

21st NAOTA CONFERENCE
October 21, 2024 – October 24, 2024
La Jolla, California USA

The 21st NAOTA conference will be held from October 21st to October 24th, 2024 in La Jolla California USA. The conference is hosted by the San Diego Sakura Chapter, led by Chairperson Jackie Zhang and Co-chair Naomi Goking.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

INSTRUCTORS

The instructors for the conference will be Headmaster Hiroki Ohara assisted by Associate Professor Satoshi Hirota.

VENUE

San Diego Marriott La Jolla 4240 La Jolla Village Drive La Jolla, CA 92037 858-587-1414

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, October 21st : Registration from 10 am to 12 pm & 12:30 pm – 2 pm

Demonstration by Headmaster Hiroki Ohara will be from 3 - 5 pm on **Monday**, Oct 21st

Welcome Banquet will be at 7 pm.

Tuesday, October 22st to Thursday, October 24th : Three days Workshops & Lunch
Workshops: Morning (9:00 am to noon) and Afternoon (1:30 pm to 4:30 pm).
Lunch is provided all three days from 12 – 1:30 pm.

Thursday, October 24th

Certificate Ceremony: Following the Afternoon workshops from 4:30 – 4:50 pm.

General Meeting: A NAOTA General Meeting is scheduled for 4:50 pm on **Thursday** following the Certificate Ceremony.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES

NAOTA will provide containers and floral materials. Participants must bring their own scissors, kenzans, wires, etc. Information about the types of kenzan needed will be provided at a later date.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

NAOTA has reserved a block of rooms at the San Diego Marriott La Jolla for the conference at a nightly rate of USD \$279 plus taxes. Reservations must be made before Friday, September 20, 2024. This rate is also available three days before and three days after the conference, subject to availability. This rate includes free wi-fi. Discounted overnight self-parking is available onsite for attendees at \$20 per day or day-use for \$10.

The room reservation telephone number and website link are not available yet. This information will follow in a separate email. The event name to use is NAOTA CONFERENCE Oct2024.

TRANSPORTATION

The nearest airport is San Diego International Airport (SAN) located approximately 14 miles or 20 minutes away. Taxi and Rideshare are recommended options.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

Enclosed are two Registration Forms – one for payment in US dollars, the other for Canadian dollars. Select one payment method, complete the corresponding Registration Form, and mail via **regular mail** with payment as instructed. Participants will be accepted to the conference based on the mailing date (postmark) of their conference Registration Form. Please do not send your Registration Form by overnight delivery or any method requiring a signature. No one will be available to sign for any delivery.

Your March 2024 – February 2026 NAOTA dues must be paid in order for your Registration Form to be processed.

Space is limited. Consider registering promptly to avoid disappointment.

Please review the following important information before sending in your registration form.

ENTERING U.S.A.

For those living outside of USA, we strongly recommend that you carefully monitor entry requirements into the USA to ensure that you will be able to attend the conference. The following USA government website provides detailed, up-to-date information about entry requirements into the USA:

[Travel | USAGov](#)

It will be your responsibility to make sure you comply with all entry requirements.

We also recommend that you check your health insurance coverage for validity in the USA. You may want to consider purchasing travel insurance as well.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The standard NAOTA conference cancellation policy will apply:

- Before July 22, 2024: full refund of conference fees.
- After July 22, 2024:
 - A full refund will be made if the slot can be filled by another NAOTA member on the waiting list.
- There is no partial refund if a workshop is not attended.

Should you need to cancel, please **email** NAOTA Treasurer Beth Bowers-Klaine beth.klaine@gmail.com