

Report of
IEEE Technical Tour of Japan
20 – 28 May 2012

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IEEE Technical Tour of Japan

The Technical Tour of Japan, approved by the IEEE Life Members Committee, started on 20 May from Kyoto and ended on 28 May 2012 at Tokyo. The 27 participants visited the IEEE Milestone sites and the related museums, as well as historical heritages in Nara, Kyoto, Nagoya and Tokyo districts.

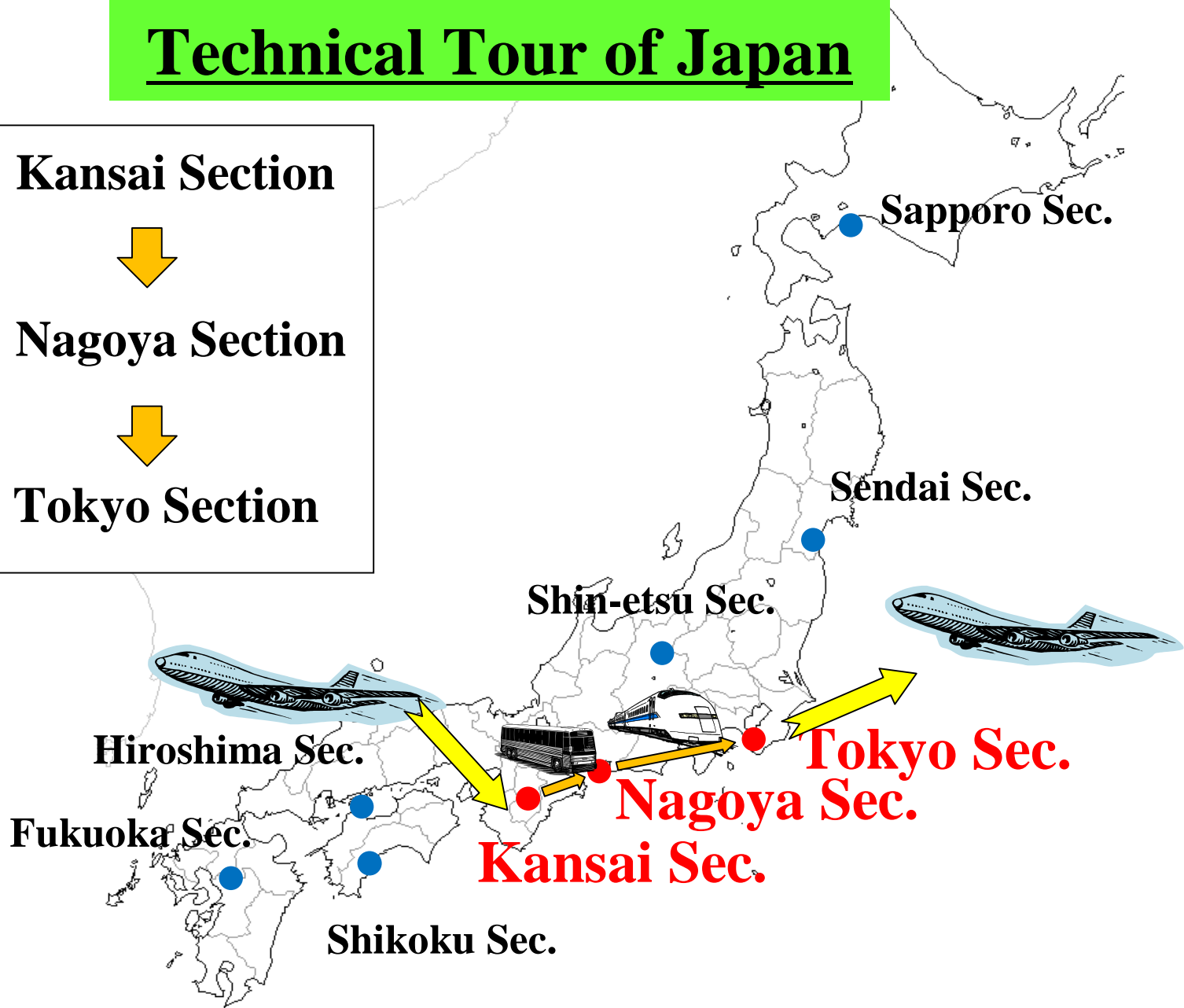
The tour could be considered success with the cooperation of *JCHC and *LMAG Tokyo, three Sections in Japan; Kansai, Nagoya and Tokyo, also with good support of the local IEEE members and JTB Business World Tokyo Corp.

