

## **Travel Information**

- **Access to Saitama Ice Arena:**

From Shinjuku (新宿), approx. 40 minutes direct train ride by JR Shinjuku Shonan Line (新宿湘南ライン) Rapid Service (特別快速) to Ageo (上尾).

From Omiya (大宮) station, 8 minutes train ride (2 stops) by JR Takasaki Line (高崎線) to Ageo (上尾) station. From Ageo station, it is approx. 10 minute taxi ride from East Exit.

Train map and useful information to get around the Tokyo Area by JR Train is available at the following website;

<https://www.jreast.co.jp/e/downloads/>

Airport shuttle (Limousine) bus service information is available at the following website:

[www.limousinebus.co.jp/en/](http://www.limousinebus.co.jp/en/)

- **Where to Stay?**

Here are some near-by hotels for your information, however, please note that there is no official hotel for the Skate Japan. Please check with your local travel agency or on-line booking service for the best rate.

### **Ageo Tobu Hotel**

Adjusesnt to Ageo station. Public transportation and taxi stands are right in front of the hotel. There are many convenience stores and restaurants on both side of the station.

Website: <http://www.tobufoods.co.jp/banquet/ageo-hotel/>

### **Musashino Grand Hotel & Spa**

Free shuttle service is available from/to Miyahara station, which is just between Omiya terminal station and Ageo station. For group of more than 10 people, they will provide a complimentary free shuttle for your group based on the availability. Please contact directly to the hotel for reservations.

Website: <http://mghs.jp/>

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### **Palace Hotel Omiya**

3 minute walk from Omiya terminal station, which is only 2 stops or 8 minutes train ride from Ageo station. Conveniently located for shopping and eating. If you don't mind taking a train for 2 stops, this place is highly recommended because of multi-language speaking staff.

<http://www.palace-omiya.co.jp/english/>

### **Royal Pines Hotel Urawa**

5 minutes walk from Urawa station, which is only 15 minutes train ride (3 or 4 stops depends on the train) from Ageo station. Hotel has many good restaurants. Also convenient for shopping and eating with multi-language speaking staff.

<http://www.royalpines.co.jp/>

Other hotel information maybe available on thru on-line booking service and/or your local travel agency.

- **Attractions in the Area:**

Please visit Saitama Tourism and International relations Bureau website.

There are lots of historical places to visit as well as seasonal attraction.

<http://www.stib.jp/e/index.html>

<https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/chokotabi-saitama/eng/index.html>

- **Letter of Invitation**

If you need a Letter of Invitation for entry to Japan, and/or school purpose, please feel free to let us know. We would be happy to prepare the letter.

For your VISA application purpose, please provide a copy of the passport who needs the VISA together with occupation for the person. We will treat the received information strictly confidential.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to be in touch with us!

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