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## REGIONAL ASSOCIATION II WORKING GROUP ON HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES

### 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 Seoul, Republic of Korea from 31 September to 2 October 2014. The venue for the session will be the WESTERN CO-OP Residence Conference Room at 77-2, Euljiro 5-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea 100-195.

#### 2. Session Arrangements

The session will commence at 9:00 am on Tuesday 30 September, and registration will begin at 8.30 am the same day. The working language will be English. All necessary facilities (overhead projector, photocopying, etc.) will be available for the smooth conduct 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 Yvette Burnet. The contact information is as follows:

#### Local Contacts

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### 3. Visa Information

#### Visa free Entry (Visa waiver)

Visa is a basic requirement for entry and in principle, a foreigner wishing to enter Korea must have a visa. However, a person meeting any one of the following qualification may enter Korean without a visa. (Article 7, Section 2 of the Immigration Act)

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

For detailed information on a foreigner's 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 applicant 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](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 a consulate nearest in your area as early as possible. If the entry visa is needed, Korean Institute of Construction Technology (KICT) will prepare an invitation letter for you on demand. Please contact Dr. Cheol-Hee Jang ([chjang@kict.re.kr](mailto:chjang@kict.re.kr)) for further details.

### 4. Hotel Information: WESTERN CO-OP Residence

For the participants, a block of rooms have been reserved for the following hotel. Rate for the double room per night is 103,800 Korean Won (about 100 US dollar) including breakfast. If you want to stay at this hotel please send your itinerary to Dr. Cheol-Hee Jang ([Email: chjang@kict.re.kr](mailto:chjang@kict.re.kr)).

77-2, Euljiro 5-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea 100-195

Tel 02-2269-8411, Fax 02-2269-4209

[http://rent.co-op.co.kr/rent\\_coop/eng/body09.htm](http://rent.co-op.co.kr/rent_coop/eng/body09.htm)

Notice: You will be charged an additional fee for late check-out

## 5. Meeting Venue: WESTERN CO-OP Residence Conference Room

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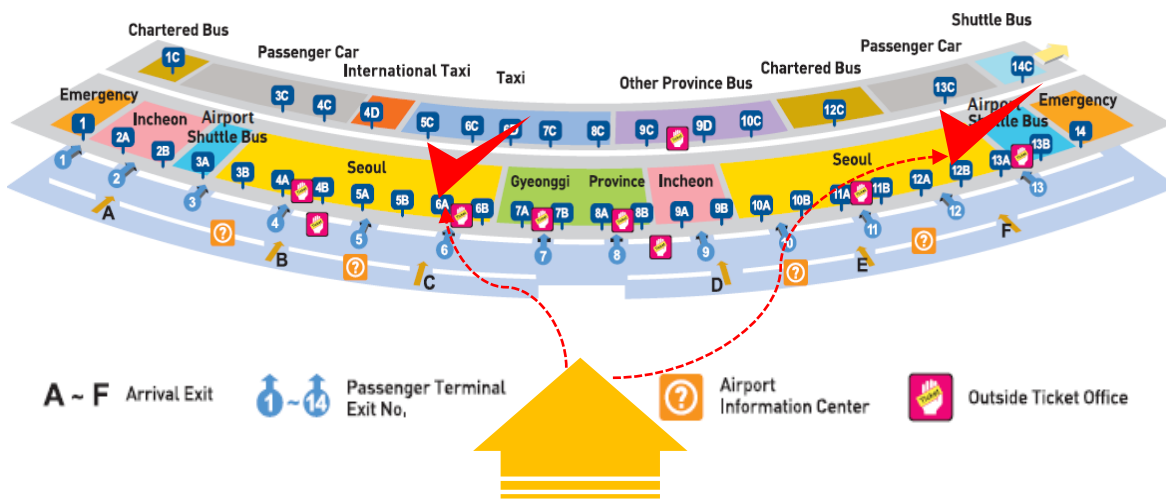
## 6. Transportation: Incheon International Airport to the Hotel

**Limousine Bus: No. 6001 (about 90 minutes/ 13,000 KRW)**

First bus 05:40 / Last bus 22:25

Interval Time: 30 Min

You can get this bus in **6A or 12B bus station** at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the airport. It takes about one and half hours or two hours. **We strongly recommend you use this bus as there is the bus stop in the right front of the hotel.**



## 1<sup>st</sup> Floor in the Airport

### Taxi

In 4D (international taxi) or 6c (taxi for Seoul city), you can use a taxi from the airport to the hotel. Generally, it takes 70 minutes with about 80,000 KRW (it is flexible to traffic condition).

