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Global Flood Partnership Conference 2019 11-13 June 2019

Guangzhou, China

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, 11 June 2019

Chair: Peter Salamon, European Commission JRC

Time	Topic	
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome & Introduction Peter Salamon (JRC) & Huan Wu (SYSU) Welcome by the Dean of the Atmospheric Sciences School, SYSU	
9:30 – 10:30	Keynote by Dr. Siquan Yang, Associate Division Chief, Technology and Information Technology Division (TITD), Ministry of Emergency Management (MEM) of the People's Republic of China Prof. QiuHong Tang, Professor at the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00– 12:20	Presentations – Session 1	
12:20– 12:30	Poster Ignite Session	

12:30– 14:00: Lunch break and Poster session

14:00 – 14:30	Invited talk by ECMWF, European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts	Christel Prudhomme (ECMWF, Reading, UK)
14:30 – 15:30	Ignite talks 5 minute-presentations	
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 18:00	Coffee break & GFP Marketplace Find out about new programs, tools & ideas and discuss at the marketplace! The list of market booths will be available in the coming weeks	

Day 2: Wednesday, 12 June 2019

Chair: Huan Wu (Sun Yat-Sen University)

Time	Topic	
9:00 – 9:30	Invited talk by Fathom, flood risk analytics and intelligence	Andrew Smith (FATHOM, Bristol, UK)
9:30 – 10:30	Presentations – Session 2	
10:30 – 11:00	Poster session & Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30	Presentations – Session 3	

12:30 – 14:00: Lunch break & Poster session

14:00 – 15:30	Interactive session
15:30 – 19:00	Guided tour of the Guangdong Emergency Management Agency (GEMA)

19:00 Social Dinner - location to be confirmed

Day 3: Thursday, 13 June 2019

Chair: Albert Kettner (University of Colorado)

Time	Topic	
9:00 – 9:30	Invited talk by Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, The Hague, Netherlands	Speaker TBC
9:00 –10:20	Presentations – Session 4	
10:20 – 11:00	Poster session & Coffee break	
11:00 –12:30	Presentations – Session 5	

12:30 – 14:00: Lunch break & Posters & Tour of Deltares

14:00 - 15:00	Discussion: GFP support service and recent GFP activations	Peter Salamon, JRC
15:00 – 15:30	Summary, conclusions, way forward, AOB for the partnership	Peter Salamon & Huan Wu
15:30	Closure of the meeting	

Logistics

Meeting venue and Accommodation

The meeting venue is [Ramada Pearl Guangzhou](#), located at 9 Guangzhou Dadao zhongmingyue yilu, Guangzhou, Guangdong 510600 China. (会议地址：广州凯旋华美达大酒店，广州大道中明月一路九号 邮政编码：510600)

A number of rooms was pre-booked in the same hotel as the meeting venue, Ramada Pearl Guangzhou. The pre-booked room options include:

Option 1: Luxurious business king size bed, river and tower view, tax and breakfast included, GFP discounted rate at 675 RMB.

Option 2: Business king size bed, river and tower view, tax and breakfast included, GFP discounted rate at 625 RMB.

Option 3: Normal king size bed or double queen size beds, tax and breakfast included, GFP discounted rate at 575 RMB.

Participants should book their accommodation by sending an email to GFP2019@hotmail.com to get discounted rates and their preferred room by **April 1, 2019**, with information of full name, passport ID number, and room option. The number of rooms with river and tower view is limited, and they will be booked on a first come and first served basis.

Parking

Free visitor parking is available at the meeting venue [Ramada Pearl Guangzhou](#).

Emergency

- Call 120 from any phone
- GFP local host numbers: 86-181-3868-5990 (Huan Wu); 86-150-0756-1279 (Nanding); 86-137-1944-7348 (Yangyang Ning)

Social Dinner

The social dinner will take place on Day 2 (June 12, 2019) evening, in Guangzhou.

Transportation

• How to get to Guangzhou

For international participants, the most convenient way to travel to Guangzhou is by airplane to the Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN), which is about 50 minutes to the meeting venue by car. We recommend to arrive Guangzhou through CAN airport.

Some participants may choose to fly to Hong Kong or Macao airport. From there you can reach Guangzhou by ground transportations, which is also very convenient and allows more flight options.

