The People’s Republic of China is a socialism country with its own characteristics. It is one of the developing countries. China is a country with a vast territory which is the 3rd-largest country in the world. It consists of 34 provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities directly under the Central Government. Beijing, which is situated in the North China, is its capital.

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China lies in the east of Asia. It has a number of neighboring countries. To the north, northeast and northwest are the Mongolia, Russia and Korea. To the south are Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and the Philippine. To the west and southwest are India, Burma, Bhutan, Nepal and Pakistan. To the east is Japan, which faces China across the East China Sea.

The national language of China is Mandarin, known in China as Putonghua. Nearly everyone speaks Mandarin, but many also speak a local dialect that uses the same characters as Mandarin.

In China, only RMB is used. However, exchange centers can be found at airports, most hotels and large shopping centers. When exchanging money, please keep your receipt by which can change any remaining RMB back to foreign currency when leaving China. Visa, Master, American Express, Diners Club, and JCB are accepted in many department stores and hotels. But it might be difficult to draw cash with credit cards. The Bank of China and most hotels can cash travelers cheques issued by any foreign bank or financial institution. Participants will need to show a passport and pay a 3 percent commission. Travelers cheques signed over to a third party cannot be cashed in China, but can be presented for collection through the Bank of China.

1. Banks: Chinese Banks are open daily throughout the week from 9am-5pm.

2. Hospitals: Hospitals in Beijing are operated between the hours of
Trading Hours

7:00am-5:00pm, whiles emergency is 24 hours.

3. Government Offices: Government officials work from 09am to 5pm with one-hour siesta and work off on Weekends.

4. Post office: Daily between the hours of 9am-5pm

5. Restaurants: Restaurants usually opens at 10 am, lunch is served in from 12 pm - 4 pm. Dinner is available from 6:00 - 11 pm. Outside of these hours you can get delicious snacks to eat in smaller restaurants and some bars.

6. Shopping Malls: From 9am-9pm

TIME DIFFERENCE
China Standard Time (Beijing Standard Time) is eight (8) hours ahead of UTC/GMT, which means Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) + 8 hr (=MET)

ELECTRICITY
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

TELEPHONE, MOBILE PHONE, INTERNET
Telephone service is modern and you can direct dial anywhere in the world. International calls can also be made using phone cards. Short-term mobile phone cards can be easily purchased. Most hotels offer computers with internet connectivity for free. Internet cafes and free WIFI are gaining popularity in commercial establishments.

Passport/Visa

(The following information is FYI. Please consult Chinese Consulates or Embassy in your country of residence for official visa information)

General Information
Chinese visa is a permit issued to a foreigner by the Chinese visa authorities for entry into, exit from or transit through the Chinese territory. The Chinese visa authorities may issue a diplomatic, courtesy, service or ordinary visa to a foreigner according to his identity, purpose of visit to China and passport type.

To travel to China, you may request a tourist (L) visa by submitting travel reservation information only. [http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/hrsq/#L] The applicant shall provide evidence on his financial capability of covering the traveling expenses in China, and when necessary, provide the air, train or ship tickets to the heading country/region after leaving China. Typically nothing else is needed and it is the simplest and fastest visa.

Foreigners who intend to go to China for non-commercial exchanges, study tours, sports, and other non-business activities may apply for F visa. For detailed information please ask embassy/consulate visa offices. Some information is available on line [http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/hrsq/#F]

To make your trip to China an easy and pleasant one, you are kindly advised to consult the local Chinese Embassies or Consulates-General first for travel information. They will readily help you go through the necessary procedures.

Documentation
Typically to apply for a Chinese visa, the following items are needed: A passport which is valid for at least six months following the date of
submission, with an entire blank page available for the visa;
One Visa Application Form of the Peoples Republic of China, which is filled
clearly with true, authentic and complete information and signed by the
applicant;
One recent, 2 inch full-faced and bareheaded passport photo (the daily life
photo, photo copy or digital photo printed on the ordinary paper shall not be
accepted);
Other related application materials according to different purposes for your
trip to China;
Other materials related to the visa application, deemed as necessary by the
visa officer;
For more information, please contact the local Chinese Embassy or
Consulate near you.

**WATER**

In China, tap water needs to be boiled before drinking. Therefore, tap water
at all hotels in China is not drinkable. Inquire with hotel staff members when
you check in. If you are unsure it is recommended you drink bottled water
only or cool boiled water offered by hotels.

