

AsCA'13 General Information:

Meeting Dates and Venue:

The meeting is being held on the campus of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, December 7-10, 2013. Registration will commence in the morning of Saturday December 7 (08:00 – 10:00 for Saturday Workshops / Symposia and Exhibitors) and (16.00-19.00 for other delegates) and will be continue from Sunday December 8 (08:00). In case of early check in on Friday December 6 or late arrival on Saturday evening, please call +(852)-9777-4149, +(852)-9783-4040 or +(852)-6994-5874 for urgent assistance.

Conference Office:

The Registration desk will be located in the academic concourse, opposite Lecture Theatre A. It will be open on Saturday December 7 for registration from 08:00- 09.00 for the. Messages and communications for delegates may be posted on notice boards next to the conference help desk in the upper exhibition concourse. During the conference period, FAXes may be send to +(852)-2358-1594 and clearly marked to the attention of the delegate in question. For phone contact please call +(852)-2358-7359, or +(852)-9777-4149. The time zone for Hong Kong in December is +8 GMT.

Arrival Details:

We will have a team of helpers to meet and greet at the HK international airport on Saturday 7 December between 11.00 - 18.00. They can provide assistance or advice with your travel options, but we cannot provide transportation since delegates are staying in many locations. We suggest HK taxis are reasonably priced and offer a good means of transport to your hotel. Transport to the University campus will be provided from the Tseung Kwan O and Pentahotels that were recommended.

Phone, Fax and Post:

If you wish to make an overseas call or please contact the conference secretariat at the conference desk. In general only local calls can be made from the public phones on campus. Local calls within Hong Kong are normally 8-digits. For directory enquires in English dial 1081. Phone cards with discount IDD rates may be purchased at the airport or down-town. When phoning overseas, for example on mobile phones, noted that the international dialing

code should be preceded with 001. Due to the relatively short duration of the conference and variability of post we do not recommend sending regular mail. If you wish to send mail there is a mailing desk inside the University Souvenir Shop on the Entrance Piazza near lift 2.

E-mail and Internet:

The University has over 20 workstations for free E-mail and internet access around the campus and we have arranged computing facilities to be available in Computer Barn B, next to the Lecture Theatre A.

Banking and Currency Exchange:

Currency in Hong Kong is the Hong Kong dollar, which is pegged at a rate of 7.78 per US\$. It is advisable that you change to local currency before you depart, since exchange rates at the Hong Kong airport may not be favorable. The campus of HKUST has three bank branches, the Hang Seng Bank (Ph: +(852)-2198-0441), the Bank of China (Ph: +(852)-2358-2345) and the Bank of East Asia (Ph: +(852)-3609-2425) located near Lift 1 across from the sundial. Opening hours are Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00 and Sat: 09:00 - 13:00 (the Bank of China only). They can provide exchange to HK dollars for limited foreign currencies such as US dollars, Japanese Yen or Renminbi. There are numerous money exchanges in the tourist areas of Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon or Hong Kong Island, but these are located far from the university campus.

Name Badges:

Name badges are required for entry to all scientific sessions, lunches and evening functions. Different colors for name badges of participants are listed as below:

Conference organizers	Yellow
Exhibitors	Blue
Full registrants	Purple
Students	Green
Accompanying persons	Red

For inquiries when the conference desk is closed, please contact member of organizing committee or one of the assistants. Students must show proof of a current valid student identity upon registration. Accompanying persons are allowed access to all meals and social functions but not academic sessions.

Medical and Emergency Contacts:

The phone number for emergency in Hong Kong is **999**. This will connect you to POLICE, FIRE and AMBULANCE (MEDICAL) services. State your problem and location clearly and assistance will be sent as soon as possible. Help should be available in English, Cantonese or Mandarin. *If you are on the university campus*, dial either extension **8999** or **6565** from a campus internal phone. (Otherwise add 2358- before the extension, 2358-8999 or 2358-6565). 8999 is a line for all emergency services. The campus security center will contact 999 on your behalf and send more immediate assistance. For difficulties such as report of stolen property, locked out of room, please use the 6565 number.

Accommodation:

Rooms are reserved in three different hotels. They include *Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Kowloon East* in Tseung Kwan O, *Holiday Inn Express Hong Kong Kowloon East* in Tseung Kwan O, and *Pentahotel Hong Kong, Kowloon* in Diamond Hill. Please contact hotline +(852)-3983-0300 of *Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Kowloon East* and *Holiday Inn Express Hong Kong Kowloon East* or email (rsvn@cptko.com, rsvn@hietko.com, respectively) for enquiry for Crown Plaza and Holiday Inn Express, while contact Miss Manchi Chik on +(852)-3112-8209 for enquiry of Pentahotel or email (manchi.chik@pentahotelsasia.com).

Conference shuttle bus will be provided started from 08:00 on all days between the three hotels and HKUST. Coach schedule are enclosed in the souvenir conference bag. For further details you can refer to the conference desk secretariats.

Meals and Catering Arrangements:

All delegates will be given lunch vouchers. Details of time and locations for these will be given at registration. The campus is relatively remote from the urban area and so the onsite restaurants within walking distance are listed as below. The main venue for Lunch will be Maxim's Chinese Restaurant the lunch period has been extended from between 12.00-2.00pm however please note capacity is 140 so priority will be given to Full registrants at 1pm after the three parallel morning sessions finish. You are advised to avoid this busy time if possible to fully enjoy the International buffet lunch provided.

On Sunday and Monday we will also provide lunch catering near Lecture Theatre-K for Bruker-AXS/ SCANZ and Rigaku working lunches.

