

MATH MANIA, LEADERSHIP 2018

1–4 February 2018

hosted by Senri & Osaka International Schools
Minoh City, Osaka, Japan

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Korea International School (KIS)
Senri and Osaka International Schools (SOIS)
Seoul International School (SIS)
Yokohama International School (YIS)

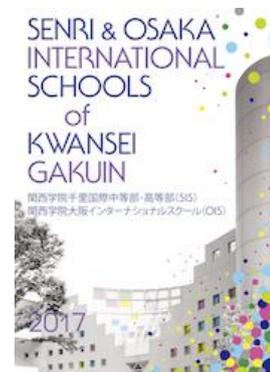
Outline of Schedule

Thursday afternoon: KIS, SIS, YIS arrive
Thursday evening: KIS, SIS with host families; YIS overnight at school
Friday: math mania and leadership events
Saturday: math mania and leadership events
Saturday evening: awards ceremony, banquet
Sunday morning: team departures

20 November 2017

Greetings, AISA activities directors, math mania coaches, and leadership people.

Please consider this letter of preliminary information as your official invitation to the 2018 AISA math mania and leadership events hosted by Senri & Osaka International Schools ([SOIS](#)).



Dates

2018 February 1–4 (Thursday–Sunday)

Facilities

SOIS conference room, classrooms, **swimming pool**

Arrival times

Please provide travel details as soon as possible.

We at SOIS will accommodate your travel arrangements as best we can. Below is an ideal situation.

1. Overseas teams arrive at KIX (Kansai International Airport) at similar times between 13:00 and 14:00. Then clear immigration, pick up bags, clear customs, **exchange money**, **rent cell phones / SIM cards**, buy snacks for the bus ride, and board the bus.
2. An 80-minute bus ride puts you at school between 16:00 and 17:00 PM, a good time for our host families to meet their guests and get them home at a decent time for dinner. (Long bus ride to the school; be prepared. Many – though not all – host families live close to school.)

Departure times

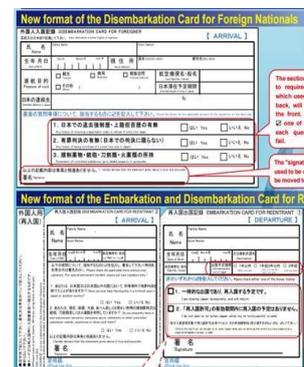
Please schedule your flight departure from KIX for about noon on Sunday, if possible. A 12:00 noon flight means you check in at 10:00 AM, which means you depart the school at 8:15 AM – reasonable.

Visas, immigration forms

Visitors of most nationalities enter Japan on a tourist visa.

“Disembarkation cards” are handed out on the airplane and are also available at immigration. Tick “tourism” and for “Intended address in Japan”, please write the SOIS school address (rather than write “homestay” and then be asked to provide each family’s address, which is time-consuming and problematic).

http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/re-ed/EDcard_leaf_en.pdf



Entry fee

- US\$200 for AISA member schools SIS and KIS (in US dollars, please)
- ¥21,000 for AISA member YIS (in yen, please)

Rosters, team photos, t-shirt orders, homestay preferences, coaches hotel

Roster form and photo folder in the usual shared Google Drive folder.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1raCbbi1kAZBGmL7VjEyQXjqdDMXxGdhK>

Rosters

- Math mania: 6 students
- Leadership: 4 students



Weather

Winter weather in Osaka is cold, usually dry but with a possibility of rain. The SOIS classrooms are heated, though the hallways may be colder than you are used to. Warm outdoor jackets, gloves, and stocking caps are recommended.

Special clothing need: swimming suit

We are planning a joint math mania / leadership group concluding activity in the Sabers swimming pool (indoor; heated). At least 3 students from each school (math mania and/or leadership students) should prepare to get wet. **Students, please bring a swim suit and towel.** Students can wear t-shirts, too, over their suits if they want to.

Water, food

- Tap water in Osaka is safe to drink if you want to fill up your own water bottles. Drinking fountains are located throughout the school.
- Snacks, drinks, and food can be purchased at nearby shops and convenience stores.
- There are many [restaurants and shops](#) near the school.
- Coaches will be provided with food and drink throughout the event.
- Friday night: coaches dinner.
- Saturday night: banquet meal.

Currency exchange

Currency exchange windows at KIX are few in number. To save time, please consider exchanging money at your home airport. There is no place near the school to exchange money; **please exchange currency at your departing airport or at KIX airport upon arrival.**

Costs

Prices in Japan are higher than those in South Korea. A typical fast food meal costs 800 yen. Taxi fare to/from the coaches hotel (10-minute drive) is approximately 1600 yen. Starbucks coffee, 500 yen. Visiting students will need money for some meals, shopping, and perhaps taxis and public transportation (which can cost up to 500 yen one-way) – please budget accordingly.

