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ICT XVII 2025
Beijing, China



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- ★ *Gather in the historic capital of 3000 years*
- ★ *Attend an exceptional Congress on toxicology*
- ★ *Meet scientists and experts from all over the world*
- ★ *Be a hero by climbing the Great Wall*
- ★ *Sense oriental beauty in Summer Palace*
- ★ *Appreciate imperial architectures and royal treasures*
- ★ *Enjoy amazing Peking Opera and taste delicious Peking duck*



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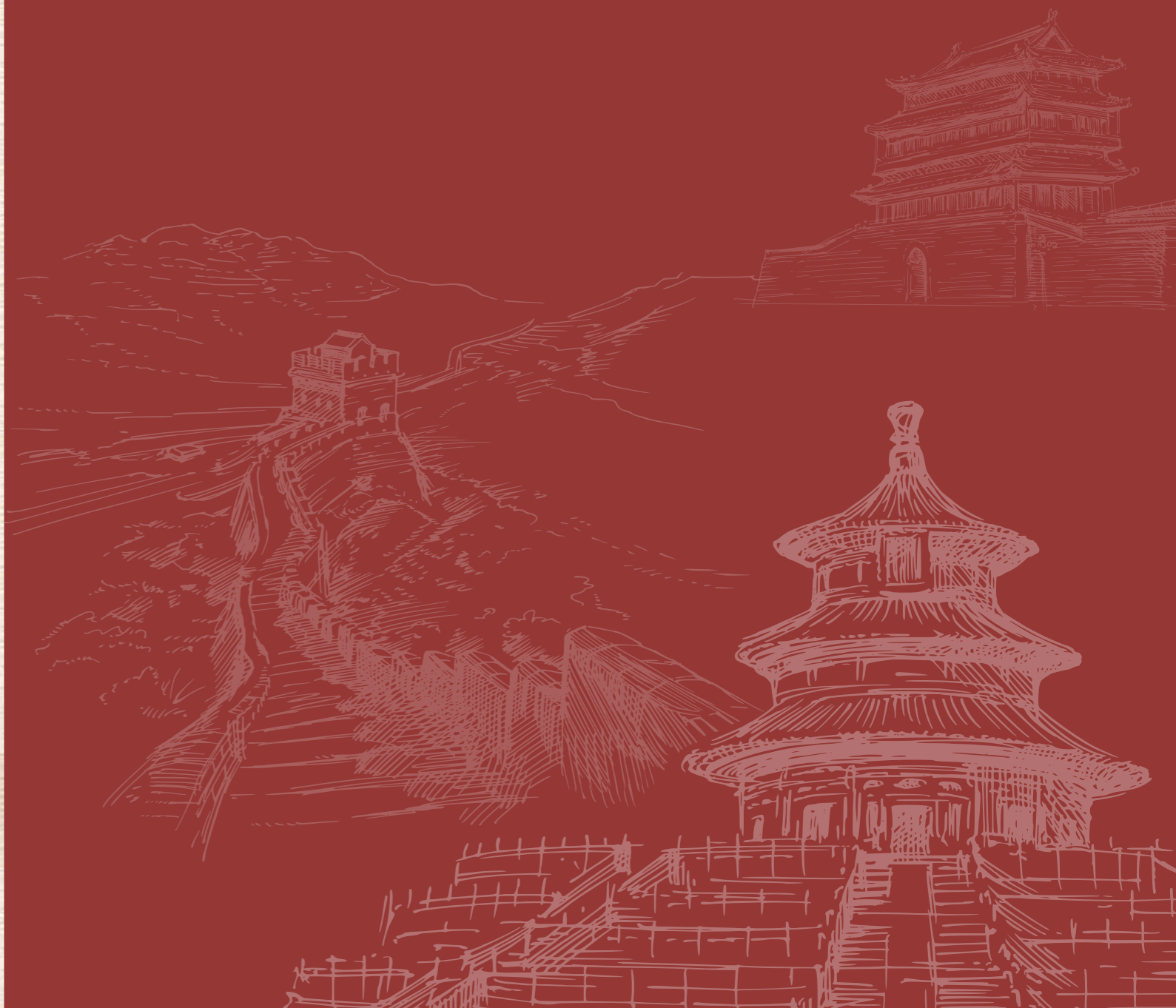
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Invitation

from the Chinese Society of Toxicology



Invitation

December 29th, 2018

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Dear Members of IUTOX Executive Committees, Colleagues of member societies and Friends,

On behalf of the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CST), I feel honoured to present a proposal to host the 17th International Congress of Toxicology (ICT XVII) in Beijing, P. R. China in October 2025. We are keen that you can give us this great opportunity to be organizer of 2025 ICT XVII and, to welcome you to Beijing, a charming, modern and historical city.

We believe that there are good reasons for that the Chinese Society of Toxicology is the ideal host society for the ICT XVII. Since joining the IUTOX family in 1997, CST is active in IUTOX missions and has made valuable contributions to the international toxicology community. During this period, CST has quickly expanded as one of the large member organizations of IUTOX, with 28 Speciality Sections covering almost all the areas of modern toxicology disciplines. In China, there are more than 100 universities, particularly medical schools, that provide toxicology education for undergraduate students, and more than 60 universities or institutes provide toxicology postgraduate education and training programs. Every year, hundreds of postgraduates start their careers in toxicology research, education, application and management in different institutions and agencies. Toxicology research is so active that the papers published by toxicologists in China have annually accounted for 20% - 25% of global publications in the field of toxicology since 2015. The scientific knowledge and techniques of toxicology have now played an important role in public health and environmental safety, responses to public health emergencies and disaster rescues, sustainable development of economy, as well as in social stability in China.

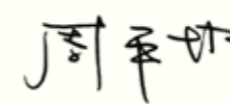
In addition to annual national conference of CST and its Speciality Sections, we have also successfully organized/hosted a series of international conferences or meetings in various fields of toxicology in China, such as the 5th CTDC (IUTOX, 2003) in Guilin, 4th Congress of the Asian Society of Toxicology (ASIATOX, 2006) in Zhuhai, the Asian Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (AsiaNANO 2018) in Qingdao. CST is currently organizing the 9th ASIATOX to be held in 2020 in Hangzhou.

The CST proposes hosting the 2025 ICT XVII in Beijing, the capital city of China. Beijing is one of the safest cities in the world and offers excellent cultural, tourism and leisure options. As one of the renowned international metropolises, the city has high standard conference venues, accommodations, and very good transportation systems. We believe Beijing is an ideal host city for the ICT XVII. It will be an excellent opportunity for scientists and experts globally to meet and share state-of-the-art knowledge and cutting-edge technology in the field of toxicology, as well as to enjoy the marvellous scenery, historic and cultural heritages, social events, and Chinese hospitality in 2025.

China Association for Science & Technology (CAST) and other government agencies have expressed strong interest in supporting the ICT XVII. China Center for International Science & Technology Exchange (CISTE) of CAST, a professional international conference organizer, will work together with CST to manage all the accommodations of the ICT XVII.

CST hereby solemnly makes the commitment that we will fulfill all the requirements of IUTOX for the ICT XVII and hopes you will give our bid your favorable consideration. It would be our great honor for CST to host the ICT XVII in 2025. Your kind consideration for our bid is highly appreciated.

Sincerely



Pingkun Zhou, M.D., Ph.D.
President, Chinese Society of Toxicology

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General Information

Founded in 1993, the CST currently has 15,000 members.

The Chinese Society of Toxicology (CST) is a national professional and scholarly non-profit organization in China. The CST is affiliated to China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), a member of International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX) and Asian Society of Toxicology (ASIATOX). The CST is committed to improving human health and environmental safety by promoting toxicology innovation and application, as well as increasing the impact of toxicology in China and abroad. It also makes every effort to popularize toxicology sciences on a grand scale in the public. Currently, the CST has 28 Specialty Sections with more than 15,000 members. The members are from universities, academic institutions, government and industries. The CST is governed by a Council with 150 council members led by its Standing Committee. Dr. Ping-Kun Zhou serves as present President and Dr. Chao Liu serves as Secretary General. Jointly with British Toxicology Society and Royal Society of Chemistry, the CST launched its official journal *Toxicology Research* in 2012.

The CST organizes its National Toxicology Congress once every two years that gathered over 1500 participants each time, and the CST Youth Forum of Science and Technology. In addition, the CST, its Specialty Sections and the Provincial branches also organize a series of conferences, symposia/workshops, and training courses in various topics/fields of toxicology every year. In 2008, the CST established its certification programs. So far, 304 DCST (Diplomat of Certified Toxicologist, CST) have been certified.



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International conferences organized by CST

The CST has successfully organized/hosted a series of international conferences, workshops, and CE courses, such as the 5th Congress of Toxicology in Developing Countries (IUTOX, 2003 in Guilin), the 4th Congress of Asian Society of Toxicology (2006 in Zhuhai), Conference on Biomedical and Environmental Science and Technology (icBEST 2010 in Beijing), the 13th International Neurotoxicology Association Meeting (2011 in Xi'an), the 6th International Conference on Nanotoxicology (2012 in Beijing), Asian Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (AsiaNANO

2018), and the Regulatory Toxicology & Risk Assessment Course (IUTOX/CST, 2014). The CST also co-organized with ACT to hold SD Training Courses in China (2017, 2018 in Shanghai). Currently, the CST is organizing the 9th Congress of Asian Society of Toxicology in Hangzhou in September 2020. The CST looks forward to collaborating more closely with the IUTOX and its member societies all over the world, and working together to improve human health and environmental safety by creating and utilizing knowledge of toxicology.



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The CST looks forward to collaborating with the IUTOX and its member societies to improve human health and environmental safety.

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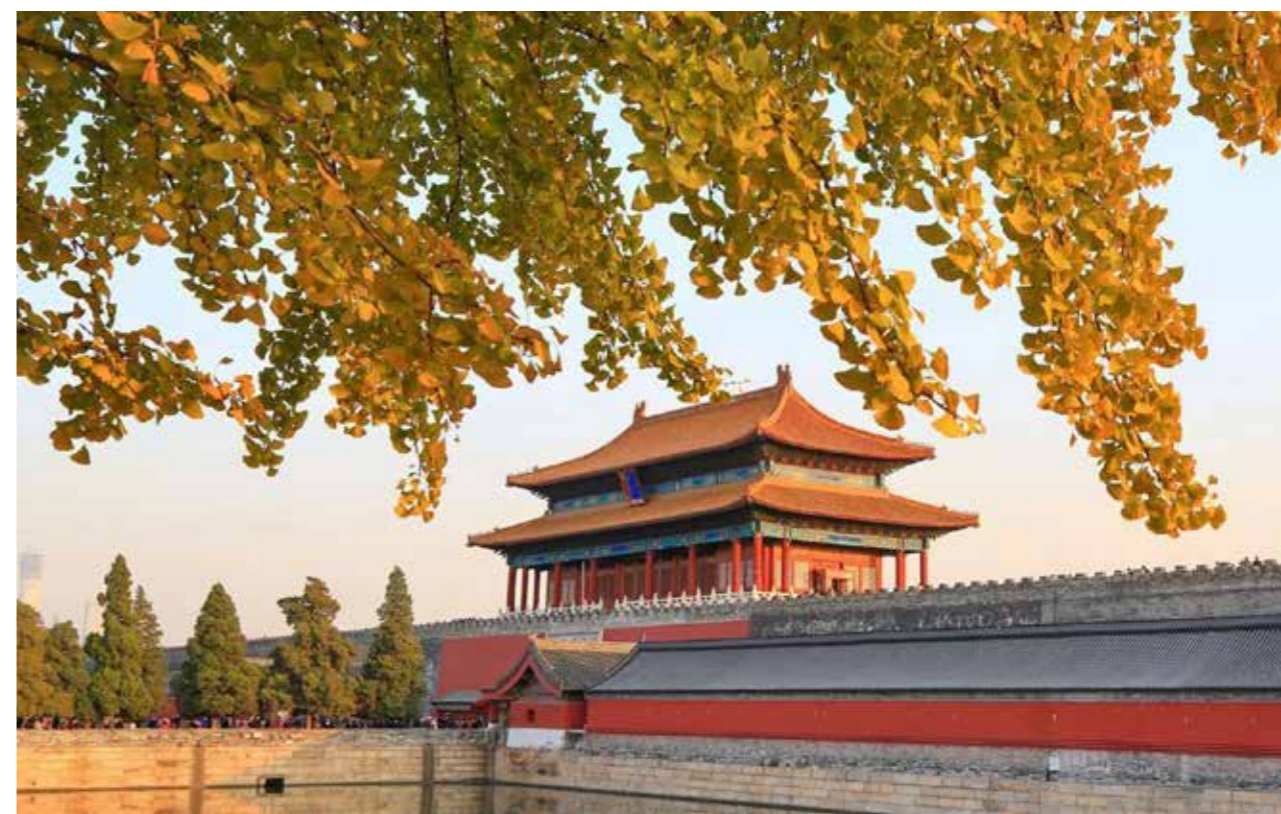
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Congress Date

We propose hosting the 17th International Congress of Toxicology (ICT XVII) in Beijing in October 2025. Autumn is the most delightful season in Beijing. The weather is pleasant with blue sky, golden light and highly contrasting splashes of red, gold, or orange. Temperatures start to pleasantly cool, and the air is crisp. You can enjoy wonderful gardens and parks in the city, which are alight with the red of maple leaves, the yellow of ginkgo

and multicolored chrysanthemum. The third week of October will be the ideal time for the Congress. The airfares and transportations will be more reasonable right after a holiday week of China's National Day from 1 to 7 October. However, the final congress date is adjustable for the convenience of international participants from other member societies.



