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**The 7th World Water Forum Asia Pacific Regional Process Session
(Title: Hydrological Services in Asia under Rapidly Changing Conditions)
14-16 April 2015**

and

**The 2nd Session of WMO RA II Working Group on Hydrological Services (WGHS)
14-16 April 2015**

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Date and Place of the Session

At the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Regional Association II Working Group on Hydrological Services will be held at Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, from 14 to 16 April 2015. The venue for the sessions will be Mercury Hall, Main Building of Daemyung Resort in Gyeongju (WGHS), and Room 201 Gyeongju Hyundai Hotel in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea (WWF).

2. Session Arrangements

The session will commence at 9:00 am on Tuesday 14 April. The working language will be English. All necessary facilities and IT equipment will be available for the smooth running of the session.

The local contacts for the meeting are Dr Sung Kim and Dr Cheol-Hee Jang. Contacts from the WMO Secretariat are Dr Paul Pilon and Ms Yolande Zaahl. Contact information is as follows:

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3. Visa Information

Visa free Entry (Visa waiver)

Foreign nationals entering the Republic of Korea are generally required to have a valid visa. However, a person meeting any one of the following requirements may enter Korea without a visa (Article 7, Section 2 of the Immigration Act).

- Those granted permission or immunity for re-entry that enters before the expiration date.
- Nationals of a country that has signed the visa waiver agreement with the Republic of Korea are subject of exemption.
- Those entering for the interest of international goodwill, travel or purpose beneficial to Korea who have been granted permission to enter by presidential decree.
- Those that departed with a refugee travel certification and entering prior to the expiration date.

For detailed information on entry without a visa, please [click](#) here.

VISA Types

Single Entry Visa

Only a single-entry is permitted for the duration of the visa.
Valid for 3 months from the date it had been issued.

Multiple-entry Visa

Multiple entries are permitted for as long as visa remains valid.

Valid for:

- Diplomacy (A-1) / Conventions/Agreements (A-3) visa status: 3 years from date of issue.
- Visa provided under multiple-entry visa Agreement: duration specified by an agreement.
- Visa provided for national benefit: duration specified by the Minister of Justice.

Notes

Should a visa applicant enter Korea prior to the actual issuance of the visa, it will be assumed that the applicant is withdrawing their application, and the issuance will be canceled

Visa applicants must claim their visa within 3 months after:

- the date of application; or
- the notification date of Minister of Justice's approval (applicable only if one is needed).

Otherwise, the applicant must apply for a new visa.

Detailed Visa information for foreign visitors can be found at:

http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/InfoDetailR_kr.pt?catSeq=&categoryId=2&parentId=382&showMenuId=374

When uncertain as to the requirements for entry visa to Republic of Korea, please contact the Korean Embassy or the nearest Consulate in your area as early as possible. If you need any help to obtain the entry visa, please contact Dr. Cheol-Hee Jang (chjang@kict.re.kr).

4. Hotel Information:

i. Benikea Swiss Rosen Hotel

For the WGHS members, except for members from the Republic of Korea, a block of rooms have been reserved. The rate for the deluxe twin room per night is 155,000 Korean Won (about 130 EURO), *including breakfast*.

242-19 Shinpyeong-dong GyeongJusi Gyeongsangbuk-do

Tel: +82-53-746-9966; Fax +82-53-742-9007 (<http://www.swissrosen.co.kr/>)

ii. Ilsung Condo (Residence Hotel)

For participants from the WMO Secretariat, two rooms have been reserved. The rate for the standard double room per night is 155,000 Korean Won (about 130 EURO). *Breakfast is not included*.

365 Bomun-ro Gyeongjusi Gyeongsangbuk-do

Tel: +82-54-744-1199 (<http://www.ilsungresort.co.kr/renew2014/kyungju/#>)

Notice: Above website is in the Korean language only.

5. Meeting Venue:

i. Gyeongju Hyundai Hotel

The 7th World Water Forum Session “Hydrological Services in Asia under Rapidly Changing Conditions” will be held in Room 201, Gyeongju Hyundai Hotel (15 April).