• Local Ground Transportation to the meeting venue

If you arrive at Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN), the local organizer will provide free shuttle assistance from the airport to the meeting venue on fixed schedules (more details will be given after participant registration for best working-out). Free shuttle service may be flexible depending on the flight arrival information that we collect. If your schedule does not fit with the shuttle service, the best alternative to reach the meeting venue is probably by taxi, which is also very easy to get at the airport, just following the airport road sign. The cost of taxi from the airport to the meeting venue is about 120 RMB.

If you arrive at Hong-Kong International Airport (HKG), you can reach Guangzhou by airport bus, ferry or train. Ferry and airport shuttle are the recommended options because they can be reached from inside the airport by following the signs.

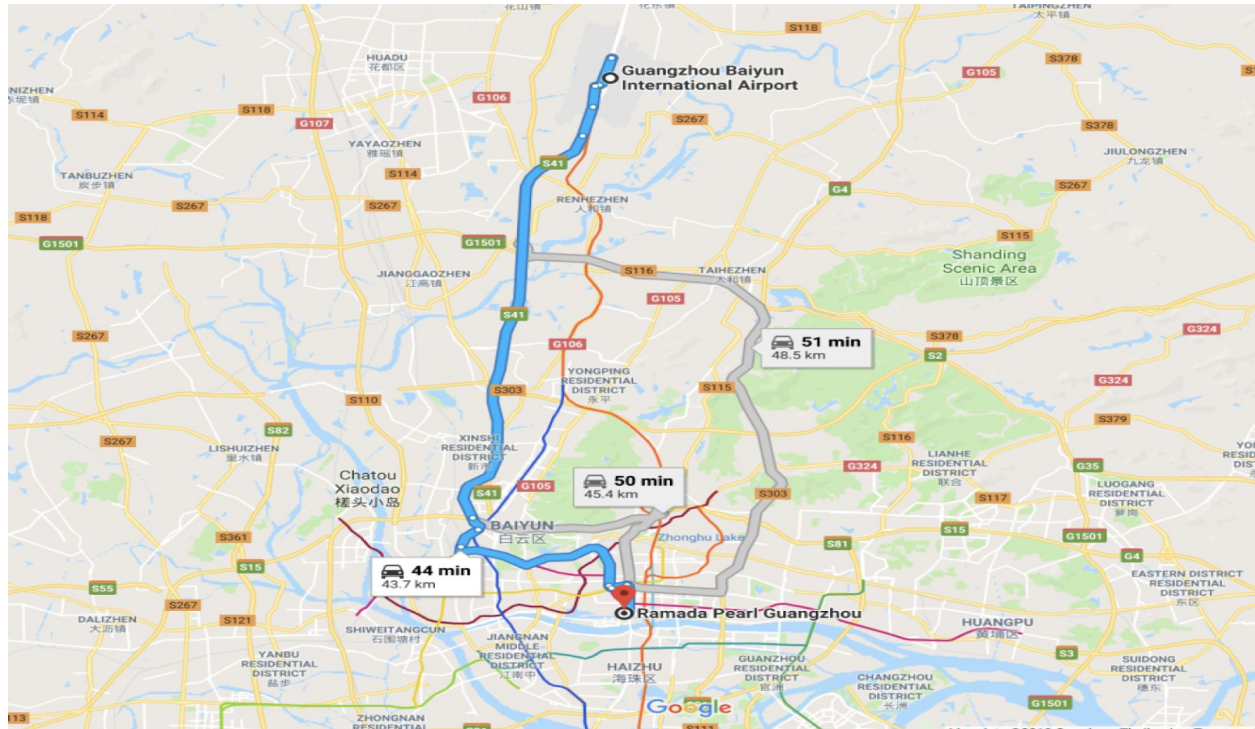
- (1) **By airport shuttle**, it takes about three and half hours, at a price of ~200RMB, to Guangzhou, where one can get off at any of the following four stations, i.e., “China Hotel, A Marriott Hotel, (中国大酒店)”, “The Garden Hotel Guangzhou (花园酒店)”, “Guangzhou Hotel(广州宾馆)”, “Rosedale Hotel & Suite(珀丽酒店)”, and then take taxi to the meeting venue within about 15 minutes. The airport shuttles are available approximately every 25 minutes from 7:30 to 22:15. **Note that after 22:15, there may be fewer or no shuttles.** To take a shuttle, you need to go through Hong-Kong border control first. The local host will provide free shuttle or taxi assistance for participants to get back to the shuttle stations for their return flight through HKG. **By taking the airport shuttle, you will have an opportunity to ride on the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macau Bridge (HZMB), both the longest sea crossing and the longest fixed link on earth**, a 55-kilometre (34 mi) bridge–tunnel system consisting of a series of three cable-stayed bridges, an undersea tunnel, and four artificial islands, which are a very enjoyable travelling experience.

