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**Fourteenth Session of the IOC/WESTPAC Co-ordinating Committee for the  
North-East Asian Regional/Global Ocean Observing System (NEAR-GOOS)**

Tianjin, China, 8-9 September 2011

**INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS**

Dear Participants,

Welcome to the National Marine Data and Information Service (NMDIS), Tianjin, China for the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the IOC/WESTPAC Co-ordinating Committee for the North-East Asian Regional/Global Ocean Observing System (NEAR-GOOS), 8-9 September 2011. To facilitate your travel preparation, please carefully read the following information.

**1. Venue:**

The meeting will be held in the National Marine Data and Information Service (NMDIS), Tianjin, China.

Address: No. 93 Liuwei Road, Hedong District  
Tianjin, 300171, China  
Tel: +86-22-24010885  
Fax: +86-22-24010926  
Website: <http://www.nmdis.gov.cn>

**2. Accommodation and payment:**

NMDIS recommends the following two hotels close to NMDIS, and encourage all participants to make hotel reservation as soon as possible.

**(1) Golden Crown Hotel** (5 minutes driving or 20 minutes walking distance from the NMDIS, 2.5 km)

Golden Crown Hotel is located at a bustling CBD. This stately and beautiful modern comprehensive building is with unique appearance and magnificent vigour. The facade effect that combines the Belgian original 24K gold-coating glass curtain wall with imported granite base likes a lustrous crown. The building, with the astonishing height of 188m, looks down every instantaneous brilliance days and nights.

**Room and price:**

| Room                        | Breakfast | Internet             | Price (RMB) |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|
| Deluxe Superior Room        | No        | Free Internet access | ¥ 1098      |
| Deluxe Twin Room            | No        | Free Internet access | ¥ 1098      |
| Superior Suite King / Twin  | No        | Free Internet access | ¥ 2398      |
| Business Suite King / Twin  | No        | Free Internet access | ¥ 2390      |
| Executive Suite King / Twin | No        | Free Internet access | ¥ 3388      |

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| Deluxe Suite King / Twin       | No | Free Internet access | ¥ 4688 |
| Golden Crown Suite King / Twin | No | Free Internet access | ¥ 6888 |

**Address:** No 18 Nanjing Road, Hexi District, Tianjin, 300042, China  
Tel: +86-22-23038866  
Fax: +86-22-23038899  
Website: <http://www.gcthotel.com/>

**(2) Tianjin Zhengxie Club Hotel** (4 minutes driving or 15minutes walking distance from the NMDIS, 1.7 km)

Backing on the beautiful Haihe River, Tianjin Zhengxie Club Hotel is located at the flourishing Xiaobailou Business Area, which is at the Central Business District (CBD) planned by Tianjin. It is the center of scene district in German style and features under development. The Tianjin Zhengxie Club Hotel is modified on the basis of the original old building of German Club built in 1907 and the two newly-built joint buildings, which has formed the German style architectural complex. The original German Club is also called German Billiard Room in typical Gothic style. For tens of years ago, it was the place of social exchanges and gatherings for prestigious people from German Concession and concessions of various nations in Tianjin, which was full of dense foreign affections. From the mid-1920s to late in 1920s the American Red Cross Association and Tianjin Senate had chosen to work in the place successively. From 1950s, Tianjin Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) has been working here and in 1991, it was renamed as Zhengxie Club. For a hundred years, it has been always full of dense historical human atmosphere in unique charm. Through overall renovation and expansion, the Municipal Zhengxie Club opens to friends from all circles of society.

**Room and Price:**

| Room                   | Breakfast | Price (RMB) |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Business Standard Room | Yes       | ¥ 450       |
| Business King Room     | Yes       | ¥ 500       |

**Memo:** The room rate includes service charge and breakfast for one person. Tax and special services on order are not involved.

**Address:** No.273 Jiefang Nan Road, Hexi District, Tianjin, 300042, China  
Tel : +86-22-23398666  
Fax: +86-22-23398222  
Website: <http://www.tjzxhotel.com/>

**Map**



Participants, who are planning to stay in the Golden Crown Hotel, please kindly contact the hotel directly to make your reservations. For others who choose Tianjin Zhengxie Club Hotel, reservation would be done with the help of local organizer. Please inform National Marine Data and Information Service (NMDIS) of your full name, passport number, room type, check-in date and check-out date ASAP with Ms. Yu Ting at [tacula@gmail.com](mailto:tacula@gmail.com). Participants are kindly requested to clear the room bills when checking out.

### 3. Transportation to and from the airport:

#### For participants who are going to land in the Tianjin Binhai International Airport:

Tianjin Binhai International Airport is located at Jinhuan Road, Dongli District of Tianjin. It is quite convenient travelling from the airport to the downtown of Tianjin.

