Travel Information for VQEG Tokyo Meeting

Hotel reservations
The September 25-29 VQEG meeting will be held at Garden Air Tower (GAT), which is KDDI headquarters building located at downtown Tokyo. There are two hotels within walking distance from GAT.

1. Hotel Metropolitan Edmont (http://www.edmont.co.jp)
   Iidabashi 3-10-8, Chiyoda City, Tokyo
   Regular rate: JPY 18,480~/ Internet reservation rate: JPY 12,600~
   This hotel is located just adjacent to GAT; it takes less than one minute. This hotel doesn’t give KDDI discounts to the guests (only for employees), but offers special rates if you make a reservation from the web page. However, the reservation web page is written in Japanese. So, if you hope to stay this hotel, please contact me. Then I’ll tell you the exact rates and make a reservation on behalf of you.

2. Tokyo Dome Hotel (http://www.tokyodome-hotels.co.jp),
   Koraku 1-3-61, Bunkyo City, Tokyo
   Regular rate: JPY 19,000~/ KDDI corporate rate: JPY 11,000~
   This hotel is located 5 minutes away from GAT by walk. KDDI rate can be applied to the guests only when KDDI employees make a reservation on behalf of the guests (if you directly call a reservation desk of this hotel, the regular rate will be applied). So, if you hope to stay this hotel at KDDI rate, please contact me.

It seems that some foreign Internet travel agencies give special discounts for these hotels, so I recommend that you also check the best available rate at the Internet sites.

Transportation
Japan Railways (JR) train map around Tokyo: http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/info/map_a4ol.pdf
The closest train station from GAT is Suidobashi station. It takes about one hour from Narita Airport. I recommend taking Narita Express at airport and going to Tokyo station. At Tokyo station, you will change to the Chuo line and go to Ochanomizu station (second station from Tokyo). Then you will change to the Sobu local line and get off at Suidobashi (next station of Ochanomizu). It takes just 6 minutes from Tokyo to Suidobashi and the train fare from Narita is 2940JPY.
For other ground transportations, please check http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/access/index.html. (I don’t recommend driving a car in downtown Tokyo; traffic is always crowded and there are no enough parking around the meeting place, and even there are parking space, parking fee may be very expensive.)

If you have any question about traveling to Tokyo, please contact me (sugimoto@kddilabs.jp).

Yours sincerely,
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