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1st announcement of Quark Matter 2015

(January 9th, 2015)  
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Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to announce that the 25th International Conference on Ultra-Relativistic Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions (Quark Matter 2015) will be held in Kobe, Japan, on September 27-October 3, 2015.

The conference will take place in the "Kobe Fashion Mart" Convention Center located in Kobe. Quark Matter 2015 will consist of 5 1/2 days of conference, starting at 9:00 am on Monday, September 28, and ending at 12:30 pm on Saturday, October 3. The conference is preceded by a Student Day taking place from 9 am to 4 pm on Sunday, September 27, at the same place.

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Scientific Topics  
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The scientific program of the conference will include the following topics:

- \* QCD at High Temperature
- \* Baryon Rich QCD Matter
- \* QGP in Small Systems
- \* Initial State Physics and Approach to Equilibrium
- \* Jets and High pT hadrons
- \* Open Heavy Flavors and Strangeness
- \* Quarkonia
- \* Electromagnetic Probes
- \* Collective Dynamics
- \* Correlations and Fluctuations
- \* Quark Matter in Astrophysics
- \* Relations to Other Strongly Coupled Systems
- \* New Theoretical Developments
- \* Future Experimental Facilities, Upgrades, and Instrumentation

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Conference web site  
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The conference web site is <http://qm2015.riken.jp>  
The information will be continuously updated.

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Registration and Conference Fee  
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Registration for the conference will be possible through the conference web site starting on April 27, 2015.  
The conference fee is 60000 yen for payments made prior to August 7, and 75000 yen after that date.  
The payment will be available on-line from the QM15 web page.

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Accommodation  
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A number of rooms are available in various hotels in Kobe City (less than 30 min. using public transportations) and Rokko island (walking distance). A list of the hotels with further details will be made available on the web site by the second announcement on April 27, 2015.

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About Kobe  
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Kobe is the sixth-largest city in Japan and is the capital city of Hyogo Prefecture on the southern side of the main island of Honshu, approximately 30 km (19 mi) west of Osaka on the north shore of Osaka Bay.  
With a population of about 1.5 million, the city is part of the Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe metropolitan area along with Osaka and Kyoto.

See more from  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kobe>  
Also see the QM15 YouTube video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HitoPV7euTU&feature=youtu.be>

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Travel to the conference venue  
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57 min. from Kansai International Airport  
60 min. from Osaka International Airport  
20 min. from Kobe Airport  
42 min. from Shin-Osaka train station  
33 min. from Shin-Kobe train station

Also, the venue can be reached from Tokyo area  
(Narita Int. Airport or Haneda Int. Airport)  
by domestic flights or  
by Shinkansen super-express trains.

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Visa information  
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Conference participants are requested to familiarize themselves  
with visa requirements well in advance of the conference.  
Letters of invitation for visa purposes will be available upon  
request for registered conference participants.  
Please address requests to [qm2015@riken.jp](mailto:qm2015@riken.jp)

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Support for young participants  
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There will be the possibility of financial support via  
fellowships for a number of students and participants  
within two years of the completion of their Ph.D.  
Applications for fellowships can be submitted via the  
conference web site starting on April 6, 2015 until  
July 10, 2015. Further details including the information  
on inexpensive accommodations will be made available on  
the web site.

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Child care  
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We are considering the possibility to offer child-care  
services for moderate cost during the conference in  
case there is sufficient demand. Interested participants are  
encouraged to contact us ([qm2015@riken.jp](mailto:qm2015@riken.jp)) immediately,  
providing the number and age of the children. At present  
we are just polling your need. Further information about this  
potential program will be circulated with the second announcement.

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Important Dates  
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1st announcement: January 9, 2015  
2nd announcement: April 27, 2015  
Early registration: April 27 - August 7, 2015  
Registration deadline: September 20, 2015  
Student support applications: April 27 - July 10, 2015  
Abstract submission: May 14 - June 27, 2015  
Notification for contributed talks: July 14, 2015  
Notification for student supports: July 20, 2015  
Student Day: September 27, 2015  
Conference dates: September 28 - October 3, 2015

Sincerely yours,

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Tetsuo Hatsuda (Co-Chair)  
Quark Matter 2015 Local Organizing Committee