Press Release

IUNS selected TOKYO as the host city for 22nd International Congress of Nutrition (ICN) in 2021

The Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau (TCVB) announces a winning bid for the 22nd International Congress of Nutrition in 2021, selected from among the other candidates – Beijing and Dublin – at the general assembly held during the 20th ICN in Granada, Spain, on the 18th of September. This selection marks the first time the congress is to be held in Tokyo, and the second time in Japan, following the 10th congress in Kyoto back in 1975. About 4,500 nutrition scientists, researchers and students from 120 countries are expected to participate.

The Japanese Bid Committee for the ICN2021 was organized by the IUNS subcommittee of the Science Council of Japan (SCJ), the Japan Society of Nutrition and Food (JSNFS), and the Japanese Society of Nutrition and Dietetics (JSND). TCVB had been closely involved in the bidding activity for a year, right up to the final announcement.

Professor Hisanori Kato of the University of Tokyo, chair of the bid committee, made a final presentation with TCVB at the 20th ICN general assembly on the 16th of September, proposing the congress theme as “The Power of Nutrition: For the Smiles of 10 Billion People.” In the presentation, Prof. Kato passionately stated that the power of nutrition and the ICN congress in Tokyo will inspire 10 billion people of today and future generation in this ever-expanding world to smile, and concluded with “We have everything to host a most successful and unforgettable ICN.”

In a very competitive bidding process, the Japanese Bid Committee’s well-organized congress plan – including solid budget plan, support for young researchers and Tokyo’s great facilities for the congress – was evaluated highly. Along with support letters from the Prime Minister of Japan, other government bodies, and organizations, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government contributed to a successful bid by promising to provide – through TCVB – a subsidy and, in kind, support for sightseeing tours and street banners on the ICN2021. The ICN and host city Tokyo will be signing a formal agreement for the congress in the near future.

When announced that “The destination for ICN2021 is Tokyo!” the members of the bidding committee were noticeably filled with both joy and excitement. The theme, which is a dream of nutritionists the world over, will be put to great use at the 22nd ICN2021 in Tokyo.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau will continue supporting the SCJ, JSNFD, and JSND to deliver a successful and unforgettable 22nd ICN2021 Tokyo.
Bid Committee and supporting partners after successful bid in Granada

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**About International Congress of Nutrition (ICN)**
The ICN Congress is held once every four years and features parallel sessions of nutritional study, scientific poster sessions, workshops, discussions, and a large exhibition of products and services. The main objectives of the congress are to deliver the latest research on nutrition and dietaries, and to further knowledge and build relationships among members and throughout nutrition sectors around the world.