Congress Venue: CNCC

China National Convention Center (CNCC) is the most versatile international conference venue in the country. It sits in the center of the Olympic Park between Beijing's fourth and fifth ring roads right next to the "Bird Nest" (China National Stadium used for the 2008 Olympics opening ceremony), the Water Cube (National Aquatics Center) and National Indoor Stadium. The Convention Center itself is 398m long, 148m wide, 42m high and has eight floors and two more in the basement. During the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games,

the plenary hall on the CNCC's fourth floor was the site for fencing preliminaries and finals, as well as Modern Pentathlon (fencing and shooting). The exhibition space on the first floor was the International Broadcasting

Center (IBC) and the Main Press Center (MPC). After the Olympic Games, the CNCC took some renovations and opened officially in Nov 2009.



Proposed Congress Date and Venue

As a member of International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA), the CNCC is a popular and well recognized venue for hosting high-profile international events, conferences and exhibitions. Besides its role in 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, it was selected by Chinese government to host 2014 APEC and 2017 the Belt and Road International Cooperation Summit. The CNCC has nearly 100 meeting rooms of various sizes, all of which are equipped with the most advanced AV facilities. The plenary hall (6,400 sqm) is able to cater to 6,000 delegates, and the ballroom (4,860 sqm) is suitable for banquets of 3000 delegates. The 23,000 sqm exhibition hall has three pillars that can be easily divided into 4 self-contained acoustically independent sections, with an area of 5,500 sqm each. The configuration and facilities of the CNCC are fit for various purposes and activities.



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A selection of International Conferences held and to be held in CNCC

Year	Conference	Participant
2016	International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium	2500
	33 rd International Geographical Congress	3000
	2016 World Life Science Conference	3000
	16 th International Congress of Catalysis	2000
	17 th International Congress of Endocrinology	5000
	13 th Annual Meeting Asia Oceania Geosciences Society	2000
2017	International Gastric Cancer Congress	2000
	43 rd Annual Conference on Industrial Electronics	800
	24 th World Congress of the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine	800
	86 th INTERPOL General Assembly	1500
2018	2018 Asian Pacific Conference of Nephrology	6000
	24 th Conference of the International Association for Pattern Recognition	1000
	15 th Asian-Australasian Congress of Anaesthesiologists	5000
2019	World Congress of Neurosurgical Societies	5000
	17 th International Congress of Immunology	5000
	16 th Interim Meeting of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies	5000



CNCC: A Multifunctional Complex

The CNCC complex consists of Convention Center, CNCC Grand Hotel, Inter-Continental Hotel, and even a shopping mall in the basement level of the Conference Center. It provides banquet services and a wide variety of foods and beverage. CNCC Grand Hotel is an international standard hotel with 420 rooms. There is an outdoor walkway connecting the hotel and the convention center. Within 3 km radius, there are 7 five-star hotels, 6 four-star hotels and more than 10 three-star hotels and apartments, totaling over 5,000 rooms. Dining, shopping and entertainment facilities are easily available in the neighboring areas of CNCC.

Easy Access

The CNCC boasts an enviable location. It is easily accessible by car from both the fourth and fifth ring roads that extend in all directions in Beijing, and less than one hour-drive from the Capital Airport. The Olympic Park Station of subway line 8 connected with CNCC's basement enables delegates to quickly go to the airport, the Beijing railway station, the central business district, and many tourist attractions such as Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, the extraordinary Beijing old Hutong & Quadrangle courtyard culture district of Nan-Luo-Gu-Xiang, etc. It takes about one or two hour to drive from CNCC to the renowned Ming Tombs and Great Wall.



Congress Organization

Committees

Five main committees are initially proposed that will be responsible for the congress organization. More committees may also be formed as the preparation proceeds.

Local Organizing Committee/Organizing Committee

The Local Organizing Committee has been already formed to initiate the proposal and the organizing plan of the ICT XVII, and is chaired by Professor Ping-Kun Zhou, the President of the CST. The Local Organizing Committee will be converted to Organizing Committee of the Congress as the preparation proceeds. The President of ICT XVI, other international/national experts will be invited to join the Organizing Committee. The Chairpersons of other committees will also serve as the committee members.

International Advisory Committee

The International Advisory Committee will be formed as the Host of ICT-XVII is decided. The committee will be chaired by IUTOX Secretary-General. Members will include the IUTOX EC members, the chair of the previous ICT meeting, the chair of the IUTOX Developing Countries Committee, distinguished toxicologists or representatives from some member societies, including a representative from each of the five largest member societies, and a representative from each of the member societies in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Representatives from relevant international organizations will be also invited to join the International Advisory Committee.

Scientific Program Committee

The committee is co-chaired by Professor Gui-Bin Jiang and the IUTOX president-elect. The committee will contract members of the IUTOX EC, the IUTOX member societies and other committees of the ICT XVII at the due time for advice of Congress themes, scientific programs, workshops and continuing education courses. The committee will also seek suggestions from national and international scientists who represent government, academia, industry, regulatory agencies. The IUTOX EC members, the chairpersons of other ICT XVII committees and candidates from other IUTOX member societies will be also invited to serve as members of this committee.

Finance Committee

The committee is chaired by Professor Chao Liu and responsible for preparing budget plans, raising funds, managing Congress incomes and expenses. Members of the CST EC, the Chairpersons of previous or latest ICT committees and candidates recommended by IUTOX member societies will be also invited to serve as committee members.

External Relation Committee

The committee is chaired by Dr. Li-Jie Fu. It is responsible for liaison with IUTOX, member societies and international experts, as well as for dealing with external affairs of the Congress.

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Professor Ping-Kun Zhou, Chair of Organizing Committee

President, Chinese Society of Toxicology
 Professor, Beijing Institute of Radiation Medicine, AMMS
 Director, the Institute Committee for Science & Technology
 Director, the Beijing Key Laboratory for Radiobiology

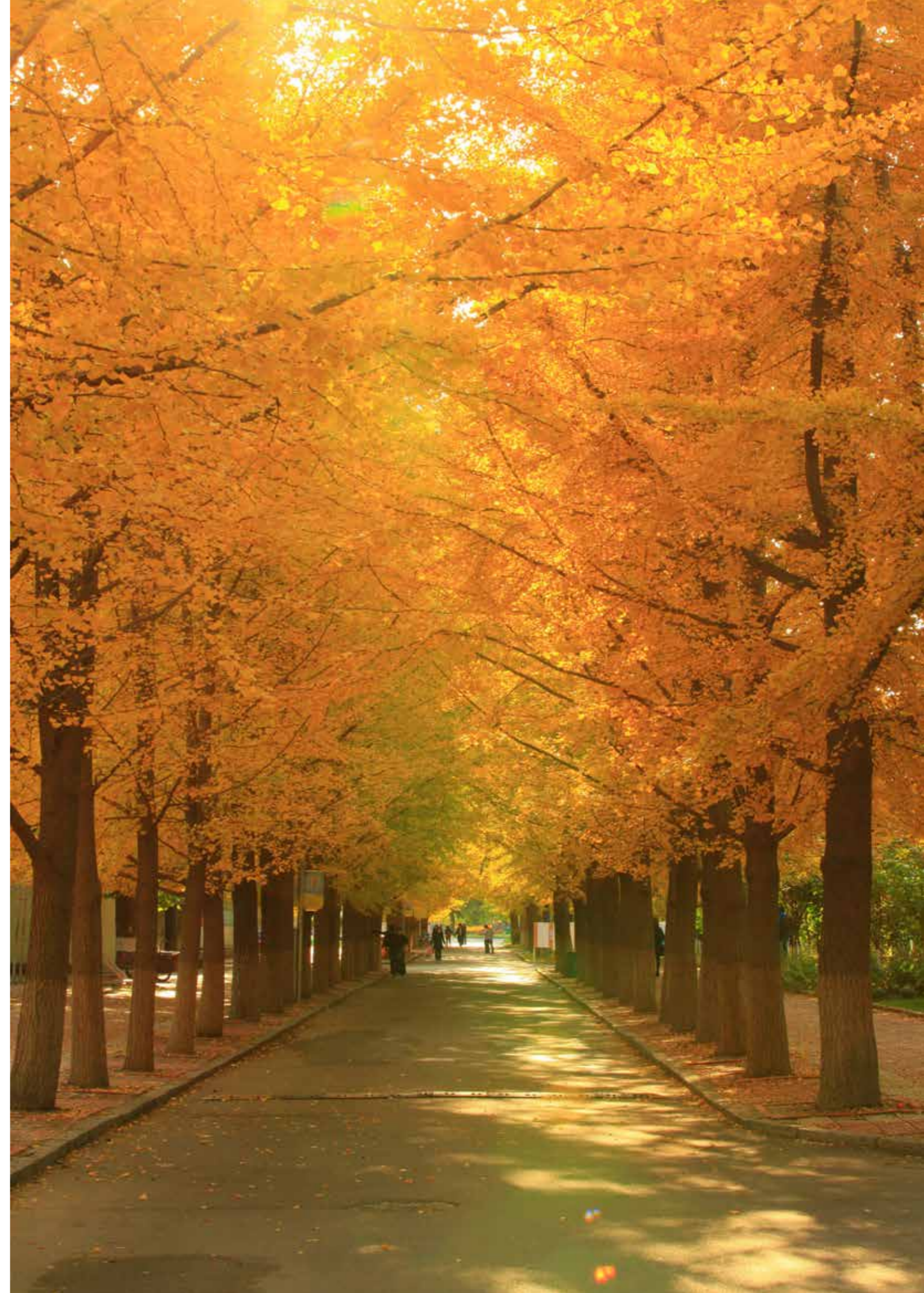
Ping-Kun Zhou graduated from Hunan Medical University (Xianya School of Medicine, Central South University) in 1985, received his master's degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in 1987 and M.D. in 2004 at the Academy of Military Medical Sciences. He has ever worked as a visiting fellow in Paterson Institute for Cancer Research in Manchester, UK (1994-1995), and research fellow in Institute Curie Research in Paris, France (1998-2000). He has been working in the field of radiobiology and environmental genotoxicology. His research interests include DNA damage repair and genomic stability, space and low dose radiation biology and risk assessment. He has been a Chief Scientist of China National Key Basic Research Program (973Program). He has published more than hundred peer-reviewed papers in the Nucleic Acids Res, Cancer Res, Mol Cancer, Oncogene, Int J Cancer, British J Cancer, FRBM, Radiation Res, Int J Radiation Oncol Biol Biophysics, Environmental Pollution, FASEB J, Toxicology Res, etc. He was awarded the China National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholar by NSFC, Outstanding Scientific & Technological Worker in China by China Association for Science and Technology, and the Outstanding Contributions Award of Radiation Research by the Asian Association for Radiation Research. He has also had several additional posts, e.g. counselor of UNSCEAR China Representative, member of ICRP committee one, advisory expert of Radiation Safety and Protection for CTBTO-On Site Inspect, Associate Editor of Toxicology Research (RSC, Cambridge).