182, Bomun-ro, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbukdo

Tel +82-54-702-1000; Fax +82-54-702-1049

<http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org/introduce/hall/gyeongju.asp>

ii. Daemyung Resort (Residence Hotel)

The 2nd Session of WMO RA II WGHS will be held at Mercury Hall of Daemyung resort (14 April).

400-1 Shinpyeong-dong (inside the Bomun Complex), Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsanbuk-do

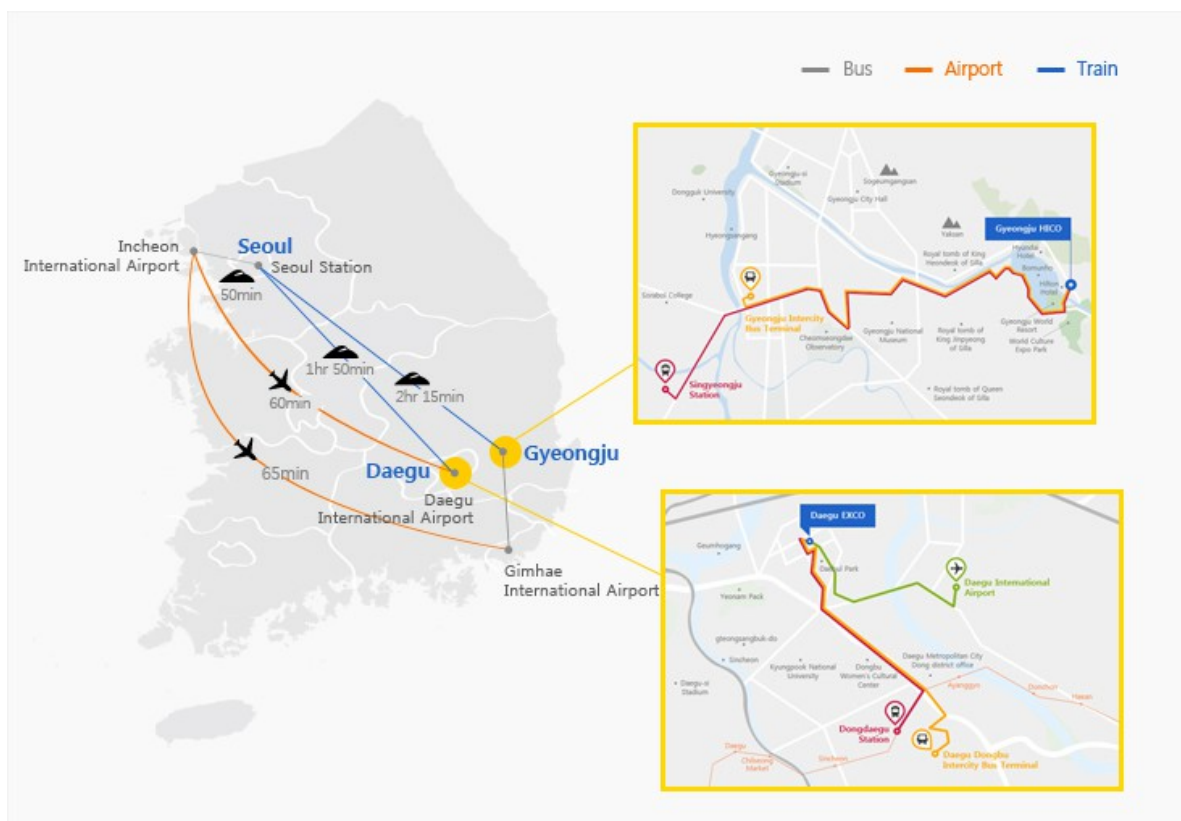
Tel +82-1588-4888

http://www.daemyungresort.com/web/dm_english/html/05gyeongju_english_sub_07.html

6. Transportation: How to get to Korea?

The major arrival points in Korea are the Incheon International Airport (Incheon) and the Gimhae International Airport (Busan). Participants who arrive at the Incheon International Airport can take either the domestic airline to the Gimhae International Airport or KTX (Korea Train Express) to get to Gyeongju. For the WWF7 participants, transport is provided either from the Gimhae International Airport or from the Singyeongju KTX station to the hotel. Travel by train is highly recommended. Below you will find the travel information. For WGHS members, more information will be provided regarding flight tickets.

