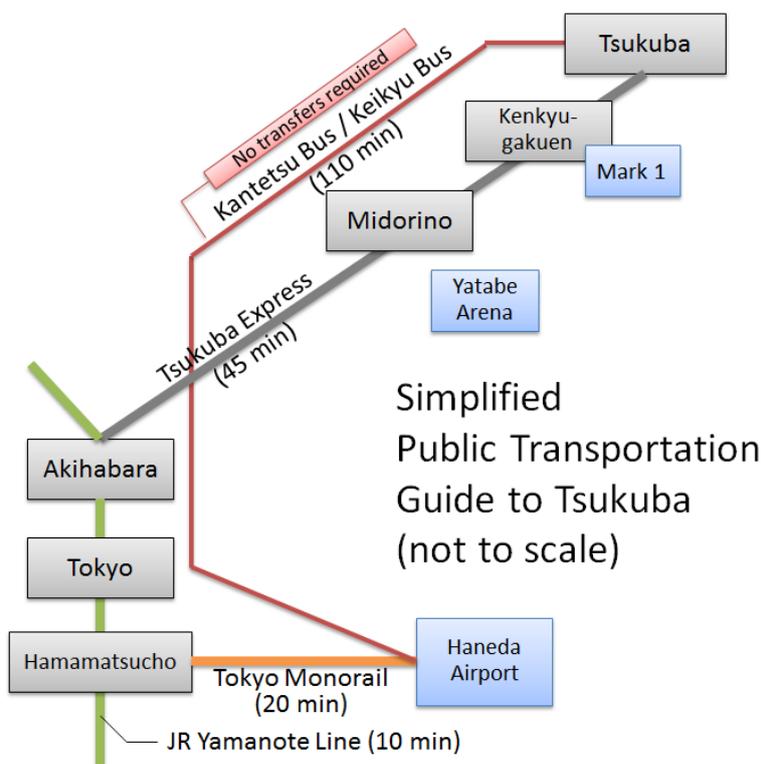
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Buses from Narita Airport to the Tsukuba Center in downtown Tsukuba is available as well.

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Public Transportation Options from Haneda Airport

Midorino Station

- Yatabe Arena is 4.7km, 7 minutes by car, or about 1,700 yen by taxi from Midorino Station.
- Midorino Station can be reached via trains
Haneda Airport to Hamamatsucho (by Monorail) to Akihabara (by JR Line) to Midorino (by Tsukuba Express).

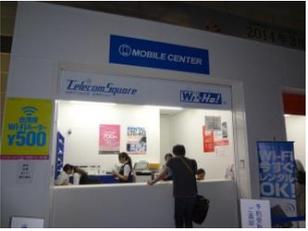
Tsukuba Center Bus Terminal

- Yatabe Arena is 10.6km, 19 minutes by car, or about 3,000 yen by taxi from Tsukuba Center.
- Tsukuba Center can be reached by highway bus from Haneda Airport (1,850 yen).

Tsukuba Station (Tsukuba Express)

- Tsukuba Center and the Tsukuba Station are same place.

Using the bus or train to reach Tsukuba from Haneda Airport

		
<p>Upon arrival, you'll arrive at the concourse.</p>	<p>Follow the signs leading to the each mode of transportation.</p>	<p>This is the bus service and car rental counter.</p>
		
<p>This is the car rental counter.</p>	<p>Beware of operating hours of the car rental counter – it is open between 8AM and 8PM.</p>	<p>This signage in the back of the bus service counter lists the next bus for each destination. Tickets are purchased here.</p>
		
<p>Here, we can see that the next bus for "Tsukuba Center" (closest bus stop to Yatabe Arena) leaves at 9:45 PM.</p>	<p>This is the train service counter for the Keikyū Line train service. Tickets should be purchased here.</p>	<p>Cellular phones are available for rental as well.</p>

Ibaraki Airport

<http://www.ibaraki-airport.net/en/index2.html>



Located about 45 km from Ibaraki Airport, Yatabe Arena is about 50 minutes by car.

There is a bus service to Tsukuba Center, along with rental car and taxi service.