- (2) **By ferry**, it takes about 110 minutes from the Port of Hong Kong Airport to Panyu Lotus Mountain Port, Guangzhou (“广州番禺莲花山港”). Once you land on Guangzhou, catch a taxi to the meeting venue, which takes about one hour to the venue (see direction map below). The advantage of the ferry ride is that you don’t need to go through Hong Kong border control. You can just buy a ferry ticket, at the price of about 250 RMB, in the airport following the sign. Note that the ferry departs only three times per day, i.e., 10:30, 15:20, 18:40.

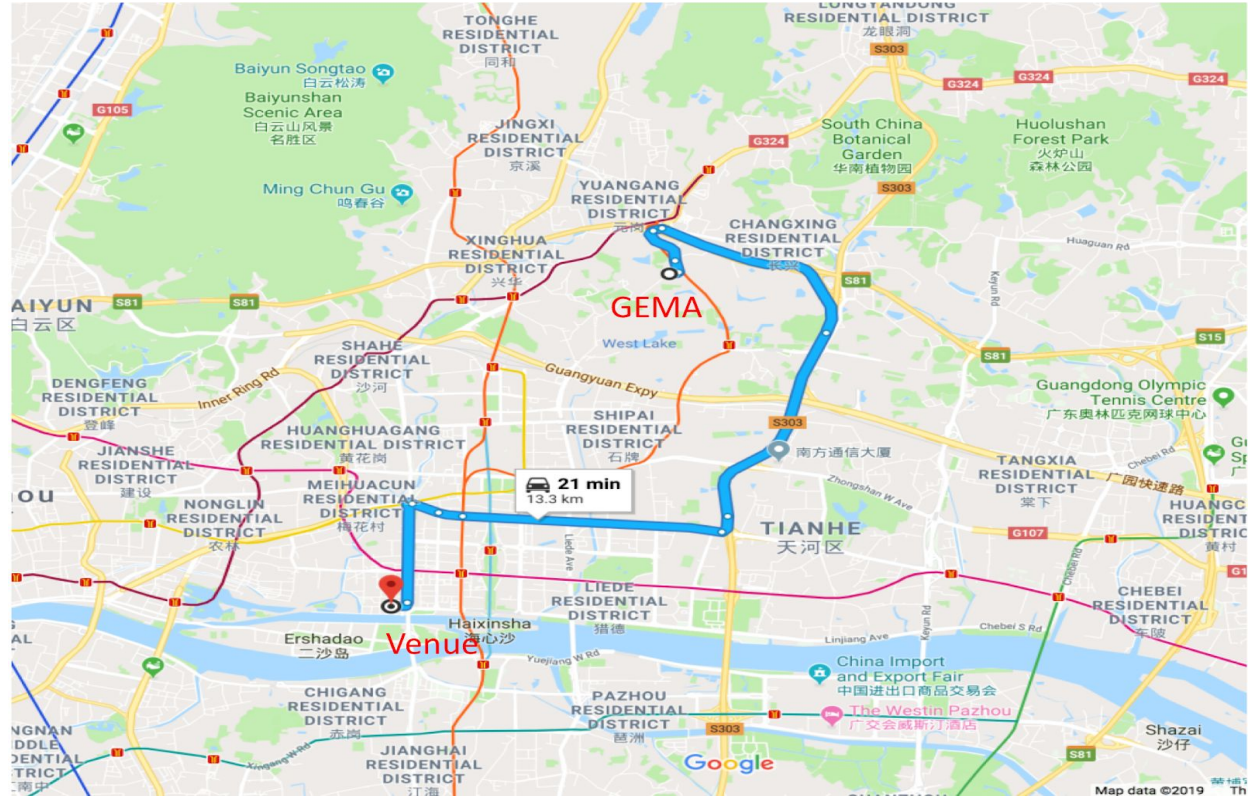
Directions

Location of the Conference Venue, Ramada Pearl Guangzhou, and the taxi route from Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (CAN) to the Conference Venue.

