

Whistler Intellectual Property Conference 2019

Hakuba, Japan

February 11 to 15, 2019

The Whistler Intellectual Property Conference, hosted by PATSKI is an international meeting of patent professionals which combines a world-class skiing and snowboarding experience with an opportunity to meet, and exchange knowledge and information with business associates from around the world. This is our 19th year and each year we have returning as well as new participants who recognize this as a unique educational and business opportunity. Our recent survey has shown that Patski attendees highly value our business sessions and appreciate the high quality of the presentations our volunteers have presented in past sessions.

ABOUT THE HAKUBA RESORT

Hakuba Alpine Resort, situated in the Northern Japan Alps, not only boasts the most terrain, vertical rise and advanced ski & snowboard slopes in Japan but as well has some of the highest snowfall in Japan with a snow base over 10 meters.

Hakuba Valley is a large snow resort area consisting of three major regions of the Northern Alps, Hakuba, Otari and Omachi. There are nine mountains to enjoy snow sports which include Hakuba Goryu Snow Resort, Hakuba47 Winter Sports Park, Hakuba Happo-one Snow Resort, Hakuba Iwatake Snow Field, Tsugaike Kogen Snow Resort, Hakuba Norikura Onsen Snow Resort, Hakuba Cortina Snow Resort, Kashimayari Sports Village Snow Resort and Jiigatake Snow Resort. For more information on the Ski Resorts visit [here](#).



The “Genki-Go” shuttle bus runs during the winter so that visitors can easily travel around the vast Hakuba Valley.

The Hakuba Tokyu Hotel, known as the “Guest House of the Northern Alps” is a five-star resort located in the Happo-One Ski Resort and will play host to the Patski Conference this year. After a busy day on the slopes you can relax in the hotel’s Onsen.

Happo-One hosted the Nagano Olympics in 1998. The mountain course area is 220 ha of skiable distance with 13 ski courses that includes the longest run at 8km and the steepest piste at 1,071m. There are 23 lifts in total and 100 snow machines. With the trails composing 30% Beginner, 50% Intermediate and 20% Advanced Happo-One offers something for everyone. For more information on Happo-One, check out their brochure [here](#)

Hakuba Valley Ticket

The all mountain area pass otherwise known as Hakuba Valley Ticket gives you access to all nine mountains resorts in the three major regions of Hakuba, Otari and Omachi. A one day lift ticket is 6000 Yen (~\$70CA) and a five day lift ticket is 26,600 Yen (~\$311CA). With the purchase of the “HAKUBA VALLEY TICKET” you can ride the shuttle bus to any of the 9 snow resorts free of charge.

For complete pricing visit [here](#)

In addition, HAKUBA VALLEY Joins the Epic Pass ! Epic Pass holders will receive 5 consecutive complimentary days with no blackout dates at Hakuba Valley’s nine ski resorts

PATSKI 2019 MEETING AGENDA



Monday, February 11, 2019

OPENING RECEPTION 5:00pm-7:00pm

Join us at "The Lodge" in the Hakuba Tokyu Hotel. Here you can experience Après Ski, Japanese style.

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Breakfast on your own

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION 8:00-12pm

WELCOME DINNER 7:45pm seating
Join us in the Manyo Restaurant at the Hakuba Tokyu Hotel.

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Breakfast on your own

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION 8:00am -10:00am

APRÈS-SKI NETWORKING SESSION 4:00-6:00pm

DINNER- 7:00pm Details are in the works for a fun theme based evening that is sure to include Karaoke.

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Breakfast on your own

APRÈS-SKI NETWORKING SESSION 4:00-6:00pm

DINNER

Dinner is on your own so feel free to explore many of the smaller restaurants that Hakuba has to offer, including those in Echoland. For those that prefer, we are working on securing reservations for

a few restaurants that will be on a first come basis for Patski members.

Friday, February 15, 2019

Breakfast on your own

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION 8am-10:00am

APRÈS-SKI NETWORKING SESSION 4:00-6:00pm

FAREWELL DINNER 7:00pm

Our final evening will be a time to relax, swap ski stories and the annual awards presentations. Who will win the coveted "Best Crash" this year? Dress is smart casual. Dinner will be at **Sharaku** located in the Hakuba Springs Hotel. Chef will be preparing a special custom Japanese meal for Patski.

HOW TO GET HERE

Hakuba Ski Resort is 260km from Tokyo with easy access in 2 hours 40 minutes via the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line and the express bus from Nagano.

From Narita Airport it is 3.5-4hours (train 1 hour from airport to Tokyo, Tokyo to Nagano 1 hour 40 min and express bus from Nagano, 1 hour).

From Haneda Airport, 3 hours (train, 20 minutes from airport to Tokyo, Tokyo to Nagano 1 hour 40 min and express bus from Nagano, 1 hour).

Please visit [here](#) for more information on how to get to Hakuba.

For those interested, we will be organizing an excursion to see the Snow Monkeys.

For more information about Patski in Hakuba, please contact Bruce Green at bgreen@patentable.com or visit our website [here](#)



Hakuba Tokyu Hotel

At this time there is limited availability with the Patski room block. Please contact to inquire re any remaining rooms.