Professor Gui-Bin Jiang, Chair of Scientific Program Committee

Dean, College of Resource and Environment, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences
Director, State Key Laboratory of Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology
President, China Association for Instrumental Analysis (CAIA)

Prof. Gui-Bin Jiang is a professor of Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology and Academician in the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). He is one of China's foremost environmental toxicologists and widely recognized as one of the world leaders in the field of organometallic compounds and persistent organic pollutants (POPs). He is a pioneer in the research on emerging contaminants at the forefront of environmental sciences and toxicology. His study on this field has opened up a number of exciting new research directions, the results of which are great international significance and have made substantial contributions to the understanding the environmental and toxicological consequences of emerging chemical pollution in China. Prof. Jiang is the founding-director of the state key laboratory of environmental chemistry and ecotoxicology. The "Pilot Laboratory" as defined by UNEP established by him is the only laboratory in China capable of analyzing all POPs listed by the Stockholm Convention. Since 1988, Prof. Jiang has co-authored over 700 articles in leading international scientific journals including Nat Nanotech., Nat Commun., Chem Rev., PNAS, Angew. Chem., JACS, Anal Chem and Environ. Sci. Technol. He is also the author of 14 scientific books and more than 170 papers in Chinese journals. Prof. Jiang is reputed as an excellent conference organizer. He launched an International Symposium on Persistent Toxic Substances (ISPTS) in 2004, which has been successfully held 15 times in different countries. He was the chair of the 29th International Symposium on Halogenated Persistent Organic Pollutants (2009) and the 43rd Symposium of HPLC and related techniques (2015). He also served several times as chair for national conferences in the field of Environmental Chemistry.



Scientific Program

Scientific program of ICT XVII will include multidisciplinary topics of toxicology sciences.

Scientific program is a key element for success of the ICT XVII. The CST and the Scientific Program Committee will work with the IUTOX EC and reach out to all the IUTOX member societies for advice on scientific themes, topics and continuing education courses. The ICT XVII in Beijing will include multidisciplinary topics covering traditional and cutting-edge knowledge, achievements of toxicology basic research and toxicological issues concerning human health, environment and food safety, and also include new and emerging technologies and their applications in toxicological sciences.

The scientific program may include but not limited to the following topics:

- Chemical safety and sustainability
- Emerging health threats and risk assessment

- Air pollution and inhalation toxicology
- Microbiome modifying toxicity
- Genetic and epigenetic mechanisms of toxicity
- Novel approaches and methods for in vitro testing
- Biomarkers of exposure and toxicological effects
- Environmental and Eco-toxicology
- Computational and predictive toxicology
- Regulatory toxicology and human risk assessment
- Industrial toxicology and occupational medicine
- Safety of nanomaterials, transgenic products and new technologies
- Safety of food, drugs and natural medicinal products, etc
- Other topics proposed by IUTOX member societies and experts

Continuing Education Courses

The ICT XVII will offer a number of continuing education courses that cover state-of-the-art knowledge of toxicology, novel or emerging technologies and their applications. The courses may be designed as basic courses or advanced courses. The basic courses will provide a broad overview of an area or to assist individuals in learning new techniques or approaches. The advanced courses will present the latest development and novel approaches/

techniques in toxicology, which is intended to be of interest to individuals with previous knowledge of the subject or already working in the field. The CST will seek education credits towards certifying and licensing board requirements by contacting the American Board of Toxicology (ABT), EU Registry of Toxicologists, the Japanese Board of Toxicology, etc.

Proposed Schedule for ICT XVII

Time	Wednesday, October 15, 2025		Thursday, October 16, 2025		Friday, October 17, 2025		Saturday, October 18, 2025	
Morning	Continuing Education Courses		Keynote Lecture 1		Keynote Lecture 2		Keynote Lecture 3	
	Continuing Education Courses		Coffee Break		Coffee Break		Coffee Break	
Afternoon	CE lunch		Symposium Sessions		Symposium Sessions		Symposium Sessions	
	Continuing Education Courses		Lunch presentation Poster presentation and Exhibition		Lunch presentation Poster presentation and Exhibition		Lunch presentation Poster presentation and Exhibition	
Evening	Continuing Education Courses		Symposium Sessions		IUTOX General Assembly		Symposium Sessions	
	Opening Ceremony		Coffee Break		Coffee Break		Coffee Break	
Deichmann Lecture		Symposium Sessions		Symposium Sessions		Closing Ceremony		
Welcome Reception		Social Activity		Gala Dinner				
Registration (8:00 am - 6:30 pm)		Registration (8:00 am - 5:00 pm)		Registration (8:00 am - 5:30 pm)				
Exhibit Set-up (10:00 am - 6:00pm)								

Timeline of Congress Preparation

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- 2019**
- Local organization committee meeting during National Congress of the CST in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province.
 - Set up ICT XVII website.
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- 2020**
- Contact IUTOX, member societies and Chairpersons of previous ICT for candidates of ICT XVII committee members.
 - Prepare Congress descriptions and flyers for other websites (IUTOX and its member societies, other toxicology related international or national conferences) to inform potential attendees about the ICT XVII.
 - Promote ICT XVII in 2020 9th International Congress of Asia Society of Toxicology that will be held in Hangzhou, China.
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- 2021**
- Meet with IUTOX EC and member societies, the organizers of SOT 2019 ICT-XV during SOT Meeting or with the organizers of 2022 ICT-XVI in EUROTOX for sharing ideas, expertise and experience.
 - Finalize the Congress organization structure, confirm chairpersons and members of all the committees.
 - Meetings of Organization Committee and Scientific Program Committee.
 - Design and prepare Congress logo and other materials for promotion activities.
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- 2022**
- Meetings of Organization Committee and Scientific Program Committee during ICT XVI in Maastricht.
 - Meet with IUTOX EC members for the progress of Congress preparation in Maastricht, the Netherlands.
 - Meeting with the ICT XVI organizers for experience sharing.
 - Promote ICT XVII during ICT XVI in Maastricht.
 - Send out the first round invitation for scientific program proposal.
 - Send out the invitation for education course proposal.
 - Send out the invitation for recommending candidates of Deichmann Lecture and keynote lectures.
 - Make marketing and advertisement plan.



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- 2023**
- Promote the ICT XVII in all the relevant international or national conferences and meetings.
 - Second call of scientific program proposals in January.
 - Collect and rate the proposals.
 - Meeting of Scientific Program Committee for draft programs.
 - Selection of Deichmann Lecture and keynote lectures.
 - Contact symposium session chairs and lecturers based on the tentative program.
 - Finalize topics and lecturers of continuing education courses.
 - Contact potential sponsors and exhibitors.
 - Distribute promotional flyers or e-materials to professional societies and relevant parties.
 - Activate the ICT XVII website.
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- 2024**
- **Jan-Mar** Scientific Program Committee meeting to finalize the program. Organization Committee meeting to discuss schedules, awards, social activities and other arrangements. Prepare and send out first announcement. Update website for scientific program and prepare to call for abstract submission, sponsorship and exhibition. Contact Journals to arrange a special issue for publication of abstracts.
 - **Apr-Jun** Send out official invitations to session chairs and lectures. Design and prepare e-broadcast tool or App. Design congress kit and other relevant materials. Send out second announcement.
 - **July-Sept** First-call for abstract submission (Sept-Feb). Open early registration of ICT XVII and Education courses (Sept-Feb). Open application for sponsorship and exhibition.
 - **Oct-Dec** Prepare the third announcement with the deadline for abstract submission, the detail information of registration and awards.
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- 2025**
- **Jan-Mar** End of first round of abstract submission. Opening late abstract submission (until end of Jun). Start abstract review process. End of early registration in Feb.
 - **Apr-Jun** Send out acceptance letters for abstracts. Award selection and travel award selection processes. End of late abstract submission. Select winners of travel awards.
 - **July-Sept** Finalize the program book. Design and prepare signage and other materials for use in CNCC. Prepare Congress kit and Certificate of Attendance for all the attendees.

Budgetary Plan

The draft budget listed below is estimated for 2025 with all the fees quoted in US dollar. The CST will allocate funds to support attendees from disadvantaged nations and provide financial support for all the invited speakers. The surplus of the funds, if any, will be divided, as per the IUTOX role, between IUTOX and CST.

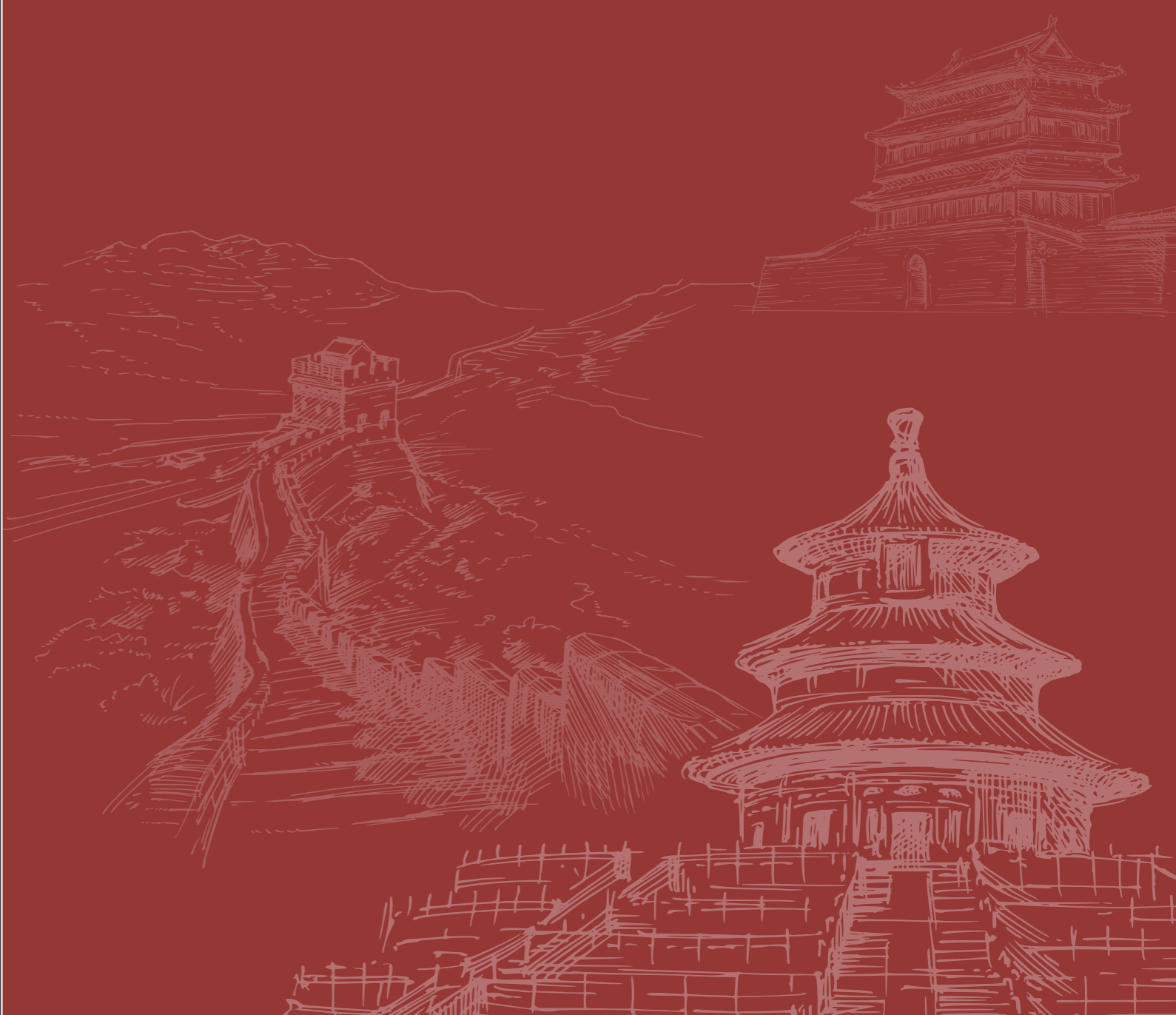
INCOME	Based On 750 Delegates			Based On 1500 Delegates			Based On 2500 Delegates		
	Number	Unit(\$)	In USD	Number	Unit(\$)	In USD	Number	Unit(\$)	In USD
Registration Fee									
Full Early	400	600	240,000	420	600	252,000	600	600	360,000
Full Standard	75	650	48,750	520	650	338,000	750	650	487,500
Full Late	50	700	35,000	110	700	77,000	250	700	175,000
Student Early	180	250	25,000	180	250	45,000	300	250	75,000
Student Standard	100	275	27,500	225	275	61,875	500	275	137,500
Student Late	25	300	7,500	45	300	13,500	100	300	30,000
Subtotal			\$383,750	1500		\$787,375	2500		\$1,265,000
Sponsorships and Exhibition									
Diamond	1	45,000	45,000	1	45,000	45,000	1	45,000	45,000
Gold	1	15,000	15,000	3	15,000	45,000	5	15,000	75,000
Silver	3	12,000	36,000	6	12,000	72,000	8	12,000	96,000
Bronze	5	8,000	40,000	10	8,000	80,000	10	8,000	80,000
Exhibitors(3x3 m ²)	30	3,000	90,000	50	3,000	150,000	65	3,000	195,000
Contributions			\$22,000			\$22,000			\$22,000
Subtotal			\$248,000			\$414,000			\$513,000
Gala Dinner	200	80		225	80		350	80	
Subtotal	200		\$16,000	225		\$18,000	350		\$28,000
Continuing Education Course	200	150		350	150		450	150	
Subtotal	200		\$30,000	350		\$52,500	450		\$67,500
Total Income			\$677,750			\$1,271,875			\$1,873,500