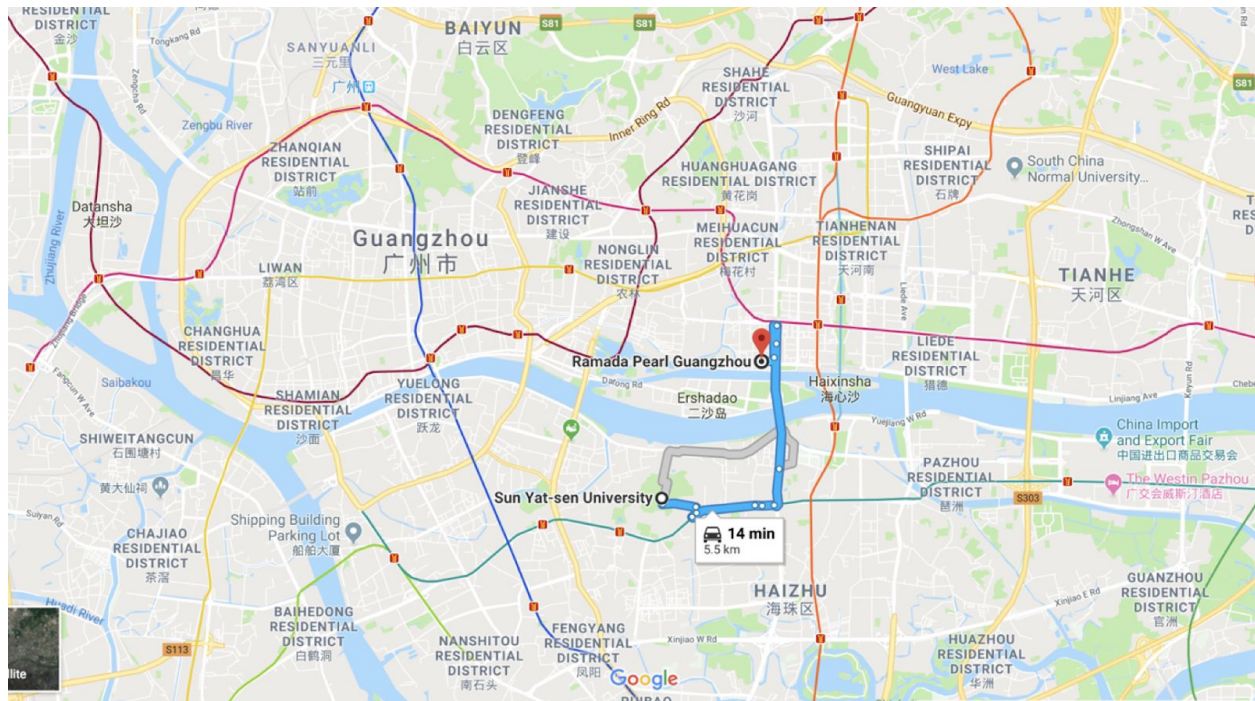




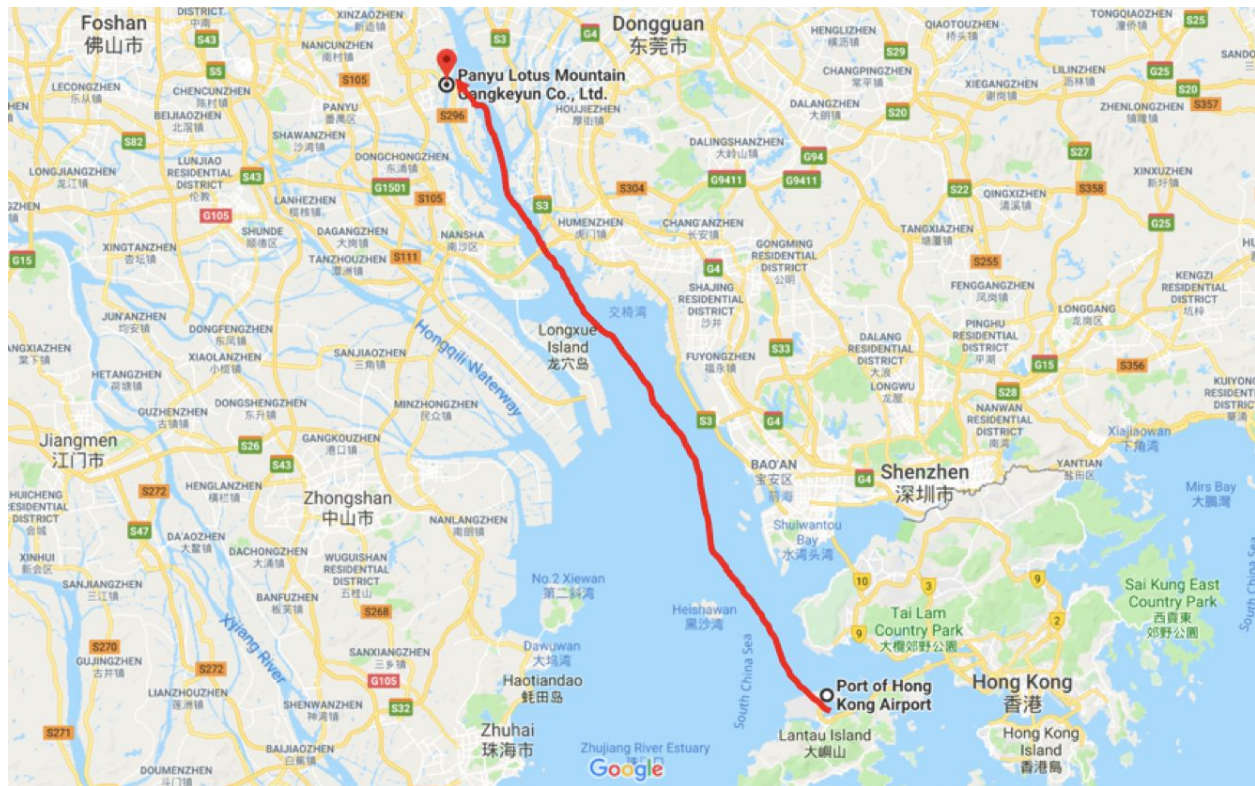
From conference venue to Guangdong Emergency