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Technical Tour of Japan

Kansai Section
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Nagoya Section
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Tokyo Section



Itinerary 1 (Kansai Section)

Day 1 [Arrival Day]: Sunday, 20 May Welcome to Japan

Check-in to *the Westin Miyako, Kyoto (3 nights)*

Day 2: Monday, 21 May – Sharp Museum and Nara Tour

Watching of the annular eclipse before breakfast

- a) Sharp Historical Hall in Tenri, Nara (two Milestones)
- b) Great Buddha of Todai-ji and other temples in Nara
- c) Welcome dinner at the Japanese restaurant in Kyoto

**Day 3: Tuesday, 22 May – Keage Hydropower Station and
temples in Kyoto**

- a) Keage Power Station and Lake Biwa Canal Museum
- b) Kinkaku-ji, Kiyomizu-dera, and other temples in Kyoto

Itinerary 2 (Nagoya Section)

Day 4: Wednesday, 23 May – Railway Park in Nagoya

Bus drive to Nagoya (two and half hour)

a) Railway Museum of the Central Japan Railway Co.

(Milestone: Tokaido Shinkansen)

b) Dinner in Tokugawaen Garden Restaurant

Stay in *Nagoya Tokyu Hotel (1 night)*

Day 5: Thursday, 24 May – Yosami and Toyota Museums

a) Memorial Museum of Yosami Transmitting Station (Milestone)

b) Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology

c) Ride on Shinkansen Express Train from Nagoya station and
arrive at Tokyo station

Stay in *Prince Sakura Tower Tokyo (4 nights)*

Itinerary 3 (Tokyo Section 1)

Day 6: Friday, 25 May - NHK Museum and Seiko Museum

- a) NHK Broadcast Museum (Milestone: Satellite Broadcast)
- b) Seiko Museum (Milestone: Quartz Wristwatch)
- c) Asakusa temple and cruise dinner on Sumida river

Day 7: Saturday, 26 May - Toshiba Museum,

TEPCO Museum, and VHS Hall

- a) Toshiba Science Museum, Kawasaki (Milestone: JWP)
- b) TEPCO Electric Power Historical Museum, Yokohama
- c) VHS Hall and Takayanagi Museum, JVC Yokosuka
(Milestones: VHS Recorder and Takayanagi TV)
- d) Dinner in Yokohama Chinatown

Itinerary 4 (Tokyo Section 2)

Day 8: Sunday, 27 May - Edo-Tokyo Museum and Town walk

- a) Edo Tokyo Museum and
Akihabara Electric Town
- b) Shopping (Ginza / Nihonbashi)
- c) Farewell dinner at Il Leone in Shin-Takanawa

Day 9 : Monday, 28 May - End of Tour

End of Tour after breakfast.



Sharp Memorial Hall, 21 May



Keage PS



Todaiji Temple



Nara Park



Maiko dance



Keage Power Station, 22 May



Welcome dinner at Ganko Restaurant in Kyoto, 21 May



Railway Park of the Central Japan Railway, 23 May



Yosami Museum, 24 May



Tokugawaen Garden Restaurant



**Ms. Iwata, wife of Nagoya
Section Chair**





NHK Museum, 25 May



Seiko Museum, 25 May



Toshiba Science Museum, 26 May



TEPCO Museum, 26 May



JVC Yokosuka, 26 May



Edo-Tokyo Museum, 27 May



Dinner Cruise on the Sumida River, 25 May



Tokyo Skytree, 634m high



Ad Hoc Joint Quartet at the Farewell, 27 May



After the Farewell Dinner at Il Leone, 27 May

Remarks

- We hope all participants could deepen their insight into the histories of Japanese technology and culture, through the visits to the related corporations, museums, temples and shrines.
- We are very happy to have 27 oversea participants, 26 from the US and one from the UK, to the Japan Tour overcoming many difficulties. In spite of hard schedule for those whose average age is over 72, the tour ended as planned without any delays nor troubles.
- Some local IEEE members in Japan joined the tour at their domestic area and promoted the friendship with visitors.
- Also many thanks to the related people and organizations cooperated to welcome the guests and bring the success of the tour.



See you in Japan
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