

## Preparatory Status Report for the 2010 Autumn Meeting

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Meeting Venue: Nara Prefectural New Public Hall, Nara, Japan



Nara was the capital of Japan from 710 to 784, and in the year 2010 the Nara city will hold a big festival to celebrate its 1300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The city has many historical shrines and temples containing national treasures. Several tourist spots such as Kofukuji temple, Todaiji temple, Kasuga shrine are within walking distance from the hall. The hall can be reached by about 10-15 minutes walk from the city center of Nara.

(Preliminary) Meeting Date: December 7<sup>th</sup> (Tue) – 11<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 2010

Note: Since the hall is a public facility and is run by the Nara prefecture, the hall is closed for Mondays.

Room booking: At present two large rooms (up to about 150 people) and one small meeting room (primarily for LOC and IVOA exec meeting) are booked. Each large room can be divided into two smaller rooms for parallel sessions.

Access: There are direct busses between the Kansai international airport and the center of Nara. It takes about 36 minutes between Kyoto and Nara by the Kintetsu express trains.

Accommodation: I have requested to three travel agencies if it is possible to book (a) reasonable hotel(s) for 100 people within a walking distance. I have not yet received all answers on this request.