EXPENSES	Based on 750	Based on 1500	Based on 2500
	Delegates	Delegates	Delegates
	In USD	In USD	In USD
Venue			
Meeting Room	48,500	97,000	105,000
Exhibitors and Poster	40,000	80,000	117,000
Audio/Visual Equipment	6,500	13,000	22,000
Awards	15,000	15,000	20,000
Invited Speakers' Support	130,000	190,000	190,000
Disadvantager Nations' Support	20,000	30,000	50,000
Continuing Education Course			
Course Speaker Fee	3,500	7,000	12,000
Box Lunch	2,200	5,500	11,000
Food and Beverages			
Welcome Reception	9,000	23,000	37,000
Lunch and Coffee Breaks	27,000	67,500	130,000
Buffet	60,000	150,000	250,000
Gala Dinner	28,000	43,000	70,000
Congress Organization			
Program and Abstract Review	2,000	3,000	5,000
Pre-congress Meetings and Materials	7,200	12,000	18,000
Conference Design and Website	9,000	15,000	15,000
Congress Kit and Signage	3,900	6,500	8,000
Printing and Publication	16,800	28,000	32,000

EXPENSES	Based on 750	Based on 1500	Based on 2500
	Delegates	Delegates	Delegates
	In USD	In USD	In USD
Administrative Fee			
Staff and Onsite Personel	2,700	4,500	7,000
Commission for E-payment	900	1,500	2,500
Registration Handling	3,000	5,000	8,000
Conference Service Fee	9,000	15,000	24,000
Tax (10% of Total Income)	60,000	120,000	192,000
Insurance (1% of Total Income)	5,500	11,000	18,000
Unforeseen (4% of Total Income)	23,500	47,000	85,000
Total Expenses	\$533,200	\$989,500	\$1,428,500
FIXED VALUE			
Total Income	\$677,750	\$1,271,875	\$1,873,500
Total Expenses	\$533,200	\$989,500	\$1,428,500
Balance	\$144,550	\$282,375	\$445,000



Host City:
Beijing



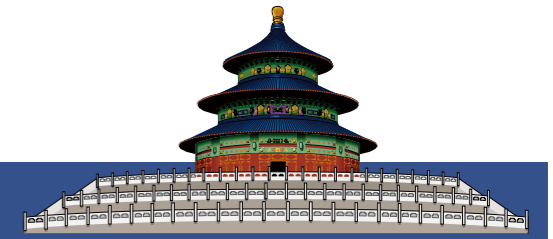
Overview



Beijing is known as one of the world famous ancient capitals



As the capital of China, Beijing is the nation's center of culture, politics, business, finance, education, diplomacy and scientific innovation. It has a glorious history which can be dated back three millennia. The most highlighting part is its great role as the ancient capital over the past eight centuries. The city preserves the most magnificent imperial culture of China, including numerous historical architectures, relics and traditions. Its long history, rich culture, old and modern architectures attract millions of visits and tourists every year.

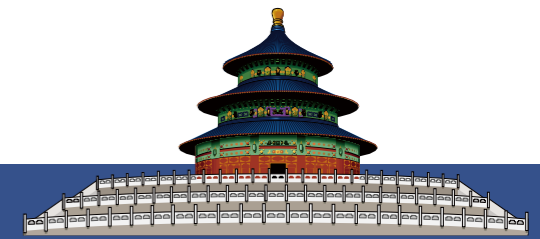


The city's long and rich history has left behind an abundant historic and cultural heritage. There are seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Beijing, e.g. **the Great Wall (长城)**, **the Forbidden City (紫禁城)**, **the Summer Palace (颐和园)**, **the Temple of Heaven (天坛)**, **the Ming Tombs (十三陵)**, **Peking Man Site at Zhoukoudian (周口店北京人遗址)**, and **the Grand Canal (大运河)**. All of these are well-preserved and represent the heritage of Chinese architectural achievement. The city is also renowned for its opulent palaces, temples, parks, gardens, tombs, walls and gates. It has also retained traditional residence life

styles, such quadrangle courtyard (Siheyuans, 四合院), the city's traditional housing style, and hutongs (胡同), the narrow alleys between Siheyuans.



Like other international metropolises, Beijing is a modern city with high-rise office and apartment buildings, stunning modern architectures and busy shopping streets. National Center for Performance Arts (the “egg” building), National Stadium (the “bird’s nest”), and China Central Television Headquarters are the examples of Beijing’s modern highlights and are built with innovative and eye-catching designs. The city is the seat of foreign embassies and houses



regional offices of the largest number of Fortune Global 500 companies and biggest financial institutions in the world. The city is also home to the headquarters of most of nation’s largest companies and is gradually becoming a financial center with international influence. In Beijing, old and new are well integrated and peacefully coexist, forming a distinctive character of the city.



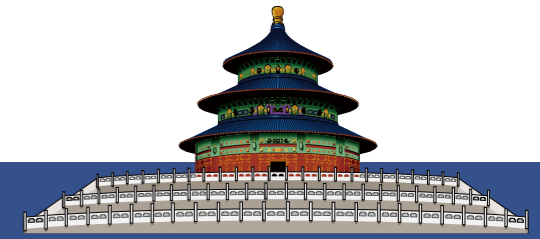
Beijing: an international metropolis



Beijing: dynamic city with unique charm

Beijing is an academic city and the center of scientific research and innovation. It has 91 universities and hundreds of research institutes. In the northwest of the city, the most famous universities and research institutes of Chinese Academy of Sciences are located. The nearby Zhongguanchun area has become a High-Tech Park and known as China's Silicon Valley. In the southeast of the city, pharmaceutical, information technology and

materials engineering companies are gathered in the Economic and Technology Development Zone of Yizhuang. The city has gradually become a major engine of technological innovation of the country and attracts tech firms, big interne players and multinational corporations. Beijing successfully hosted 2008 summer Olympic Game. In 2022, it will become the first city to host both summer and winter Olympic Games.



Beijing city offers a wide range of theatres, museums, and cultural centers, restaurants, bars and shopping malls, a variety of entertainments from Peking Opera, Chinese rock bands to DJ-run dance music to delight visitors. Beijing is also famous for its numerous parks and large proportion of land within the central areas allocated for recreational uses. Among the most popular parks are Zhongshan Park, Beihai Park, Jingshan Park, the Summer Palace, and Beijing Zoo. Every year, millions of foreigners come to Beijing for business, conference, recreation and tourism. Some of them come to study, work, live and settle down here and have become part of the population of this municipality.



Beijing: a city of diversity and inclusiveness



Accessibility

Beijing is located in North China and serves as the most important transportation hub and port of entry in mainland China. It has nation's largest airports, busiest rail stations, and many roads and expressways radiate out here. The urban Beijing also has a well-structured transport system.



Travel to Beijing

In 2025, Beijing will have two international airports in operation: Capital International Airport and Daxing International Airport. Capital International Airport is ranked as the second busiest airport in the world with more than 90 million passenger trips annually. A total of 94 airlines operate 1700 flights daily connecting Beijing with about 250 major cities in the world. It is easy to reach the airport from

any part of the city onboard frequent airport shuttle buses, express subway trains and taxis. Beijing Daxing International Airport is currently under construction and will be opened in October, 2019. It is constructed as one of the biggest airports in the world with the projected annual capacity of 620,000 flights and 72 million passenger trips in 2025.

Host City Beijing



Travel around Beijing

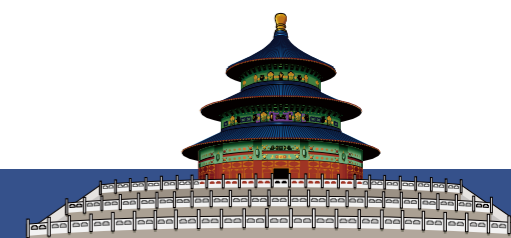
Beijing serves as a large rail hub in China's railway network. Ten conventional rail lines and three high-speed lines provide direct passenger train services to most large cities in China. In regard to road transportation, the city is connected by road links to all parts of the country. The urban transport is dependent upon the five "ring roads" that concentrically surround the city, with the Forbidden City area marked as the geographical center for the ring roads. Beijing's intracity transport services are provided primarily by a subway and bus network. Taxis of various types are also an important means of getting around the central city. Subway is the fastest transportation in the urban city to avoid frequent

traffic jams. Currently, 21 subway lines and an airport express line are in operation and 9 more lines are under construction. They connect the city center, railway stations, business district, shopping street and tourism highlights with outlying areas. Single ticket, day-pass and prepared cards are available to fit an individual's need. Beijing also has a well-structured public bus network and is a very convenient means of moving around the city. About 700 bus and electric trolley routes extend in every direction of the city. Passengers could enjoy the street views when they travel. All public transport in the city zone can be accessed with a prepaid smart card.



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Beijing Highlights



Forbidden City:

Most Magnificent Imperial Palace in the World

The Forbidden City is an imperial palace complex situated in the historical heart of Beijing. It consists of 980 buildings of golden roofs, white marble balustrades, and red pillars. It was the home of the emperors in the Ming and Qing dynasties. Today, this imperial palace is commonly known in Chinese as "Gugong"(故宫). It exemplifies traditional Chinese imperial architecture and hosts the **Palace Museum** that collects millions of rare and valuable works of Chinese art, and houses a large collection of ancient books and historic documents. The central north-south axis of the palace forms the part of the central axis of Beijing city and extends to the south through **Tiananmen Square**. There are several popular tourist sites, such as **Zhongshan Park, Beihai Park, Jingshan Park, and National Museum**, located in the vicinity of the Forbidden City and worth a visit.



Great Wall:

One of the New Seven World Wonders

The Great Wall is one of the most appealing attractions in the world owing to its architectural grandeur and historical significance. It is a series of fortifications built with stone, brick, tamped earth, wood, and other materials. The Great Wall has a history of about 2,700 years, and it winds up and down across deserts, grasslands, mountains and plateaus, stretching approximately 21,196 kilometers from east to west across the historical northern borders of China to protect the Chinese states and empires against the raids and invasions of the various nomadic groups.

Badaling, Juyongguan and Mutianyu Great Walls are the best sites near Beijing to see complete walls and also beacon towers.



Summer Palace:

Best Royal Garden in China

The Summer Palace is also known as “**Yiheyuan** (颐和园)” in Chinese. It is the largest and most well-preserved royal park in China. It contains a comprehensive collection of imperial gardens and palaces that served as the summer retreats for the Qing imperial family. In the palace, the natural landscapes of the **Longevity Hill** and **Kunming Lake** are combined with artificial features such as pavilions, halls, palaces, temples and bridges to form a harmonious ensemble of outstanding aesthetic value. The palace is located in the northwest of the city, about 13 kilometers from the CNCC. It could be easily reached from the CNCC or city center by subway, bus or taxi.



