



2nd Congress of International Society for Hemodialysis 2009

From Hemodialysis Unit to ICU



28-30 August 2009

Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre

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Deadline for Early Bird Registration : 30 June 2009

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Important Dates

1 April 2009	Deadline for Abstract Submission
June 2009	Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts
30 June 2009	Deadline for Early Bird Registration
28-30 August 2009	Congress Dates

Welcome Messages



Invitation from the President of International Society for Hemodialysis

It is my great pleasure to invite professionals with an interest in various aspects of hemodialysis, to attend and participate in the 2nd Congress of the International Society for Hemodialysis to be held in Hong Kong August 28-30, 2009.

The International Society for Hemodialysis (ISHD) was formed in 1999 by a group of world-renowned nephrologists who believed that the science and clinical practice of hemodialysis was being overlooked. We have organized the first ISHD Congress in conjunction with the International Course on Hemodialysis held in Vicenza-Italy in June 2008. We are now pleased to have the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology hosting the 2nd ISHD Congress in Hong Kong in 2009.

This Congress will be the first Congress on Hemodialysis in Asia with pre-Congress HD & CRRT courses. Prof. Alex Yu and Prof. Philip Li have previously shown their capabilities in the organization of international scientific events. Therefore I have no doubt that this Congress will be a scientific and educational success as well as an enjoyable opportunity for cultural and personal interaction.

We hope that you will join this important event which is intended to be a multidisciplinary arena for the nephrologists, intensivists, renal nurses and allied health personnel to update and share their expertise and to build the future of care and research in the field of hemodialysis.

I look forward to seeing you in Hong Kong.

Yours Sincerely,



Claudio Ronco, MD
President of the ISHD



Invitation from President of Organizing Committee

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 2nd Congress of the International Society for Hemodialysis (ISHD), I would like to extend my warmest invitation to you to attend this meeting, held in Hong Kong August 28-30, 2009.

The Hong Kong Society of Nephrology (HKSND) is proud to host this globally important and meaningful meeting in collaboration with ISHD. HD is the mainstay modality of renal replacement therapy in most countries. With the growing population of patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD), there is a great potential for clinical and research development in this area. Collaboration between intensivists and nephrologists has also been increasing due to advances in the management of critically ill patients presenting with acute renal failure.

HKSND has been continuously promoting academic activities in renal medicine. Hong Kong has organized several international and regional meetings with huge success within the last ten years. These meetings include Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology 1995, first Asian Chapter Meeting of the ISPD 2002, first Asian Forum on Prevention of Progression of Kidney Diseases with ISN 2004, and the 11th Congress of ISPD 2006. The attendance was large and we have received excellent feedback on the quality of scientific programs. As President of the Organizing Committee, I hope this meeting would once again allow us foster friendship among nephrologists and intensivists in the world and share expertise in HD and CRRT. World renowned speakers will present a brilliant academic program in all aspects of HD, CRRT and renal care of ICU patients and fulfill our theme of this congress: "From Hemodialysis Unit to ICU".

I would also like to invite industrial partners and pharmaceuticals around the world to participate in the Congress and take this golden opportunity for promotion to an expected huge delegate of health care professionals in the field of nephrology, critical care medicine, dialysis and CRRT, gathered in Hong Kong.

The meeting will also feature attractive social programs including opening ceremony and gala dinner. Participants and accompanying persons can take the opportunity to visit Hong Kong Disneyland, glamorous Casinos in Macau and other attractions of Southern China, which are just in the vicinity.

Please mark your calendar and join this Congress, the first international meeting with emphasis on HD, CRRT and critical care nephrology held in Asia. And explore the beautiful city of Hong Kong.



Alex Wai-Yin YU, MD
President, Organizing Committee
ISHD 2009



Invitation from the Chairman of the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology

It is my great pleasure to invite you to Hong Kong in August 2009 to participate in the 2nd Congress of the International Society for Hemodialysis 2009. After the extremely successful ISPD 2006, ISN 2004 Conference on Prevention of Progression of Renal Diseases, and ISPD Asian Chapter 2002, the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology is proud to have decided to host another meeting of outstanding scientific and cultural programs.

The meeting will be held at the splendid Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, which is conveniently located close to the heart of Hong Kong, and by the side its famous harbour. We expect many clinicians, nurses, paramedicals and scientists from around the world to be present at this first academic meeting on haemodialysis in the region.

Over the years, the Hong Kong Society has worked very hard on the dissemination of knowledge and in the promotion of science. With the present epidemic of chronic renal disease, and the ever increasing demand on renal replacement therapy, it is an opportune time for us to get together to share and explore the latest basic and clinical aspects of haemodialysis and intensive care nephrology.

We are confident that the meeting is going to be a great success, not only in its scientific contents, but also as a forum for closer international collaboration. We sincerely hope that through this meeting we will make new friends and renew old acquaintances from all over the world.

We look forward to your active participation in this important event; you will see for yourself that Hong Kong is a most vibrant and exciting city with excellent facilities for both professionals and tourists.

Andrew Wong
Chairman
Hong Kong Society of Nephrology



Invitation from Chairman of Scientific Programme Committee

On behalf of the Scientific Programme Committee I would like to extend my warmest invitation to you all to come to attend the 2nd Congress of International Society for Hemodialysis (ISHD 2009) to be held in Hong Kong in August 2009.

Hemodialysis (HD) is a major modality for renal replacement therapy (RRT) in Asia. In Hong Kong, acute hemodialysis was first performed in 1962 and throughout these years, dialysis service has extended to include extremes of age. The survival and outcomes of hemodialysis patients in Hong Kong are excellent. With the growing demand on RRT in many countries around the world, it is timely that we have an international Conference on Hemodialysis in Hong Kong under the auspices of ISHD.

