

## INTERFINISH 2020 20th Interfinish World Congress

Our first three international conferences held in the 1930s involved only three countries: Great Britain, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Although the word Interfinish may have been used informally, neither it nor the word Congress was yet used formally. In 1945, after the end of World War II, Simon Wernick began to make international contacts, primarily in Europe and the USA. The possibility of an international congress had been encouraged, but the Fourth Congress eventually took place in London in 1954. There, the word Interfinish was used formally for the first time. The countries involved have included Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and the USA. Along with the subsequent expansion in air travel, it was anticipated that future Congresses would have even greater support.

Since then, the series has continued at four-year intervals without interruption at the following venues.

- 1-3 1934-38 in Great Britain, Netherlands, and Belgium
- 4 1954 London
- 5 1959 Detroit
- 6 1964 London
- 7 1968 Hanover
- 8 1972 Basel
- 9 1976 Amsterdam
- 10 1980 Kyoto
- 11 1984 Jerusalem
- 12 1988 Paris
- 13 1992 Sao Paulo
- 14 1996 Birmingham
- 15 2000 Garmisch Partenkirchen
- 16 2004 Chicago
- 17 2008 Busan
- 18 2012 Milan
- 19 2016 Beijing
- 20 2020 Nagoya

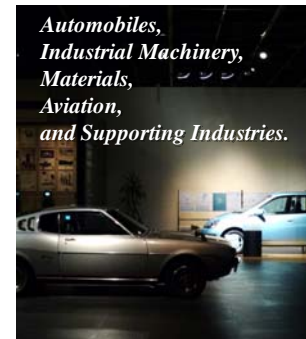
## Welcome to Nagoya

Nagoya, located at the center of the Japanese archipelago, is the fourth largest city in Japan, with 2.3 million residents. The city has been especially defined by its history since the establishment of Nagoya Castle in 1612. Nagoya Castle, best-known for the beautiful golden dolphins adorning the main ridges of castle roofs, was constructed on the orders of Ieyasu Tokugawa, the first Shogun (military ruler of Japan) during the 300 year long Edo period. During the rule of the Tokugawa family, the infrastructure of Nagoya was improved as a castle city. Culture blossomed to include Noh, Kyogen, and the tea ceremony. The traditional technology for creating Japanese clocks, which are hand-made and sophisticated precision instruments, led to the development of elaborate “karakuri” automatons. This traditional technology combined with the Nagoya craftsman spirit evolved to the modern Japanese monozukuri (manufacturing of products) technology.

Nagoya area is the largest center of manufacturing industry in Japan. The value of manufactured goods shipments in 2014 was 430 billion US\$, accounting for 14.4% of Japan’s total, and ranked as No. 1 in Japan. For this region, the shipment value of manufactured goods is dominated by transportation equipment such as automobile and aircraft parts, accounting for 55%. Toyota Motor Corp. and



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many large auto parts makers are located in this area. Mitsubishi Aircraft Corp. has started producing its first domestic jet aircraft, MRJ. Rockets to launch satellites and various robots are also targets of the manufacturing industry in the Nagoya area. Surface technology is closely related to all of those products.

Nagoya’s beauty, history, and modernity exist in a harmony that attracts all generations. Today, Nagoya continues to draw attention and develop as an international city.

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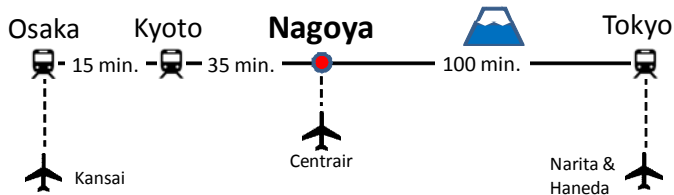


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**Location**



**Access to Nagoya**



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