

**World Meteorological Organization Commission for Basic Systems**  
**Task Team on Aviation XML Meeting 2015**  
**Local Information for Participants**

**1. Date and Venue**

The meeting will be held from 22 to 24 September 2015 (Tuesday to Thursday) at the Conference Hall of the Hong Kong Observatory Headquarters, 134A Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong.

The meeting will start at 9 am on 22 September 2015 (Tuesday).

**2. Working Language and Internet Access**

The working language will be English. Free Wi-Fi access is available in the venue.

**3. Visa Information**

A valid passport is necessary for all persons entering Hong Kong. Some countries may need visa. You can apply the visa from the nearest Chinese diplomatic and consular mission. For further information, please visit the website of the Immigration Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

<http://www.immd.gov.hk/en/services/hk-visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html>

Please contact the local organizer if you require any assistance.

**4. Accommodation**

There are numerous hotels in Hong Kong and the local organizer has collected the rate of some of them which are close to the Observatory. Details of these hotels and maps showing their locations are available in Appendices A and B respectively for participants' information. Reservations can be made through their respective websites or online travel agents. As room rate fluctuates, participants are invited to secure their reservations at their earliest convenience.

Hotels	Website
Stanford Hillview Hotel	<a href="http://www.stanfordhillview.com/default-en.html">http://www.stanfordhillview.com/default-en.html</a>
BP International	<a href="http://www.bpih.com.hk/">http://www.bpih.com.hk/</a>
Best Western Grand	<a href="http://www.bestwesterngrandhotel.com/en/">http://www.bestwesterngrandhotel.com/en/</a>
Empire Hotel Kowloon	<a href="http://www.empirehotelsandresorts.com/en/ehk/overview.aspx">http://www.empirehotelsandresorts.com/en/ehk/overview.aspx</a>
The Kimberly Hotel	<a href="http://www.kimberley.hk/eng/home/">http://www.kimberley.hk/eng/home/</a>
The Mira Hong Kong	<a href="http://www.themirahotel.com/category/rooms/">http://www.themirahotel.com/category/rooms/</a>

## 5. Transportation

### *From the airport to the hotel:*

(a) Hotel Airport Shuttle

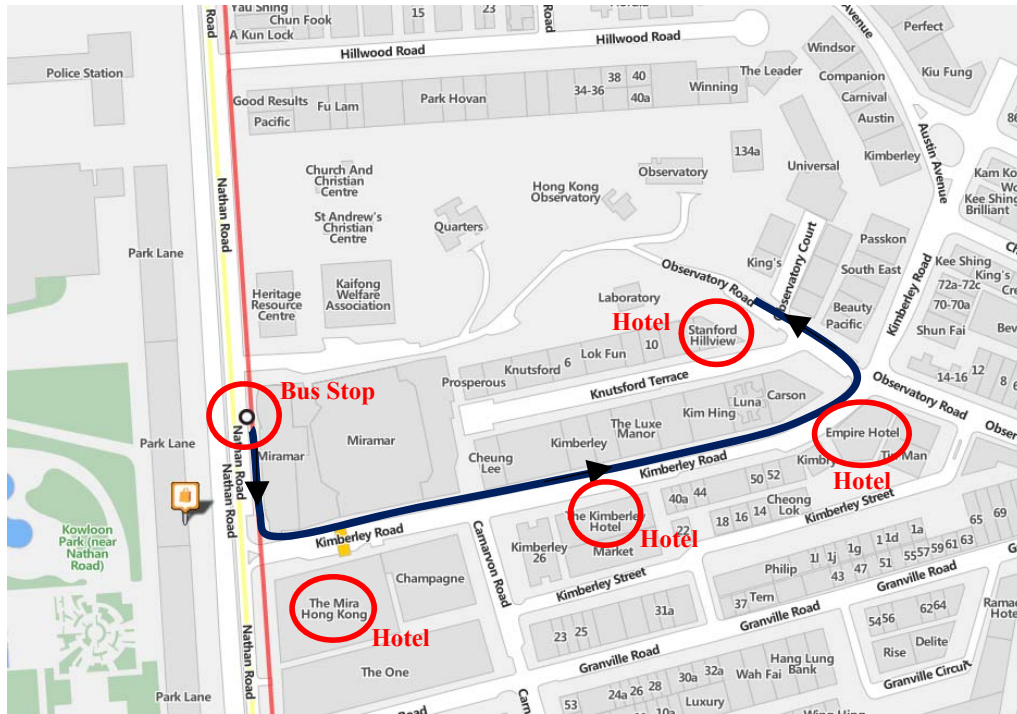
Hotel airport shuttle from and to the airport is available. Please see Appendix A for the fare of airport shuttle provided by different hotels.