<http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org/registration/transportation/index.asp>



- **Incheon International Airport** (<http://www.airport.kr/eng>)

From 171 cities in 61 countries

- **Daegu International Airport** (<http://www.airport.co.kr/mbs/daeueng>)

From 5 cities in 2 countries

- China, Thailand

- **Gimhae International Airport** (<http://www.airport.co.kr/mbs/gimhaeng>)

From 25 cities in 9 countries

- Japan, China, Germany, Philippines, Russia, Taiwan, Thailand, USA and Vietnam

For the maximum convenience of the 7th World Water Forum 2015 participants from over 170 countries, the 7th World Water Forum 2015 National Committee will offer assistance for travel to Daegu and Gyeongju. With information desks installed at airports and stations, the Committee will provide information on Daegu and Gyeongju, and convenient services for the 7th World Water Forum participants.

In Daegu and Gyeongju, shuttle buses will run on more than 37 routes to ensure convenient transportation between the EXCO or HICO and hotels, as well as hotels and airports/train stations.

Route 1

Incheon International Airport - Gimhae International Airport - HICO

Route 2-1

Incheon International Airport Station(KTX) - Singyeongju Station - HICO

Route 2-2

Incheon International Airport (AREX) - Seoul Station (KTX) - Singyeongju Station - HICO

Route 3

Incheon International Airport - Gyeongju Intercity Bus Terminal – HICO

Route 1. Incheon International Airport ----- Gimhae International Airport ----- HICO



There are domestic flights from Incheon International Airport(Seoul) to Gimhae International Airport (Busan). Shuttle buses will be operated from Gimhae International Airport to official hotels in Daegu and Gyeongju.

Flight	Departure	Arrival	Fare (KRW)
Asiana Air	06:25	07:25	79,000
Korean Air	08:15	09:20	
Korean Air	14:40	15:45	
Korean Air	17:15	18:20	
Korean Air	19:35	20:40	

※ Please check the exact schedule at [Gimhae International Airport](#)

International Airport: <http://www.airport.co.kr/gimhaeeng/index.do>

Route 2-1. Incheon International Airport Station(KTX) ----- Singyeongju Station ----- HICO



Participants may use KTX train to get to Gyeongju.

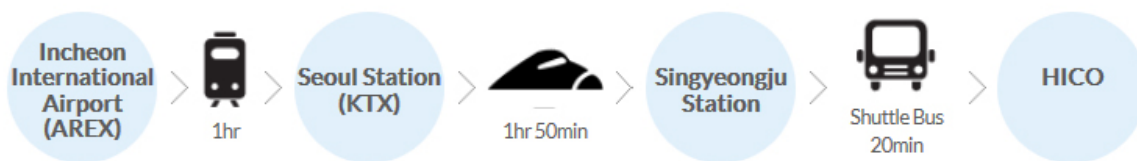
Incheon Airport Station	Singyeongju Station	Travelling Time	Fare (KRW)
06:55	10:14	3hr 19min	First Class: 77,300 Standard Class: 55,200 Standing / Not assigned: 52,400
16:35	19:45		
18:35	21:39		
20:35	23:44		

※ Please check the exact schedule at [Korea Railroad](http://www.korail.co.kr)

※ It runs 4 times a day.

Korea Railroad: <http://www.letskorail.com/ebizbf/EbizBfTicketSearch.do>

Route 2-2. Incheon International Airport (AREX) ----- Seoul Station (KTX) ----- Singyeongju Station ----- HICO ▼



※ Participants who arrive at the airport after 20:30 need to take a KTX(Korea Train Express) train from the Seoul station.
 Participants are recommended to take the AREX(Airport Express Train) train from Incheon International Airport to Seoul Station. There are two ways to go to the Seoul station by the AREX train; one is an express train which travels nonstop between the Incheon International Airport and Seoul Station and the other is an all-stop train that stops at several stations including Gimpo International Airport and Digital Media City Station.
 To take the AREX train, go to exit B1 at the Incheon Airport. Participants can take the KTX train from Seoul Station to Singyeongju Station.



