

General information about Taipei

About Taipei

Taipei is located in northern Taiwan (R.O.C.), covering 271.8 square kilometers. Its population has been approximated at 2.62 million people. As the capital of Taiwan, Taipei is a vibrant blend of traditional culture and cosmopolitan life. Visitors are certain to have an unforgettable experience in this remarkable city. For further information, please refer to the website of the Tourism Bureau of Taiwan at <http://www.taiwan.net.tw/lan/cht/index/index.asp>

Transportation

Taiwan has comprehensive infrastructures, including a convenient traffic network weaved by airline flights, trains, high-speed railway, massive rapid transportation (MRT), and highways. It takes only a few hours to travel between scenic spots, and most of those spots can be reached by public transportation. Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) is about 40 kilometers south of Taipei. The MRT in Taipei, together with the metropolitan area's dedicated bus route network, forms a convenient transportation system. The MRT currently has five lines in operation. These lines are dotted with a variety of attractions and scenic spots. As a result, visitors can take a leisurely journey through most of the attractive parts of Taipei by using the MRT service. For English taxi service, please contact +886-2-2799-7997 (international) or 02-2799-7997 (domestic).

Airport Hotel transportation information

| Types | Detail |
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| Free shuttle bus arranged by conference | The bus schedule and assembly point will be announced on BOL 2007 website on Aug. 31 st |
| Public shuttle bus (NTD only) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bus are available to travel from the airport to Taipei city, and it costs around US\$4 (NT\$130).● Hotel shuttle from airport to Howard Plaza Hotel Taipei is available from 05:40 am -24:50 pm every 50 minutes daily. US\$5 (NT\$145) |
| Taxi (NTD only) | Taxi are available to travel from the airport to hotels of Taipei city, and it costs around US\$36 (NT\$1,200). |

Hotel ↔ Conference venue shuttle service

The conference venue, the Research Centre for Humanities & Social Sciences, Academia Sinica, is located Academia Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei. Free shuttle service will be provided between the conference venue and the hotels daily. A timetable of the shuttles will be posted on the Conference website and at the hotels, and will be included in the conference packets distributed at the registration counter.

Climate

Taipei has a subtropical climate, with an average temperature of 27 °C(81 °F) in the daytime and cooler at night in September. Participants are recommended to bring a light jacket. For further information, please refer to the website of the Central Weather Bureau of Taiwan at <http://www.cwb.gov.tw>

Time Zone

The time in Taiwan is eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+ 8). There is no daylight-saving scheme, so this time difference remains constant year-round.

Languages

Mandarin and Taiwanese are the common used languages in Taiwan, though other dialects are also spoken. Many people can speak some English, which is the most widely studied foreign language.

Currency

Taiwan's unit of currency is the New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$), which has five denominations in paper money and five in coins. Paper money comes in NT\$2000, NT\$1000, NT\$500, NT\$200, and NT\$100 denominations, and coins come in NT\$50, NT\$20, NT\$10, NT\$5 and NT\$1 denominations. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at the airport, government-designated banks. Major credit cards such as American Express, Master Card, Visa, JCB, and Diners Club are accepted, and traveler's checks may be cashed at foreign-exchange banks, some tourist-oriented businesses, and most international tourist hotels. The exchange rate in recent months has been approximately NT\$34 for US\$1. For exchange of other currencies, please visit the website at <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>

Visas

Visas are required to enter Taiwan, and can be obtained from Taiwan R.O.C. embassies, consulates, or designated representative offices in visitors' native countries. Citizens of many countries, including the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, as well as the United Kingdom, Ireland and most other EU members, may enter Taiwan visa-free for thirty days or more provided that their passports do not expire within six months.

Countries eligible for Visa-exempt Entry .:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.K. and U.S.A.

Countries eligible for Landing Visas .:

- 1.Nationals of Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovak
- 2.Holders of USA passport with validity less than 6 months

Requirement

A passport valid for at least six months

For more information on visa requirements, please visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website at <http://www.mofa.gov.tw/>

Electrical Power Supply

The power supply for electricity is AC 110 Volts/ 60 Hz. Power outlets only accept flat two-parallel pin plugs, type A. Please bring your own electrical outlet adapter to adjust the AC plug on your equipment. Participants from areas with different currents may bring a transformer to operate their electrical and electronic appliances.

International Direct Dial (IDD)

International Direct Dial (IDD) calls can be made by dialing the international dialing code 002 + country code + city code + local number.

Liability and Insurance

The Organizing Committee will endeavor to provide an enjoyable conference. However, neither the Organizing Committee nor the Organizer accepts any liability whatsoever for any injury, illness, damage or loss suffered by an attendee during his / her stay in Taiwan. Participants are advised to take out their own comprehensive travel insurance in their respective countries.