

AQUAPOLIS

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**International
Conference of
Aquapolises**

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The 5th International Conference of Aquapolises (ICAP) Busan Metropolitan City, South Korea from May 21 to 23, 2008

Busan City will be hosting the 5th International Conference of Aquapolises (ICAP) from May 21 to 23, 2008 at Nurimaru APEC House and BEXCO. Theme will be "For a Sustainable Aquapolis." About 100 participants, including mayors, experts, from around 30 aquapolis cities throughout the world are expected to attend the Conference. ICAP in Busan will offer an opportunity to build a green image and enhance the status of Busan as a global city.

ICAP is an international conference of delegates from world cities, each with their own unique culture and history formed by the harmonious coexistence of water and greenery. ICAP held its first conference in Osaka, Japan in 1990, with participation from 33 cities in 23 countries; the second conference was held in Shanghai, China, with delegates from 28 cities in 22 countries; the third was in Piraeus, Greece, attended by 22 cities in 11 countries, and the fourth in Osaka, Japan again, with participation from 55 cities in 22 countries.

The objective of ICAP is to create (1) cities of harmonious coexistence between nature and humans, (2) comfortable cities rich in water and greenery, and (3) beautiful cities created by redeveloping waterfront and greenery spaces.

Major events, by daily schedule, are as follows:

Day 1 (May 21 at Nurimaru APEC House): Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speech and Welcome Reception

Day 2 (May 22 at BEXCO): Experts' Sessions, Briefing Session on Investment Attractions to Busan City, Adoption of Joint Declaration Statement and Closing Ceremony

Day 3 (May 23): Farewell Ceremony

- An exhibition on water and the environment will be held in conjunction with the conference.

A detailed schedule and information on participation conditions will be forwarded to you separately by Busan City.



■ Busan Port

Message from the Mayor of Busan

■ Welcome Address

On behalf of the citizens of Busan, I am pleased to welcome you, honorable citizens, public servants, and experts from aquapolices around the world, to the 2008 ICAP in Busan!

An international convention city that successfully hosted the 2005 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting, Busan last year was selected as one of the top ten Asian convention cities by the Union of International Associations (UIA).



Busan is blessed by the beautiful harmony of its natural surroundings, its rivers, mountains and sea. To further progress as a logistics hub of Northeast Asia with the world's fifth largest container port, port redevelopment projects are continuing, as is the creation of a new logistics infrastructure, including a distribution park, new port, free economic zone and waterfront areas.

Considerable efforts have been made to improve the management of water resources to come up with measures to more effectively combat the global water crisis. Furthermore, the city government, together with citizens' networks, is working to make Busan a more beautiful city with a clean waterfront, more parks and other green spaces. The city government is taking the initiative in expanding waterfront areas, restoring rivers, and preserving the wetlands and eco-systems of the river estuary.

Busan Metropolitan City Government is fully committed to the goal of making the 2008 International Conference of Aquapolises as successful and as fruitful as possible. We are ready to share with you the knowledge and experience of all our efforts to create an environmentally friendly city, where humans and nature can co-exist in harmony. We cordially invite you, leaders of global aquapolises, to the 2008 ICAP here in Busan.

I look forward to meeting you in Busan in May 2008.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'HUR, Nam-sik'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

HUR, Nam-sik
Mayor, Busan Metropolitan City

Introduction to venues for 5th ICAP

■ BEXCO

BEXCO opened in 2001 with the vision, "Aim to the top exhibition & convention center in Northeast Asia". As a member of many affiliations including ICCA, PATA, and PCMA, BEXCO has experienced various international events.



■ BEXCO

Major World-Class Event Experiences (incl. scheduled ones)

August	2008	World Harp Congress
May	2007	World Aquaculture
Aug.29-Sep.1	2006	The 14th ILO Asian Regional Meeting
November	2006	UNESCAP Ministerial Conference on Transport
November	2005	2005APEC Economic Leader's Meeting
September	2005	World Electrochemical Seminar
Sep.7~11	2004	ITU Telecom Asia
October	2003	ICCA General Assembly & Congress
August	2002	Busan Asian Game Main Media Center
December	2002	FIFA World-cup Korea/Japan Final Draw
August	2002	Busan Asian Game Main Media Center

■ Nurimaru APEC House

APEC House, where the APEC Summit took place, is located on Dongbaek Island close to Haeundae beach, and about one kilometer away from BEXCO. Its major features include a theater-style conference room that accommodates 480 people, a banquet hall that can sit 360 people, and ten simultaneous interpretation booths.



■ 21APEC Summit Leaders



■ Nurimaru APEC House

■ The 5th ICAP Secretariat Busan City

For further details on the 5th ICAP, contact the 5th ICAP Secretariat, Busan City.