Management Agency



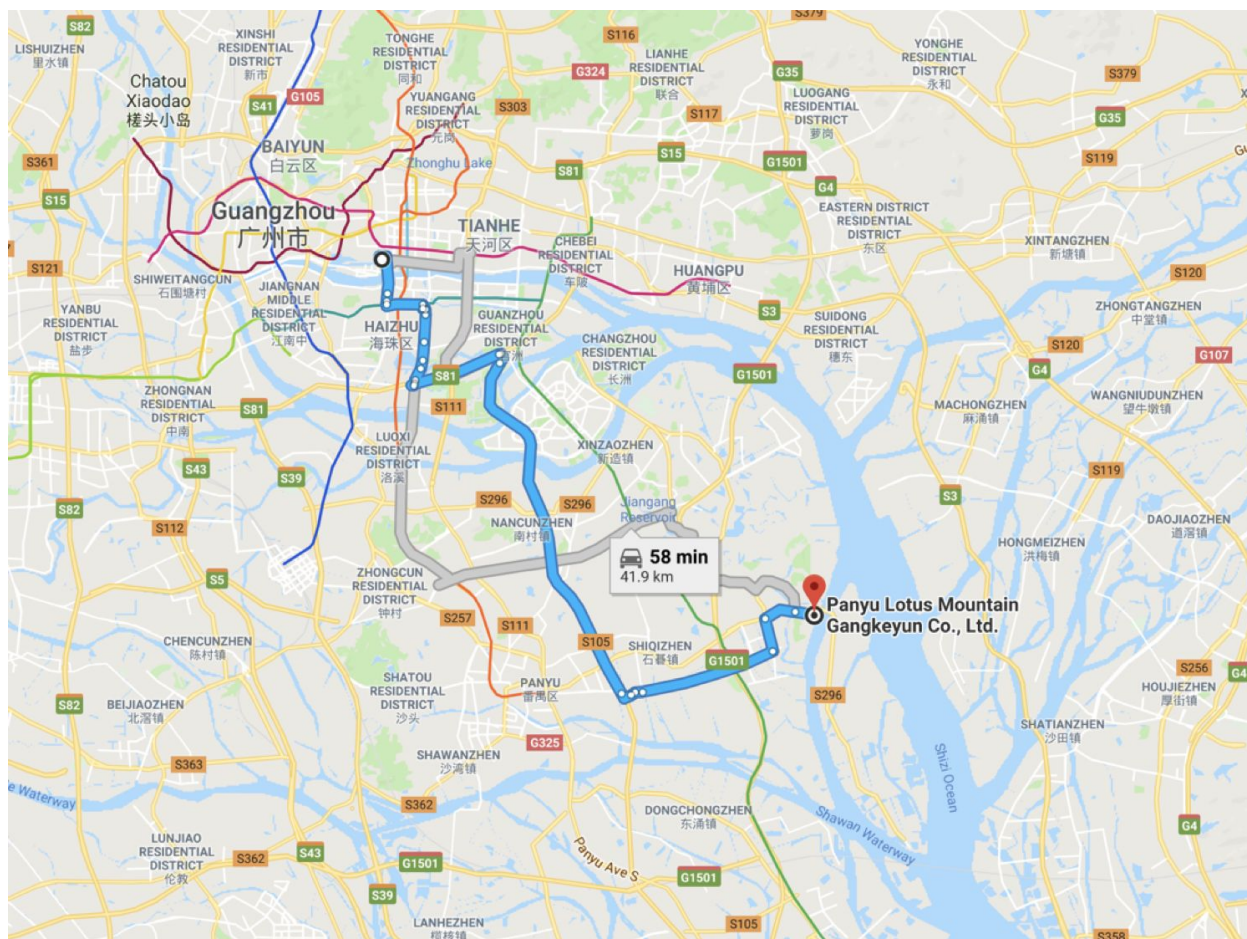
From conference venue to Sun Yat-sen University South Campus



