

## Information for the Excursion to Ohara

### Departure:

13:30 (SHARP!!) at Kyoto University, the main entrance of the Clock Tower Centennial Hall (the same building as the conference rooms). Please get on one of the five buses.

### Route and schedule:

14:30 arrive at Ohara Sanzen-in Temple  
16:00 depart from Sanzen-in Temple  
16:10 arrive at Jakko-in Temple  
17:00 depart from Jakko-in Temple  
17:30 arrive at Kitayama Monolith (the banquet place)  
(Subject to change. Please follow instruction of the staff in your bus.)

### Notes:

- Please follow the guide and announcement by the conference staff. A young graduate student will serve as a guide staff for each bus.
- There will be a sign of “Subaru Gemini Conference” at the front of each bus.
- Tickets for admission to the temples will be given from the organizer to participants on the day of excursion.
- When you get lost or miss your bus: there are public bus transportation from the town of Ohara, for Kyoto Station or Kokusai-Kaikan. The Kokusai-Kaikan is closely connected to the banquet place by the city subway. The Ohara bus terminal is within a walking distance from the two temples that we will visit.
- See the backside for the map including the two temples and the Ohara bus terminal.

### Brief Introduction:

Ohara is a small town in the north suburban area of Kyoto city. It is a very popular sightseeing spot because it preserves rich nature and country-side atmosphere, with excellent temples. We will visit two Buddhism temples of Sanzen-in and Jakko-in.

#### -Sanzen-in temple:

The highlight of the Ohara town. The origin of Sanzen-in dates back to 8<sup>th</sup> century, and it came to this place in 1871. There also had been another temple from 12<sup>th</sup> century in this place, and it is now a part of Sanzen-in. There is the Amida-Sanzon Buddhism statue, which is a national treasure of Japan. Enjoy the beautiful garden as well. Around this big temple, there are small lovely temples such as Hosen-in, Shorin-in, and Jikko-in temples. We encourage you to explore also these temples, if the time allows. (The admission tickets given by the organizer do NOT cover these temples, and please purchase by yourself.)

#### -Jakko-in temple:

They say that the temple was founded in 594 by Prince Shotoku, but this temple is even more famous by the close relation to Kenrei-Monin, who is the mother of a tragic emperor who died at age of only 5 years old by losing a war in 12<sup>th</sup> century. The story is so famous by the Japanese traditional epic, “The Tale of Heike” that describes the nation-wide war in 12<sup>th</sup> century. The main hall of this temple was unfortunately lost by fire in 2000, but still you can enjoy its beautiful garden and a silent and modest atmosphere, which is something like very Kyoto.

# The Map of Ohara, Kyoto