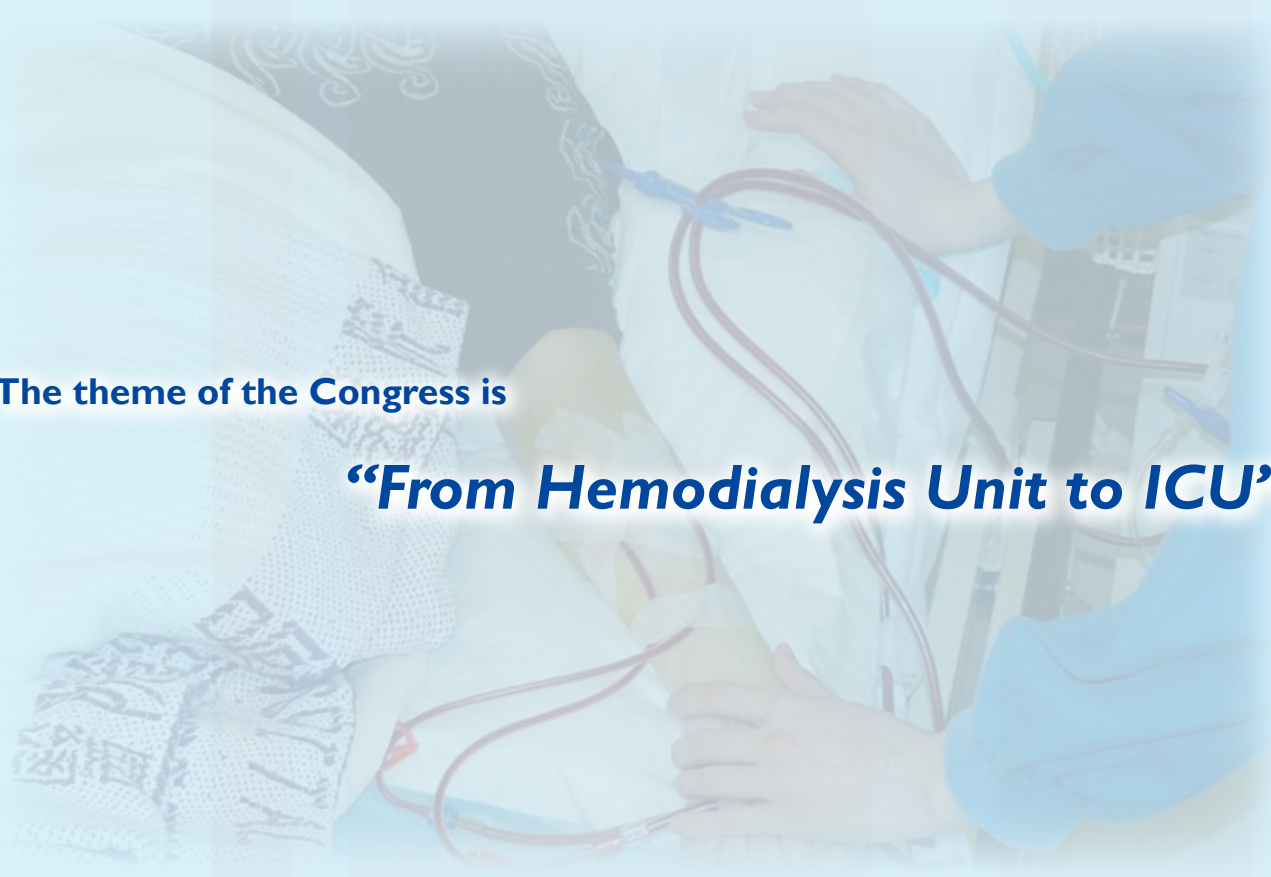
As you can notice from our planned outstanding academic program which cover all the important aspects of HD and CRRT including: Advances in Dialysis Techniques, Hemodialysis Dose and Flux, Cardiovascular Disease, Vascular Access, Biocompatible Dialysis, Practical Problems in Hemodialysis Patients, Home Hemodialysis, Critical Care Nephrology, Hemodialysis in Children, Nursing in Hemodialysis & Patient Education. We will also run a very useful and practical pre-course on HD and CRRT for our participants. With numerous renowned speakers from worldwide, our conference will definitely be a superb premise for the advancement of HD knowledge.

We also plan to have a plenary session on 'RRT for Renal Disaster' which we would like to pay tribute to the clinicians helping the victims of the Sichuan Earthquake.

I hope that this meeting can allow us to foster further friendship with the nephrologists of the world to share our knowledge and expertise in HD and CRRT.

We once again would invite you to join this landmark event of ISHD to enjoy our stimulating academic and lively social programme as well as what will be offered in the beautiful city of Hong Kong.

Philip Kam-Tao Li
Chairman, Scientific Programme Committee
Vice President (Scientific)



The theme of the Congress is

“From Hemodialysis Unit to ICU”

Hong Kong, a city where the East meets the West, is the most appropriate place for sharing of experience. Hemodialysis (HD) is the preferable renal replacement therapy in most countries. It is important to exchange experience and continue the development in HD research, clinical management and care of HD patients. This Congress is designed to provide a balanced curriculum that will meet the needs of renal health care team and intensivists. The content provides basic training, continuous education, as well as highlights of frontiers of clinical and basic science development related to HD, CRRT and renal aspect of ICU patients. It will also stimulate critical thinking and discussion on controversies in HD and ICU to inspire directions in future research.

Target participants, clinicians and basic scientists, pediatric and adult nephrologists, intensivists, doctors, nurses and dietitians would all benefit from this Congress.

Programme-at-a-glance

Day 1		Day 2		Day 3	
28 August 2009		29 August 2009		30 August 2009	
Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
Pre-Congress HD & CRRT Courses	Set Up & Exhibition	Plenary Symposium 2 Advances in Dialysis Techniques (H, I)		Concurrent Symposium	
		Poster Viewing		Symposium 6 Critical Care Nephrology (I)	Symposium 7 Practical Problems in Hemodialysis Patients (H)
		Concurrent Symposium		Poster Viewing	
		Symposium 1 Hemodialysis Dose and Flux (H, I)	Symposium 2 Cardiovascular Disease (H)	Symposium 8 Biocompatible Dialysis (H, I)	Symposium 9 Home Hemodialysis (N, H)
		Lunch Symposium		Lunch Symposium	
Opening Ceremony	Set Up & Exhibition	Concurrent Session		Concurrent Session	
		Free Communication 1 & 2	Symposium 3 Nursing in Hemodialysis (N, H)	Free Communication 3 & 4	Symposium 10 Patient Education (N, H)
Plenary Symposium I Hemodialysis Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow (H)	Set Up & Exhibition	Coffee Break		Coffee Break	
		Concurrent Symposium		Plenary Symposium 3 RRT for Renal Disaster (Tribute to Sichuan Earthquake) (H, I)	
Cocktail Reception	Set Up & Exhibition	Evening Symposium		Concluding Remarks	
Dinner Symposium		Gala Dinner			

Set Up & Exhibition

Exhibition

Exhibition

(**H**)=Hemodialysis, (**I**)=Intensive Care & CRRT, (**N**)=Nursing, (**Ped**)=Pediatric

Preliminary Scientific Programme

Pre-Congress HD & CRRT Course:

