Direction to ICU

We hope the specific directions suggested below will help you find your way smoothly to campus. 

Please also check the following website: 

http://www.icu.ac.jp/english/access/index.html

FOR THOSE ARRIVING IN THE TOKYO AREA BY AIR

Travelers coming to the Tokyo area by air will arrive at the Narita International Airport or Haneda Airport. In either case, these instructions are intended to direct you FIRST either to SHINJUKU (新宿) or to TOKYO (東京) STATION (via JR: The Japan Railways), and THEN to ICU. Though the route to the ICU campus may seem long and complicated, we hope you will be patient and adventurous in getting acquainted with the extensive public transportation system of Tokyo.

A. From Narita International Airport (成田国際空港) to Musashisakai (武蔵境) Station

Narita International Airport (http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/index.html) is located some 60 kilometers (about 38 miles) east of downtown Tokyo. Accordingly, one has to expect that it will take from 90 to 120 minutes to get to downtown Tokyo. The following instructions are listed in order of the most convenient method of travel.

1. By Limousine Bus:
Taking a Limousine Bus is maybe the most convenient way for getting to Shinjuku/Kichijoji, although the time required will vary depending on the traffic. It takes 75 to 125 minutes to Shinjuku/Kichijoji Station and costs ¥3,000. After you get to the station, take a Chuo Line (中央線) train westward. After a ride of about 20 minutes (from Shinjuku) / 5 minutes (from Kichijoji) by rapid service, Kaisoku (快速), you will arrive at Musashisakai Station. Please note that special rapid (TokubetsuKaisoku / 特別快速) trains do not stop at Musashisakai Station.

2. By JR Train:
The simple and may be the fastest way to come into downtown Tokyo is to take a JR Narita Express. Trains run directly from Narita Airport to Shinjuku Station in about 85 minutes. All seats are reserved, and the fare to Shinjuku is around ¥3,110 (around ¥3,400 to Musashisakai). At Shinjuku Station, transfer to Chuo Line train westward as explained in 1 above.

3. By Keisei-Line Train:
The Keisei Railroad Company runs a special train called the Skyliner from Narita Airport Station to Nippori and Ueno in eastern Tokyo. The advantages of this route are its relative speed and lower price; its disadvantage is that Nippori Station is still quite far from Shinjuku Station on the Japan Railways line, so that additional train transfer is necessary.

• Skyliner Train to Nippori (日暮里):
Take the special Skyliner train from Narita Airport Station to Nippori Station, which is one stop before the last on this express train. The cost for this ride is ¥2,400, and required time for traveling is about 36 minutes. All seats on Skyliner are reserved.

• Nippori Station to Musashisakai Station:
From Nippori Station, take a Yamanote Line (山手線) train to Shinjuku and change to the Chuo Line westbound, which will take you to Musashisakai (¥450).

4. By Car or Taxi:
We strongly advise you NOT to take a taxi from Narita Airport to downtown Tokyo (or to the ICU campus) unless you are willing to pay more than ¥20,000 to downtown Tokyo (and an additional ¥8,000 or so to ICU campus).
If you come by car, the driving time to downtown Tokyo will be about 90 to 120 minutes, and about another one hour or more to ICU.
In consideration of both cost and time, you are advised to use one of the three other ways of coming into town and to the campus.

B. From Haneda Airport (羽田空港) to Musashisakai Station
International flights from overseas, and almost all domestic flights from other cities in Japan (Fukuoka, Osaka, etc.) arrive at Haneda Airport. The following instructions are listed in order of the most convenient method of travel.

1. By Keikyu Line Train:
• Keikyu Line from Haneda to Shinagawa (品川) Station:
  It takes 20 minutes (¥400) to Shinagawa Station where you can transfer to JR Yamanote Line.

• Shinagawa Station to Musashisakai Station:
  Go to JR Shinagawa Station and buy ¥450 ticket to Musashisakai.
  Take a Yamanote Line train, get off at Shinjuku Station and change to a Chuo Line train to Musashisakai.

2. By Monorail:
• Monorail from Haneda to Hamamatsucho (浜松町) Station:
  It takes 20 minutes (¥470) to Hamamatsucho Station where you can transfer to JR Yamanote Line.

• Hamamatsucho Station to Musashisakai Station:
  After descending from the Monorail Terminal, go to JR Hamamatsucho Station and buy ¥450 ticket to Musashisakai.
  Take a Yamanote Line train, get off at Tokyo Station, the third stop, and change to a Chuo Line train to Musashisakai.

3. By Limousine Bus:
Taking a Limousine Bus is also very convenient for getting to Shinjuku/Kichijoji although the time required will vary depending on the traffic.
It takes 35 to 75 minutes to Shinjuku (45 to 90 minutes to Kichijoji) Station and costs ¥1,200.
After you get to the station, take a Chuo Line train westward.

C. From Musashisakai Station to ICU
When you get to Musashisakai Station, exit via the SOUTH EXIT (南口).

1. By Bus:
Odakyu Bus Stop #2 is located on your left, in front of the police box (koban).
There, take Bus #93 to ICU 国際基督教大学(KOKUSAI KIRISUTOKYO DAIGAKU).
The fare is ¥210. The bus will take you inside the Front Gate of ICU to the main traffic rotary (15-minute ride).

2. By Taxi:
You can also catch a taxi out the South Exit of Musashisakai Station.
It will take about 10 minutes to ICU by taxi and will cost about ¥1,000.

Please note that all fares listed above are subject to change without prior notice.

FOR THOSE ARRIVING IN TOKYO BY OTHER MEANS
In case you arrive in Tokyo by other means than plane, you should first make your way to Tokyo or to Shinjuku Station and then to Musashisakai Station following the directions above.

**BAGGAGE**
If you need to send baggage by air or sea cargo before your arrival in Japan, you should carefully check with a forwarding agency in your country about the custom and delivery procedures. Please note that you should declare “Unaccompanied Baggage”, using the proper form furnished by the airlines before you land in Tokyo and that you may be charged extra for having the baggage cleared through customs and delivered to your residence.

If you have been accepted in one of the University dormitories, you should clearly indicate the name of the dormitory when sending boxes and parcels.

As both the University and your residence are probably located quite far from the airport or harbor, and as public transportation can be quite crowded, we advise you to bring light and simple baggage. Once you get settled in, you can get necessary items sent from your country or buy suitable ones in Japan as freight charges to Japan may be very expensive.

**HOTELS CLOSE TO THE CAMPUS**

- **Hotel Mets Musashisakai** (15 minutes from campus by bus)
- **Citytel Musashisakai** (15 minutes from campus by bus)

Information is available only in Japanese.