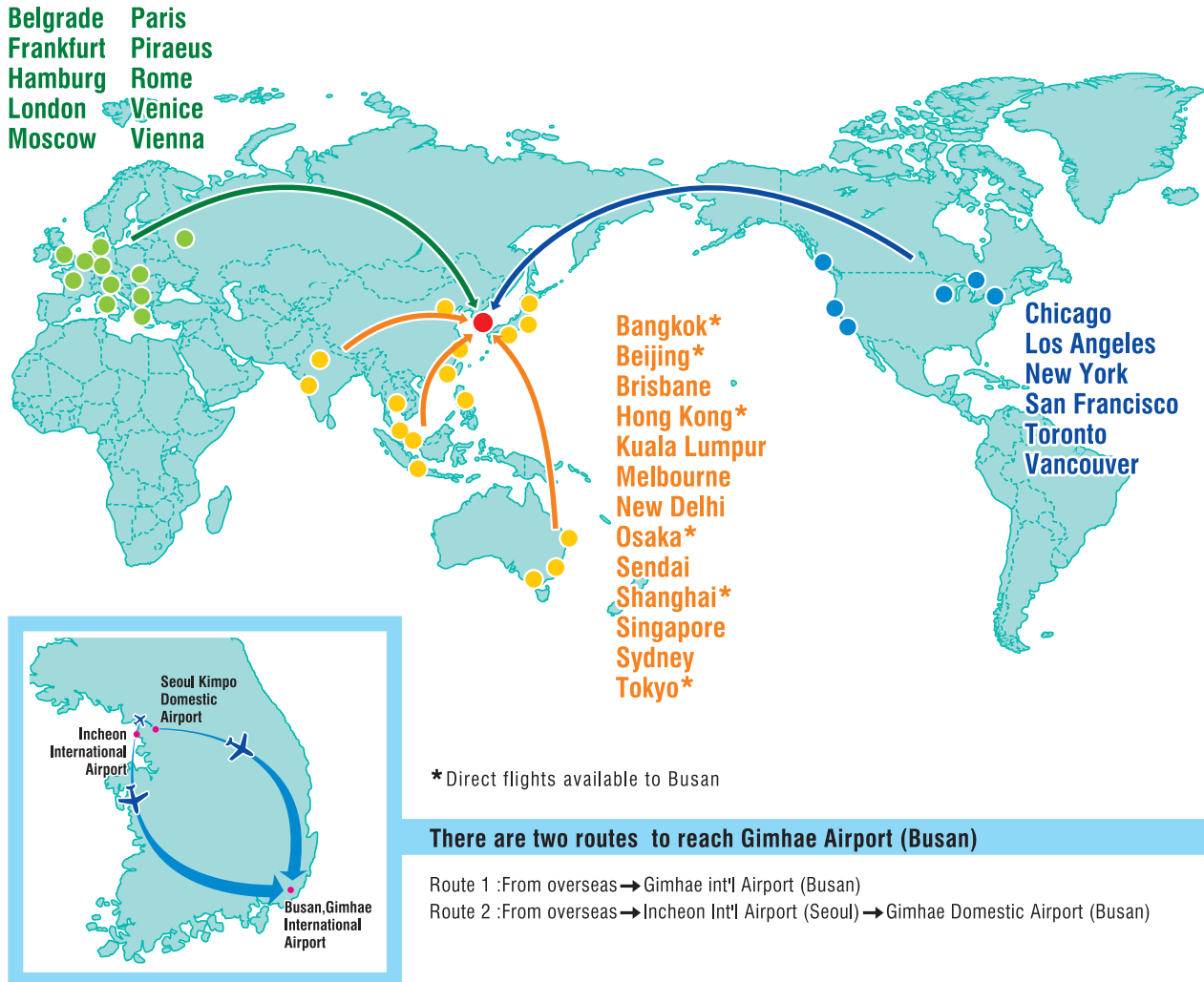
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Access to Busan

Access to Busan has increasingly become easier in recent years. Many direct flights are in service to South Korea (Seoul) from major cities around the world, and also to Busan from a variety of major Asian cities.



Information from ICAP Secretariat

In Aquapolis No. 8, issued in February 2006, we had announced that the 5th ICAP would be held in 2007, but following consultation with Busan City the schedule has been changed to May, 2008. We sincerely apologize for this late notice to each member city, and ask your continued cooperation with ICAP.

We also would like to inform you that the Chief of the ICAP Secretariat has changed, as follows:

New Chief of ICAP Secretariat: Satoshi Fukui (Director for Rivers, Sewerage and Rivers Division, Public Works Bureau, Osaka Municipal Government)

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