(b) Airport Bus

Take Cityflyer Route A21 from Hong Kong International Airport to Kimberley Road / Miramar Shopping Centre, Nathan Road (Stop 12). Then walk for about 10 – 15 minutes (~500 m) to the hotel (see map below). Note that you need to walk up the slope at the Observatory Road for Stanford Hillview Hotel.

Fare: HKD33 (Approx 70 min)

<http://www.nwstbus.com.hk/routes/airport-bus/route/index.aspx>



(c) Taxi

Taxis in Hong Kong are colour-coded according to their operating areas. Please take the **red** one which serves nearly all the destinations throughout Hong Kong.

Fare: Approx. HKD250-300 from the Airport to Tsim Sha Tsui [depending on traffic] plus baggage charge

<http://www.hongkongairport.com/eng/transport/to-from-airport/taxi.html>

6. Electricity

The standard electrical voltage in Hong Kong is 220 V AC, 50Hz. The majority of electrical outlets in Hong Kong take a three-pronged UK-style plug as shown below.



## 7. Currency

The unit of the currency is Hong Kong Dollar. Coins are in denominations of 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, 5 and 10. Bank notes of 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, 1000 are in circulation. The exchange rate against US dollar is approximately HKD 7.8 ~ USD 1. Credit card use is common in most shops for major purchases and most accept VISA and MasterCard, and some accept American Express as well. ATM machines are also available in Tsim Sha Tsui.

## 8. Climate

For September:

Mean daily maximum temperature	30.1 °C
Mean daily minimum temperature	25.8 °C
Mean relative humidity	78 %
Mean rainfall	327.6 mm

Note: The meeting venue is air-conditioned and you may consider bringing a light jacket if necessary.

## 9. Useful Information

Discover Hong Kong: <http://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/index.jsp>

Hong Kong Travel Guide in wikitravel: [http://wikitravel.org/en/Hong\\_Kong](http://wikitravel.org/en/Hong_Kong)

Hong Kong Observatory (for weather information): <http://www.hko.gov.hk>

Consulates in Hong Kong: <http://www.protocol.gov.hk/eng/consular/index.html>

In emergency situations, you can contact the local police, ambulance service, fire department and other emergency services by calling 999.

## 10. Local Information

For additional information and assistance concerning the local and logistic arrangements for the meeting, please contact the local organizer as follow:

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Appendix A

Information of hotels near Hong Kong Observatory

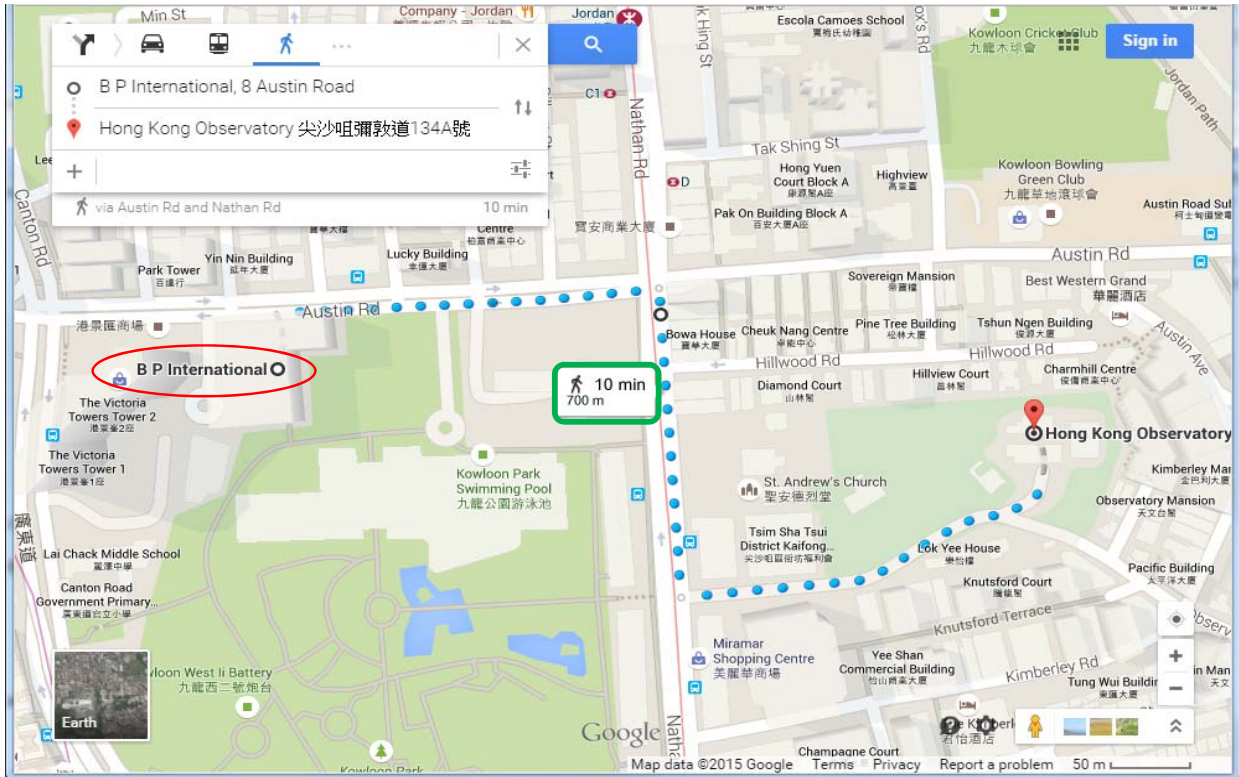
Hotels	Rate per room per night (HKD) (as of 2015-07-16)					Breakfast	Free 24-hr Wifi access	Fare of Hotel Airport Shuttle (per trip)	Address
	21 Sep	22 Sep	23 Sep	24 Sep	25 Sep				
<a href="#">Stanford Hillview Hotel</a> #	980	980	980	980	1380	Included	Yes	HKD 120	Observatory Road on Knutsford Terrace Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
<a href="#">BP International</a>	1600 +10%	1700 +10%	1100 +10%	1100 +10%	1100 +10%	Not included	HKD 100 per day	HKD 110	No.8 Austin Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
<a href="#">Best Western Grand</a>	880	880	880	880	1100	HKD 66	Yes	HKD 130 via <a href="#">Vigortours</a>	23 Austin Avenue, TsimShaTsui, Kowloon
<a href="#">Empire Hotel Kowloon</a>	950	900	900	900	1150	Included	Yes	HKD 110	62 Kimberley Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon
<a href="#">The Kimberly Hotel</a>	1400 +10%	1190 +10%	1050 +10%	1050 +10%	1120 +10%	HKD 130	Yes	HKD 140	28 Kimberley Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon
<a href="#">The Mira Hong Kong</a>	2650 +10%	2250 +10%	2250 +10%	2250 +10%	2400 +10%	Not included	Yes	HKD 820 (private car)	118 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