*** Incheon International Airport > Seoul Station (By AREX)**

Train Type	First Departure	Last Departure	Interval	Travelling Time	Fare (KRW)
Express Train	05:30	21:30	30min	43min	8,000
All-stop Train	05:20	21:30	5~12min	53min	3,950

※ Please check the exact schedule at timetable of [AREX\(Airport Railroad\)](#)

*** Seoul Station > Singyeongju Station (By KTX)**

At the Seoul station, participants take the KTX train to Singyeongju station. It takes about 2 hours to Gyeongju.

First Departure (Seoul Station)	Last Departure (Singyeongju Station)	Interval	Travelling Time	Fare (KRW)
05:30	22:00	30~90min	2hr 15min	First class: 61,300 Standard Class: 43,800 Standing / Not assigned: 37,200

※ Please check the exact schedule at [Korea Railroad](#).

※ It runs 14 times a day.

AREX (Airport Railroad): http://english.arex.or.kr/jsp/eng/information/use_information.jsp

Route 3. Incheon International Airport ----- Gyeongju Intercity Bus Terminal ----- HICO



Participants can take limousine buses to get to Gyeongju.

The bus stop is located in 10C area in Incheon International Airport. Please refer to the map and time schedule below.



First Departure	Last Departure	Interval	Travelling Time	Fare (KRW)
07:00	21:30	110~290min	5hr	39,200

※ Please check the exact schedule at Airport Bus Guide of [Incheon International Airport](http://www.airport.kr).

Incheon International Airport: <http://www.airport.kr/airport/traffic/bus/busList.ia?flag=E>

7. General Information

Currency and Banks



The Country's currency is the won (KRW). The exchange rate in recent months is around 1100 KRW for 1 USD. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at airports and government-designated banks. Most of the stores in Korea only accept Korean currency, or KRW, so it is advised that visitors exchange to Korean currency at the airport. Major credit cards are widely accepted, and travelers' checks may be accepted by tourist-oriented shops and at most international tourist hotels and banks. Banks open from 09:00 to 15:30, Mon-Fri, and are closed on weekends and public holidays.

Electric Supply

The voltage used in Korea is 220V/60hz. It requires a "two parallel cylindrical-type" plug.

Climate: Temperate with Four Distinct Seasons

Like the rest of Korea, Gyeongju experiences four distinct seasons. Summers can be hot and humid, while winters are often frigid and accompanied by snow. The autumn is considered particularly beautiful, when the high Korean sky is a crisp blue and Seoul's surrounding hillsides turn a radiant red as the maple leaves turn color. In the downtown area, the yellow leaves of the ginkgo trees bathe the city in a sea of gold.

Located at 37.33 degrees north longitude, Seoul is located in the temperate zone, and at 127 degrees east longitude, it's at the eastern end of the Asian landmass, giving it a coastal climate as well. The yearly average temperature is 11.1 degrees centigrade, with the average August temperature at 25.4 degrees centigrade and the average January temperature at -3.4 degrees centigrade. These are, on the whole, relatively lower temperatures compared to other global cities of its size.

Useful Links

<http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org/main/> 7th World Water Forum Homepage

http://www.gyeongju.go.kr/english/open_content/index.jsp About Gyeongju

<http://www.airport.kr> Incheon International Airport

<http://english.arex.or.kr/jsp/eng/main.jsp> Korail Airport Railroad (AREX)

<http://www.swissrosen.co.kr/> Benikea Swiss Rosen Hotel Gyeongju

<http://www.ilsungresort.co.kr/renew2014/kyungju/> Ilsung Condo Gyeongju (in Korean)

<http://www.daemyungresort.com/gj/> Daemyung Resort Gyeongju (in Korean)

http://www.hrfco.go.kr/html/eng/eng_main.jsp Han River Flood Control Office

<http://www.kict.re.kr/eng/> Korean Institute of Civil Engineering and Building Technology

http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/main_en.pt Hi Korea Portal

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