**CLIMATE & WHAT TO WEAR**

Beijing has a temperate and continental monsoon climate, with four distinct
seasons and big differences in temperature between day and night.
Summer in Beijing is hot and humid from June to August, usually scorching
with sizzling temperatures at noon. There are occasional downpours.
Generally, the temperature of July varies from 20° C to 36° C. Any summer
clothes, umbrella, sunglasses and sun screen are recommended.

**HEALTH REGULATIONS**

Beijing is fortunate to be free from epidemics. The country remains safe
from SARS, bird flu and foot-and-mouth diseases.

If you’re coming from an area where yellow fever has been reported, you’ll
need a certificate of vaccination. It is also advisable to be vaccinated
against measles.

**NON-SMOKING POLICY**

Smoking is absolutely prohibited everywhere. Smoking in bars and diners is
allowed only in areas that are designated as smoking places.

**SAFETY**

Beijing is generally a safe city. However, hang on tight to your wallet
especially in crowded, popular tourist sites in tourist cities such as Beijing.
These tourist cities also has a lot of touts in the streets touting tourist from
currency exchange to jewelleries to female companionships. Avoid at all
cost!

**Airport & Taxi from the Airport**

Beijing Capital International Airport is the only airport for civil flights in
Beijing. Located in the northeast part of the city, 35 km to downtown and 40
km to the proposed site of Symposium venue. You are advised to change
some Chinese money at the Bank of China Airport Service in the Terminal
Building. So as to be able to pay for taxi and other minor costs. Then you
may easily get a taxi at the taxi stand outside the airport terminal. The cost
for a taxi from the airport to the conference venue is roughly RMB120 or
USD20, including the highway toll fee. Please make sure that the taximeter
is turned on and remember to ask for a printed receipt from the taxi driver.

All suburbs and the central business districts in Beijing are served with the
public transportation networks including the subway, buses, and taxi.

**Subway (Metro):** Beijing has 18 lines of subway (Metro). Its operation time
is from 5:30 to 22:30. If you go to the central area of Beijing, it is
### Getting Around

convenient, cheap, and fast to take a subway.

**Buses:** The bus networks cover every corner of the city. It costs about RMB 2 Yuan per time per person. However, the bus lines are complicated and it could be very crowded. It is NOT recommended that you choose this option.

**Taxi:** It is very convenient to use taxi service in Beijing. It costs 13 Yuans for the first 3 km and then adds in a rate of RMB 2.3 Yuan per km within the first 15 km, after that the rate will be 150%. If you take a taxi from 23:00-05:00, the meter will automatically add 30% more charges. In addition, the passengers are requested to pay the toll and parking fee if there is such a fee.

### Conference Venue

The 2016 ICOI will be held at **Beijing University of Chemical Technology**

Beijing city Chaoyang District North Third Ring Road 15  
Zip code: 100029  
Email : news@buct.edu.cn  
Website : http://www.buct.edu.cn/

### Accommodation

Here are the recommended nearby accommodation for conference participants:

1. **Beijing Guizhou Hotel**  
   Accommodation fee: ¥495 per person (Without breakfast)  
   Address: No.18, Yinghua West Street, Heping West Bridge, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China  
   Tel: +86(010)58109818  

2. **Crowne Plaza Beijing Sun Palace**  
   Accommodation fee: ¥798 per person (Without breakfast)  
   Address: Yunnan Dasha, North-East Corner of Taiyanggong Bridge, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China  
   Tel: +86(010)64298888  

3. **Guest House of BUCT**  
   Accommodation fee: ¥268 per person (Without breakfast)  
   Address: No.15, Beisanhuan East Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China  
   Tel: +86(010)64435232

### Shopping

Taikoo Li Sanlitun  
South houses popular fashion brands, such as Uniqlo, Steve Madden, Esprit, Mango, the Apple Store and Adidas’ flagship store, it also includes 30 restaurants and a multiplex cinema. The more high-end Taikoo Li Sanlitun North boasts a number of upscale labels and local designer boutiques, covering Emporio Armani, Montblanc, Diesel, Shanghai Trio and more.

