From Narita Airport to Yokohama Station

Most European flights land at Narita.

Take JR Narita Express.

There are two terminals. But no matter which one you land, go one floor down when you go through the customs and go to JR (Japan Rail) ticket counter. There are two railways; JR and Keisei. Be sure to go to JR ticket counter and buy Narita Express train ticket to Yokohama.

Narita Express is a train for airport passengers only and all seats are reserved. This is the easiest way and you can avoid traffic jams. There are luggage spaces and public phones on the train. Narita Express (NEX for short) leaves Narita Airport at 30 minute intervals. And it takes about 2 hours. But it stops only at major terminals. And there are English announcements. (www.jreast.co.jp/e/nex/)　jreast stands for JR East.

I strongly advise you to avoid using airport bus from Narita to Yokohama (YCAT). You cannot predict how much time you need to get to Yokohama.

Buy Suica Card at JR ticket counter at Narita

And at JR ticket counter, I strongly advise you to buy SUICA card. This is an e-money card (www.jreast.co.jp/e/pass/suica.html) and you can get on and off just swiping the card. You don't have to worry about how to buy a ticket at automatic ticket machines. You can get on and off all transportations in Yokohama and in Tokyo. You can charge any amount you like. And if you would like to buy things with this card, I would suggest you charge 5,000 yen. If you don't use the amount, you can ask them to pay you back. But remember 500 yen is charged for a Suica card. You can buy drinks, other small things, etc at the stations with this card. Just swipe it. That's all.

From Yokohama Station to Your Hotel

Please google or bing "Hotels near Yamashita Park, Yokohama" to reserve a hotel near the conference site, which is just across Yamashita Park. The Conference site is 9th floor of Yokohama Industry and Trade Center (Sangyo Boeki Center in Japanese) and it is called Yokohama Symposia. Many hotels, expensive to budget, are located near Yamashita Park. And you can walk to the conference site Yokohama Symposia on foot. There are many people enjoying walking in Yamashita Park.

If you are traveling light and would like to take a subway "Minato-Mirai Line" from Yokohama

Station, it is only several stops (5 minutes or so) to the subway station near your hotel. In fact, even if you keep on riding to the end of the line of Minato Mirai Line, i.e, Motomachi-Chukagai Station and get off there, you can walk to your hotel within less than 20 minutes on foot. (www.mm21railway.co.jp/global/English)

Our Conference will be held at Yokohama Industry and Trade Center, which is very close to Nihon Odori Station, Minato Mirai Line. And it is close to (10 minute walk away) International Passenger Terminal Osanbashi (www.osanbashi.com/en/)

If you prefer to travel easy, then take a taxi from Yokohama Station. It does not cost much.

Getting to Conference Site, Yokohama Symposia

You can take a subway Minato-Mirai Line, if you will stay at a hotel near Yokohama Station and would like to commute by subway (only 5 minute or so). Then get off at Odori Station. We will upload directions with pictures how you can get to Yokohama Industry and Trade Center soon.

But I strongly advise you to stay at a hotel near Yamashita Park. The views are superb and you can enjoy walking or jogging. In fact, it is only 20 minutes on foot if you stay at a hotel most distant away from Yamashita Park, if the hotel is listed as hotels near Yamashita Park.

From Haneda Airport to Yokohama City Air Terminal (YCAT)

The number of European flights is small, which land at Haneda.

Although there are train services, but unless you know well how to get around, you will be lost. Most probably me, too. So I strongly advise you to take an airport shuttle bus from Haneda to Yokohama City Air Terminal (YCAT). (www.ycat.co.jp/en/). Please consider traffic jam. The time on the web is the ideal one (just like our data in our papers).

Questions?

Feel free to ask me, Shu at shufukuda@gmail.com. I am here to help you.