



WWRP International Workshop on Rapid Change in Tropical Cyclone Intensity and Track

(Xiamen, China, 18-20 October 2011)



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Information for Participants

The WMO “Workshop on Rapid Changes in Tropical Cyclone Intensity and Track”, conducted by WGTMR, will be held in Xiamen, China from Tuesday 18th October to Thursday 20th October 2011. The host organization is the National Meteorological Center of China Meteorological Administration (CMA).

Venue of the Meeting

1. The workshop will be held at the Golden Sands Gulf Hotel in Xiamen.

Hotel Arrangement

2. Hotel reservations will be made by the local organization committee with a special discounted rate of 450-500RMB per night including breakfast. The participants are asked to fill the Hotel Reservation Form. (**Annex I**)
3. The Golden Sands Gulf Hotel accept foreign credit card (Visa, Master, Diners Club, American Express, and JCB).
4. Internet access in the hotel rooms: available and without charge.

Transportation

5. No airport transportation will be provided by the local organization committee. The best way you may take to the Hotel is by taxi: the taxi fare is around 70 RMB from airport to the hotel.

Please print the following signs and take them with you when you are traveling to the Golden Sands Gulf Hotel or leaving for the airport from the hotel in Xiamen .

Please take me to the Xiamen Golden Sands Gulf Hotel

请到厦门金沙湾宾馆

地址：厦门市思明区环岛南路3068号

电话：(0592) 2096888

Add. : No.3068 Huandao Southern Road, Siming District, Xiamen.

Hotel Tel:+86 592 209 6888

Please take me to the Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport.

Thank you!

请送我到厦门高崎国际机场，
谢谢！

Visa

6. Participants requiring a visa to China are strongly encouraged to duly fill up the attached visa assistance form (**Annex II**) and return to the local organization committee as soon as possible, no later than **20 September 2011**.

Currency Exchange, Credit Cards, and Money

7. Local currency is the Chinese Yuan (RMB), with the approximate value 1 Euro = 9.37RMB, 1 USD = 6.46 RMB (Rates on 4 July 2011). The exchange rate is subject to daily variations. Chinese currency is decimal. Notes come in 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, and 1 yuan denominations. Coins come in 10c, 50c denominations.
8. Major currencies can be exchanged at the banks nearby. There is usually long queue in banks, so you are advised to exchange some money at the Airport or at the hotel reception.
9. The most common credit cards (e.g. Visa, American Express, Master Card, Diners club, and JCB) are accepted at major hotels and stores.

Climate and Weather

10. Climatological features of Xiamen for October:
 - Mean daily maximum temperature: 27.4°C
 - Mean daily minimum temperature: 20.5°C
 - Average monthly rainfall: 29mm
 - Average number of rainy days: 3

Health requirements/Medical Services

11. Up to date information on international travel and health is provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) at the following Website:
<http://www.who.int/ith/countries/listc/en/>.
12. Medical services are of a high standard and most international prescription drugs are readily available through retail pharmacies. It is suggested that you bring personal medical insurance for the duration of the trip.

Time Zone

13. The China Standard Time (Beijing Standard Time) is eight (8) hours ahead of UTC/GMT

- Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) + 8 hr (=MET)

Internet facilities and electricity

14. Provision has been made in the meeting room for wireless Internet connection. The standard voltage in China is 220 volts, 50Hz. The below plugs are usually used. If your appliances plug has a different shape, you may need a plug adapter.



Insurance

15. The participants should take responsibility of their travel and health insurance which covers their travel and visit period.

Contact details of the Local Organizing Committee

16. For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at the following address:

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