Airport bus which operates three lines daily is good choice.

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| <b>Airport Bus</b>   |
| <b>Line 1:</b> Tianjin Binhai International Airport ---- Tianjin East Railway Station<br><b>Line stops:</b> Nonstop<br><b>Schedule:</b> Daily from 6:00 to 19:30, every half an hour, departure from both direction<br><b>Terminal location:</b> Airport: Domestic Exit Gate 2<br><b>Tianjin East Railway Station:</b> North Exit in the Backyard Square, to the west of Xinzhaoh Road, in front of the Post Office<br><b>Ticket Price:</b> 10 RMB   |
| <b>Line 2:</b> Tianjin Binhai International Airport ---- Nanjing Road (Champagne Town Hotel)<br><b>Line stops:</b> Three stops in the middle are Zhongshan Gate Subway Station, Shiyijing Road Wanlong Mansion, the intersection of Shanxi Road and Nanjing Road.<br><b>Schedule:</b> Airport (Domestic Exit Gate 2): from 10:15 to 19:15, every half an hour<br>Nanjing Road (Champagne Town Hotel) : 5:50, 9:15, 11:15, 12:15, 14:15, 16:15<br><b>Terminal location:</b> Airport: Domestic Exit Gate 2<br>Nanjing Road: the Champagne Town Hotel at the intersection of Yingkou Rd. and Hebei Rd.<br><b>Ticket Price:</b> 10 RMB |
| <b>Line 3:</b> Tianjin Binhai International Airport ----Tianhuan Coach Station<br><b>Line stops:</b> Three stops in the middle are Tongsha Coach Station, Santiaoshi Street (Dahutong business center), Tianjin West Railway Station.<br><b>Schedule:</b> From 12: 00 to 17:00 daily, departure form the airport each hour.<br><b>Terminals location:</b> Airport: Domestic Exit Gate 2<br><b>Ticket Price:</b> 20 RMB   |
| <b>Important note:</b> After 19: 30 till the last scheduled flight of the day, the bus is single way from airport to downtown Tianjin. Every half an hour, a bus leaves the airport following the route of Airport (Domestic Exit Gate 2)→ Tianjin East Railway Station→Nanjing Road.  |

However, none of the airport bus terminals is within the walking distance of the recommended hotel. So, if you choose the airport bus service, you have to take a taxi after arriving at the terminals in downtown Tianjin.

As an alternative, you could directly take the taxi which is very fast and convenient. The journey time to NMDIS is about 25 minutes. Here is the price sheet of the airport taxi:

| kilometer\ Engine displacement           | 1.6 liters ↑          | 1.6 liters ↓          |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Less than 3 km                           | Flag-fall price 8 RMB | Flag-fall price 8 RMB |
| 3-10 km                                  | 2 RMB/km              | 1.7 RMB/km            |
| 10 km and further<br>(charge for return) | 3 RMB/km              | 2.5 RMB/km            |

### Tips for taking a taxi

Please pay attention to the charge standards on the windows of the taxi, and the service supervision card of the taxi driver.

Road toll and bridge toll will be afforded by passengers.

Please ask the taxi driver for invoices and take down the car number if necessary.

Please take a taxi with official certification at the airport. Don't forget your belongings when getting off.

For further transportation information, please visit the Tianjin Binhai International Airport website <http://www.tiba.cn>.

For participants who are going to land in the Beijing Capital International Airport (BCIA):

Some of the participants may take the direct flight to Beijing. The travelling information from the Beijing Capital International Airport (BCIA) to Tianjin is listed as follows.

#### (1) Airport Shuttle (recommended)

Take the Inter-Provincial Shuttle Bus from BCIA to Tianjin.

| Run Time   | Station locations  | Price             | One-way time       |
|--|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| BCIA: 9:00 – 22:00, every half an hour<br>Tianjin: 5:00, 5:40, 6:30, and later on every half an hour | BCIA: Terminal3, Gate 1<br>Tianjin: Tianhuan Coach Station | RMB 80/per person | 2 hours and a half |

#### (2) Airport Express → Subway → City Express trains

BCIA runs a 4-stops (Dongzhimen, Sanyuanqiao, T3 and T2) Airport express.

| Run Time  | Interval   | Station Locations  | Fare                           |
|---|------------|--|--------------------------------|
| T2: 06: 35-23: 10<br>T3: 06: 20-22: 50<br>Dongzhimen: 06: 00-22: 30 | 12 minutes | Terminal 2: B2 of Parking Garage No. 2<br>Terminal 3: F2 of Parking Garage No. 3 | Single Trip: RMB 25/per person |

Take the Airport Express from Terminal 2 or Terminal 3 (direction Dongzhimen), and get off when arriving at the Dongzhimen. Ticket machine accepts cash with smart chips. Otherwise please use the manned counters. The ticket of subway is 2 RMB for both Line 2 and Line 4. Take the Subway Line 2 and get off at Xuanwumen. (Line 2 is a circle route, so it is almost the same time for both directions). Transfer to Line 4, in direction of Tiangongyuan, and get off at Beijing South Railway Station. It will take you about 1 hour.

