

## Information Note for Participants

### Training Workshop on Severe Weather Forecasting and Warning Services

Macao, China

8 - 19 April 2013

#### Venue

The Training Workshop on Severe Weather Forecasting and Warning Services will be held at the **Civil Service Training Center** (Address: Alameda Dr. Carlos D'Assumpção Nos. 336-342 Centro Comercial Cheng Fong 6ºAndar; 地址：澳門宋玉生廣場 322 至 362 號誠豐商業中心 6 樓) which is about 8 minutes walk away from the hotel .

#### 1. Accommodations for Participants

Accommodation for the participants has been arranged in **Grand Lapa Macau** (金麗華酒店)

Add : 956-1110 Avenida da Amizade, Macao  
Tel : +853 2856 7888  
Website : <http://www.mandarinoriental.com/grandlapa/>

**Important:** Participants please fill in the hotel reservation form as per the "*Attachment 1*" and return to the **Local Contact Point** by either fax (+853 2885-0542) or email ([scfong@smg.gov.mo](mailto:scfong@smg.gov.mo); [cmlau@smg.gov.mo](mailto:cmlau@smg.gov.mo)) **on or before Friday, 22 March 2013** for guarantee of the special hotel rate.

#### 2. Travel

- Participants are highly recommended to travel in airlines that will arrive directly at the **Macao International Airport** (MIA).
- For participants who arrive at the **Hong Kong International Airport** (HKIA), they will need to go to Macao by sea through either:

- ✧ Jet-foil from HKIA to Macao - Participants could take the airport routes directly to Macao (<http://www.turbojet.com.hk/en/airport-ferry-services/passenger-baggage-flow.aspx>). The disembarkation terminals will be either **Macau Maritime Ferry Terminal (recommended)** or Taipa Temporary Ferry Terminal. Please refer to this link for the sailing schedule (<http://www.turbojet.com.hk/en/routing-sailing-schedule/hk-airport-macao/sailing-schedule-fares.aspx>)

- ✧ If the participants' itinerary does not suit with the Airport Ferry Services as mentioned above, they will need to take ferry at the **Hong Kong Macao Ferry Terminal** (HKMoFT) by **Turbojet (recommended)** <http://www.turbojet.com.hk/tc/routing-sailing-schedule/hong-kong-macau/sailing-schedule-fares.aspx> or Cotaijet (<http://cotaijet.com.mo/sailing-schedule/macau>) to Macao.
- ✧ Please take note that there are TWO disembarkation terminals in Macao (one in *Macao Peninsula* and one in *Taipa*). As the hotel is located in the *Macao Peninsula*, we highly recommend participants to disembark at the **Macao Maritime Ferry Terminal**.
- ✧ Participants should make their own transportation arrangements to the hotel. However, **Free shuttle bus transfer between Grand Lapa Hotel and Macao Maritime Ferry Terminal** is available outside the Terminal building. It departs every 20 minutes from 8:15 to 23:00 (for detailed schedule please refer to the "Attachment 2").
- ✧ For participants who take taxi to the hotel, the following message can be shown to the driver:

**Please take me to Grand Lapa Macau**

**請到澳門金麗華酒店**

**地址：友誼大馬路 956-1110 號**

### **3. Visa Requirement**

Participants should hold passport or a valid document/visa for entry to Macao. Details please refer to <http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/EDoN.html>.

### **4. Currency**

Local currency in Macao is **Macao Pataca** (MOP), and roughly MOP8.00 is equivalent to USD1.00. Major foreign currencies and travellers' cheques can be changed easily to MOP at banks, hotels and authorized exchange dealers located all around the city. Credit cards (e.g. Visa, MasterCard) are accepted at hotels and stores.

### **5. Time Zone**

Time zone of Macau is UTC +8 hours.

## 6. Electricity

Electricity in Macau is at 220V, 50Hz. The power plugs used in Macau are of the three-pin, square-shaped or round-shaped type.

## 7. Climate

Climate of Macao for the month of *April* is as follows:

Temperature: Mean : 22.1 °C

Mean maximum : 24.7°C

Mean minimum : 20.2°C

Rainfall : 195.2 mm

Rainy days : 12 days

Mean RH : 86.1%

Weather forecasts: [http://www.smg.gov.mo/www/e\\_index.php](http://www.smg.gov.mo/www/e_index.php)

## 8. Local Contact point

For any further local information, please contact the local organizing committee as per details below:

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## 9. Useful Website

✧ Macao SAR Tourism Office: <http://www.macautourism.gov.mo/en/>

✧ Macao International Airport: <http://www.macao-airport.com/en>