

Local Arrangements and Some Tips for Attending ISAAC'2005

(1) Registering on Site

- (1.1) A registration desk will be set up at the Lobby of the conference hotel.
- (1.2) Registration time is **13:00-20:00 on Dec. 18** (after that you may register in the morning of Dec. 19 outside the plenary session room. For other time you may register at the guest room of organization committee).
- (1.3) A package of conference materials will be provided for each participant who has paid the registration fee. It includes a copy of proceedings, a copy of program, your conference name tag, a ball pen, a notebook, a set of tickets for all organized lunches/suppers/BBQ/tour, a map of Sanya.
- (1.4) You **MUST** wear your conference name tag and give your tickets to waiter/waitress when attending all sessions and taking all organized lunches/suppers/BBQ/tour.

(2) Presenting Papers

- (2.1) All talks **MUST** be presented in one of the forms of ppt, pdf, doc, ps files. **NO** projector for transparent slides will be provided (sorry for inconvenience).
- (2.2) You can either bring your own laptop (notebook computer), or bring mobile hard disk, USB disk with your files saved.
- (2.3) Meeting rooms for all plenary and parallel sessions are **at the 2nd floor**.

(3) Attending Half-day Tour

- (3.1) A half-day tour to **XiLong Tropical Botanical Garden** will be arranged in the afternoon of **Dec. 20**. It takes about one hour and half from the conference hotel to the garden by sightseeing bus. For more information about the garden, please browse the web page of the garden at <http://www.xlrdzwy.com/p2005/pages/fengjing.htm>.
- (3.2) All participants must summon outside the hotel at 13:00 and then take a picture of all. After that we will start for the garden around 13:30 by three sightseeing buses. We will spend about two hours at the garden, and then leave there at 17:00 and return the hotel at 18:30.
- (3.3) More than 140 people are expected to attend the tour, so **punctuality** is very essential for the success of such a tour.
- (3.4) Fare for half-day tour is included in the registration fee. **Tickets are needed** for attending the tour.

(4) Taking Meals

- (4.1) Breakfast, lunches of Dec. 19-21, suppers in the evening of Dec. 18 and Dec. 21 will all be served **at the 2nd floor**, BBQ in the evening of Dec. 20 will be served **at the beach** near the hotel (a 40-min folk performance of dancing and singing will be arranged during the BBQ).
- (4.2) Fares for breakfasts (at most for two people) are included at the room charges, while fares for organized lunches, suppers and BBQ are included in the registration fee.

(5) Arriving at the Conference Hotel

- (5.1) ISAAC2005 will be held at the **Pearl River Garden Hotel**. You may visit the web page of the hotel for some general information at <http://www.prgardenhotel.com.cn/english.htm> (in English) or <http://www.prgardenhotel.com.cn/index.htm> (in Chinese).
- (5.2) All participants must go to the conference hotel themselves. Hence for those who do not speak Chinese may write down the Chinese name of the hotel in the following ways before they leave for Sanya:
- (a) ask a Chinese colleague/student/friend to help you, or (b) print out and cut the Chinese direction provided at the next page.
- (5.3) It is strongly recommended that you **should** take a taxi waiting in a line.
- (5.4) Tell the taxi driver that you want to go to the Pearl River Garden Hotel, which is about **20 minutes** (about **22 Km**) driving distance away from Sanya Airport. You should ask the driver to switch on the meter when you get on a taxi and give you the receipt after you arrive the destination (the cost is about 40-50 Yuan RMB). However, it is said that many drivers do not want to charge you by meters in order to earn some more money. In this case 50-60 Yuan RMB (60-70 Yuan RMB for evening) is considered reasonable/acceptable.

(6) Preparing Trip to Sanya

- (6.1) The temperature at Sanya is about **20C** during Dec. (but some other cities in mainland China, such as Beijing, are very cold, usually around 5C.)
- (6.2) You are **NOT** encouraged to go swimming or diving outdoor yourself at Sanya.

(7) Taking Money and Giving Tips

- (7.1) It is **strongly recommended** that you should take some cash of Chinese Yuan or major currencies (such as USD, Euro, Japanese Yen, HKD) along with major credit cards. It is **NOT** convenient to use traveler check in mainland China.
- (7.2) You may exchange some cash of Chinese Yuan at some major airports in China including Beijing, Shanghai, HongKong (but, unfortunately, **NO** such service at Sanya airport). Of course, you may also exchange Chinese Yuan at some local offices/branches of Bank of China (or some other major China Banks). But that is quite difficult, especially if you could not understand Chinese, and time-consuming.
- (7.3) You can pay all expenses at the conference hotel by both cash of Chinese Yuan (or major currencies) and credit cards.
- (7.4) Giving tips is far from popular in mainland China, even when you take a taxi or have meal at a restaurant. At the conference hotel, which is rated 4 star, you are also not expected to give a tip to someone who has provided you with a service but he/she may receive it if you are willing to give. In short, it is up to you (**NOT** custom in mainland China) to give tips or not.

(8) Asking for Help

- (8.1) Before Dec. 17, please send your inquiries about local arrangement at xdhu@amss.ac.cn.
- (8.2) After Dec. 17, please phone the conference hotel: (86-871) 356 2828
- (8.3) Emergency/Police Call in mainland China is 110 (just like 911 in US).

The following directions written in Chinese could be used when you tell taxi drivers (or anyone) who may help you to get to the conference hotel.

Name of the Hotel: **Pearl River Garden Hotel**

酒店名称：海南省三亚市珠江花园酒店

Location of the Hotel: **HaiNan Province, SanYa City, DaDongHai Area**

酒店地点：中国海南省三亚大东海

Phone of the Hotel: **0086-898-88211888**

酒店电话： **0086-898-88211888**

Fax of the hotel: **0086-898-88212955**

酒店传真： **0086-898-88212955**

Map of Sanya:

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