INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

Meeting information

Time Venue

March 11, 2018 (Sun)

1800 Welcome Reception

Venue: University Museum and Art Gallery, HKU

*Please gather at hotel upper lobby at 1730

March 12, 2018 (Mon)

0900-1700 **Provosts' Forum (Day 1)**

Venue: Multi-purpose Zone, Level 3, Main Library, HKU

* Please gather at hotel upper lobby at 0815

1715-2000 Forum Banquet

Venue: The Square, Exchange Square, Central

March 13, 2018 (Tue)

0900-1700 **Provosts' Forum (Day 2)**

Venue: Multi-purpose Zone, Level 3, Main Library, HKU

* Please gather at hotel upper lobby at 0815

1800+ Thematic Evening & Dinner (optional)

Forum website

http://www.sppoweb.hku.hk/apru2018/

Recommended Hotel

Hotel Jen Hong Kong (香港今旅酒店)

Address: 508 Queen's Road West, Hong Kong (香港西環皇后大道西 508 號)

E-mail: hjhk@hoteljen.com Phone: (852) 2974 1234

Map and Directions

Main Meeting Venue

Multi-Purpose Zone, Level 3, Main Library, Main Campus, The University of Hong Kong HKU Campus Map: http://www.maps.hku.hk/index.php?lang=en

Attire

Business attire is recommended for the welcome reception and throughout the meeting.

Paperless Meeting

To reduce carbon footprint and cut down paper use, the Provosts' Forum will be paperless. **Please bring along your electronic devices to the meeting.** Wi-Fi and power plugs will be available at the meeting venue. Choose the SSID "Wi-Fi.HK via HKU" for Wifi access at HKU campus. Stationeries will also be provided.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Time Zone

Hong Kong time is eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+8).

Climate

Hong Kong has a sub-tropical climate with seasonal changes. During most of March misty and drizzly weather is common, but it can alternate with drier and clearer weather. The average low and high temperatures are 11°C (52°F) and 27°C (81°F).

Tips: Most indoor areas in Hong Kong including the meeting rooms and dining areas are air-conditioned. You may like to bring along a light jacket or a shawl for the possibly strong AC. Don't forget to visit www.hko.gov.hk for weather forecast before leaving home!

Visa Requirement

Visitors from most countries can enter Hong Kong without a visa for periods of seven to 180 days, depending on nationality. Check with the <u>Hong Kong Immigration</u>

<u>Department</u> for details about visa requirements.

Hong Kong International Airport

For the information of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKG), please visit www.hongkongairport.com.

Airport Shuttle Bus Service

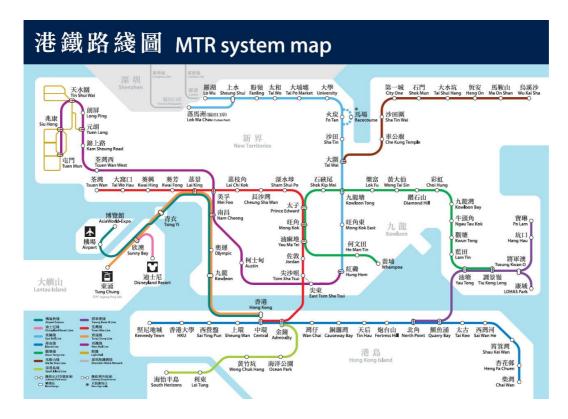
The MTR's high-speed Airport Express is the fastest way to get between the city and the airport. The 35.3km journey between the Airport and the city takes as little as 24 minutes. Passengers can take a free shuttle bus from Hong Kong Station to major hotel on Hong Kong Island including Hotel Jen. See more details on the Airport Express and the shuttle bus services here.

Passengers taking the Airport Express can enjoy the free In-town Check-in service in Hong Kong and Kowloon Stations to check in between 90 minutes and one full day ahead of their scheduled flight departure time. Please click here or contact your respective airlines for further information.

Hotel Jen also provides complimentary shuttle bus service to the Hong Kong Station.

Public Transportation

Hong Kong is so compact that getting around is quick and easy. An efficient public transport system – network of urban trains (Mass Transit Railway or MTR) and numerous routes of trams, buses, ferries and also taxi – enable visitors to explore Hong Kong conveniently and safely on their own. Tourist MTR 1-Day Pass is tailored for tourist travel around Hong Kong. Tourists can have any one day of unlimited rides on the MTR (except the Airport Express Line) within the ticket validity period.