From Port of Hong Kong Airport to Panyu Lotus Mountain Port, Guangzhou (“广州番禺莲花山港”) by ferry



From Panyu Lotus Mountain Port, Guangzhou (“广州番禺莲花山港”) to the meeting venue by taxi



Simple steps to apply for a Visa to China

To apply for a China (mainland) visa, you need to complete an application form attached with your recently-taken color photo, prepare a valid passport, and submit them along with other supporting documents to the nearest Chinese embassy or consulate which is in charge of your residence area. Check the step-by-step guide on how to apply for a China visa below for details.

1. Check whether you need a visa

An essential thing to do is to check whether you need a visa before starting the following process. As long as you are eligible for China's visa-free policies, you don't need the visa, but some documents like your passport, in and out transportation tickets

and sometimes sufficient funds still need to be prepared for immigration check.

Please note that ordinary passport holders from Singapore, Brunei and Japan are allowed to enter China without visas for up to 15 days for tourism, visiting family or friends, or minor business purposes provided they enter through international ports open to foreigners. According to Mutual Visa Exemption, Qatar citizens with ordinary passports may stay in China for less than 30 days without visa.

2. Check which visa you need to get

Based on your travel purpose, determine which visa you are going to get. Read [China Visa Types](#) to select one which suits you most. For academic activities, F visa is suitable.

3. Prepare all documents needed (China F Visa)

Documents required for China F Visa include passport and visa application form attached with a recently-taken photo. Besides, other supporting documents are required. For instance, if you apply for a F visa, the supporting documents will refer to an invitation letter from relevant entity, individual or duly authorized Chinese institute.

Be sure that your documents meet the requirements of the Chinese embassy or consulate in your country.

(1) Passport:

Original passport with at least six months of remaining validity and at least one blank visa page, and a photocopy of the passport's data page and the photo page if it is separate.

(2) Visa Application Form and Photo:

One accurately and truthfully completed Visa Application Form (V.2013) with a recently-taken color passport photo (bare-head, full face) against a white background (size: 48mm x 33mm) attached. For details please [click here](#).

There are two ways to prepare your application form. You may complete an [Online Application Form](#) (where a Visa Centre provides such service), print it out and sign it; or, you can download the [application form](#) from our website and fill it out manually and sign it. Please remember to bring the completed form to the Visa Centre to submit your application.