There are many City Express Trains between Beijing and Tianjin running with tight schedule, from 6:30 in the morning to 23:00 late evening, at 10 -15 minutes intervals. The travel time from Beijing South Railway Station to Tianjin Station is only 30 minutes. First class ticket is 69 RMB, and second class ticket is 58 RMB. Ticket machine accepts cash with smart chips. Otherwise please use the manned counters.

#### (3) Taxi → City Express

In case that you are not familiar with the transfer procedure in Beijing subway, Taxi is a convenient choice. Especially when you have a lot of luggage, a taxi would be practical.

| Taxi Locations   | Charge Standard   |
|--|---|
| T1: outside Gate 3 to 5 on F1<br>T2: outside Gate 3 to 7 on F1<br>T3: Please refer to the signs inside the terminal building | The minimum charge is RMB 10 covering the first 3km. The rest will be charged at RMB 2/km;<br>Additional 50% of the total fee will be charged as an allowance for the return trip if the single trip has exceeded 15km;<br>If the speed is below 12km/h, an extra expense for 1km will be charged every 5 minutes;<br>While the taxi is waiting as the passengers require, extra an expense for 1km will be charged every 5 minutes;<br>The minimum charge will be RMB 11 from 23:00pm to 5:00am, and also a rise of 20% per kilometer. |

It is about 35-40 km from the airport to Beijing South Railway Station, with average fare of 150 RMB without traffic. But you should aware that it could take much longer time at the peak times.

When arriving at Beijing South Railway Station, the following is the same with that of solution (2).

Kind Reminder: BCIA also has Free Terminal Shuttle. Free ferry bus service is available between terminals.

For further information, please visit the website of the Beijing Capital International Airport <http://en.bcia.com.cn/index.shtml>.

**4. Registration:** The registration desk will be open on 8 September 2011 from 0830 to 0900 at the seventh floor conference room of MNDIS. For those who cannot register during this time, registration desk will open during most of the working hours during the meeting. For our reference, kindly provide the Secretariat with your name card during registration.

**5. The Secretariat** will be located at NMDIS.

**6. Coffee breaks** will be arranged free outside the meeting room.

**7. Climate\*:** Tianjin features a four season, monsoon-influenced climate, typical of East Asia, with cold, windy, very dry winters reflecting the influence of the vast Siberian anticyclone, and hot, humid summers, due to the monsoon. Spring in the city is dry and windy, occasionally seeing sandstorms blowing in from the Gobi Desert, capable of lasting for several days.


Average Weather in Tianjin for September

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| Sunlight   | 8 hours a day |
| Coldest daily temperature                        | 14 °C         |
| Average daily temperature                        | 25 °C         |
| Warmest daily temperature                        | 26 °C         |
| Discomfort due to high temperatures and humidity | Moderate      |
| Morning Humidity                                 | 68%           |
| Evening Humidity                                 | 52%           |
| Rain   | 52 mm a day   |
| Wet days for September                           | 7 days        |

\*Sources: From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia and World Climate Data openweather.com

**8. Currency Exchange:** Chinese Yuan (also known as Renminbi, rmb for short) is the official and legal currency in circulation. Use of foreign currencies is generally not allowed. The official

currency exchange rate can be found at <http://www.boc.cn/sourcedb/whpj/enindex.html> which is applied national wide.

Here are currency exchange services at Tianjin Airport and top-end (Normally 4 stars to 5 stars) hotels. All branches of Bank of China and other large banks offers currency exchange services. Look for a sign **EXCHANGE** **货币兑换**  when you walk into a bank outlet.

**9. Flight confirmation** should be made by the participants. Assistance will be provided if required.

**10. Electricity and Mobile phone**

China uses 220V electricity with the following electrical outlets. Please bring a suitable adaptor if possible.



A typical Chinese socket

Mobile phone services conform to the GSM standard and your own mobile should work here without difficulty. If not, you are welcome to use the landline services at NMDIS.



Finally, we wish you a pleasant stay in Tianjin, China.

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and, National Marine Data and Information Service (NMDIS)*



Chinese AC power plugs