Temple of Heaven:

Explore Royal Sacrificial Culture of Ancient China

Among the best known religious sites in the city is the Temple of Heaven, or Tiantan (天坛) in Chinese, where emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties made visits for annual ceremonies of prayers to Heaven for good harvest. Nowadays, it is a public park showing ancient philosophy, history and religion. Its grand architectural style and profound cultural connotation give an insight into the practices of the ancient Eastern civilization. The Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests, the Circular Altar Mound, the imperial Vault of Heaven and Echo Wall are the most visited spots in the park.



Hutong and Siheyuan:

Experience Authentic Beijinger’s Life Style

Hutong (胡同) is a Chinese name given to narrow lanes, alleys or small streets between rows of single-storey houses called as **Siheyuan** (四合院). The later refers to a traditional housing style that is a courtyard surrounded by buildings on all four sides. The interlacement of the lanes makes every house connected to the other and is easy for local residents to keep close touch with their neighbors. Hutong and Siheyuan are the most representative icons of Beijing local culture and serve as a glimpse of the old lifestyle of ordinary Beijingers. There are more than one thousand such hutongs in the city. Some of them are famous for old-style doors, buildings or courtyards, and others are well known for their former owners or dwellers. The most visited hutongs are **Nanlouguxiang, Yandai Xiejie, Guozijian Street, Juer hutong, and Liulichang Culture Street.**



Olympic Park:

Only Site Holding both Summer and Winter Games

Beijing Olympic Park is also known as Olympic Green and was constructed for the 2008 Summer Olympics. It occupies a total area of 2,864 acres and has several important venues and landmark structures. The National Stadium (Bird's Nest), Aquatics Center (Water Cube), National Convention Center, Indoor Stadium, and the China Science and Technology Museum are situated in the southern part. Some of these facilities in the park will be used again in the 2022 Winter Olympic Games, which makes the park the only site in the world to hold both summer and winter games. The northern section of the Park is the Olympic Forest Park. It is an ideal site for leisure and recreation activities.



Peking Opera:

Quintessence of Chinese Rich Culture

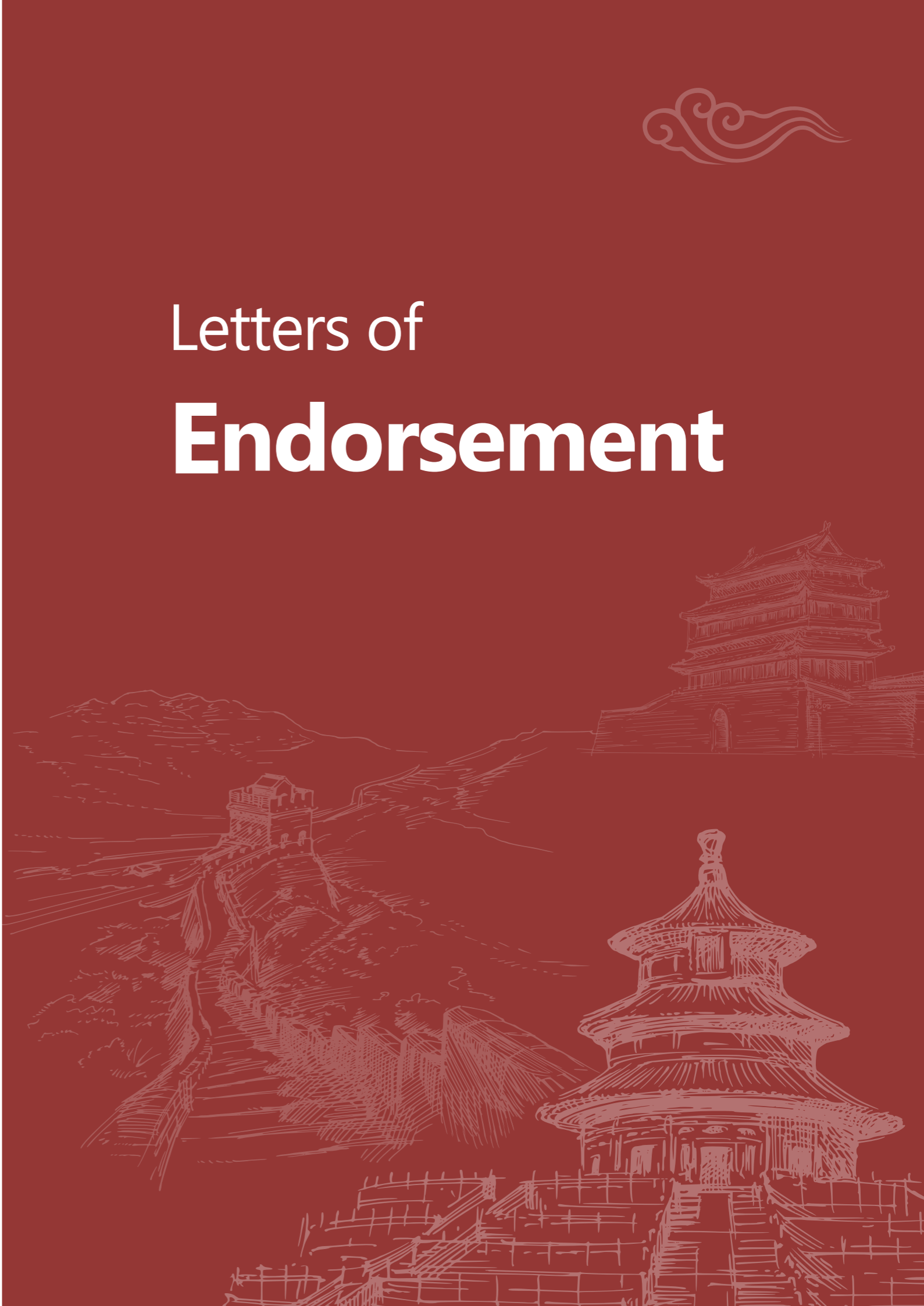
Peking Opera or Beijing Opera (京剧) is a traditional Chinese stage art that combines performance, acrobatics, music, arias, gongs, drums, facial paintings and many other features. This largest Chinese opera form has a history dating back to the mid Qing Dynasty (late 18th century) and has been recognized as one of the greatest cultural achievements in China. The actors and actresses keep the history of China alive with their vivid costumes and lilting voices. A recognizable feature of Peking Opera is facial make-up. There are certain formats of the facial painting in the aspect of color, type and shape to depict different characters. For example, black color often represents intelligent characters, while white indicates wickedness. If you are interested in the mystery of oriental culture, enjoying the Peking Opera is a must when visiting Beijing.

Peking Duck:

Must-try Food in Beijing

Peking Duck or Peking Roasted Duck (北京烤鸭) is the epitome of local cuisine and a must-try dish in Beijing. Ducks are roasted with crispy skin outside and juicy inside and well-known for their tempting shining color, crispy skin and tender meat. In Peking duck restaurants, the whole roast duck will be placed in front of guests and sliced into pieces by the chef. The sliced meat will be eaten together with pancakes, cucumber, spring onion and a sweet bean sauce.

Letters of Endorsement





中國科協 中國國際科技交流中心
China Centre for International Science
and Technology Exchange(CISTE)
China Association for Science and Technology(CAST)

May 31, 2018

The International Union of Toxicology
To whom it may concern,

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is our honor to write the letter to support the Chinese Society of Toxicology(CST)
to bid for the 17th International Congress of Toxicology(ICT).

The China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) is the largest scientific organization in China, composed of 200 national societies, including CST. As the national member of ICSU, CAST encourages and supports the scientists from the societies affiliated CAST to participate in the important academic activities organized by the international organizations, to actively bid for hosting major academic activities, and to do contributions to the development of international organizations and global scientific and technological progress. As a directly affiliated institution of the CAST, the China Centre for International Science and Technology Exchange(CISTE) is in charge of providing foreign exchange service for the CAST member societies and associations. The CISTE is very experienced in helping them to organize international congress and conferences all round China through cooperation with local tourism administrations, for instance, the 17th International Botanical Congress, the 33rd International Geographical

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Congress of IGU in Beijing, the International Conference on Engineering Science and Technology in 2014, the 21st International Conference on Nuclear Engineering in 2013 and etc.

We would like to emphasize that the CISTE is authorized by Chinese government to issue the official invitation letters to the scientists attending academic congresses and conferences held in China, which is required by the Foreign Ministry of China to obtain the visa to China.

We assure you of our full-fledged commitment to do our best to support the CST to host the 17th International Congress of Toxicology(ICT) effectively and successfully in Beijing, China.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Jiuyi QIN
Deputy Director General
China Centre for International Science and Technology Exchange

北京生物技术和新医药产业促进中心

February 2, 2019

The International Union of Toxicology
1821 Michael Farady Drive
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Subj: The letter supporting the Chinese Society of Toxicology to bid for hosting the 17th International Congress of Toxicology, 2025.

To whom it may concern,

It is our honor to write this letter to support the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT) to bid for the host of the 17th International Congress of Toxicology (ICT-XVII), 2025. Beijing Pharma and Biotech Center (BPBC) is an institution directly under the Beijing municipal commission of science and technology. BPBC has been leading the development of the biopharmaceutical industry in China. In addition, it has been a strategic consultant for domestic grown enterprises, local expert for multinational corporations, and advisor for policy makers in government. BPBC has been sponsoring toxicologists to engage in the academic innovation and new technology development. BPBC also support the international cooperation on scientific and technological exchanges and achievements transformation. BPBC are pleased to know that the CSOT is going to bid for the host of 2025 ICT-XVII. As we know that CSOT has more than 15,000 individual members and 150 group members, and BPBC believe that CSOT has the capability to well organize this congress in China. We assure you of our full-fledged commitment to do our best to support the CSOT to host the 17th International Congress of Toxicology (ICT-XVII) effectively and successfully, 2025, in Beijing, China.

Sincerely yours,



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January 28, 2019

The International Union of Toxicology
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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the School of Public Health, Peking University, it is a great pleasure to write this letter to express our support for the bid of the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT) for the 17th International Congress of Toxicology (ICT-XVII), 2025.

Toxicology is a scientific discipline involving in the study of adverse effects of environmental agents on living organisms and ecosystem and the mechanisms of its action. It is vitally important for the food safety, drug safety and environment safety. In recent decades, the toxicological basic research and applied toxicology research have made great achievements in China. We do believe that strengthening international academic exchanges is of great significance to the further development of Toxicology.

Peking University School of Public Health is one of the best schools of public health in China. The school has ten departments and two institutes, including the Department of Toxicology and its toxicology discipline has strong strength in talent training and scientific research. We would do our best to assist CSOT in organizing the conference and do believe that the conference will provide a good platform for communication for toxicologists around the world and will be a complete success in Beijing, China.

Sincerely yours,



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December 30, 2018

The International Union of Toxicology
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Subject: The letter supporting the Chinese Society of Toxicology to bid for hosting the 17th International Congress of Toxicology, 2025.

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA), we are pleased to write the letter to support the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT) to bid for the host of the 17th International Congress of Toxicology (ICT-XVII), 2025.

Toxicology is the discipline studying the adverse effects of chemical, physical and biological factors on living organisms and environmental ecosystems and their mechanisms, assessing and predicting the hazards of these factors to human health and environmental systems, eventually providing a scientific basis to establish relevant standards, management protocols and preventive measures. We have clearly recognized that toxicology research has a solid close relationship with the human health. In China, we do very attach importance to the development of toxicology, encourage our toxicologists and organizations to launch much more close international cooperation in this discipline.

We assure you of our full-fledged commitment to do our best to support the CSOT to host the 17th International Congress of Toxicology (ICT-XVII) effectively and successfully, 2025, in Beijing, China.

Sincerely yours,

Yongning Wu *吴勇宁*
Yongning WU, Ph D., M.D., Professor and Chief Scientist

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December 12, 2018

The International Union of Toxicology,
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Subj: The letter of supporting the Chinese Society of Toxicology to bid for hosting the 17th International Congress of Toxicology, 2025, in Beijing, China.

To whom it may concern,

It is our honor to write the letter of supporting the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CSOT) to bid for hosting the 17th International Congress of Toxicology (ICT-XVII), 2025, in Beijing, China.

The Chemical Industry and Engineering Society of China (CIESC) is a nongovernmental organization for Chinese scientists, scholars and workers in the areas of chemical sciences and technology, and chemical industrials, aiming to promote academic exchanges. This society is an important force to promote the development & progressing of chemical science and technology in China, also plays the bridge and linker role connecting the society members and the government.

