



Fukuoka University

The next JSAP Fall Meeting will be held August 30 - September 2, 2003, at the Nanakuma campus of Fukuoka University in Fukuoka City on the island of Kyushu. Further details about Fukuoka University can be found at its web-site: <http://www.fukuoka-u.ac.jp/english/indexe.htm>.

Fukuoka University is one of the largest private universities in western Japan with a student population of approximately 22,000. The history of the university can be traced back to 1934 with the establishment of Fukuoka Higher Commercial School. Subsequently in 1956, after several phases of restructuring and the addition of the Faculty of Law and Economics, the name of the university was changed to the present Fukuoka University. The University offers a diverse range of courses including the physical sciences, engineering, and medicine and is located in Nanakuma, southwest of Fukuoka City, on a campus covering 560,000 square meters.

The city of Fukuoka (area of about 338

km²) is located on the north coast of the island of Kyushu and is the third largest of Japan's four main islands. Fukuoka has a population of 1.3 million and is one of the hub cities of the Asia-Pacific region being located close to the Korean Peninsula and China. The city is located facing the Genkai Sea to the north and is surrounded by the Sefuri, Sangun, and Inunaki mountain ranges. Fukuoka is famous for its historical sites such as Shofukuji Temple, the first Zen temple in Japan that was built in 1195 by the founder of the Japanese Zen sect, Eisai, as well as the business and entertainment areas of Tenjin and Nakasu, where hundreds of 'yatais' (open air food stalls) serve culinary delights such as 'tonkotsu ramen'.

Other famous sites in Kyushu include the city of Nagasaki, famous for the Peace Park and Glover House, said to have been the inspiration for Puccini's opera Madame Butterfly; the spa resort of Beppu in Oita City; and the active volcanoes Unzen, Aso and Sakurajima.



Peace Park (Nagasaki)



Spa resort (Beppu)



Yatais: open air food stalls (Tenjin)

Further information about Fukuoka City
Fukuoka city:
<http://www.city.fukuoka.jp/index-e.html>



Sakurajima