1. Solute Transport and Assessment of Dialysis Adequacy
2. Water Treatment for Hemodialysis
3. Anticoagulation for Hemodialysis - Alternatives to Conventional Heparin
4. Pre-op Assessment of Dialysis Access
5. Post-op Monitoring and Vascular Access Failure
6. Vascular Access Infection - Prevention and Treatment
7. Complications During Hemodialysis - Case Illustrations
8. Routine Monitoring and Investigations for Chronic Hemodialysis Patients
9. Infection Control in Hemodialysis Unit
10. Solute Transport and Assessment of Dialysis Adequacy
11. Water Treatment for Hemodialysis

Main Programme:

Plenary Symposium I:

Hemodialysis Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

Plenary Symposium II:

Advances in Dialysis Techniques

- Biofeedback regulation of UF and dialysate conductivity for prevention of hypotension during dialysis
- Online Hemodiafiltration
- Wearable artificial kidney & artificial nephron system — Through the use of nanotechnology

Plenary Symposium III:

RRT for Renal Disaster (Tribute to Sichuan Earthquake)

Concurrent Symposium I:

Hemodialysis Dose and Flux

- What is most important in HD: Treatment Frequency, Treatment Time, Dose or Membrane Flux?
- Quantifying Dialysis Dose: An Update / KT/V revisited
- Membrane Flux

Concurrent Symposium II:

Cardiovascular Disease

- Controversies in the Treatment of Hyperlipidemia in Dialysis Patients
- Advances in Our Understanding of Vascular Calcification
- Brain Natriuretic Peptide – Marker or Therapeutic Agent ?

Concurrent Symposium III:

Nursing in Hemodialysis

- Vascular Access Management
- Roles of Renal Nurse in a Hemodialysis Unit
- Nocturnal Home Hemodialysis Training programme

Concurrent Symposium IV:

Vascular Access

- Interventional Radiology for Vascular Access Problems
- Medication Lock for Dialysis Catheter – When, and What is the Evidence ?
- Drug Therapy for Prevention of Vascular Access Stenosis

Concurrent Symposium V:

Hemodialysis in Children

- Vascular Access in Children
- Practice of Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy in Children
- Nutrition and Dietary Management of Pediatric Dialysis Patients

Concurrent Symposium VI:

Critical Care Nephrology

- Blood Purification: blood and plasma treatments
- Dose of CRRT, does it really matter?
- Anticoagulation in CRRT

Concurrent Symposium VII:

Practical Problems in Hemodialysis Patients

- The Itchy Patient – What are the Treatment Options?
- Neuromuscular Problems in Hemodialysis Patients
- Centenarian/ Elderly in HD

Concurrent Symposium VIII:

Biocompatible Dialysis

- Inflammation in Hemodialysis & its consequences; Adipokines, oxidative stress and chronic inflammation in hemodialysis
- Controversies in water treatment standard
- Advances in dialysis membrane material & configuration

Concurrent Symposium IX:

Home Hemodialysis

- Current status and Practice of Home HD and Nocturnal Home HD; Quality of life and Home HD/ NHHD; Medical Economics and Home HD/NHHD
- Hong Kong Experience
- Beijing Experience
- Taiwan Experience

Concurrent Symposium X:

Patient Education

- How to set up Self Care Program for In-centre Patients?
- How to teach patients to self cannulate?
- Exercise and Rehabilitation Program – How to make it successful?

Industry Sponsored Symposia:

- I. Phosphate control in Hemodialysis
- II. Management of Anemia in Hemodialysis
- III. Benefits of convective therapies in acute and chronic renal care
- IV. Advances in Home Dialysis Therapy

Faculty

John AGAR	(Australia)
Bernard CANAUD	(France)
Y L CHENG	(Hong Kong)
WY CHO	(Korea)
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Andrew DAVENPORT	(UK)
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**This is a preliminary partial list as of date of print*

Call for Papers

The Scientific Programme Committee cordially invites prospective authors to submit abstracts for presentations. All abstracts will be considered for oral or poster presentations.

Authors must **submit abstracts online** at www.ishd2009.org. Please note that only electronic submissions will be accepted. In case you do not have any Internet access, please contact the Congress Secretariat.

The online abstract submission will be opened in January 2009. **Deadline for Abstract Submission: 1 April 2009.** Abstracts received after the deadline will NOT be accepted.

Abstract Categories

1. Hemodialysis Technology
2. Outcome and Clinical care
3. Complications of Dialysis
4. Home-based Therapy
5. Continuous therapy and ICU Nephrology
6. Nursing Matters
7. Miscellaneous

General Policies

1. **Originality.** The abstract submitted must be of an original scientific nature and has not been previously published in whole or part by any journal or publication.
2. **Number for submission.** Authors can submit more than one paper.
3. **Language.** English is the official language of the congress and will be adopted in all the abstract submissions, publications and presentations.
4. **Acknowledgement of Receipt.** Upon submission, authors will receive a confirmation by email. Otherwise, please contact the Congress Secretariat.
5. **Review and Selection.** Abstracts will be double-blind and peer reviewed by an international panel of eminent experts. Selection will be based upon: relevance to theme, originality and interest, clinical and research content, and state of completeness.
6. **Mode of Presentation.** The Programme Committee reserves the right to select and assign the abstracts relevant to the sessions for oral or poster presentation.
7. **Notifications of Acceptance** will be sent to presenting authors along with the details of the presentation format in June 2009.
8. **Registration.** All presenting authors of the abstracts (either oral or poster) are required to register and pay for the registration fee by the deadline. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the final programme.
9. **Publication.** All accepted abstracts would be published in the Scientific Proceedings of the congress in printed or/and electronic form only upon receipt of registration fees in full. Authors will be required to sign copyright transfers to ISHD.

Abstract Format

1. **Word Limit.** Abstracts cannot exceed 300 words. A maximum of 2 graphs, tables or images saved in JPEG/GIF/TIF format of at least 300 dpi can be included in your abstract.
2. **Title.** Abstract title must be in Title Case, e.g. International Society for Hemodialysis. The title should be brief and descriptive.
3. **Author Information.** Author and co-author names, institutions, cities and countries are to be typed in appropriate boxes. Please include family name and initials of author(s) and do NOT include degrees or professional titles (Dr, PhD, Prof, MD, etc.).
4. **Content.** Each abstract must contain sufficient details for evaluation. Make the abstract as informative as possible. Clearly indicate the aims and conclusions supported by data. Results stated in the abstracts must be complete (though concise) and final. Organize the body of the abstract as follows: (a) objectives, (b) methods, (c) results, (d) conclusions. Use standard abbreviations and generic drug names. Place unusual abbreviations or acronyms in parentheses after first use. **Do not identify author(s) or institution(s) in text.**

Awards

All accepted abstracts would be eligible for selection of the **Outstanding Abstract Awards**. The organizing committee will identify a number of abstracts with the highest scores from all the submitted abstracts. There will be no age restriction. The winners will be awarded with US\$500 and a certificate of honor.