The effects of chemicals, especially industrial chemical on the environmental ecology and human health is also one of the major concerns by CIESC. In the past, CIESC and CSOT has had a series of successful cooperation on the multi-areas of chemical toxicology and risk assessment. We are very glad to know that CSOT is ready to bid for the host of 17th International Congress of Toxicology (ICT-XVII), 2025. We assure you of our full-fledged commitment to do our best to support the CSOT to host the ICT-XVII effectively and successfully in Beijing, China.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary General
The Chemical Industry and Engineering Society of China

December 20th, 2018

The International Union of Toxicology

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of China National Convention Center (CNCC), I am delighted to endorse Beijing's bid, proposed by the Chinese Society of Toxicology, to host the XVII International Congress of Toxicology (ICT) in Beijing, P.R. China in October 2025.

CNCC is China's most versatile venue with sufficient meeting and exhibition space. Its unparalleled location with easy access, experienced support team, plenty of accommodation within 1 km radius and shopping and food outlets in the basement guarantee the success of your event.

The Science and Technology of Toxicology play a critical and important role in improving human health and environmental ecology safety. We very appreciate that the ICT-XVII will be held in Beijing, China, and look forward to working with you in every aspect in order to make all events to improve human health and construct living environment friendly.

We are honored to give our full support for hosting the congress in Beijing, and will give priority to the congress, and to assist the organizer in making it a successful one.

We very much value the opportunity to bid and look forward to welcoming you to Beijing in 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Yi Lei



CEO

China National Convention Center

March 3, 2019

The International Union of Toxicology
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Subj: The letter supporting the Chinese Society of Toxicology to bid for hosting the 17th International Congress of Toxicology, 2025

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Asian Society of Toxicology (ASIATOX), I am pleased to write this letter to support our member society, the Chinese Society of Toxicology (CST), to bid for the 17th International Congress of Toxicology (ICT-XII), 2025.

In recent years, toxicology in China has made great progression. The CST has grown to boast more than 15,000 members. The hosting of 2025 ICT-XII by CST in China will be a great opportunity for the toxicology community all over the world, for CST as well IUTOX. We are confident that the CST will work with IUTOX, ASIATOX, and member societies to make the congress a big success.

The ASIATOX was established in June 1994, joined the IUTOX in 1995, and became the formal regional member of IUTOX. The ASIATOX now has seven formal member societies, and is an authoritative international academic organization in the field of international toxicology, especially in the ASIA. We would do our best to assist CST in organizing this congress and do believe that the conference will provide the excellent scientific communication platform and leisure sites for the toxicologists from over the world.

Sincerely yours,

Lijie FU, Ph.D.



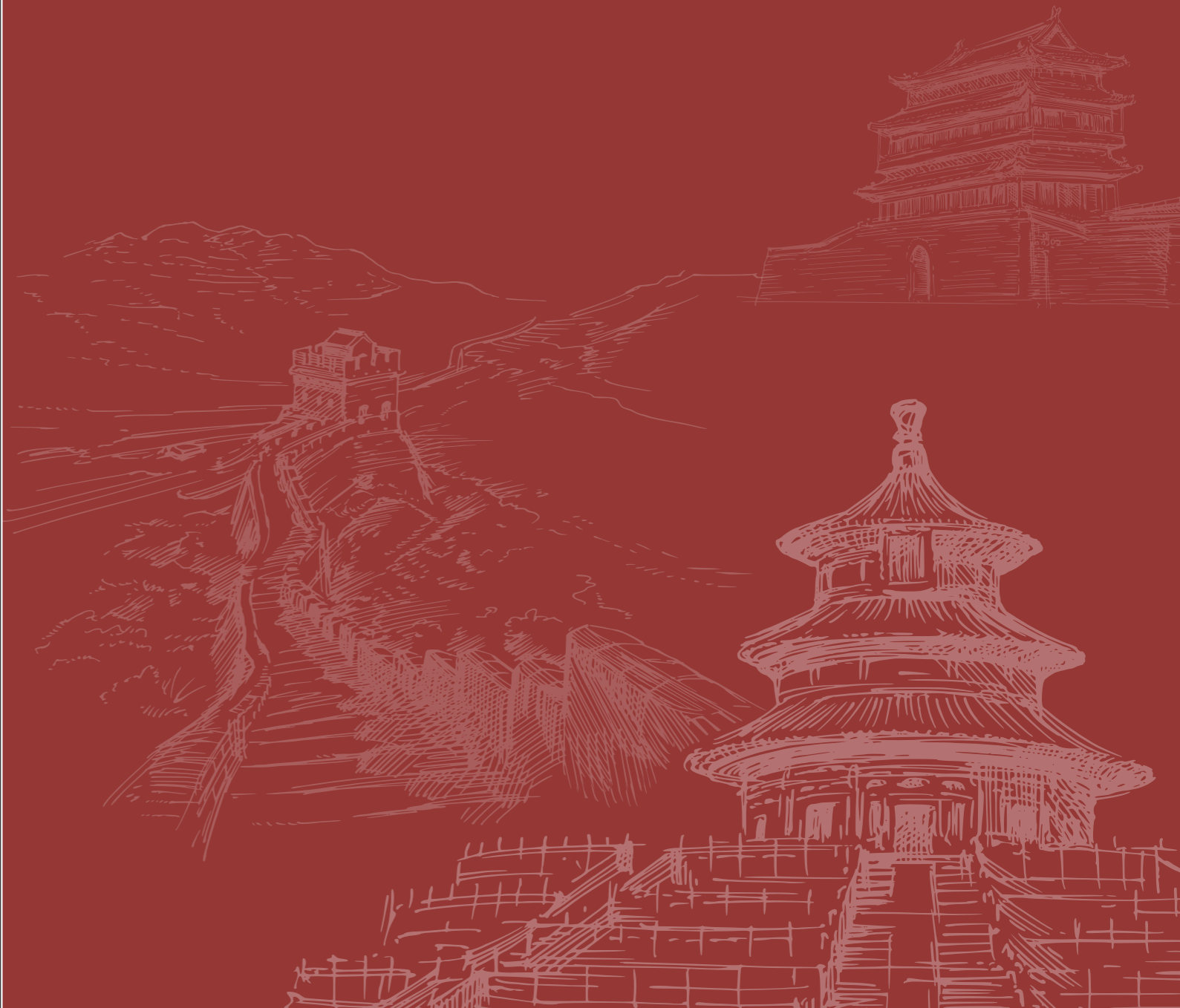
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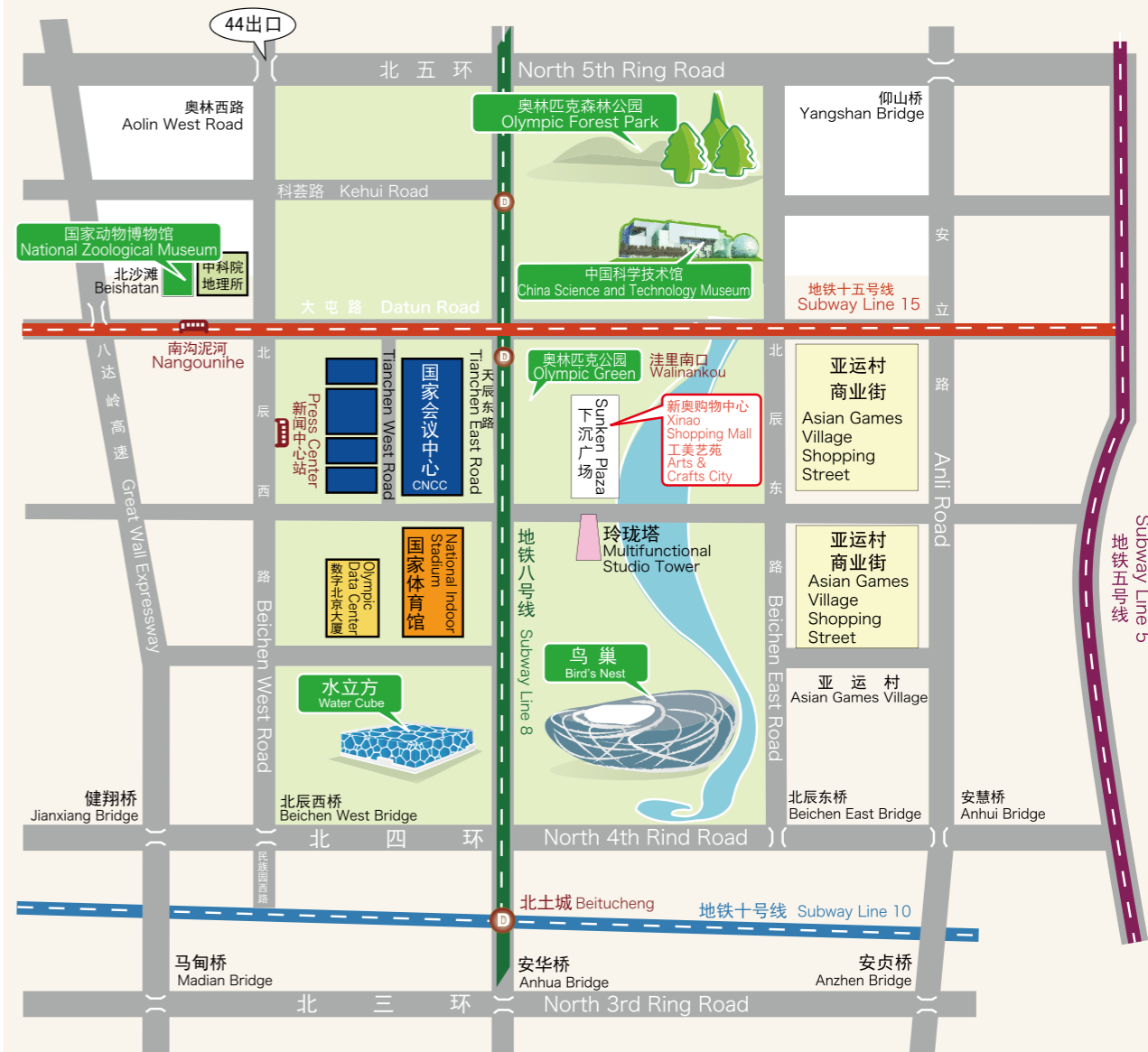


