



the 65th World Science Fiction Convention & the 46th Japan Science Fiction Convention

# Nippon 2007

the first Worldcon in Japan

"Comodore Perry came to Yokohama from the U.S. to open Japan to the world. Let us welcome fans from all over the world at the very same place that is Yokohama."

—Hiroaki Inoue, Chair, Nippon 2007

## Not Lost In Translation

Experience a Worldcon like never before and come join us at the Pacifico Yokohama in the beautiful city of Yokohama in 2007 for the 65th World Science Fiction Convention. Experience a completely new atmosphere of international exchange among SF fans and learn a great deal about Japanese SF and culture.

Not only will this be the first Asian Worldcon, it will also be the first time most Worldcon attendees travel to Japan. Hopefully, many fans will take the opportunity to explore the country of Japan in addition to attending the convention. Just south of Tokyo, Yokohama is the second largest city in the county, and with its mix of modern buildings, traditional attractions, shops and restaurants, all of which are accessible by public transportation, means there is plenty to visit outside of the convention. A fan-led seven-day tour of Japan is being planned to take place after the convention.

Nippon 2007 will host both the Worldcon and the Japan National SF Convention and your Worldcon membership will include membership to both conventions. Program items will be held either in English or Japanese, but with simultaneous translations provided for all major events. Most of the programs at the Worldcon, though, will be in English.

Like all Worldcons, Nippon 2007 will be an exciting and event-filled convention, designed to appeal to fans from all over the world, featuring five days of programming on hundreds of topics from books to media, from art to costuming, from movies and television to anime, from science fiction to science fact, as well as an art show, masquerades, the Hugo Awards, dealer's rooms, child care and children's programming and much more.

There are agents around the world handling non-Japanese membership administration, including production and distribution of the dual English-Japanese language versions of the Progress Reports.

Nippon 2007 is excited about introducing fans from all over the rest of the world to the Japanese science fiction community and vice-versa. The combination of Japanese innovation and Worldcon traditions promises to make Nippon 2007 a Worldcon that will be truly unforgettable.

## GUESTS OF HONOR

### Sakyo Komatsu (Author GoH)

From the perspective of Japanese SF history, Sakyo Komatsu is a writer who will never be forgotten. All Japanese fans agree that his writing has influences not only the SF world, but also all of Japanese society. Mr. Komatsu has become prominent leader in the Japanese science fiction community.

### David Brin (Author GoH)

More than ten of David Brin's works have been translated into Japanese. His "Uplift" series is popular everywhere, but especially in Japan. Furthermore, every Japanese science fiction fan recognizes that since Mr. Brin loves Japan, he would also enjoy a Worldcon in Japan with fans from all over the world.

### Yoshitaka Amano (Artist GoH)

Yoshitaka Amano's name is widely known in both Japan and America. Science fiction fans and others also are fascinated with the beautiful words that he has drawn. Even in the anime and video game communities, Mr. Amano is well-known for adding profound life to the works that he creates.

### Michael Whelan (Artist GoH)

Many Japanese fans picked up translated novels because of Michael Whelan's illustrations. Mr. Whelan's art has opened the door of imagination to fans all over the world. Japanese fans honor Mr. Whelan's art and as a result, they would be very happy to see him at a Worldcon.

### Takumi Shibano (Fan GoH)

Takumi Shibano has been translating English science fiction into Japanese for over half a century; he has built a bridge between fans in Japan and America. Because of his great efforts over many years, we can hold the Worldcon in Japan. Mr. Shibano is a Guest of Honor who most closely matches our theme: the exchange of fans between Japan and America.

### Rates (until June 30, 2006)

	Supporting					Attending				
	US\$50	¥6,000	£28	AU\$70	EU45	US\$220	¥26,000	£125	AU\$300	EU186
Adult (20+)	US\$50	¥6,000	£28	AU\$70	EU45	US\$220	¥26,000	£125	AU\$300	EU186
Voted	US\$ 0	¥0	£ 0	AU\$ 0	EU 0	US\$110	¥13,000	£ 63	AU\$150	EU 90
Young Adult (13-19)	US\$35	¥4,000	£20	AU\$45	EU29	US\$165	¥17,000	£ 83	AU\$210	EU124
Child (7-12)	—	—	—	—	—	US\$ 80	¥ 9,000	£ 44	AU\$105	EU 65

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