Registration

Registration Fees

Category	Early Bird (On/Before 30 June 2009)		Regular (After 30 June 2009)	
Overseas Registration				
ISHD member (MD)	HK\$3,120	US\$400	HK\$3,510	US\$450
Non ISHD member (MD)	HK\$3,510	US\$450	HK\$3,900	US\$500
Nurse, Trainees & Paramedical	HK\$2,000	US\$260	HK\$2,500	US\$330
Accompanying Person	HK\$1,000 (US\$120)			
Local Registration				
MD	HK\$1,800			
Nurse, Trainees & Paramedical	HK\$1,000			
Day Registration	HK\$800 per day			
Pre-Congress Course (Only for registered participants)	HK\$390		US\$50	

Please note that registration fees **do not** include accommodation and optional tours.

Registration Entitlements

Programme	Full Delegate	Day Registration	Accompanying Persons
Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception	✓	On Registered day only	✓
Scientific Sessions (excluding pre-congress courses)	✓		-
Technical Exhibition	✓		✓
Coffee / Tea during session breaks	✓		-
Gala Dinner	✓	-	✓
Congress satchel, abstract book and proceedings	✓	✓	-
Certificate of Attendance	✓	✓	-

Registration Procedures:

Participants may register for the Congress by the following methods

- register online at www.ishd2009.org
- complete the registration form and return it to the Secretariat by fax or mail with appropriate payment. (The Registration form is to be completed in BLOCK letters or typed.)

To enjoy the early bird rate, registration must be received no later than **30 June 2008**.

Payment

Payment of registration fees must be made in Hong Kong Dollars by the following methods:

• Bank transfer to

Name of Bank: Standard Chartered Bank
Address: 15 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
Account Name: ISHD 2009
Account No: 003-447-004-5213-6
SWIFT CODE: SCBLHKHHXXX
Reference: Name of delegate or invoice no.

A copy of the receipt for the bank remittance should be attached to the Registration Form. All bank charges for remittances are to be borne by the participant.

• Credit Card: Visa and MasterCard

• Hong Kong Dollar Cheque

(for Hong Kong participants only) made payable to "ISHD 2009"

ISHD Membership

If you wish to become a member of the ISHD, please download the respective membership form from www.ishd.net.

Cancellation Policy

Refund of cancellations of registration will be made subject to the following deadlines and administrative charges:

Cancellations received on or before 28 July 2009	50% of the registration fee will be refunded
Cancellations received after 28 July 2009	We regret that no refunds will be issued.

All cancellations must be made in writing to the Congress Secretariat and the refund will be made after the Congress. Please note that substitution is permitted on the basis that written notice is received before **28 July 2009**.

Notes:

- Registrations are subject to acceptance on a "first-come-first-served" basis.
- Registration forms received without payment will not be processed. Please do not send cash.
- Each registrant should complete a separate registration form. A photocopy of the registration form is acceptable.
- Written confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your registration form and full payment. If this confirmation has not been received within two weeks, please contact the Registration Department(reg@ishd2009.org).
- The Congress Programme is subject to change without prior notice. In the unlikely event of cancellation of the Congress, the only liability of the Congress Organisers is to refund all the fees paid.
- All enquiries, changes and cancellations should be made in writing to the Congress Secretariat.
- A replacement or transfer is allowed provided the replacement is from the same organisation and upon receipt of a written request from the person to be replaced.

Accommodation



A wide range of hotel rooms in Hong Kong have been secured to facilitate hotel reservation by Congress participants. All hotels listed below are ideally located in the neighborhood of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC). Most are within walking distance while some are conveniently located along major public transport routes.

Hotel	Room Type	Room Rate Per Night	Distance to Congress Venue
H1 Grand Hyatt Hong Kong ★★★★★	Grand Room	HK\$2,700 (US\$350)	Within the same complex as HKCEC
	Grand Harbour View Room	HK\$3,200 (US\$416)	
H2 Renaissance Harbour View Hotel ★★★★★	Superior Garden View Room	HK\$1,800 (US\$253)	Within the same complex as HKCEC
	Superior Harbour View Room	HK\$2,200 (US\$300)	
H3 Novotel Century Hong Kong ★★★★★	Standard Room	HK\$1,350 (US\$175)	0.5km, 7 minutes walk
	Deluxe Room	HK\$1,650 (US\$215)	
H4 The Empire Hotel Hong Kong ★★★★★	Superior Room	HK\$850 (US\$110)	0.5km, 10 minutes walk
	Premier Room	HK\$900 (US\$117)	
H5 The Harbour View ★★★	Premier Harbour View Room	HK\$1,100 (US\$143)	0.3km, 3 minutes walk
	Standard Room	HK\$750 (US\$98)	
H6 The Wesley Hotel ★★★	Standard Room	HK\$750 (US\$98)	0.7km, 15 minutes walk

The above room rates **do not** include breakfast and 10% service charge.

Notes:

- To guarantee the special discount rates, reservations must be made through International Conference Consultants Limited (ICC).
- All the room rates apply to single or double occupancy, unless otherwise specified.
- The above rates are subject to 10% service charge. Breakfast is not included in the room rates but can be arranged at additional cost.
- Hotel reservations will be taken on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Credit card details are required by hotel to secure your booking.
- The special room rates quoted are only valid for reservations made through ICC on or before 20 July 2009. ICC has an obligation to return all unsold rooms to the hotels after 20 July 2009. Therefore room availability and special rates for reservations made after that date cannot be guaranteed.
- The above hotel rates are only valid during the congress period for delegates attending ISHD 2009. All bookings for days outside the congress period will be subject to availability.
- All enquiries, changes or cancellation of room reservations should be addressed to ICC and NOT directly to the hotel.

Cancellation:

Reservation at H1 Grand Hyatt Hong Kong

Full room charge will be charged by the hotel if you cancel your booking or room nights after **27 July 2009**. In the event of no-show, hotel reservation will be released automatically and full payment will be charged.

Reservation at other hotels

One-night room charge will be charged by the hotel if you cancel your booking after **27 July 2009**. In the event of no-show, hotel reservation will be released automatically and one-night room charge will be charged.

Please contact the Congress Secretariat
(reg@ishd2009.org) for hotel room booking.

Optional Local Tours

T1: Hong Kong Island Tour

Date: 28 August 2009 (Friday) or
29 August 2009 (Saturday)

Time: 0900 – 1300

Tour Price Per Person: HK\$290 / US\$38
(seat-in-coach tour)

The Peak offers a breathtaking panorama of Victoria Harbour and the Kowloon Peninsula. En route to the southern side of the Island, you will be able to enjoy a scenic view of Repulse Bay, a popular summer escape for swimmers. Just around the corner is Stanley which is famous for its relaxed ambience and street market. Shopping at Stanley Market is always fun and there are many bargains to be found.



