

## **Excursion in Kamakura**

**Wednesday March 5, 2008**

In the afternoon of the day 2 (Wednesday March 5), we have an optional excursion tour to Kamakura, a historic city filled with old temples and shrines of a feudal era. The trip starts around 1:20 p.m. and ends 4-5 p.m. in Kamakura City. Please note the information for your return trip to the hotel below.

### **To Kamakura**

After the lunch, attendees walk to Shin-Sugita Station and take JR trains to the Kamakura Station (change train at the Ofuna Station; Figure 1). It takes 290 yen and about 25 minutes.

### **To the Statue of Buddha (huge!)**

We take an Enoden train from Kamakura to Hase (190 yen). Then take a short walk to meet the statue of Buddha, a famous landmark of Kamakura. Pay 200 yen for entrance.

### **To Hase-dera Temple**

Hase-dera Temple locates close to Buddha and Hase Station. The wooden buildings and gates are typical architecture of medieval Japan. Ornamental trees and flowers see you smile. Pay 300 yen for entrance.

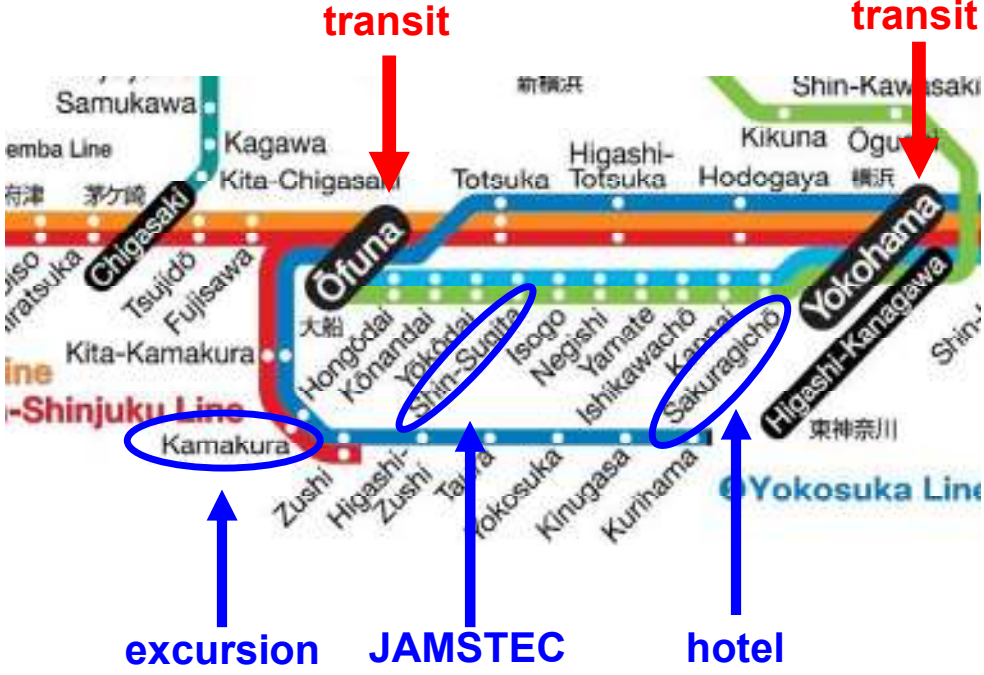
### **To Tsurugaoka-Hachimangu Shrine**

We take an Enoden train back to Kamakura Station (190 yen again), and take a nice walk to Tsurugaoka-Hachimangu Shrine. In contrast to Buddhism, you may see cultural differences in Shinto, another popular religion in Japan.

### **To Komachi Street**

Komachi Street between Tsurugaoka-Hachimangu Shrine is a busy street filled with gift shops, Japanese fast food stands, and other tourist attractions. We end the excursion here at the entrance to the street, and feel free to take a look and eat treats! Please use the maps to Kamakura Station (Figure 2) and then to your hotel (Figure 1). The JR trains need 380 yen.

**Figure 1.** Route map of JR lines, around Sakuragicho, Shin-Sugita, and Kamakura Stations. To Kamakura, We change train at Ofuna Station. After the excursion, take a train from Kamakura to Yokohama. You have two options to come back to your hotel: (1) change train at Ofuna Station (follow signs for Negishi Line, inbound to Yokohama, Platforms 9 and 10), or (2) change train at Yokohama Station (follow signs for Negishi Line, outbound, Platform 3).



**Figure 2.** Map of Komachi Street, from Tsurugaoka-Hachimangu Shrine to Kamakura Station.