# Rate via Hong Kong Observatory account

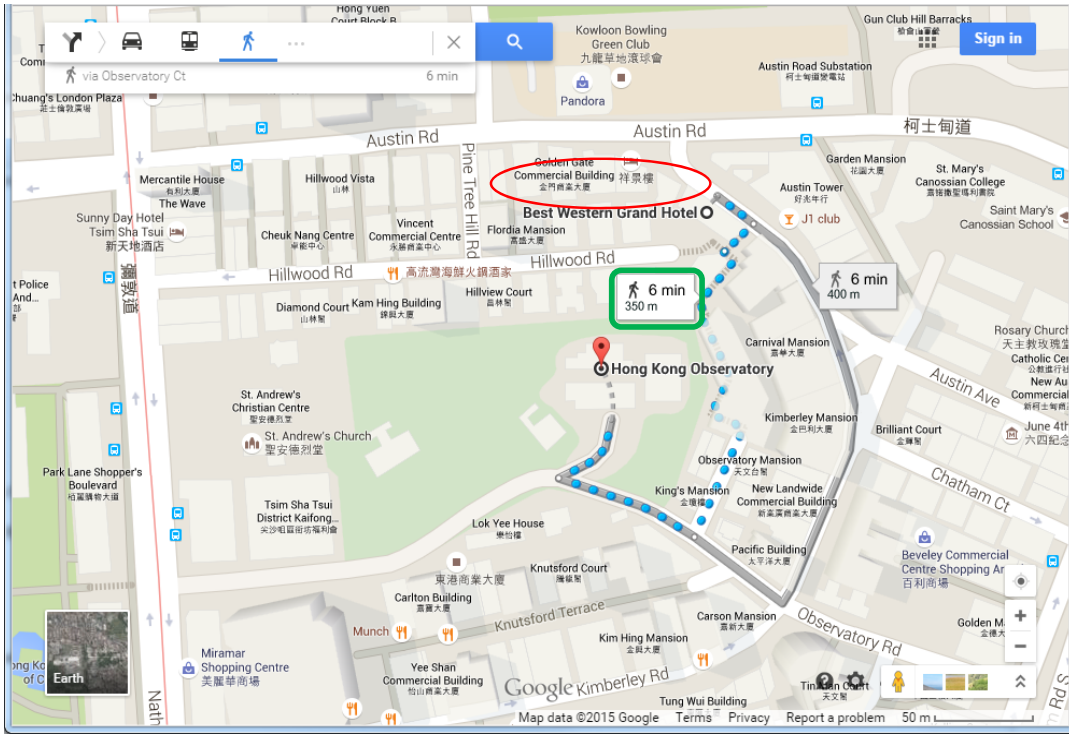
Routes from hotels to the meeting venue



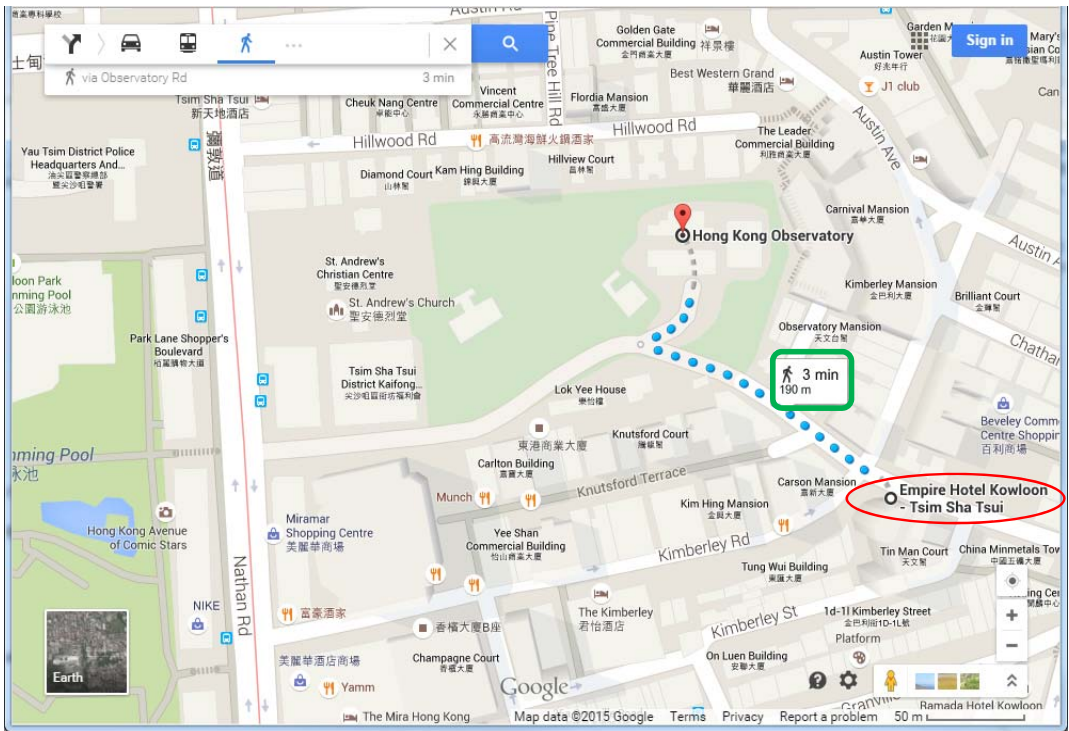
From Stanford Hillview Hotel to Hong Kong Observatory