T2: Lantau Island Tour with Vegetarian Lunch

Date: 29 August 2009 (Saturday)

Time: 0800 – 1630

Tour Price Per Person: HK\$650 / US\$85
(seat-in-coach tour)

Visitors take a fast ferry through the Harbour to Lantau Island, then board a coach to the beautiful Cheung Sha beach and on to the unique Tai O fishing village, where fishermen's homes are built on stilts. The coach then takes a winding road up the mountain to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Giant Buddha sits majestically close to the Po Lin Monastery. Ample time is allowed for a guided tour of the Po Lin Monastery and Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall. A short walk away is the Wisdom Path where an ancient prayer is inscribed on a series of wooden columns set in a figure of eight to signify infinity. A vegetarian meal is served in the Monastery, followed by optional visits to the culturally themed Ngong Ping Village. The tour ends with a spectacular ride aboard the Skyrail cable car offering stunning views going down to Tung Chung.



T3: New Territories Tour

Date: 30 August 2009 (Sunday)

Time: 0900 - 1300

Tour Price Per Person: HK\$310 / US\$40
(seat-in-coach tour)

A tour around the New Territories shows you the rural aspect of Hong Kong. Step back into the mid-1800s as you enter Tai Fu Tai Mansion, the opulent stately home built in 1865, and Fan Tin Village. The nearby Lo Wai Walled Village and

Tang Chung Ling Ancestral Hall offer fascinating sights of village life in the New Territories. Another beautiful tradition stems from the enchanting Lam Tsuen Wishing Trees. Join the local villagers to burn joss sticks and incense papers to make your wishes come true.



T4: Kowloon Experience Tour

Date: 30 August 2009 (Sunday)

Time: 1400 – 1800

Tour Price Per Person: HK\$310 / US\$40
(minimum 15 persons to operate)

The tour will take you to the famous "Jade Market", an open-air market where tradesmen buy and sell rare stones and finished ornaments. We will then visit the Wong Tai Sin Temple, where you can pay homage to the blessed "God of Immigrants" and have your fortune told by the wise ones. Finally, step back in time with a visit to the Hong Kong Museum of History. Its "Hong Kong Story" Permanent Exhibition outlines the folk culture and historical development of Hong Kong.



T5: Macau Excursion

Date: 31 August 2009 (Monday)

Time: 0800 – 1800

Tour Price Per Person: HK\$830 / US\$108
(seat-in-coach tour)

An hour's hydrofoil ferry ride brings you to the previous Portuguese enclave – Macao, which was reverted to Chinese sovereignty in December 1999. Inscribed "The Historic Centre of Macao" on UNESCO's World Heritage List, Macao is rich in culture and heritage. You will enjoy visiting the 16th-century Kun Iam Temple and travelling up Penha Hill and Chapel for a magnificent view of the city. The tour will also lead you to the Ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral, Monte Fort, Senado Square and Avenida da Praia Residences. There are plenty of casinos in Macao offering a wide range of games, including baccarat, blackjack, roulette, boule, "big and small", and of course, the most glittering array of slot machines anywhere (the locals call them "hungry tigers"). The casinos in Macao operate 24 hours every day.



(Price includes round trip economy class ferry ticket between Hong Kong and Macao, transportation, Western Lunch, professional English speaking guide and admission fees.)

Terms and Conditions

1. Bookings are subject to acceptance on a first-come-first-served basis.
2. On receipt of completed form and payment, confirmation will be sent to the participant.
3. All tours will be on a join-in group basis or organized for a specific minimum number of people exclusively. In the event of no-show, payment is not refundable.
4. All tour prices include a round trip transfer and English-speaking guide service throughout, unless otherwise specified.
5. Final tour arrangements are subject to change in weather conditions and minimum quota requirements. In the event of cancellation of tours, the only liability of the Congress Secretariat is to refund the tour fees paid.
6. Please reconfirm the tour pick up point and time at the tour desk.
7. Participants are advised to arrange personal travel insurance to cover loss incurred in case of cancellation, medical expenses and damage or loss of personal effects. The Congress Secretariat will accept no liability for personal injuries or for loss or damage to property belonging to the participants during the organized tours.

Payment Policy

Tour fee is required at time of reservation and will be charged if the tour can be operated.

Cancellation charge will be applied as follows if cancellation notice is received:

After 31 July 2009	50% of the tour fee
7 days prior to departure	100% of the tour fee

Optional Mainland Tours

CT1: Beijing Tour (4 Days / 3 Nights)

Date : 31 August – 3 September 2009

Price : Twin Sharing – HK\$9,350 (US\$1,215) per person

Single – HK\$12,180 (US\$1,582) per person

Hotel Staying : The Peninsula Palace Beijing or
China World Hotel Beijing or other 5-star hotel
(Minimum of 15 persons to operate)



DAY 1 HONG KONG - BEIJING

Depart Hong Kong for Beijing by morning flight. Upon arrival, you'll visit the beautiful **Lama Temple**.

(Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 2 BEIJING

A full-day excursion capturing the atmosphere of old Beijing. You'll visit the **Great Wall**, one of the most massive projects in ancient history and the **Ming Tombs**, the burial site of 13 Ming Emperors. After lunch, visit the majestic **Summer Palace**. After a typical Beijing-style dinner, guests will visit the traditional **Laoshe Tea House** to enjoy the art of brewing and drinking fragrant Chinese tea served with Beijing snacks, along with performances by regional folk artists.

(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 3 BEIJING

Today is your chance to see for yourself some traditional local Beijing residences, **Hutong**, in an old-fashioned pedicab followed by a visit to the **Forbidden City**, with its treasure-filled Imperial Palace and the well-known **Tiananmen Square**. Before dinner, visit 2008 Olympic National Stadium "**Bird's Nest**" and National Aquatics Center "**Water Cube**". Dinner sees guests sampling classic Peking Duck.

(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 4 BEIJING - HONG KONG

Visit the famous **Temple of Heaven** in the morning. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hong Kong in the afternoon.

(Breakfast + Lunch)

CT2: Shanghai Tour (4 Days / 3 Nights)

Date : 31 August – 3 September 2009

Price : Twin Sharing – HK\$7,980 (US\$1,037) per person

Single – HK\$10,820 (US\$1,405) per person

Hotel Staying : Shanghai JC Mandarin Hotel or other 5-star hotel
(Minimum of 15 persons to operate)



DAY 1 HONG KONG - SHANGHAI

Fly from Hong Kong to Shanghai in the morning. Enjoy a brief city tour before sampling some Shanghaiese cuisine at a local restaurant.

(Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 2 SHANGHAI - WUZHEN - SHANGHAI

Explore the beautiful Bund embankment and meet some locals practising their Tai Chi. Visit **Yu Yuan Garden** and the quaint Old Town Bazaar. Travel to Pudong District and visit the **Oriental Broadcast Tower** to have a bird view of the city. Spend some time in the **Historical Museum** within the Oriental Tower to learn about the history of Shanghai. Enjoy a renowned acrobatics show in the evening

(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 3 SHANGHAI

In the morning, travel by coach to **Wuzhen Town** - a picturesque ancient 'Water Village'. Return to Shanghai in the afternoon and indulge in some shopping in local antique shops. Make the most of your free time by exploring the **Xintiandi Entertainment Area**, with its blend of traditional Chinese and modern restaurants and dazzling shops.

(Breakfast + Lunch)

DAY 4 SHANGHAI - HONG KONG

In the morning, Visit **Shanghai City Planning Hall**. Transfer to airport for your flight back to Hong Kong in the afternoon.

(Breakfast + Lunch)

CT3: Beijing & Xian Tour (6 Days / 5 Nights)

Date : 31 August – 5 September 2009

Price : Twin Sharing – HK\$12,390 (US\$1,609) per person

Single – HK\$16,065 (US\$2,087) per person

Hotel Staying : Beijing - The Peninsula Palace Beijing or China World Hotel Beijing or other 5-star hotel

Xian – Kempinski Hotel Xian or other 5-star hotel

(Minimum of 15 persons to operate)



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(Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 2 BEIJING

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(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 4 BEIJING - XIAN

Visit the famous **Temple of Heaven** in the morning. Transfer to the airport, fly to Xian and check into your hotel.

(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 5 XIAN

Today's full-day of sightseeing begins with the imposing **Qin's Terracotta Warriors**, one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of all times. Gaze in wonder at an army of 6,000 terracotta soldiers and horses that guard the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang and then the beautiful **Wild Goose Pagoda**. For dinner, a delicious dumpling banquet will be served, followed by a spectacular Tang Dynasty show.

(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 6 XIAN - HONG KONG

Visit to the **City Wall of the Ming Dynasty** followed by a tour of the Great Mosque in the Muslim Quarter of Xian. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hong Kong in the afternoon.

(Breakfast + Lunch)

Terms and Conditions

1. All Optional Mainland Tours are operated by China Travel Service (HK) Ltd. (CTS). Tour prices quoted are based on a minimum of 15 persons and are subject to change if minimum number cannot be met.
2. Tour prices include:
 - Round trip special economy class group ticket on Air China or train ticket between Hong Kong and the destination city as specified;
 - Domestic airfare (economy class) as specified on the itinerary. The ticket will be issued on group basis (non-refundable / non-transferable / non-changeable);
 - Hotel accommodation with daily breakfast, lunch, dinner, tours and transfers as specified;
 - Hong Kong Airport and Security Tax, Airline Insurance Additional Charge and Beijing Airport Tax;
 - Professional English speaking tour guide service for the entire tour;
 - All entrance fees, if any;
 - Transfer to / from airport and hotel within the destination city;
 - Baggage allowance of 20 kg per personTour prices do not include:
 - China Visa;
 - Airport Transfer in Hong Kong.
3. The listed flight schedule is on tentative basis. Should there be any change, delegate will be notified immediately.
4. Itinerary is subject to change due to weather, traffic or unforeseen circumstances.
5. All travelers to China (except Hong Kong) require an entry visa. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from date of traveling. Diplomatic passport holders and official passport holders must obtain China Visa in their country of origin. China visa fee and travel insurance are not included and can be quoted separately. An original passport and passport photo is required. It takes two working days to process. The price is subject to change by the visa office; participants may also apply for a visa at an embassy or consulate of China in their country before departure to Hong Kong. Please apply double-entry visa to Hong Kong if required.
6. Please reconfirm the tour pick up point and time at the tour desk.

7. A confirmation of tours will be sent to registered participants upon receipt of full payment.
8. Participants are advised to arrange personal travel insurance to cover loss incurred in case of cancellation, medical expenses and damage or loss of personal effects. The organizer or travel agency will accept no liability for personal injuries or for loss or damage to property belonging to the participants during the organized tours.
9. Adjustment of Price
CTS reserves the right to adjust the listed prices at any time should there be any fluctuation in the exchange rate of Chinese RMB Yuan, Hong Kong dollar and U.S. dollar or any increase by the suppliers in the cost of whatever portion of the tour.
10. Responsibility
 - a. CTS acts in the capacity of a travel agent only for clients in making arrangements for transportation, sightseeing or hotel accommodation. All coupons, receipts and tickets issued by CTS are subject to the terms and conditions stipulated by the suppliers. CTS shall be exempt from any liability for loss, injury or damage to property or person, accidents, delays, irregularities or other occurrence beyond its control.
 - b. The departure and arrival time of the transportation used by the tour are subject to change. Itineraries are subject to change without prior notice by the departments concerned in China due to unforeseen circumstances.
 - c. Should the itinerary or means of transportation be changed or the tour is prolonged due to unforeseen circumstances, all extra expenses will be borne and paid in cash on the spot by the participants.
 - d. CTS is not responsible for any loss to be suffered during the tour by tour participant who is refused to leave or re-enter Hong Kong by the Immigration Department or the authority concerned due to any reason.

Payment Policy

Full payment is required at time of reservation.

Cancellation charge will be applied as follows if cancellation notice is received:

30 days prior to tour departure	- 50%
14 days prior to tour departure	- 80%
7 days prior to departure	- 100%

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the form below and return it with the appropriate payment to **ISHD 2009 Congress Secretariat**,
c/o International Conference Consultants Ltd, Unit 301, The Centre Mark, 287-299 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.
Tel: (852) 2559 9973 Fax: (852) 2547 9528 Email: reg@ishd2009.org

You are highly recommended to register online at <http://www.ishd2009.org>

Please read the registration information before registering.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Please type or print in block letters and ✓ where appropriate)

Title: ☐ Prof. ☐ Dr. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Others, please specify: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Position: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal code: _____ Country: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Special Meal Requested: ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Pork-free ☐ Beef-free ☐ Others, please specify: _____

Accompanying Person(s):

☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Special Meal Requested: ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Pork-free ☐ Beef-free ☐ Others, please specify: _____

☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Special Meal Requested: ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Pork-free ☐ Beef-free ☐ Others, please specify: _____