Personal safety

Theft and threats to personal safety are rare in Japan. Still, please protect your valuables.

Medical care

A nurse will be on duty. Quality hospitals and clinics are nearby.

Transportation

- SOIS ([access](#)) is located in a very safe suburban area in the city of [Minoh](#), 45 minutes from central Osaka City by public transportation.
- Public transportation in Japan is excellent and easy (though more expensive than Korea). Visiting players and coaches will be provided with a set of directions to the school for use with taxi drivers.
- Players will have little time to venture far from the school during the day other than to walk to nearby restaurants and food shops. Students will travel to and from school with their homestay buddies, usually by car or on foot, or by public transportation.

★ ADs and coaches: Be sure to budget money for taxis rides to/from the hotel and school.

Homestays

SOIS families look forward to hosting visiting students from overseas.

- Our families live in small houses or apartments. Visiting students can expect a clean, comfortable, welcoming homestay experience, though in homes smaller and less private than they might be used to. For example, visiting students might sleep on the floor on Japanese-style futons, sharing a room with a teammate or host buddy. Usually, there will be only one shower used by all members of the household.
- SOIS homestay host students are fluent or very capable English speakers as are most – though not all – parents.
- Most families – though not all – are able to provide private vehicle transportation to school. Some visiting students will travel via public transportation with homestay buddies (which can cost up to 500 yen one-way) – please budget accordingly.
- The SOIS community is spread far and wide; we will try to house students near the school, but this might not always be possible.

Visiting students should:

- be respectful and helpful to the host family;
- communicate clearly with the family, especially about schedules, meeting places, meals;
- show appreciation of the host family's support, without which the event would not run.

Curfew calls

- As with all AISA events, curfew is set at 10:00 PM. Each coach is responsible each night for contacting his/her students to ensure that they have arrived safely and on time at the homestay families' homes.
- Coaches/directors will have their own or will rent cell phones – or a SIM card – while in the host country. If renting a cell phone or SIM card, please do so at the airport.

Visiting coaches/directors must contact their students or homestay hosts at 10:00 each night to confirm that the students are in the host family homes. Contact may be made by voice (by phone) to the homestay host parents or by video (e.g., via Facetime or Skype) directly to a player if the player can visually verify via video his/her presence at the host family home. (Coaches must not contact players only by text or by voice; they must be able to confirm the players' locations.)

Showers, laundry

Showers and changing rooms are at the school (and at the host family's home, of course). Host families will provide towels, soap and shampoo, and will help with laundry.

Event t-shirts

T-shirts must be ordered in advance at a cost of approximately **1700 yen** (exact cost to be shared later; apologies for the higher costs in Japan). Please order the exact number and sizes via the shared Google Sheet roster form.

Coaches hotel

Coaches will stay at the [Senri Hankyu Hotel](#), located near the large [Senri-Chuo train station](#), a 10-minute taxi ride (1600 yen) from the school. Reservations will be made by SOIS. Approximate cost: 15,000 yen per night per person, breakfast included. It is assumed that all coaches will need single rooms (non-smoking; breakfast included, except for Sunday). Please advise if there is a change.

Coaches meetings

1. First meeting: Thursday evening, soon after arrival at SOIS.
2. Second meeting: Friday afternoon.
3. Post-event meeting: Saturday afternoon, upon completion of the events.

Coaches dinner

SOIS will host a coaches dinner Friday evening at a restaurant in the city. We hope everyone can attend as it is a good way to spend friendly, non-competitive time together. It is assumed that all coaches will attend the coaches dinner; please advise otherwise, and please advise if a vegetarian meal is needed.

Awards

Math Mania awards will be presented after completion of the events. Leadership students will attend this presentation.

Banquet

The banquet will be held after Saturday early evening after the awards presentation.



The entire SOIS Sabers community looks forward to hosting your students and coaches for this event. Please contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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SOIS school websites

- www.senri.ed.jp
- sabers.senri.ed.jp
- Info for visiting teams:
<http://sabers.senri.ed.jp/visiting-teams.html>



SOIS school administrators

- Senri International School head: Ms. Mayumi Ito
- Osaka International School head: Mr. Bill Kralovec
- SIS MS/HS principals: Ms. Frances Namba and Mr. Mamoru Tanaka
- OIS MS/HS principal: Mr. Kurt Mecklem