China and Beijing: Practical Information





CNCC: Getting there

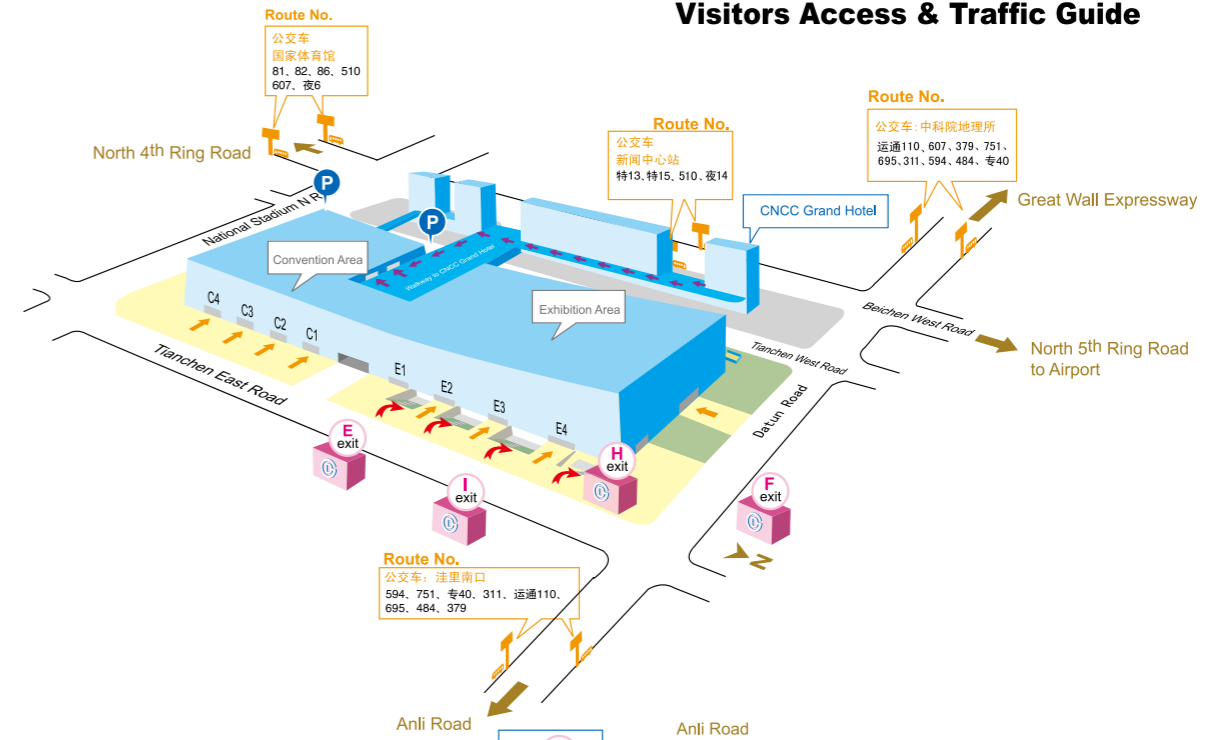


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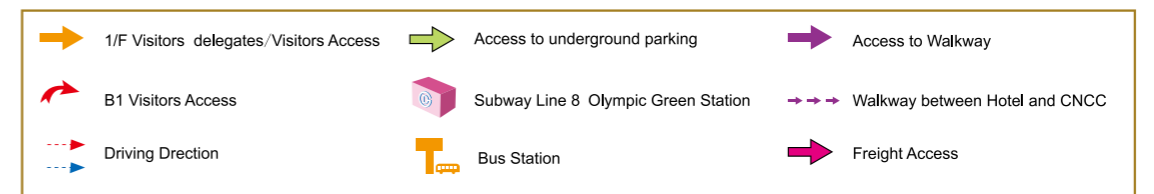
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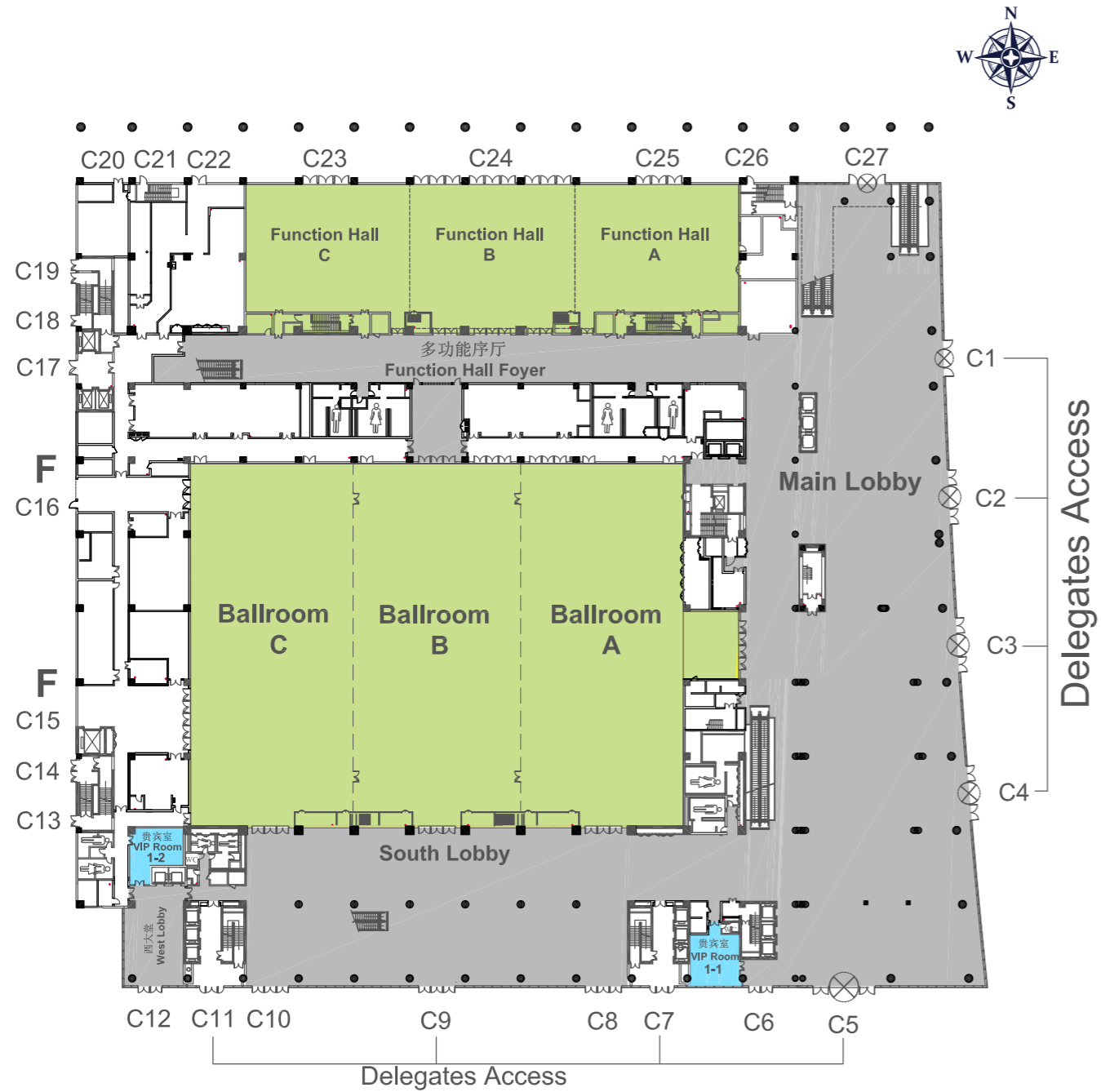
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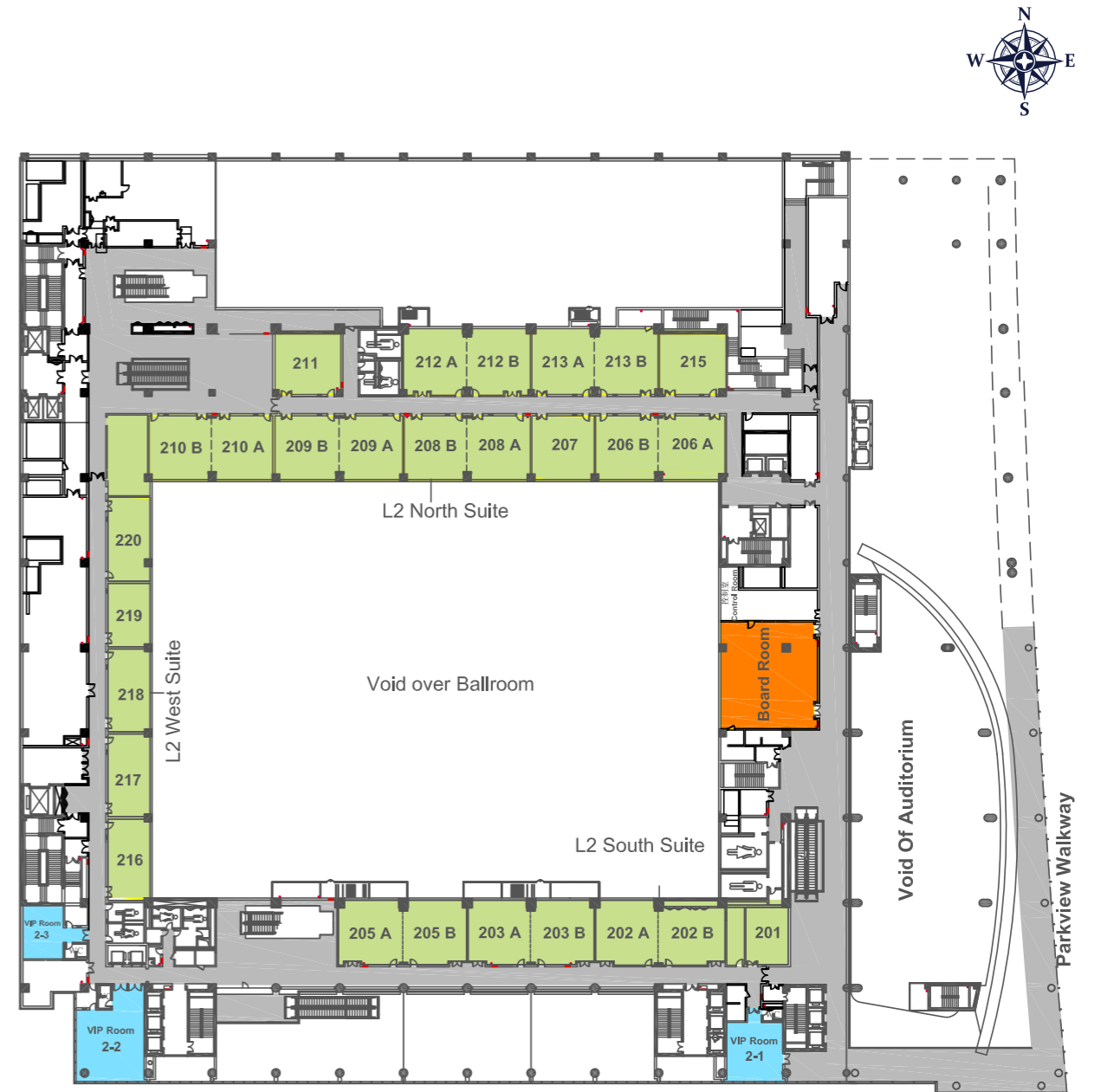
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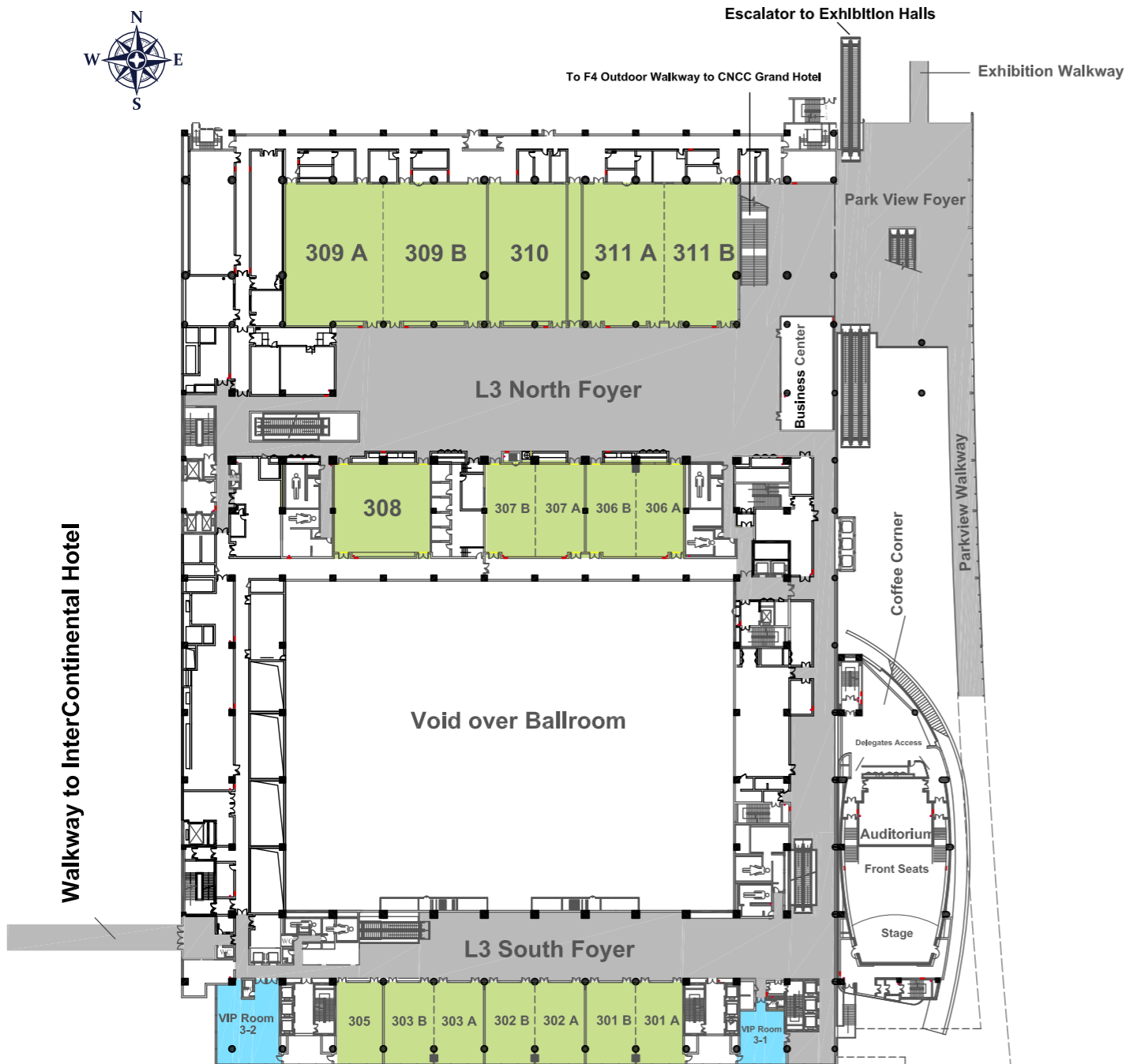
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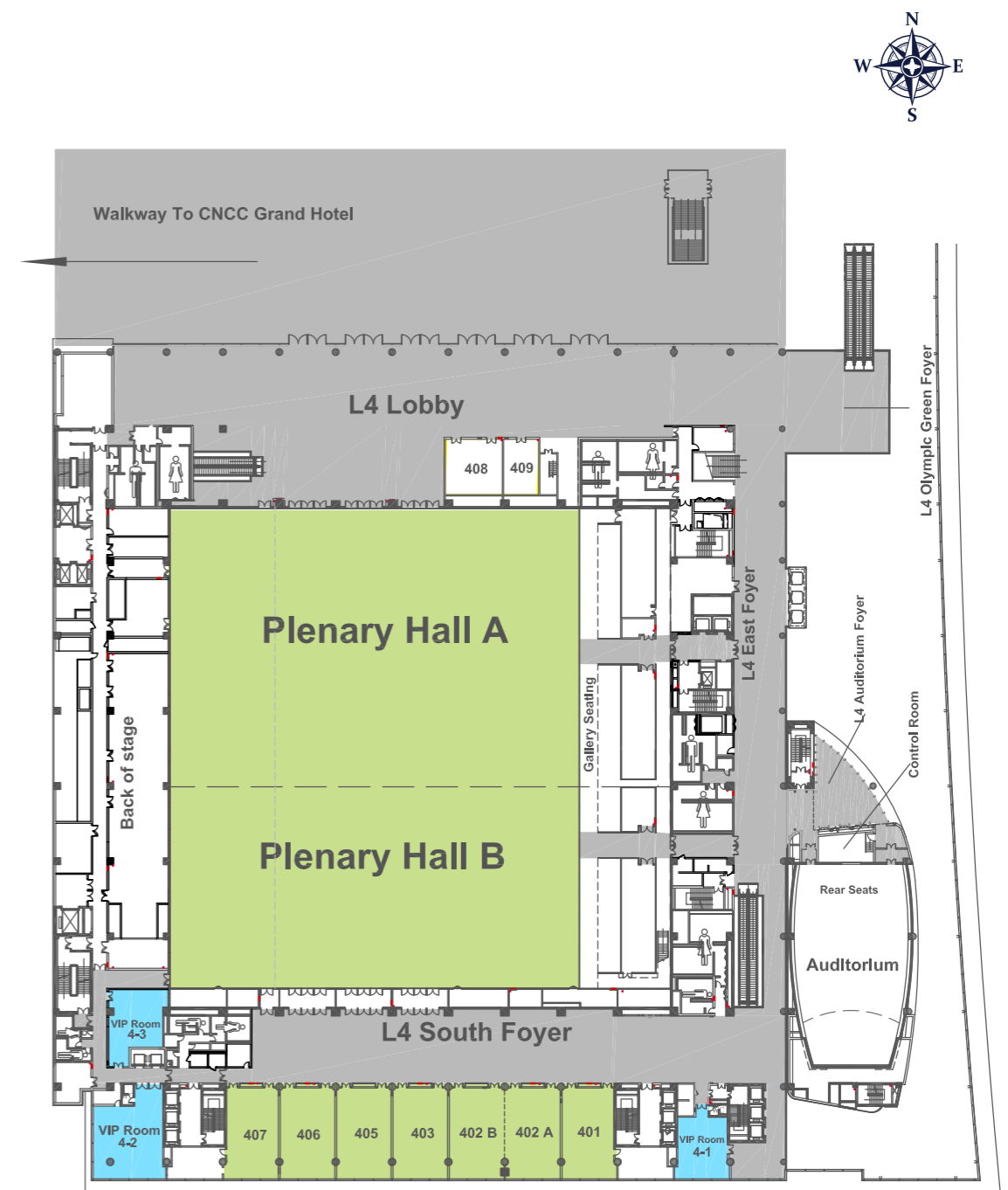
CNCC: L2 Floor Plan