<p>This is the international terminal.</p>	<p>Car rental counter.</p>	<p>The bus stop of the bus service to Tsukuba Center is located outside the terminal building.</p>

Directions when driving to Yatabe Arena from Ibaraki Airport

<p>After leaving the airport, proceed 200 m and turn left to Route 360 to "Namegata"</p>	<p>Turn right onto Route 8 toward "Ishioka" at this sign.</p>	<p>After 4.3 km, turn left toward "Ishioka"</p>

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<p>After 400 m, turn right onto Route 355 toward "Ishioka"</p>	<p>In 6.1 km, turn left onto Route 6 toward "Tsuchiura"</p>	<p>In 3 km, turn left to go on the highway headed for "Chiyoda-Ishioka"</p>
		
<p>Take the left route toward "Tokyo"</p>	<p>After 23 km, exit the highway at "Yatabe"</p>	<p>In 250 m, turn right toward "Tsukubamirai"</p>
		
<p>After 1.4 km, turn left at this 7-Eleven</p>	<p>In 200 m, turn right at this intersection. Yatabe Arena will be at your right in 200 meters.</p>	

Car Rental

We recommend making car rental reservations prior to arrival.

The following will be required when renting a car:

1. Passport number
2. Credit Card to settle payment
3. International Driver's license.

Please pay attention to the business hours of the car rental company. You will not be able to rent a car if you arrive at Narita Airport after 9:00 PM.

Please make sure to print out "Guide for international drivers.pdf" – the rental car staff can use the information in that PDF to set the car navigation system to the desired destination for you, if required.

Shopping

Yatabe Arena Pit Shop

Yatabe Arena has a fully-stocked pit shop, spanning an area of 187 m² (2010 sq. ft.).

It is conveniently located right next to the entrance of the Central Building, offering a variety of parts from both domestic and overseas manufacturers. The number of items stocked exceeds 20,000.

There is also a dedicated place next to the checkout register where customers can get assistance and solicit advice from the expert staff. In addition, a RC car rental service is also offered to introduce first-time customers to the world of RC cars.

The experienced staff at the Yatabe Arena is ready to handle the demands of experienced RC drivers, but also is able to assist beginners who are getting started with RC cars as well.



Akihabara Professional R/C Stores

Akihabara is a single train ride on the Tsukuba Express from Midorino Station, the closest station to Yatabe Arena.

The following is a collective message from the staff of the RC shops at Akihabara:

We support your wonderful hobby by providing the best possible selection to our customers.

We will make sure that all products you need for the RC race will be available at our stores.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!



Akihabara, also known as the “Electric Town” for its abundance of electronics stores, is a major shopping area for

electronic and computer items. In recent years, it has been also become major shopping area for anime and otaku goods as well. Not only can one find new items in the large stores located along the main street, but used items are also available in small side streets along the main street.

Many stores in Akihabara are small shops which are specialized in a specific niche. (Large superstores which carry a wide-ranging selection are also becoming prevalent.) Tools, electrical parts and wires and other electronics which cannot be found in most stores can be found here.

Recreation and sightseeing

Tokyo Disneyland



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Tokyo Disneyland needs no explanation – it is one of the premier theme parks in Japan.

It is located in Chiba Prefecture, and is about an hour by car from Yatabe Arena.

Website: <http://www.tokyodisneyresort.co.jp/en/index.html>

Fuji-Q Highland – Mt. Fuji



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Fuji-Q Highland is a theme park located near Mount Fuji, in Yamanashi Prefecture.

It is famous for its numerous roller coasters along with haunted attractions, one of which, The Haunted Hospital, is the world's second largest of its kind.

It is located about 2.5 hours from Yatabe Arena by car.

Tsukiji Fish Market



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The Tsukiji Fish Market (officially, The Tokyo Metropolitan Central Wholesale Market), is the largest wholesale fish and seafood market in the world. In recent years, it has become a popular destination for tourists.

It is located in the central Tokyo, near the Ginza district. It can be reached in about 1.5 hours by car or train from Yatabe Arena.

Senso-ji Temple



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Senso-ji is the oldest and most significant Buddhist temple in Tokyo, located in the Asakusa district.

Directly connected to the temple is the Nakamise-dori (pictured in the center), which is lined with many shops which sell souvenirs and light snacks.

It can be reached in about 1.5 hours by car. By Tsukuba Express, it can be reached in less than 50 minutes from the Midorino Station, the closest train station to Yatabe Arena. (Senso-ji is located near the Asakusa Station.)

Tokyo Skytree



Tokyo Skytree is a broadcasting, restaurant, and observation tower in Sumida, Tokyo, Japan. It became the tallest structure in Japan in 2010 and reached its full height of 634.0 metres (2,080 ft) in March 2011, making it the tallest tower in the world, displacing the Canton Tower, and the second tallest structure in the world after Burj Khalifa (829.8 m/2,722 ft).

Tokyo Skytree website: <http://www.tokyo-skytree.jp/en/>

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