

Practical Information

On Campus

Visitors to City University may proceed to the Podium (Level 4 of Academic Building) for further access to other regions/ buildings.

Venue

Workshop

G7619, Conference Room (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), Level 7, Academic Building, City University of Hong Kong. Visitors to G7619 may get on **Lift No.3** located in the **Blue Zone** on the Podium (Level 4 of Academic Building).

Conference

Lecture Theatre 401, Level 4, Amenities Building, City University of Hong Kong.

ISO Meeting

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Registration and Information Desk

The Registration and Information Desk locates outside the Workshop and Conference venue. Workshop registration starts at 8am. Registration for the Conference starts at 8am on the first day and 8:30am on the following two days.

Tea and Coffee Break

Tea and coffee will be served outside the Workshop and Conference venue during the break sessions. Participants may have a casual gathering, with light refreshments, inside the Workshop or Conference venue.

Banquet/ Lunch

The Workshop dinner on 8 January 2008, Conference dinner on 9 January 2008 and Conference banquet on 11 January 2008 evening will take place at the City Chinese Restaurant, where will also serve Chinese lunch to participants on the Conference Day II (10 January 2008). Euro-American/Asian lunch offered by City Top will be served on the Workshop day (8 January 2008) and Conference Day I and Day III (9 & 11 January 2008). Vegetarian menu is available upon request.

City Chinese Restaurant

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Tel: 2788 8163

City Top

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Tel: 2788 8138

Local Tour: Victoria Harbour Cruise

The gathering point of the local tour will be at LT401. The coaches will leave sharply at 2:00pm. Those who arrive late may not be able to follow the tour. All fees, however, are not refundable.

Wireless access to the Internet on campus

Wireless connection will be provided to keynote speakers and ISO meeting members who have carried with them personal notebooks with Wireless Lan Card.

Bank

The City University Branch of Hangseng Bank is located on Level 3 of Academic Building, right next to the University Library. Automatic-teller machines can be found at the entrance of the Bank. The bank opens on weekdays only from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

Bookshop

The University Bookshop, managed by Commercial Press (HK) Ltd., is located on Level 3 of Academic Building, opposite of the University Library. It opens from 10am to 8pm on weekdays, and 10:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday. It closes on Sundays and public holidays.

Catering

A wide range of cuisine is provided inside the City University campus. From Euro-American to Cantonese Chinese, from full-table restaurants to take-away fast food shops, you can easily find dishes that suit your taste!

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Tel: 2788 8138

City Express

Level 5, Amenities Building, City University of Hong Kong
Tel: 2194 2730

Garden Café

G/F, Academic Exchange Building
Tel: 2784 4389

If you wish to take a break from the City University campus, take a 1-minute walk to the nearby shopping mall Festival Walk and you can find numerous restaurants as well as super-value cafes. Cuisine choice ranges from Cantonese, Shanghainese, Japanese and Thai to Euro-American, Italian, French and East-West Fusion. Check the official website of Festival Walk for further information:

<http://www.festivalwalk.com.hk/eng/whereeat.htm>

Traveling to City University

For further information about transportation to City University, please see the section 'Transportation' in the below. You may also visit the official website of City University for a location map: <http://www.cityu.edu.hk/cityu/visitors/location.htm>.

On Hong Kong

Business Hours

Business and public organizations generally open from 9:00am to 5:00pm on weekdays. More and more organizations practice 5-day week but some of them will also open on Saturday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Banks will usually be closed a little bit earlier at 4:30pm on weekdays. Retail shops generally open till the evening at 9:00pm every day. Shops in bustling districts like Tsim Sha Tsui, Mongkok and Causeway Bay may close not before 11:00pm.

Currency and Credit Cards

Hong Kong Dollar (HK\$) is the official currency in Hong Kong. It is pegged to the US dollar at an approximate rate of US\$1=HK\$7.8. Credit cards are widely accepted in Hong Kong and can be used to obtain cash advances at banks and automatic teller machines.

Electricity

The voltage in Hong Kong is 220V, 50Hz. Sockets are 3-rectangular-pin.

Festival Walk

Festival Walk is a huge shopping mall connecting the Kowloon Tong station of both the East Rail Line and Kwun Tong Line of MTR. On Level LG1, you will find an escalator right next to Shop LG1-10, which will take you to one end of the City University's underpass (on Level 3 of the Academic Building).

Language

Chinese and English are the official language while Cantonese is the predominant spoken language in Hong Kong. English is widely spoken here too.

Tax

There is no sales tax on goods and services in Hong Kong, except on cigarettes, cosmetics and alcohol.

Time

The local time in Hong Kong is GMT + 8.

Tourism

Check out the official website of Hong Kong Tourism Board for further information: <http://www.discoveryhongkong.com>

Transportation

The transportation system in Hong Kong is well-developed. You can get around the city very easily with the following major public transports.

By Taxi

There are totally three types of taxis running in Hong Kong: red taxis operate in the urban area of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and parts of New Territories); green taxis run in the Northern part of the New Territories; and blue taxis runs in the Lantau Island. If you want to go to City University, get on a red taxi in the airport. The trip will cost you around HKD300 and it takes approximately an hour.