Octopus Card

You won't be in Hong Kong long by the time you notice locals bleeping their way through MTR turnstiles and supermarket checkout counters with Octopus cards. This is an extremely versatile stored-value electronic card that can be used for most public transport, as well as purchases in convenience stores, fast food shops, supermarkets, cake shops, vending machines and more. Various types of Octopus cards are available. Simply place the Octopus card over a reader and the payment amount will be automatically

The best types for visitors include Sold Tourist Octopus card at HK\$39 (US\$5) and On-loan Octopus card with a refundable deposit of HK\$50 (US\$6.4). The Sold Tourist Octopus card has an iconic Hong Kong design, making it an ideal souvenir that can be used again when you come back. A refund handling fee will be charged if you return the On-loan Octopus less than 90 days from the date of issue.



Currency

The Hong Kong dollar (HK\$) is the unit of currency used in Hong Kong. One US Dollar is about HK\$7.80. Most foreign currencies and traveller's cheques can be changed at banks, hotels and moneychangers. 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 on HKU campus, and provide 24-hour cash withdrawal (HK\$).

Tips: <u>Travelex Foreign Currency and Money Exchange</u> at the Baggage Reclaim Hall of HK International Airport opens from 0515 to 2400 daily. Cash machines are also available 24 hours at the Baggage Reclaim Hall, Arrival Hall and Departure Hall.

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.



Telecommunication

International dialing code of Hong Kong SAR is +852.

International direct dialing, internet and e-mail facilities are easily accessible in Hong Kong. Most of the mobile telephone systems used around the globe operate in Hong Kong. Free WIFI is available in the hotel and on HKU Campus.

Tips: To stay connected, you can get a prepaid SIM Card. Just plug in and go. SIM cards by different telecom service providers are easily available in convenience stores, e.g. 7-Eleven or Circle K, and come in different duration and data plan.

Sales Tax

Hong Kong does not have Sales Tax/GST/VAT.

Tipping

Most major restaurants add a 10% service charge, but you are still expected to leave a small tip of between 5-10%, depending on how well you feel you have been treated. Taxi drivers tend to round up the fare to the nearest dollar and if not, will appreciate a little extra. Bellboys, porters and washroom attendants will also expect a small tip.

Water

Tap water is safe but it is recommended to boil water before drinking. HKU's Policy on disposable plastic bottles aims to eliminate the sale and distribution of all disposable plastic water bottles of less than one litre on campus. You are encouraged to bring your own reusable water bottle for refilling filtered water during the meeting and from water fountains around campus.

Discover Hong Kong

For the most up-to-date tourist information, please visit the website of the Hong Kong Tourism Board at www.discoverhongkong.com.

Tips: Download <u>My Hong Kong Guide</u>, the all-in-one-trip-planner onto your Smartphone to discover over a thousand attractions and activities in town and custom-make your very own itinerary.





Attractions nearby the hotel and on Hong Kong Island

Where to eat in Shek Tong Tsui? — Get ready to explore the cafés and restaurants of Shek Tong Tsui (石塘咀). This vibrant district between Kennedy Town and Sai Ying Pun has lots of character, and that mix of old and new that we just love about Hong Kong.

Zhen Restaurant Contemporary Dim Sum (葉) – Just steps away from Hotel Jen, this small restaurant serves contemporary dim sum, with both traditional Chinese fare and modern Western approaches. Dishes are modelled after cute animals like birds, pigs, pandas and dogs.



Address:

Shop C Nam Cheong Building, 48-52 Hill Road, Western District (西環西營盤山道 48 號南昌大廈地下 C 舖)

Tel: 2811 2568 Open: 11am-9pm

Tram Ride - Take a step back in time and explore the bustling north corridor of Hong Kong Island aboard one of the city's historic trams (ding ding). These double-decker streetcars which travels at 40 to 50 km/h have been travelling through Hong Kong's busiest thoroughfares since 1904 and continue to be an affordable, inexpensive and fun way to get around. Trams run daily from early morning until midnight.



Tips: No matter how far you travel, each tram ride costs a flat fare of \$2.30 (US\$0.3) and exact change is required if you are paying by cash. All trams accept Octopus cards.