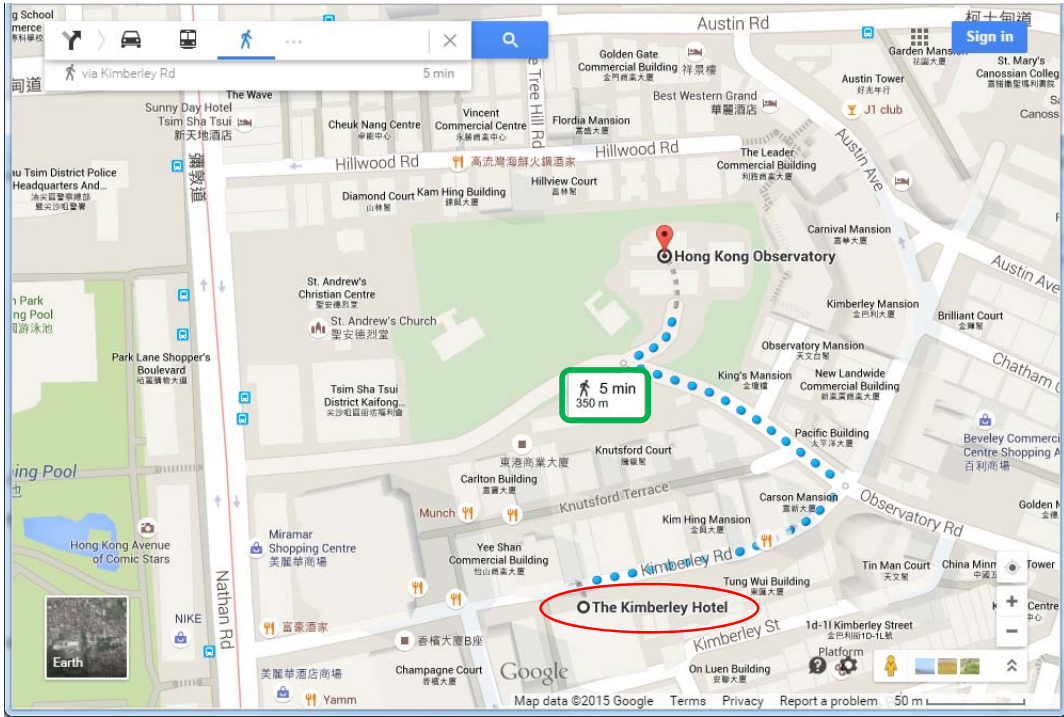
From BP International to Hong Kong Observatory



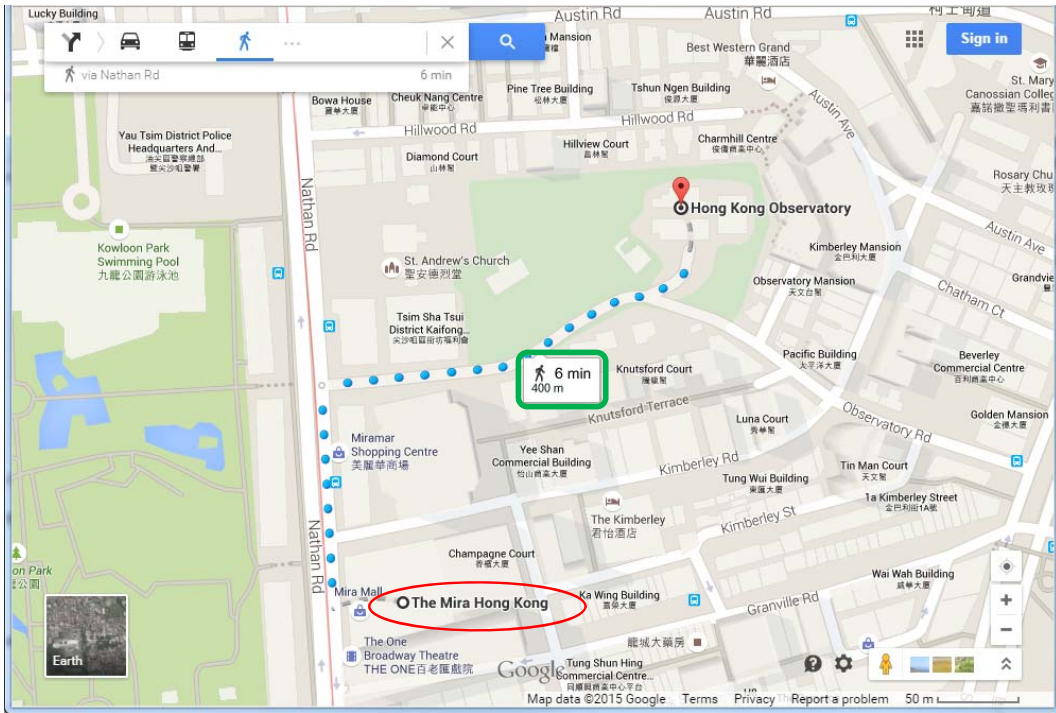
From Best Western Grand Hotel to Hong Kong Observatory



From Empire Hotel Kowloon to Hong Kong Observatory



From The Kimberly Hotel to Hong Kong Observatory



From The Mira Hong Kong to Hong Kong Observatory