By Airport Express

It only takes you 21 minutes to travel with Airport Express from the Airport Station to Kowloon Station, where you can easily get change to MTR (see below) or taxi. A single trip from the Airport to Kowloon may cost you HKD90. Please visit the official website of Airport Express for more information: http://www.mtr.com.hk/eng/airport_express/intro_index.html).

By Rail

The two major railway systems in Hong Kong have merged in December 2007. The reformed Mass-Transit Railway (MTR) provides tourist the most convenient way to tour around Hong Kong. It not just runs within the heart of urban towns in Hong Kong but also establishes link between the urban Kowloon and the new satellite towns in the New Territories in the North and the West. Visitors of City University can easily access to the Kowloon Tong station. For a route map, please visit the official websites of MTR (<http://www.mtr.com.hk>).

Octopus

The Octopus card is the most widely-used, value-storing travel and shopping pass in Hong Kong. Visitors can obtain an Octopus in the Airport, MTR and KCR stations for HKD150, which includes HKD50 deposit. These cards can be topped up at the above venues as well as many designated retail stores. The deposit and the remaining money are refundable when you return the card. Besides transportation, numerous retail shops allow payment with the Octopus.

By Bus

Kowloon Motor Bus (KMB), New World First Bus and Citybus are the three major public vehicle corporations in Hong Kong. As New World First Bus runs mainly in the Hong Kong Islands, visitors to City University will more likely enjoy the services provided by the other two. There are two bus termini near City University. One is at Kowloon Tong MTR Station; and the other, the Yau Yat Tsuen (Festival Walk) Bus Terminus. The buses that stop at the former bus terminal run mainly between Kowloon Tong and Shatin. Please go to the official website of KMB for details (<http://www.kmb.hk>)

Water

Tap water in Hong Kong satisfies the United Nations World Health Organization standard. Bottled water is easily accessible in supermarkets and convenient stores.

Weather

Hong Kong has a subtropical climate with distinct seasonal changes. In the summer between May and early September, it is quite hot and humid in Hong Kong, with the average temperature of 25 – 30°C. It is a little bit chilly and dry from December to

February, with around 12 – 18°C. Please visit the website of Hong Kong Observatory for most updated information: www.hko.gov.hk.

Important Contact numbers

Updated on 1 Dec 2007. Please check with Directory Enquiries (tel no.: 1081) for the most up-to-date numbers.

	Region Code	852
<i>If you are calling from outside Hong Kong, please dial this code first</i>		
	Emergency	999
	Police Hotline	2527 7177
Hong Kong Tourism Board Visitor Hotline (Multilingual)		2508 1234
	Consumer Council	2929 2222
	Hong Kong International Airport	2181 8888
	The Hong Kong Association of Banks	2521 1169
	Weather	1878 200
	Directory Enquiries (English)	1081

Hospitals/ Medical Centres near City University

Young Chung Yee Health Centre Level 4, Amenities Building, City University of Hong Kong <i>Opening hour: 9:00am - 6:00pm (Mon – Fri); 9:00m – 12:15pm (Sat) Closed on Sundays and public holidays ER service available during opening hours</i>	3442 6066
Baptist Hospital (private hospital) 222 Waterloo Road, Kowloon 24 hours, <i>ER service available</i>	2339 8888
Princess Margaret Hospital 2-10 Margaret Hospital Road, Kwai Chung, Kowloon 24 hours, <i>ER service available</i>	2990 1111
Kwong Wah Hospital 25 Waterloo Road, Kowloon 24 hours, <i>ER service available</i>	2332 2311

Consulates General in Hong Kong

Argentina	2523 3208	Mexico	2511 3318
Australia	2827 8881	Morocco	2138 3388
Austria	2522 8086	Myanmar	2845 0810
Bangladesh	2827 4278	Nepal	2369 7813
Belgium	2524 3111	Netherlands	2522 5127
Brazil	2525 7004	New Zealand	2525 5044
Canada	2810 4321	Nigeria	2827 8813
Chile	2827 1826	Pakistan	2827 1966
China (Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hong Kong)	2106 6303	Papua New Guinea	2499 3611
Colombia	2545 8547	Peru	2868 2622
Denmark	2827 8101	Philippines	2823 8500
Dominican Republic	2521 2801	Poland	2840 0779
Egypt	2827 0668	Portugal	2587 7182
Finland	2525 5385	Russia	2877 7188
France	3196 6100	Singapore	2527 2212
Germany	2105 8788	South Africa	2577 3279
Greece	2774 1682	South Korea	2529 4141
Iceland	2876 8888	Spain	2525 3041
India	2528 4028	Sri Lanka	2876 0828
Indonesia	2890 4421	Sweden	2521 1212
Ireland	2527 4897	Switzerland	2522 7147
Israel	2821 7500	Thailand	2521 6481
Italy	2522 0033	Turkey	2572 1331
Jamaica	3552 8538	UK	2901 3000
Japan	2522 1184	USA	2523 9011
Luxembourg	2877 1018	Venezuela	2730 8099
Malaysia	2821 0800	Vietnam	2591 4510

