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Ministry of Finance

## **G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meeting, Sendai Press Guidelines**

The G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meeting, Sendai will be held on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Hotel Sakan (<http://www.sakan-net.co.jp/en/>) in the Akiu area, suburb of Sendai. Please note that only pre-accredited press will be able to access the venue and cover the meeting. Please refer to further details below.

### 1. Meeting Schedule

May 19 (Thu.)	PM	Welcome Reception hosted by City of Sendai (Sendai International Center)
		Photo Session (Sendai Castle Site)
May 20 (Fri.)	AM	G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meeting (Hotel Sakan)
	PM	*Field Trip to the sites of reconstruction from the Great East Japan Earthquake (Arahama Elementary School & Minami-Gamo Wastewater Treatment Plant) is planned.
May 21 (Sat.)	AM	G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meeting (Hotel Sakan)
	PM	Presidency Press Conference (Hotel Sakan)

### 2. Press Accreditation

In order to cover the meeting, pre-registration is mandatory to obtain a press badge, which will allow you to access the venue. Members of the press who wish to cover the meeting should complete the registration form available on the website.

You will not be able to access the meeting venue or Press Center if you fail to make or complete pre-registration. Please note that everyone who enters the venues, including assistants, drivers, etc. must complete the registration.

When registering, the following items are required:

- a) Facial color photo
- b) Valid ID card showing your name and photo
- c) Letter of assignment or certificate of employment from your organization.

For details, please visit the press registration website page.

- URL: [https://g7sendai2016-reg.jp/press\\_e/new2.php](https://g7sendai2016-reg.jp/press_e/new2.php)
- Submission deadline: 6:00 P.M. (JST), Thursday, April 14, 2016

### 3. Press ID badge

Once you have been accredited for the meeting, a press ID badge will be distributed at the Press Center in Iwanumaya. For security reasons, the ID badge must be worn and visible at all times. Please note that you will not be able to cover the meeting in the designated locations for



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accredited media if you do not have your ID badge with you.

There is no onsite registration. Also, ID badges will not be reissued in case of loss.

- ID badge distribution: 1:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 18, 2016  
9:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M., Thursday, May 19, 2016  
8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M., Friday, May 20, 2016  
8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M., Saturday, May 21, 2016

#### 4. Press Center

The Press Center is located at Iwanumaya (<http://www.iwanumaya.co.jp/en/>) and is equipped with internet access (wired and wireless) and several printers.

The opening hours of the Press Center are as follows:

- Opening hours: 1:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 18, 2016  
9:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M., Thursday, May 19, 2016  
7:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M., Friday, May 20, 2016  
7:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M., Saturday, May 21, 2016

#### 5. Press Coverage Opportunities

Press coverage opportunities and types of coverage available will be announced later. Please make sure to follow the instructions of the organizer at all times with regard to coverage activities during the meeting period. In case you fail to do so, you may be asked to leave the venue and your accreditation may be invalidated.

#### 6. Press Conference

The Presidency Press Conference is planned to take place after the meeting at Hotel Sakan. No one will be permitted to access the venue without a Press ID badge. If you are interested in covering Press Conferences held by countries other than Japan, please contact the country or organization directly.

#### 7. Shuttle Bus

There is a shuttle bus service from Sendai station to the Press Center. The timetable will be posted on the website prior to the meeting.

We highly recommend using the shuttle bus service as the roads in the Akiu area are expected to be heavily congested due to vehicle security checks by the police.

#### 8. Accommodation

You will receive an automatic email after completion of your on-line accreditation application. In the email, you will find a link to the dedicated website for reserving hotel accommodation in the surrounding area. Members of the press are requested to follow the instructions and make reservations through this website.



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We highly recommend staying at the hotels in the Akiu area as the roads in the Akiu area are expected to be heavily congested due to vehicle security checks by the police.

### 9. Visa

In addition to a valid passport, some foreign nationals are required to obtain a visa, issued by the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in your country, to enter Japan. For more information, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan or contact the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in your country.

- URL: [http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/)

### 10. Special Programs hosted by City of Sendai

Tours are planned for members of the press to visit sites where you can see the progress of reconstruction after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami as well as experience all that Sendai and the Akiu area have to offer.

On May 18 and 19, tours are planned that will offer you an advance view of the same destinations planned for the Ministers.

At the Welcome Reception on May 19, after the press coverage part of the event is finished, all members of the press are invited to stay and enjoy the reception, which will feature entertainment and delicious specialties from the Sendai.

In addition, on the evening of May 20, 'Akiu Festival' will be held near the Press Center. All members of the press are welcome to attend. You can enjoy traditional performing arts and local cuisine. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

- URL: <http://g7sendai.com/en/> (2016 Promotional Committee for the 2016 G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meeting, Sendai)

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