Taikoo Li Sanlitun Address: Courtyard 19, Sanlitun Road, Sanlitun, Beijing  
Transportation: Take Subway Line 10 and get off at the Tuanjiehu station, and exit from Exit D, then walk north to Gongti Beilu (Workers’ Stadium North Road) and turn left and walk to the market at Gongti Beilu (Workers’ Stadium North Road). You will see Taikoo Li Sanlitun on your right.  
Tel: +86 10 64176110 (Taikoo Li Sanlitun South)/ +86 10 64177110 (Taikoo Li Sanlitun North)
**Solana**

It's a very big and unique place for young people and families to visit, for young people will feel fashionable in this place, but families will feel ease and at leisure. It is located to the east of downtown Beijing, north of Chaoyang Park, nearby the Embassy Zone. This is SOLANA, a shopping park full of bright sunshine, still water, elegant buildings and romantic alleys, and a small commercial town on the shore of a lake in the northwest of Chaoyang Park—the largest urban park in Asia. SOLANA Lifestyle Shopping Park brings in the widespread commercial style by borrowing ideas from the world-famous shopping centers and integrates it with the popular consumption trends in Beijing in order to forge the first Lifestyle Shopping Park in China. It is not only regarded as the crossroads at which international fashions meet but also a shopping kingdom and gathering space full of bright sunshine and limpid water.

**Solana**

Address: No.6, Chaoyang Park Road

Transportation: Take Bus No. 419, No 621 or No 682 to Zaoyinglubeikou station

Tel: +86 10 59056565

**Wangfujing Department Store**

It is a Chinese department store based in Beijing. Through a joint venture with Japanese department store Ito-Yokado, Wangfujing Yokado opened China's first full-scale food supermarket. Both companies each have a 40 percent stake. Japanese supermarket operator York-Benimaru Co. has the remaining 20 percent. The chain welcomes more than 10 million customers per day. It uses cloud computing services from IBM.

**Transportation**

Wangfujing Department Store Address: No. 255, Wangfujing Dajie.

Transportation: Take Bus No. 103, 104, 420 to Xindoonganshichang Station.

Tel: +86 10 85260063

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**Beijing, the capital city of China, is an ancient city with a long history of 3000 years. The long history leaves Beijing lots of precious cultural treasures, including the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, the Forbidden City, and Tiantan, which are already well-known to the world. However, the authentic old Beijing life is probably best represented by its many teahouses, temple fairs, Hutongs and square courtyards, the Peking Opera and the different styles of Chinese cuisine. Beijing is a modern and fashionable city complete with a full 21st Century vitality, similar to other great metropolis elsewhere in today's world.**

**Tian'anmen Square**

Landmarks The centre of the city and most important landmark is Tiananmen Square in Dongcheng District. This is the world's largest public square and a must see for all visitors from abroad and from elsewhere in China. The square is surrounded by grand buildings including the Great Hall of the People, the Museum of Chinese History, the Museum of the Chinese Revolution, the Qianmen Gate and the Forbidden City. It is also home to the Chairman Mao Memorial Hall and the Monument to the People's Martyrs.

**Great Wall**

The Great Wall of China (长城 Chángchéng) about a 1 hour train trip or 1.5 hour bus ride from the city. The Badaling section is the most famous, but also over-restored and crowded. Jinshanling, Huanghuacheng and Simatai are more distant but offer a better view of the wall away from the crowds. Mutianyu has been restored, but is far less crowded than Badaling.

**The Summer Palace**

The Summer Palace, Yiheyuan in Chinese, is the most celebrated imperial garden in China. The garden came into existence early in the 1750s and had once been a summer resort for the emperors. It is acclaimed as a museum of gardens in China, for a visit to this garden bestow on sightseers...
a glimpse of representative scenes all over China.
For more information, please visit: http://www.summerpalace-china.com/en/index.html

The most famous street for food in Beijing is probably Guijie. Beijing Roast Duck is a famous Beijing specialty served at many restaurants, but there are quite a few restaurants dedicated to the art of roasting the perfect duck. Expect to pay around 80 per whole duck at budget-range establishments, and 160-200 at high-end restaurants. Beijing duck is served with thin pancakes, plum sauce, and slivers of scallions and cucumbers.

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<td>Xiawu Hao</td>
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<td>Good Evening</td>
<td>Wan’an</td>
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<td>Thank you very much</td>
<td>Xiexie Ni</td>
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<td>How are you?</td>
<td>Nihao Ma?</td>
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<td>How much is this?</td>
<td>Duoshao Qian?</td>
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<td>The food is delicious</td>
<td>Hao chi</td>
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<td>I love you</td>
<td>Wo Ai Ni</td>
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MABUHAY!
It’s More Fun in Beijing
We look forward to your visit and we hope you enjoy your stay.