Logistic information for the 4th AvRDP SSC meeting

Date:11 – 12 Oct 2018Venue:Hong Kong Observatory,
134A, Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong
11th October:Conference Hall
12th October:2/F Multifunction Room

Entry requirements and Visa application:

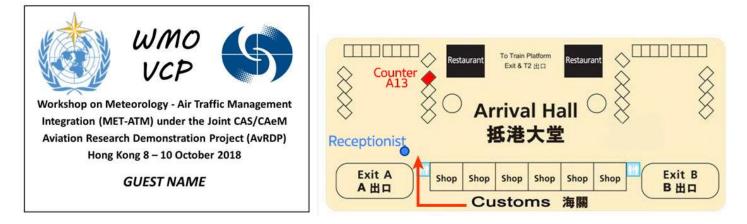
All participants should possess a valid passport and/or passport-replacing travel documents which must be valid for at least one month after the period of the intended stay. Visa is required for nationals of some countries (for the latest details please see http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html). Should you have any query, you can contact Ms Christy LEUNG by email (yyleung@hko.gov.hk) or fax (+852 2375 2645).

Transportation arrangements

All trainers for the WMO VCP workshop on MET-ATM will be received at will be received at the <u>Exit Gate of</u> <u>Arrival Hall A (see map below)</u> of the Hong Kong International Airport upon arrival and transported to the booked hotel by car.

After baggage claim and customs clearance, please proceed to the <u>Exit Gate of Arrival Hall A</u> and meet the receptionist holding a VCP cardboard (see figure below). If you are not able to meet the receptionist, you may go to the counter 'A13' for assistance, or contact Mr. Henry with mobile phone number (852) 6186 8613.

Please do **confirm with the local organizer your itinerary** so that we could make arrangements for you.



For other participants of the SSC meeting, there are many options for getting to Hong Kong Observatory from the Hong Kong International Airport.

• Airport Express

You may take Airport Express to Kowloon Station then transfer to taxi available at the Kowloon station. Single journey from Airport to Kowloon station costs \$105 for an adult. For more details, please visit <u>http://www.mtr.com.hk/en/customer/services/airport_express_index.html</u>

• By Taxi

You may also take a taxi directly from airport to the city center. It will costs around \$300 per way (maximum 4 to 5 people can be seated), subject to actual traffic condition. Travelling time is around 45 minutes.

• By Bus

You may also take Airport Bus A21 and get off at the "Granville Road, Chatham Road South", you will reach the Tsim Sha Tsui city center area and "Best Western Plus Hotel Kowloon" is very close to the stop. Travelling time is around 45 minutes. Single journey costs \$33 for adult.

For more details, please visit <u>https://mobile.nwstbus.com.hk/nwp3/?f=1&ds=A21&dsmode=1&l=1</u>

Hotel arrangements

The Hong Kong Observatory has arranged accommodation for VCP participants at the following hotel.

Hotel name: Best Western Plus Hotel Kowloon Address: 73-75 Chatham Road South, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong Tel: (852) 2311 1100 Fax: (852) 2311 6000 E-mail: hotel@bestwesternplushotelkIn.com Hotel Web-site: http://www.bestwesternplushotelkowloon.com/en/index.html



Weather and Climate

Information on the climate of Hong Kong, China for October is listed below:

Mean temperature: 25.5 °C Mean Maximum temperature: 27.8 °C Mean Minimum temperature: 23.7 °C Mean humidity: 73 % Mean monthly precipitation: 100.9 mm Average number of days with precipitation(>=0.1mm): 7.4 For more climatology information, please visit <u>http://www.weather.gov.hk/cis/climat_e.htm</u>

Hong Kong Weather

9-Day Weather Forecast for Hong Kong, China issued by the Hong Kong Observatory

Local Weather Forecast for Hong Kong, China issued by the Hong Kong Observatory

Electricity Requirements

The standard electrical voltage is 220 volts AC, 50 Hz. The majority of electrical outlets in Hong Kong, China take a three-pronged UK-type plug.

Mobile Phone connection

Mobile phone operators in Hong Kong, China have roaming agreements with most overseas operators. Participants are recommended to check with their network providers beforehand. More information can be found on the following website:

http://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/trip-planner/hongkong-communication.html

Currency Exchange

Foreign currency or traveller cheques may be changed into Hong Kong Dollar (HK\$). Credit cards such as American Express, Master and Visa are accepted.

The current floating exchange rate is as follows: US\$ 1 is about HK\$7.8. This is subject to daily variations. Banks are closed on Saturdays and Sundays. There are many currency exchange shops located within the city which stay open into late evening. You may visit <u>http://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/plan-your-</u> <u>trip/practicalities/other-information/money.jsp</u> for more information.

Contact Us

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