(A) REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Early Bird (On or before 30 Jun 2009)	Regular (After 30 Jun 2009)	Amount
Overseas Registration			
ISHD member (MD)	☐ HK\$3,120 (US\$400)	☐ HK\$3,510 (US\$450)	HK\$
Non ISHD member (MD)	☐ HK\$3,510 (US\$450)	☐ HK\$3,900 (US\$500)	HK\$
Nurse, Trainees & Paramedical	☐ HK\$2,000 (US\$260)	☐ HK\$2,500 (US\$330)	HK\$
Accompanying Person	☐ HK\$1,000 (US\$120)		HK\$
Local Registration			
MD	☐ HK\$1,800		HK\$
Nurse, Trainees & Paramedical	☐ HK\$1,000		HK\$
Day Registration	☐ 29-Aug (Sat) ☐ 30-Aug (Sun) HK\$800 per day		HK\$
Total (A) HK\$			

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

(B) PRE-CONGRESS COURSE

*Limited to full delegates & day participants only

Date	Courses	Registration Fee	Amount
28 Aug 2008	Pre-Congress HD & CRRT Course	HK\$390 (US\$50)	HK\$
Total (B) HK\$			

(C) OPTIONAL TOURS & MAINLAND TOURS

Tour	Date and Time	Tour Price Per Person		No. of Person(s)	Amount
T1a: Hong Kong Island Tour	28 Aug (Fri) 0900 – 1300	HK\$290 (US\$38)	x	[]	
T1b: Hong Kong Island Tour	29 Aug (Sat) 0900 – 1300	HK\$290 (US\$38)	x	[]	
T2: Lantau Island Tour with Vegetarian Lunch	29 Aug (Fri) 0800 – 1630	HK\$650 (US\$85)	x	[]	
T3: New Territories Tour	30 Aug (Sun) 0900 – 1300	HK\$310 (US\$40)	x	[]	
T4: Kowloon Experience Tour	30 Aug (Sun) 1400 – 1800	HK\$310 (US\$40)	x	[]	
T5: Macau Excursion	31 Aug (Mon) 0800 – 1800	HK\$830 (US\$108)	x	[]	
CT1: Beijing Tour (4 Days / 3 Nights)	31 Aug – 3 Sep 2009	Single: HK\$12,180 (US\$1,582)	x	[]	
		Twin: HK\$9,350 (US\$1,215)	x	[]	
CT2: Shanghai Tour (4 Days / 3 Nights)	31 Aug – 3 Sep 2009	Single: HK\$10,820 (US\$1,405)	x	[]	
		Twin: HK\$7,980 (US\$1,037)	x	[]	
CT3: Beijing & Xian Tour (6 Days / 5 Nights)	31 Aug – 5 Sep 2009	Single: HK\$16,065 (US\$2,087)	x	[]	
		Twin: HK\$12,390 (US\$1,609)	x	[]	
Total (C) HK\$					

(D) LETTER OF INVITATION

On request, the ISHD 2009 Congress Secretariat will send a letter of invitation to attend the Congress. Such an invitation is extended specifically to assist participants to obtain travel refunds, appropriate visas, approvals, sponsorship or leave. It does not imply a commitment on the part of the Congress Organizer to provide any support, financial or otherwise.

☐ Please send me a letter of invitation to the address provided on this registration form.

PAYMENT DECLARATION

I would like to settle the payment of **HK\$ / US\$** _____ **(A+B+C) by**

☐ **Cheque / Bank Draft payable to "ISHD 2009"**

☐ **Bank transfer to Standard Chartered Bank, 15 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong. Account Name: ISHD 2009, Account Number: 003-447-004-5213-6 SWIFT Code: SCBLHKHHXXX. Reference: Name of delegate or invoice no.**

A copy of the receipt of the bank remittance should be attached to the Registration Form. All bank charges for remittance must be borne by the remitter.

☐ **Credit Card** ☐ **Visa** ☐ **MasterCard** (in Hong Kong dollars only)

I hereby authorize International Conference Consultants Limited (ICC Ltd.) to debit my account for the above-mentioned amount.

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiry Date (MM/YY): _____ - _____

Name of Cardholder: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Congress.

Notes:

- Registrations are subject to acceptance on a "first-come-first-served" basis.
- Registration forms received without payment will not be processed. Please do not send cash.
- Each registrant should complete a separate registration form. A photocopy of the registration form is acceptable.
- Written confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your registration form and full payment. If this confirmation has not been received within two weeks, please contact the Registration Department (reg@ishd2009.org)
- The Congress Programme is subject to change without prior notice. In the unlikely event of cancellation of the Congress, the only liability of the Congress Organizers is to refund all the fees paid.
- All enquiries, changes and cancellations should be made in writing to the Congress Secretariat.
- A replacement or transfer is allowed provided the replacement is from the same organization and upon receipt of a written request from the person to be replaced before **28 July 2009**.
- The Pre-Congress courses are subject to sufficient interest to operate. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

(E) HOTEL RESERVATION

- ☐ No hotel reservation required. ☐ I will book my own room. I will be staying at _____ Hotel.
- ☐ Please book a room for me. (Please indicate your choices (1, 2 & 3) in appropriate box.)

Preference (1, 2 & 3)	Hotel	Room Type	Room Rate Per Night
	H1. Grand Hyatt Hong Kong	Grand Room	☐ HK\$2,700 (US\$350)
		Grand Harbour View Room	☐ HK\$3,200 (US\$416)
	H2. Renaissance Harbour View Hotel	Superior Garden View Room	☐ HK\$1,800 (US\$253)
		Superior Harbour View Room	☐ HK\$2,200 (US\$300)
	H3. Novotel Century Hong Kong	Standard Room	☐ HK\$1,350 (US\$175)
		Deluxe Room	☐ HK\$1,650 (US\$215)
	H4. The Empire Hotel Hong Kong	Superior Room	☐ HK\$850 (US\$110)
	H5. The Harbourview	Premier Room	☐ HK\$900 (US\$117)
		Premier Harbour View Room	☐ HK\$1,100 (US\$143)
	H6. The Wesley Hotel	Standard Room	☐ HK\$750 (US\$98)

Date of check-in: _____ Date of check-out: _____

Arrival Flight & Time: _____ Departure Flight & Time: _____

☐ Single ☐ Double ☐ Twin I will be sharing with _____Special Requests: ☐ Smoking Room ☐ Non-Smoking Room

Others, please specify _____

Notes:

- To guarantee the special discount rates, reservations must be made through International Conference Consultants Limited (ICC).
- All the room rates apply to single or double occupancy, unless otherwise specified.
- The above rates are subject to 10% service charge. Breakfast is not included in the room rates but can be arranged at additional cost.
- Hotel reservations will be taken on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Credit card details are required by hotel to secure your booking.
- The special room rates quoted are only valid for reservations made through ICC on or before 20 July 2009. ICC has an obligation to return all unsold rooms to the hotels after 20 July 2009. Therefore room availability and special rates for reservations made after that date cannot be guaranteed.
- The above hotel rates are only valid during the congress period for delegates attending ISHD 2009. All bookings for days outside the congress period will be subject to availability.
- All enquiries, changes or cancellation of room reservations should be addressed to ICC and NOT directly to the hotel.