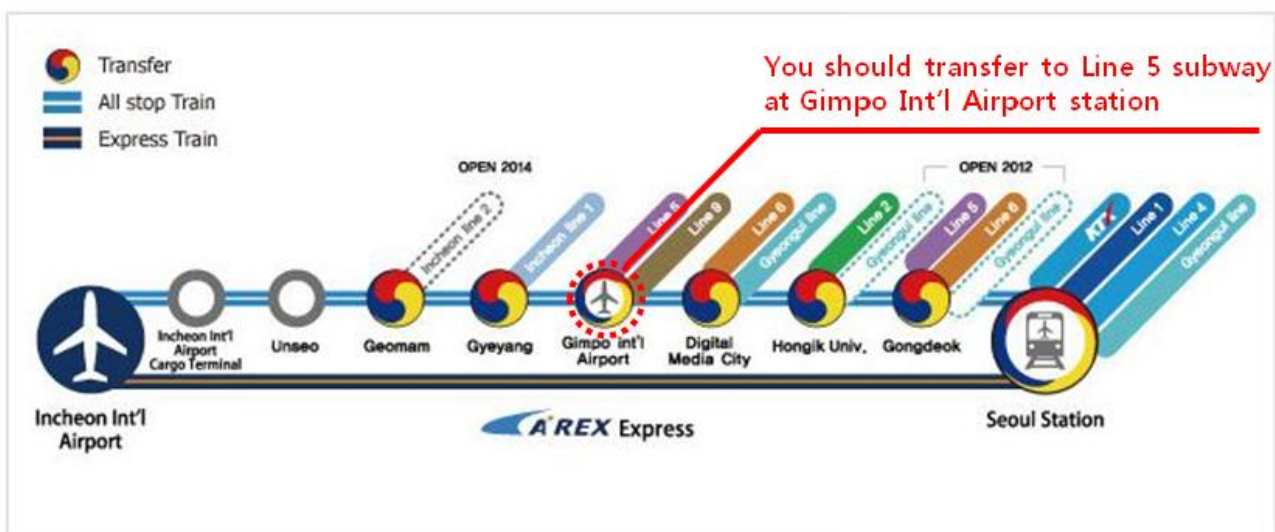


## 1<sup>st</sup> Floor in the Airport

### Airport Railroad & Line 5 Subway

You can use the airport railroad (AREX) to get the hotel. To reach the Gimpo Int'l Airport station, you take this Airport Railroad, and then you transfer to Line 5 Subway. In Line 5, you arrive in Dongdaemun History & Culture Park station after twenty four stops. EULJIRP CO-OP RESIDENCE hotel is located from just 5 minute walk from Exit No.14 of Dongdaemun History & Culture Park station. If you choose this way, it takes about one and half hours to the hotel. Total fare is 4,600 KRW.

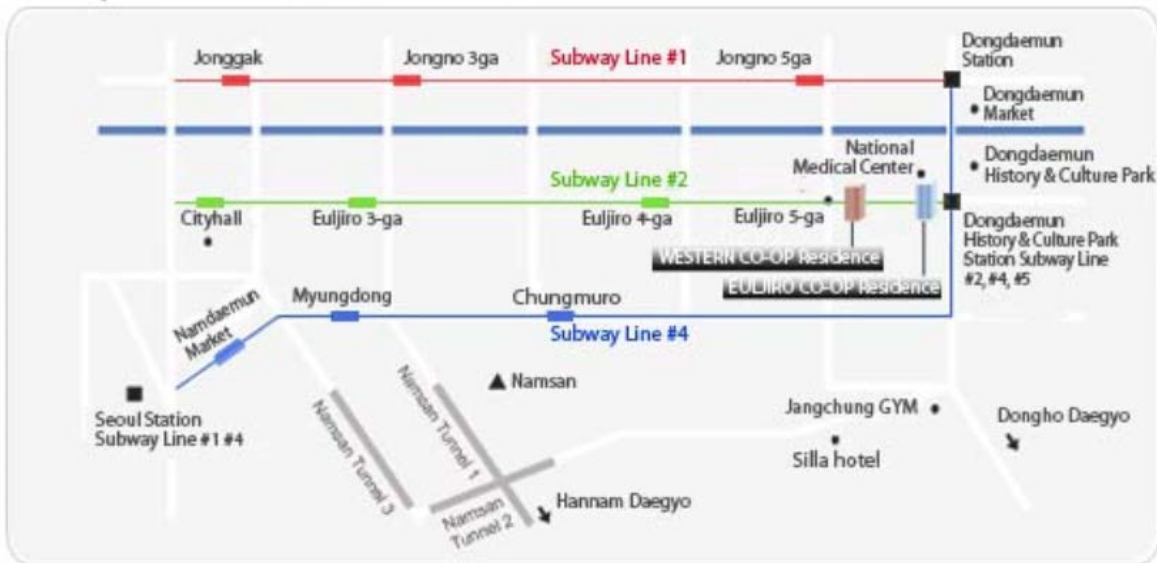
	Railroad Course	Time Schedule (first / last train)	Service Frequency
Regular Train	Incheon Airport to Gimpo Airport	05:20 / 23:45	12.0
Express Train	Incheon Airport to Gimpo Airport	05:30 / 21:30	30.0



**Airport Railroad**



**Map for CO-OP Residence**



**7. General Information**

**Currency and Banks**



The Country's currency is the won (KRW). The exchange rate in recent months is around 1000 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 traveler's 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, 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 latitude, it's at the eastern end of the Asian landmass, giving it a coastal climate as well. Its 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://www.airport.kr> Incheon International Airport

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

[http://residences.co-op.co.kr/rent\\_coop/eng/body09.htm](http://residences.co-op.co.kr/rent_coop/eng/body09.htm) WESTERN CO-OP Residence

[http://www.hrfco.go.kr/html/eng/eng\\_main.jsp](http://www.hrfco.go.kr/html/eng/eng_main.jsp) Han River Flood Control Office

<http://www.kict.re.kr/eng/> Korean Institute of Construction Technology

[http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/main\\_en.pt](http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/main_en.pt) Hi Korea Portal

<http://english.seoul.go.kr> Seoul Metropolitan Government (English Homepage)

<http://www.smrt.co.kr/Train/Subwaymap/Eng/Subwaymap.jsp> Seoul Metro (subway) map

### **Any Further Enquiries**

For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Local Organizers.





