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Thank you for registering for the 16th Suzuki Method World Convention. Approximately, 5,500 participants will be attending this convention which will make it the largest Suzuki Method World Convention held so far.

With such a large number of participants coming to Matsumoto, the Talent Education Research Institute along with the Nippon Travel Agency has decided to send out information periodically through our "Mail Magazine" to help make your visit to Matsumoto go smoothly and be more enjoyable. In this "Mail Magazine" we will give you the latest information updates, offer information about things that you should know before you arrive, and inform you about things that you will need to do to attend. Therefore, we would like to ask you to read each one of our "Mail Magazines" and carefully take note of any of the important information that is included in it.

In this first issue of our "Mail Magazine" we would like to tell you a little about the city of Matsumoto. Matsumoto is about 500 meters above sea level, and it is surrounded in all four directions by mountains. The air here in the winter is very dry and there is a big climate difference between morning and night. In March, the average temperature is between -2 degrees centigrade to 10 degrees centigrade.

The venues that we will be using for the World Convention are spread out in different areas of Matsumoto. Therefore, we highly recommend that you consider getting a shuttle bus ticket. For example, the distance between Agata no Mori or Shuho Secondary School (where some of the morning lessons will be held) and the Matsumoto City Gym (where we will have the large afternoon group lessons) is over 3 kilometers. It would take at least an hour to walk there; and since it is uphill the entire way, it could take a bit longer. If you have not yet ordered a shuttle bus ticket, it is still possible to order one on the registration site. We strongly suggest that you order it soon.

Even if you do use our shuttle buses we would suggest that you wear shoes that are comfortable to walk in and that are easy to take on and off. Japan is a country whose customs do require you to take your shoes off when entering a building, so you will be taking your shoes off and be putting them on often. The areas around buildings are not always paved, so good walking shoes would be recommended.

Also, if you have not yet reserved the bus from Narita to Matsumoto or from Matsumoto to Shinjuku and would like to take the World Convention Bus, you need to make your reservations soon. These buses need to be reserved in advance, so we will only be taking reservations for these

buses up until the end of January. Please take note of the deadline, and reserve the bus that you would like to take on the registration website before the end of January.

If you have any questions, please look at the Suzuki Method World Convention website. And if your answer is not there, you may direct your question to 16thwc@suzukimethod.or.jp