The Peak – If there is only one thing you can do in Hong Kong, go to the Victoria Peak.



The highest point on Hong Kong Island, this has been the city's most exclusive neighborhood since colonial times — back then it was the cooler air that attracted the rich and famous; in the post air-conditioning era, the views of one of the world's most spectacular cityscapes keep them coming.

Tips: Riding the <u>Peak Tram</u> is a visual experience in its own right — Hong Kong Island's skyscrapers slide past your window at what appear to be impossible angles as you make the ascent to The Peak on the city's historic, funicular railway. The Peak Tram runs from 0700 to 2400 and departs every 10 to 15 minutes.

MTR: Central (Exit J2), 10-15-minute walk to the Tram Station

Old Town Central - Beneath the stunning skyline of Central, history, arts, food, and culture flourish in one of the city's oldest and most archetypal neighborhoods. You can follow the five routes in this guide to discover heritage, food, arts and hidden treasures in the warren of streets and alleys. Along the way, you will bear witness to the dramatic transformations that have characterized Central's short but colorful history and explore a city that is always changing but never detached from its origins.



MTR: Central or Sheung Wan

<u>Tasting Hong Kong</u> - With everything from street side stir-fried snacks and wonton noodles to spicy crab and dim sum, Hong Kong is a city rich in local culinary traditions.

Must-tries in Central:

- Dim sum (點心): <u>Maxim's Palace</u>, <u>City Hall</u>
- Egg tarts (蛋撻): <u>Tai Cheong Bakery</u> at 35 Lyndhurst Terrace
- Pineapple bun (菠蘿包), French toast (西多士) & "stocking" milk-tea (絲襪奶茶): <u>Lan Fong Yuen</u> at 2 Gage Street
- Wonton Noodles (雲吞麵): <u>Mak's Noodle</u> at 77
 Wellington Street
- Street eateries (dai pai dong 大牌檔): Stanley Street





Lan Kwai Fong - one of Hong Kong's most popular nightlife hot spots and home to over 90 restaurants and bars. The atmosphere ranges from stylish wine pairings to raucous jelly shots and the food on offer is as diverse as the clientele. Thanks to Hong Kong's dominance in Asian cinema, this center of late-night revelry is so renowned that its official street sign is more photographed than many of the celebrities who haunt its

clubs. Mostly, the area is crowded with people from the surrounding offices of Central, eager to shake off the working day or week.

MTR: Central (Exit D2)

Stanley Market – This market in the quaint village of Stanley on Hong Kong Island's south coast is a huge hit with locals, expats and tourists for good reason: its enormous selection of brandname clothing items (large sizes are available) and accessories, jewelry, home furnishings, souvenirs, ornaments and Oriental knick-knacks are sold at reasonable prices in a picturesque warren of lanes.





Hong Kong Observation Wheel - The wheel has 42 luxurious gondolas (including one VIP gondola) that comfortably seat eight Get stunning day- and night-time views of the spectacular Victoria Harbour, the Kowloon Peninsula, and The Peak on Hong Kong Island on the 60-metre-high Hong Kong Observation Wheel. The area around the wheel includes a plaza for events

as well as drinks and snacks. The 15-minute ride costs HK\$20 (US\$2.5).

MTR: Central (Exit A2)

Other Attractions in Hong Kong

Map of Hong Kong

Top Things to See and Do in Sai Ying Pun

Hong Kong City Guide – 24 tips in 24 hours (provided by Hotel Jen)

Explore Hong Kong Tours

Hikes around Hong Kong

Must Eat in Hong Kong

What's Hot in Town? Hong Kong Arts Month

Every March, the city revels in the annual Hong Kong Arts Month, when local and overseas artists converge to bring about inspiring programs including exhibitions, dance, music, theatre and more. In addition to major international events, take time to explore vibrant neighborhood and art communities where hidden masterpieces are waiting to help you discover the soul of Hong Kong.

The 46th Hong Kong Arts Festival (Feb 23 to Mar 24, 2018)

Heading into its 46th edition, the Hong Kong Arts Festival continues to present a wide array of music, opera, drama and dance performances of both traditional and contemporary creations. Don't miss this chance to catch a legend in action.

<u>Events calendar</u> – search for signature events ranging from colorful festivals to world-class arts and sports events which Hong Kong play hosts to throughout the year.



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