

Technology Information Workshop

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

Beijing, Peoples Republic of China

18th – 19th April 2002

Information for Participants

CONFERENCE VENUE

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Workshop participants are requested to make his/her reservation at Tsinghua Unisplendour International Communication Center (TUICC) since rooms have been blocked there. A shuttle bus will pick up participants from TUICC and bring them to the workshop site. When making reservations, participants should be prepared to provide a credit card number to the hotel and should mention to the hotel staff that the booking is part of the block reservations made by the Tsinghua University for the Technology Information Workshop.

Please use the attached hotel booking form and send it directly to the person identified in the form.

Please inform the UNFCCC secretariat and the University of Tsinghua if you decide to stay at a different hotel. Our local organizer will explore if a shuttle bus can be provided to pick up those participants to the workshop venue. Also, please bear in mind to try to use a hotel that is not too far away from the conference site because of the rush hour traffic, which could be unpredictable and time consuming.

HOTEL

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The special conference room rate for participants is US\$ 90.00 per night (single occupancy) including all meals (daily buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, morning and afternoon coffee/tea breaks, and round trip airport transfers).

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

The UNFCCC Secretariat is the main organizer of the workshop. The local organizer is Tsinghua University, Beijing 100084, People's Republic of China. The Tsinghua University in collaboration with its three affiliations: the Institute of Energy, Environment, and Economy, the International Technology Transfer Center, and the Office of International Cooperation and Exchanges will be providing logistical support to the UNFCCC secretariat for the workshop. The focal point at the Tsinghua University is Dr. Zhang Xiliang, E-mail address: xiliang@inet.tsinghua.edu.cn, Energy Science Building, Tel: +8610-6277-1024 1023, fax: +8610-6277-8911.

VISA FOR PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

All travelers/visitors entering the Peoples Republic of China require valid passports. All participants should verify whether or not they need a visa or other papers for entry into the Peoples Republic of China. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own visa.

HOTEL SUMMARY

Location:

Tsinghua Unisplendour International Communication Center is a four-star business hotel invested by Tsinghua Unisplendour Group. It is located to the east gate of Tsinghua University. The center has 173 rooms, a Chinese restaurant, a Western restaurant, conference rooms and recreational facilities. All these facilities, together with the beautiful surroundings and the convenient transportation make the Tsinghua Unisplendour International Communication Center an ideal place for conferences, business, traveling and recreation.

TRAVEL TICKETS

Funded participants will receive another separate communication on how, when and where to pick up their tickets. Any questions can be addressed to Gabriele Gerdom (ggerdom@unfccc.int), tel 00 49 228 815 1604).

All other participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT CHINA

China isn't a country - it's a different world. From shop-till-you-drop metropolises to the epic grasslands of Inner Mongolia - with deserts, sacred peaks, astounding caves, and imperial ruins - it's a land of cultural and geographic schisms. It's not that China has completely done away with its Maoist past - it's more that the “yin” of revolutionary zeal is being balanced by the “yang” of economic pragmatism, and the old guard communists are giving way to the new wave dot-commers.

It's a land of towering mountains and epic landscapes - background scenery to the fall of dynasties, the rise of emperors and the turning of the revolutionary wheel. Unless you have a couple of years and unlimited patience, it's best to follow a loose itinerary here, such as Beijing to Tibet via Xi'an's terracotta warriors, following the Silk Road route, sailing down the Yangzi River, or exploring the Dr Seuss landscape of Guangxi Province.

Beijing: Pack away those assumptions of Maoist revolutionaries in buttoned-down tunics and pods of workers performing t'ai chi in the Square; this city has embarked on a new-millennium roller-coaster ride. These days, Beijing's youth are more interested in MTV than Mao; the rhetorical slogans of the Cultural Revolution have given way to herniated English splashed across designer-copy T-shirts; and expats, tourists, foreign investors and a cellular phone-toting hipster mix it up with the bureaucrats.

The old hutongs and buildings are being demolished, new buildings are going up, small things are giving way to big things and big things are giving way to even bigger things. This fast-paced, two-minute-noodles lifestyle doesn't please everyone - the old comrades are complaining about uppity youths and loss of values - but the capital of the People's Republic of China doesn't look like it's slowing down any time soon.

Destination Facts

Full country name: People's Republic of China

Area: 9,596,960 sq km (mainland)

Population: 1.2 billion (mainland) Yikes

Capital city: Beijing (population 12.6 million)

People: Han Chinese (93%), plus Mongol, Zhuang, Manchu and Uighur minorities

Languages: Putonghua (Beijing Mandarin dialect), Cantonese

Religion: Officially atheist; Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism (no statistics available); Muslim (14 million), Christian (7 million)

Government: Communist republic

Head of State: Jiang Zemin

Economy Facts

GDP: US\$1.0 trillion

GDP per head: US\$860

Growth rate: 7.8%

Inflation: 2.8%

Major industries: Iron, steel, coal, machinery, textiles

Major trading partners: USA, Japan, Germany, South Korea

Visas: Visas are required by all foreigners entering mainland China although, at this stage, visas are not required by western nationals visiting Hong Kong and Macau. A new visa policy allows foreigners from 17 countries (Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore, Spain and the United States) to enter Shanghai (through Pudong or Hongqiao airports) without a visa and stay up to 48 hours. Plans are underway to extend this new policy to other cities.

Health risks: Rabies, bilharzia, dengue fever, malaria and cholera are all present. Immunisation against cholera, hepatitis A and B, Japanese encephalitis, polio, rabies and typhoid is considered essential.

Weather: The temperature of Beijing averages to 15°C in mid April. It doesn't rain much. The winter is fine for tourists if it is not windy.

China Time: GMT/UTC plus eight hours (the whole of China is set to Beijing time).

Dress/What to Bring: A jacket and a thin coat are enough. For the safety, however, you could bring a sweater with you.

Electrical Appliances: 220V, 50 Hz AC; plugs can be three-pronged angled, three-pronged round, two flat pins or two narrow round pins.

Money: the money is Chinese RMB.

Business Hours: Banks operates from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Shops – Most of shops usually operate from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Shops are open during the weekend.

Public Transport: Beijing's public transport system consists of bus, minibus, and subway. Beijing's taxi is very cheap compared to developed countries.

Room reservation form

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Participant Address:	

Arrival date/time:	
Departure date/time:	
Number of nights:	
Credit card Information: Card number and Exp. date (for non-funded participants)	
Comments:	

Please send this completed form to Tsinghua University directly!!!