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Dear all,

The disaster of recent Typhoon Hagibis has affected the access route between Tokyo and Suwa area. Recent report from JR and Highway companies suggest that the recovery of this access will take over one week. Therefore, the IWEMM10 organizing committee strongly recommends other routes in this access alternative to the previously released one on our website.

To access from Narita International Airport (NRT) to JR Tokyo Station, please refer to previous release. If you use JR Narita Express train, please get off at JR Tokyo Station. If you use Keisei Skyliner Express, please change the line at Nippori Station (from Keisei to JR), and head for JR Tokyo Sta by Yamanote-line.

How to access from JR Tokyo Station to Venue:

(Charge is moderate but the timetable is not normal due to the ongoing recovery of this railway)

1. Tokyo Station – Nagano Station – Shiojiri Station – Kami-suwa Station (Suwa City) – Venue:

At the ticket counter please buy train tickets from Narita Airport Sta to Kami-suwa Sta that includes four charges, i.e., basic charge (from Narita Airport Sta to Kami-suwa Sta) and express ones (from Narita Airport Sta to Tokyo Sta, from Tokyo Sta to Nagano Sta, and from Nagano Sta to Shiojiri Sta).

- 1.1: Tokyo Station → (by bullet train) → JR Nagano Station:** Please get on the Hokuriku Shinkansen (named Asama, Hakutaka, or Kagayaki) and get off at Nagano Sta. DO NOT get on the Jōetsu Shinkansen which pass the same route with the Hokuriku Shinkansen until Takasaki Sta but latter one does not go to Nagano Sta.
- 1.2: JR Nagano Station → (by Shinano Express train) → JR Shiojiri Station:** This trains run from Nagano Sta to Nagoya Sta via Matsumoto and Shiojiri Sta. When you arrive at Nagano Sta, please get on Shinano Express train and get off at Shiojiri Sta.
- 1.3: JR Shiojiri Station → (by local train) → JR Kami-suwa Station:** When you arrive at Shiojiri Sta, please transfer to local train of JR Chūō-east-line. DO NOT get on the Chūō-west-line that goes to Nagoya Sta. When you arrive at Kami-suwa Sta (a small station), please pass the gate and wait in the concourse. You will find a person who shows a placard indicating RAKO Hananoi Hotel. You can get on the shuttle bus and arrive in the hotel for the registration. Alternatively, you can walk from the station to the hotel, which will take ca. 20 min.

(Charge is little bit expensive but the timetable is normal)

2. Tokyo Station (or Shinagawa Station) – Nagoya Station – Shiojiri Station – Kami-suwa Station (Suwa City) – Venue:

At the ticket counter please buy train tickets from Narita Airport Sta to Kami-suwa Sta that includes four charges, i.e., basic charge (from Narita Airport Sta to Kami-suwa Sta) and express ones (from Narita Airport Sta to Tokyo Sta, from Tokyo Sta to Nagoya Sta, and from Nagoya Sta to Shiojiri Sta).

2.1: Tokyo Station (or Shinagawa Station) → (by bullet train) → JR Nagoya Station: Please get on the Tōkaidō Shinkansen (named Kodama, Hikari, or Nozomi) and get off at the Nagoya Sta. We recommend you to get on Nozomi Express because this train is the firstest train only stopping at Tokyo, Shinagawa, and Shin-Yokohama until Nagoya Sta.

2.2: JR Nagoya Station → (by Shinano Express train) → JR Shiojiri Station: This trains run Nagoya Sta to Nagano Sta via Shiojiri Sta and Matsumoto Sta. When you arrive at Nagoya Sta, please get on Shinano Express train and get off at Shiojiri Sta.

2.3: JR Shiojiri Station → (by local train) → JR Kami-suwa Station: Please refer above 1.3 in this access.

Remarks:

- 1) You can use Shuttle Bus from Narita Airport to Tokyo (JR Tokyo Sta). This charge is lower than those of trains.
- 2) If you arrive at Tokyo International Airport (Haneda Airport; HND), please access to JR Shinagawa Sta or Tokyo Sta via exchange of transportations. It takes ca. 0.5~1 hour.
- 3) If you arrive at Chubu Centrair International Airport, Nagoya (NGO) or Kansai International Airport (KIX), please access to JR Nagoya Sta, and change the line to Chuo-west-line and get on Shinano Express train by Shiojiri Sta (Nagano Prefecture). After that, please get on an ordinary train by Kami-suwa Station. It takes ca. 3 hours from Nagoya Sta to Kami-suwa Sta.
- 4) Ordinary trains on the central of Tokyo metropolis and connected lines are heavily crowded at AM 7: 30–9: 30 and PM 6: 00–8: 00 in the weekdays. Therefore, if possible, please avoid these time frames to use trains on those lines with carrying large baggage.
- 5) Generally, public peace is quite good in Japan, including train and bus transportations. Therefore, you can use those transportations even in nighttime.
- 6) The following websites may be valuable for your exchange of transportations:
<https://world.jorudan.co.jp/mln/en/>
<http://www.hyperdia.com/en/>
<https://transit.navitime.com/en/>
<https://japantravel.navitime.com/en/area/jp/route/>

Best wishes,
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