The next JSAP Spring Meeting will be held March 27-30, 2003, at Kanagawa University’s Yokohama campus, Kanagawa prefecture (http://www.kanagawa-u.ac.jp/index1.html).

Kanagawa University was established in 1949 beginning with the Faculty of Commerce. The University currently offers courses ranging from engineering to law and has a student population of approximately 14,000 undergraduates (including both daytime and night time courses) and 400 graduate students.

The University is located in Kanagawa prefecture which is famous for the port of city of Yokohama, the beautiful scenery of Hakone and historical political centre of Kamakura, that was established by Minamoto Yoritomo in 1192. Kanagawa prefecture borders the Metropolis of Tokyo, and is the 5th smallest prefecture in Japan having an area of approximately 2,413 square kilometers. In 1997 the population of Kanagawa was 8,295,375, accounting for approximately 6.6% of the national total with a population density of 3,437 people per square kilometer; the third largest after Tokyo (5,565/square kilometer) and Osaka (4233/square kilometer).

The port of Yokohama is the capital of Kanagawa and has played a pivotal role in the internationalization of Japan since opening to foreign trade in 1859. The current population Yokohama is about 3.27 million, making it Japan’s second largest city.

Further information about Kanagawa and Yokohama

Kanagawa prefecture:
http://www.kanagawa-kankou.or.jp/index-e.html

Yokohama city:
http://www.city.yokohama.jp/indexE.html