CNCC: L3 Floor Plan



CNCC: L4 Floor Plan



Accommodation

There are a wide variety of hotels, apartments or homestay houses available near the CNCC or in the city center.

Selected hotels within 3 km radius of the CNCC

Name	Type	Distance to CNCC
China National Convention Center Great Hotel	Hotel (5 star)	Connected
InterContinental Beijing Beichen	Hotel (5 star)	300 m
Pangu 7 Star Hotel Beijing	Hotel (5 star)	730 m
Celebrity International Grand Hotel	Hotel (5 star)	1.4 km
V-Continent Wuzhou Hotel	Hotel (5 star)	1.7 km
Grand Skylight CATIC Hotel	Hotel (5 star)	1.2 km
Marco Polo Parkside	Hotel (5 star)	1.6 km
Beijing Continental Grand Hotel	Hotel (4 star)	1.4 km
Ya'ao International Hotel Beijing	Hotel (4 star)	1.6 km
National Jade Hotel	Hotel (4 star)	1.1 km
Holiday Inn Express Beijing Minzuyuan	Hotel (4 star)	2.5 km
Beijing Tibet Hotel	Hotel (4 star)	2.4 km
Jinjiang Inn Beijing Olympics Center	Hotel (3 star)	2.4 km
James Joyce Coffetel-China National Convention Center	Hotel (3 star)	2.5 km
GreenTree Alliance Beijing Asian Sports Village Hotel	Hotel (3 star)	2.5 km
Aite Aparthotel	Apartment	2.3 km
Meet-The-Hill Apartment	Apartment	2.4 km
Miss Peregrine's Castle	Apartment	1.8 km



Visa for Visiting China

Most foreign visitors must obtain a visa before entry into China, with the exception of visa-free entry based on relevant agreements or regulations. Chinese embassies, consulates and other institutions stationed abroad entrusted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China are visa-issuing authorities responsible for issuance of entry visas to foreigner citizens abroad. Valid passports, application form, and documents showing the itinerary or an invitation letter from China are the essential application documents.

A foreign citizen can enter China without a visa under any one of the following circumstances:

- Direct Transit. Citizens with passports or other international travel documents, confirmed interline ticket and valid visa to the third country or region (if required) of the following 51 countries (Albania, Argentina, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Montenegro, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States), can apply to stay in the transit cities without visa for 72/144 hours on direct transit via the following airports: PEK, PVG, SHA, CAN, CTU, CKG, SHE, DLC, XIY, HGH, KWL and KMG. (For more information, please check the airport websites). Other foreign citizens who are transiting through China by air are exempted from a visa if he/she will stay only in the airport for no more than 24 hours and has a valid connecting ticket with confirmed seating on an international flight.
- Visiting the Pearl River Delta or Hainan Island.
- Citizens of Singapore, Brunei and Japan.
- Holders of Valid APEC Business Travel Card.
- Bilateral Agreement. Based on bilateral agreements signed or reached between China and foreign countries, foreign citizens of some countries who meet certain requirements may visit China without a visa. The information regarding Mutual Visa Exemption is available in the website of the Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of P.R. China.

For more detailed information and visa application procedures, please visit the official website of the Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China (<http://cs.mfa.gov.cn/wgrlh/lhqz/lhqzjs/t1095035.shtml>), or the website of travel China guide (<https://www.travelchinaguide.com/embassy/visa.htm>).

Shanghai

Shanghai (上海) is the best place to see **East-meets-West Culture** and has been regarded as the Oriental Paris. Situated on the estuary of the Yangtze River, the city serves as the most influential economic, financial, international trade, and cultural center in East China, and is also a popular travel destination for visitors to sense the pulsating development of the country. In addition to its modernization, the city's multicultural flair endows it with a unique glamour. Here, one finds the perfect blend of cultures, modern and traditional, western and oriental. In Shanghai, you may walk in the traditional Chinese garden - **Yuyuan Garden** (豫园) & Bazaar, wander along the charming exhibition of international architecture at the **Bund** (外滩), or take **Huangpu River cruise** (黄浦江游船) to have panoramic view and enjoy “an Exhibition of International Buildings” on its western bank and breathtaking, fabulous skyscrapers of Lujiazui on its eastern bank.





Xi'an

Xi'an (西安) is an ancient capitol city located in central-northwest China and named as Chang'an (meaning the eternal city) in ancient times. It is one of the birthplaces of the ancient Chinese civilization in the Yellow River Basin area and has more than 3,000 years of history that include over 1,100 years as the capital city of ancient dynasties. As the home to world-famed **Terracotta Warriors and Horses** and as the start point of **Silk Road**, through which China had conducted the most important economic and cultural exchange with the western world, Xi'an draws numerous tourists with its enormous historical sites and cultural landscapes, and gives you a chance to explore the ancient China. Xi'an boasts a lot of historic relics, such as **Terracotta Warriors** (兵马俑), **City Wall** (城墙), **Giant Wild Goose Pagoda** (大雁塔), **Bell Tower** (钟楼) and **Drum Tower** (鼓楼). Terracotta Warriors is a "must see" site in China. It was built as part of the funerary project for the first emperor in China's history, Qin Shi Huang (259 - 210 BC).

For mountain climbers, a day trip to Mt. Huashan is recommended. It has five main peaks and is famous for its breathtaking cliffs and narrow paths.



Hangzhou



Hangzhou (杭州) is one of the seven ancient capitals of China and currently the capital of Zhejiang Province. Hangzhou was described as "City of Heaven, the most magnificent all over the world" by Marco Polo. It is the southern terminus of the **Grand Canal** (大运河) and has a superior position in the Yangtze Delta about 180 km away from Shanghai. Every year, the city attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors to its picturesque **West Lake** (西湖) that contains over 60 cultural relic sites and many attractions of natural beauty. Besides West Lake, the city also offers much more for visitors to taste: retreat your soul at **Lingyin Temple** (灵隐寺), have a fantastic view of the Qiantang River on the top of **Six Harmonies Pagoda** (六和塔), stroll into **Dragon Well Tea Plantation** (龙井茶园) to see how tea is planted, picked and processed to become fragrant liquid in your teacup.



Chengdu



Chengdu (成都), the capital of China's southwest Sichuan Province, is famed for being the home of cute **giant pandas**. Reputed as a very “laid-back” city, the city is large and diverse abounding with options. In Chengdu, you can take a close look at the **giant pandas** (熊猫) in Chengdu panda base or in Bifengxia valley, and support the efforts to ensure the survival of Chengdu iconic but endangered species. Or, you may take in other historic legacies, like Jinli Old Street, Wenshu Temple, Three Kingdoms-era Wuhou Temple, the more recent Ming-Qing neighborhoods of the Kuan-Zhai Alley, or the ancient and still-operational **Dujiangyan Irrigation System** (都江堰). Moreover, taking side trips to see **Leshan Giant Buddha** (乐山大佛) and to climb Mount Emei are also good choices.



Guilin

Guilin (桂林) is reputed as being one of the world's most beautiful places with its karst landscapes, clean rivers, idyllic countryside, majestic rice terraces, and ethnic minorities. The city is in South China's Guangxi Province, close to Hong Kong and Guangzhou to the southeast and now only 6.5 hours' ride from Chengdu by train. The stunning landscape in which the city is situated has a kind of magic that is all its own. The strangely shaped hills or karsts, with the verdant vegetation ranging from bamboos to conifers together with crystal clear waters and wonderful caves make the city such an appealing destination. As a scenic destination, Guilin offers visitors a variety of activities, such as cruising along the picturesque **Li River** (漓江), cycling around historically and culturally rich **Yangshuo** (阳朔) old town, and hiking through the magnificent **Longji Rice Terraces** (龙脊梯田).





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