Transportation to Nara

For MDM2006 participation from overseas, the way from Kansai International Airport (KIX) to your hotels are shown. We are looking forward to seeing you in Nara.

1) From KIX to Nara, limousine bus is the most convenient way. When you arrive at KIX, your arrival lobby is on the 1st floor. You can find limousine bus stops when you go out from the arrival lobby. The floor plan is available at http://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/english/access/bus.htm

2) Your bus starts from Bus Stop 9. Be careful that there are three destinations from Bus Stop 9 (see the above web page). Your destination is "JR Nara Station".

3) You need to buy a bus ticket. The ticket machine is available outside of the building. The ticket fee is 1,800 JPY. You may be able to use a credit card, but it would be better to prepare JPY.

4) Departure times are 7:40, 8:40, 10:40, 12:40, 13:40, 14:40, 15:40, 16:40, 7:40, 18:40, 19:40, and 20:40. From Kansai Airport, the bus stops at
   - Tenri (ichonomoto)
   - Nara Hotel
   - Kintets Nara Station
   - JR Nara Station.
   It is the trip for about 1 hour and a half.

5) You can go to the following hotels by the method shown below.

   a) Nara Hotel
      Your stop is the second stop (Nara Hotel), your bus will stop in front of Nara Hotel. Hotel photo: http://www.mdm2006.kddilabs.jp/nara_hotel_entrance2.jpg

   b) Hotel Nikko Nara
      Your stop is the final stop (JR Nara Station). You will arrive at the eastern side of the station. Please walk to Sanjo Street and turn to the right and you can find the hotel to the left hand. It is a few-minute walk to the hotel. Hotel photo: http://www.nikkonara.jp/access_img/g_mainimg.jpg

   c) Nara Washington Hotel Plaza
      Your stop is the final stop (JR Nara Station). You will arrive at the eastern side of the station. Please walk to Sanjo Street and turn to the left, and you can find the hotel to the left hand. It is a few-minute walk to the hotel. Hotel photo: http://nara.wh-at.com/images/imq_nara.gif

   d) Hotel Half Time
      Your stop is Kintetsu Nara Station and you need to take Kintetsu Nara Line to Shin-Omiya Station. Shin-Omiya Station is the next of Kintetsu Nara Station and you can use all trains from Nara Station except special expresses.

The way from Shin-Omiya Station to the hotel is shown in the following map. It is about 1-minute walk to the hotel. Hotel photo: http://www.nara-halftime.com/image/station04.jpg
Ways to Nara-Ken New Public Hall (the Conference Venue)

From JR Nara Stn. and Kintetsu Nara Stn. to the conference venue, using a public bus is the most convenient way. Since a credit card may not be able to use, please prepare small changes in JPY.

(1) From JR Nara Stn.
In Nara city, there are some loop lines of public busses. At JR Nara Stn., Your bus starts from Bus Stop 1 in front of the eastern side of the station. Please take busses for “JR Nara Station” of the line number 2, since busses of this line go around in the city, and return to the station.

(2) From Kintetsu Nara Stn.
At Kintetsu Nara Stn., Your bus starts from Bus Stop 1. Please take busses for “JR Nara Station (Line number 2)” or for “Kintetsu Nara Stn. (Line number 6)”. Busses of line number 6 also go around in the city, and return to Kintetsu Nara Stn.

(3) Your stop for the conference venue
The nearest bus stop of the conference venue is “Daibutsuden & Kasugataisya Mae”. It takes 7 min. from JR Nara Stn. and 4 min. from Kintetsu Nara Stn. The fee for busses is the same of 180 yen. At “Daibutsuden & Kasugataisya Mae”, please go through the park to the Conference Venue.

(4) Walk to the conference venue from Kintetsu Nara Stn.
The conference venue is about 2 km away from Kintetsu Nara station. It is about 20-minute walk. Please use Exit 2 of the station, and go east toward a mountain (Wakakusa Yama). It is better to walk along the right-hand side of the street, since it is necessary to cross a road using an underground passage.