(3) Proof of legal stay or residence status (applicable to those not applying for the visa in their country of citizenship) If you are not applying for the visa in the country of your citizenship, you must provide the original and photocopy of your valid certificates of residence,

employment or student status, or other valid certificates of legal stay provided by the relevant authorities of the country where the Visa Centre is located.

- (4) For China F visa multiple entry, copies of previous Chinese visas (on one A4 paper) are required.
- (5) Photocopy of previous Chinese passports or previous Chinese visas (applicable to those who were Chinese citizens and have obtained foreign citizenship)
- (6) Other supporting documents:

An official invitation letter issued by a relevant entity or individual in China. The invitation letter should contain:

- (i) Information of the applicant (incl. full name, gender, date of birth, etc.);
- (ii) Information regarding the planned visit (incl. purpose of visit, arrival and departure dates, place(s) to be visited, relationship between the applicant and the inviting entity or individual, and details of any financial support to be provided during the stay in China);
- (iii) Information of the inviting party (incl. name, contact telephone number, address, stamp, signature of the legal representative or individual).

An invitation letter and a visa information form will be provided to GFP meeting participants, if requested, after they submit their meeting registration. For visa application assistance, please contact local organizer, Dr. Nanding Nergui, nanding@mail.sysu.edu.cn.

Note: Under some circumstances, the applicants may be required to submit a copy of Chinese hotel reservation, return air ticket booking and financial proof.

4. Submit the application

Visit the Chinese embassy, consulate or Chinese Visa Application Center (CVASC) which serves your residence area. All visa applicants are required to attend their nearest China Visa Application Service Centre in person to provide biometric fingerprints. In some consular offices and CVASCs, mail service is also available (please check individually). You can do your application in person, and collect your passport by post.

5. Application Processing Time

The normal processing time is four working days including the day you submit the application and the day you collect. Remember there might be additional non-working days for [Chinese public holidays](#). Express service and rush service are also provided in most countries. By paying an additional fee you can usually have your application processed faster. It is normally possible to have your application processed overnight, for collection in the following afternoon, though some offices might offer a same-day service if you arrive in the office soon after opening. In general, try to apply for it well in advance to allow for any delay.

6. Best time to apply for a China visa

The best time to apply for China visa is one or two months before your departure date. Usually, a China F visa is valid for only one months from the date of issue.

More information on visiting/transiting to Hong Kong

Although Hong Kong is a part of China, as a Special Administrative Region (SAR), it has its own entry regulations. This means the normal Chinese visa does not work for Hong Kong and vice versa. Generally, Hong Kong is very open to foreigners and Hong Kong visa is not required for tourists from more than 160 countries. A stay ranging from 7 to 180 days is granted according to nationality. People from those Hong Kong visa free countries, however, need to get a HK visa if they intend to work, study, establish or join in a business there or if their tour is beyond the granted visa-free stay length.

Please see the Part 2 for [HK Visa Exemption for Foreign Countries/Areas](#). UK nationals, provided they meet the basic criteria, may enter HK for 180 days without obtaining a visa in advance. USA citizens, Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and most European nationals may enter for 90 days. Others are variously restricted to 30, 14, or 7 days, or in the case of a few countries will only be permitted to enter having previously obtained a visa. There is usually no problem re-entering unless the immigration authorities feel you are breaking some rules such as being engaged in business.

All visitors arriving at Immigration control points will be issued with landing slips in lieu of stamping on their passports/travel documents. Conditions and limit of stay in HK, as well as visitor's personal information and arrival date will be included in the landing slip. Upon departure, no slip will be issued and the travel documents will not be stamped.

Basic Entry Requirements for All Foreign Visitors to HKSAR

- have a minimum validity on passport of 1 month beyond the intended stay, or the duration of the visa may be restricted so that there will be one month after the visa expiry
- properly complete the immigration card on arrival
- have a visa if your nationality is required to have one
- have onward or return travel arrangements
- have sufficient funds for your stay without working, based on Immigration's definition, not yours
- no serious criminal records and unlikely to be involved in crime, nor be considered a security risk

Most travelers, especially from western countries, are not checked for compliance with the last three but all travelers should allow for the possibility that immigration might choose to check you. You should also check with your airline's regulations as they may not allow you to fly if you do not meet the stated entry requirement

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