On-campus there is a number of dining choices:

Maxim's Chinese Restaurant: Ground Floor (Lift 14-16)

Chinese food, Dim Sum – meals for ca. HK\$80 (US\$ 10)

Cha Chaan Teng: Level LG1 (Lift 14-16)

Also operated by the Maxim's group, set meals for ca. HK\$30 (US\$ 4.5)

Student Canteens and Eateries: Level LG5 and LG7 (Lift 11/12)

Variety of meals, noodles and rice dishes ca. HK\$30 (US\$ 4.5)

A new food stall outside LT-A is Ebenezer's, which serves kebabs, curry and pizza. You may use your lunch voucher there if you wish. There is also a MacDonald's franchise on LG5 if you crave a 'happy meal'

University Bistro: University Center

Mostly Western meals for ca. HK\$80 (US\$ 10).

Coffee Shop: Academic Concourse (Lift 25-26)

This has snacks, sandwiches and light meals. Cart outside with espresso and cappuccino. Conveniently it is located near to the conference desk and lecture theatres.

Transport:

Conference shuttle buses will be provided to the campus on Saturday 7 December morning from TKO and Pentahotels. A return trip to the airport will be provided on Tuesday December 10 evening after the Farewell party. The nearest shops and restaurants to HKUST campus are newly developed in Tseung Kwan O, which can be also be accessed in 20mins by mini-bus from outside the University main gate. There are large shopping centers based around the Hang Hau and Po Lam MTR stations in Tseung Kwan O.

Transportation to Down Town:**Kowloon:**

Taxis to Star Ferry terminal in Tsim Sha Tsui should cost about ca. HK\$130 (US\$17) and take 30-45 minutes. Alternatively take public minibus to Choi Hung MTR station and then the MTR subway to stations in Mongkok, Yau Ma Tei, Jordan or Tsim Sha Tsui.

Hong Kong Island:

Taxis to Causeway Bay, Wanchai, Admiralty or Central districts of Hong Kong Island will cost ca. HK\$160-170 (US\$ 22) and take about 45-50mintues. Alternatively take a minibus to Hang Hau MTR station in Tseung Kwan O and then subway to Hong Kong Island.

Tours and Attractions:

Hong Kong is a world famous travel destination and city. It is a center for international commerce and trade. Most visitors are familiar with the high rise skyscrapers of Hong Kong Island and the views of Victoria Harbor. The conference venue is outside of the urban area with a beautiful vista overlooking Clear Water Bay. However there is relatively easy access to the down-town areas of Kowloon and Hong Kong Island by variety of public transportation.

A tourist guide book issued by the Hong Kong Tourism Board with a number of attractions listed is enclosed in the souvenir conference bag. For further details you can refer to the conference desk secretariats.

Evening Social Functions

Agilent Welcome Mixer

Date: 7 December (Saturday)

Time: 18:00- 19:30

Venue: Outside Lecture Theatre A, HKUST

Following Registration which will open at 4pm on Saturday afternoon, you are cordially invited to our Welcome Party sponsored by Agilent Technologies China Ltd. This will be held on campus overlooking the beautiful Shelter Cove of Clearwater Bay.



The Welcome Mixer will be followed by our first special Plenary Lecture to be delivered by former IUCr president Prof. Sine Larsen. Buses back to the TKO and Pentahotels will be provided after the lecture.

Bruker Harbor Cruise and Light Show

Date: 8 December (Sunday)

Time: 18:45 - 20:30

Venue: Victoria Harbor, Tsim Sha Tsui



After a full day's program on Sunday we will conclude with a spectacular trip to the famous Hong Kong Victoria Harbor. Courtesy of Bruker-AXS GmbH full-registrants can enjoy a trip aboard the Aqua Luna junk boat. There will be three sailings 6.45pm, 7.45pm and 8.45pm, each lasting around 45mins with complementary drinks and snacks provided. Please arrange tickets at the time of your registration. Any spare tickets these will be offered to student registrants on Sunday lunch-time. All registrants will have a chance to witness the spectacular laser-light show 'Symphony of Lights' which will take place from 8.00 to about 8.15pm, since this can be observed from the harbor waterfront. We are grateful to Bruker AXS for their generous sponsorship of this event, as well as previous AsCA conferences.



'Symphony of Lights'

For more details of this and other events in Hong Kong please visit the Discover Hong Kong web-site of the [HK Tourism Board](#).

Coach transportation to the harbor from the conference site at HKUST, as well as the Tseung Kwan O hotels, will be provided at 6.00pm and 6.30pm sharp. We will also provide return coach transportation to TKO, both immediately after the event and later in the evening.



Rigaku Conference Banquet

Date: 9 December (Monday)

Time: 19:00-22:00

Venue: Jumbo Floating Restaurant, Aberdeen



The conference banquet will be open to all participants and held on the evening of Monday 9th December from around 7pm onwards. The banquet is most generously supported by our major sponsor Rigaku Corporation, who has also been a leading sponsor of past AsCA conferences. To celebrate our conference and make a memorable occasion we will hold the banquet at the famous 'Jumbo Kingdom' floating restaurant in Aberdeen harbor.



Buses for the banquet will leave HKUST, TKO hotels and Pentahotel at around 6.00-6.15pm. Details will be posted and announced at the conference site. A Vegetarian option can be selected, please inform our staff at registration upon your arrival, since the number of Vegetarian tables must be established. After the event buses will return to TKO and Pentahotels and downtown Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Farewell Party

Date: 10 December (Tuesday)

Time: 18:30-20:00

Venue: The Lobby of Institute of Advanced Study, HKUST

Our conference will finish on Tuesday afternoon. For those able to stay we will put on a Farewell Party at the HKUST campus immediately following the last academic session. Coaches back to TKO and Pentahotel will be provided afterwards, as well as a coach to the airport for those flying out on Tuesday evening.