8. Cancellation:**Reservation at H1 Grand Hyatt Hong Kong**

Full room charge will be charged by the hotel if you cancel your booking or room nights after **27 July 2009**. In the event of no-show, hotel reservation will be released automatically and full payment will be charged.

Reservation at other hotels

One-night room charge will be charged by the hotel if you cancel your booking after **27 July 2009**. In the event of no-show, hotel reservation will be released automatically and one-night room charge will be charged.

TO GUARANTEE HOTEL RESERVATION

I hereby agree to be bound by the above rules and regulations and would like to guarantee my hotel reservation by

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Expiry Date (MM/YY): _____ - _____

Name of Cardholder: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If you would like to settle hotel deposit by other payment methods, please contact the Congress Secretariat for details.)

General Information about Hong Kong

Congress Venue

The 2nd Congress of International Society for Hemodialysis 2009 (ISHD 2009) will be held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC). It is just a few minutes' walk from a wide range of hotels, and is readily accessible by various means of public transport.

Address: 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong
(Harbour Road Entrance)
Tel: (852) 2582 8888
Fax: (852) 2802 0000
Website: www.hkcec.com

Registration and Information Desk

Our information counters will be operated throughout the Congress for all participants, accompanying persons and day participants.

Language

English is the official language of the Conference. Simultaneous headphone interpretation (from English to Putonghua) will be arranged for Plenary Symposia.

Badge

The Congress Registration Desk will provide each participant with a name badge and invitations for social programmes. All participants are requested to wear their name badges throughout the Congress and social programmes. **Only badge holders will be admitted to the Congress venue, meeting rooms, related exhibitions and social programmes.**



Insurance and Liability

Participants are advised to secure their own insurance to cover loss incurred in case of cancellation, medical expenses and damage or loss of personal properties.

Letter of Invitation

To facilitate registrants' visa application, registrants may make a request in writing for a letter of invitation to attend the Congress from the Congress Secretariat.

Passport and Visa

Visitors must hold a valid passport, endorsed where necessary for Hong Kong. Hong Kong has a liberal visa policy, allowing visa-free entry to nationals of more than 170 countries and territories. For country-specific visa information, please visit www.immd.gov.hk/ehhtml/hkvisas_4.htm. For delegates from countries for which visas are required for entry to Hong Kong, please check with the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country.

For delegates traveling to other cities in China, an entry visa to China is required. Please obtain your visa from the Chinese Embassy or Consulate within your current place of residence. The travel documents must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of traveling.



Airport Transfer

Airport Express Line (AEL)

This high-speed rail service takes passengers between Hong Kong International Airport and the Hong Kong Station in Central in about 23 minutes. Train services are provided daily between 6 am and 1 am and at 12-minute intervals. Train tickets can be purchased at the Airport Express Customer Service Centre located at the Arrivals Hall. Taxi is recommended for direct transfer from the Hong Kong Station to Congress hotels in 5-10 minutes. Alternatively, a free Airport Express shuttle bus serving between the Hong Kong Station and major hotels departs every 24 minutes.

Approximate cost:

Single Journey - HK\$100 per adult ticket,
HK\$50 per child ticket

Round Trip (valid for one month) - HK\$180 per adult ticket



Airport Coach

The coach service is available between the airport and all Conference hotels. The service timetable corresponds with the arrival and departure flight schedules of major international airlines. Tickets can be purchased at the coach operator counter at the Arrivals Hall.

Approximate time: 60 minutes

Approximate cost: Single journey - HK\$160 per person

Taxi

Urban taxis are red. The current rates are HK\$16 for the first two kilometers plus HK\$1.40 every further 0.20 kilometer. Additional charges for luggage and tolls apply. Taxis only accept HK Dollars in cash.

Approximate time: 45 minutes

Approximate cost: HK\$350-HK\$400

Air Passenger Departure Tax

Adults (12 years and over): HK\$120

Children (under 12 years): Free

Air passenger departure tax is normally included in the price of the air ticket.

Business Hours

Generally, offices of commercial establishments and government departments are open from 9 am to 5 pm on weekdays. Some are open on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Major banks are open from 9 am to 4:30 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 12:30 pm on Saturdays.

Most shops and department stores are open daily from 10 am to 9 pm, while 24-hour convenience shops are located all over the city.

There is no sales tax on goods and services in Hong Kong. Hotels and restaurants usually add 10% service charge to their bills. Tipping may be appropriate when a service charge is not included.



Climate

Hong Kong has a sub-tropical climate with seasonal changes. In August, The temperature ranges from 26°C to 33°C. Humidity can reach nearly 86 per cent. An umbrella or hat can protect you from the intense sunshine. Go to www.hko.gov.hk for weather forecast before deciding what to pack.

Currency and Credit Cards

The Hong Kong Dollar (HK\$) is the unit currency used in Hong Kong. One US dollar is about HK\$7.70. Most foreign currencies and traveler's cheques can be changed by banks, hotels and moneychangers. There are no restrictions on the type or amount of money that can be brought into or taken out of Hong Kong.

All major credit cards are widely accepted in Hong Kong and can be used to obtain cash advances at banks and automatic teller machines (ATMs). ATMs can be found almost everywhere including the meeting venue, and provide 24-hour cash withdrawals (HK\$).

Electricity

The standard voltage in Hong Kong is 220 volts AC/50 cycles. The plug/socket system in Hong Kong is a 3-rectangular-pin type.



Public Transportation

Hong Kong is so compact that getting around is quick and easy. An efficient public transport system – networks of urban underground trains (MTR), numerous routes of trams, buses and ferries – enable visitors to explore Hong Kong conveniently and safely on their own.

Airport Express Travel Pass not only takes you to/from the airport; it also allows you to travel within the city by MTR for 3 consecutive days. For further information, please visit: <http://www.mtr.com.hk>



Time Zone

Add 8 hours to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) to find Hong Kong time.

Telecommunication

International direct dialing, Internet, e-mail facilities are easily accessible in Hong Kong. Most of the mobile telephone systems used around the globe operate in Hong Kong.

Discover Hong Kong

For the most updated tourist information, please visit the website of the Hong Kong Tourism Board at www.discoverhongkong.com.

* The information contained in the brochure is correct as of the date of print and may subject to change.



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