

AVLSIWS'04 - Local Arrangement and Information

1. Local Arrangement:

A. Registration/Reception Schedule

Registration/Reception Schedule (12th – 15th Oct. 2004)			
Date and Time	Event	Location	Remarks
12 th Oct. 15:00 – 19:00	Registration/Reception	Hyatt Hotel - Lobby	
13 th Oct. 08:00 – 18:30	Registration/Reception	University of Macau International Library	
14 th -15 th Oct. 09:00 – 18:30	Registration/Reception	University of Macau International Library	

B. Transportation Schedule

Transportation Schedule (13th Oct. 2004)			
Time	Source ⇒ Destination	Location of the bus	Remarks
08:15	Hyatt ⇒ Workshop Venue	Entrance of Hyatt	Open Ceremony starts at 09:00
08:30	Hyatt ⇒ Workshop Venue	Entrance of Hyatt	
08:45	Hyatt ⇒ Workshop Venue	Entrance of Hyatt	
12:30	Workshop Venue ⇒ Hyatt	Entrance of Library	Lunch
13:45	Hyatt ⇒ Workshop Venue	Entrance of Hyatt	
18:30	Workshop Venue ⇒ Ritz Hotel	Entrance of Library	Welcome dinner
22:00	Ritz Hotel ⇒ Hyatt	Entrance of Ritz	

Transportation Schedule (14th Oct. 2004)			
Time	Source ⇒ Destination	Location of the bus	Remarks
08:40	Hyatt ⇒ Workshop Venue	Entrance of Hyatt	Banquet
18:30	Workshop Venue ⇒ Clube Militar de Macau – D.R.B.	Entrance of Library	
22:00	Clube Militar de Macau – D.R.B. ⇒ Hyatt	Entrance of Clube Militar de Macau – D.R.B.	

Transportation Schedule (15th Oct. 2004)			
Time	Source ⇒ Destination	Location of the bus	Remarks
08:40	Hyatt ⇒ Workshop Venue	Entrance of Hyatt	
18:30	Workshop Venue ⇒ Hyatt	Entrance of Library	

C. Special Request in Meals

For any special requests in meals (e.g., vegetarians), please let us know before or on 11th Oct. We will try to fulfill your requests in our provided lunch, Welcome and Banquet Dinners.

D. Internet

There are Internet-accessible desktop computers in the Workshop venue reserved for AVLSIWS participators.

2 Local Information:

A. Passports and visas

All visitors must hold a passport or a valid travel document. Please note that the validity of these documents must not be less than 30 days since the day of entry to Macau.

B. Time

Macau is eight hours ahead of GMT.

C. Weather

It is warm and the temperature is usually between 22 -30 degree Celsius.

D. Arrival & Transportation

Macau International Airport

The Airport is located in Taipa Island of Macau, where the Workshop venue (International Library of University of Macau) and the Hyatt Hotel are located as well. By taxi, it will take approximate 15 minutes from the Airport to the Hyatt Hotel or to the Workshop venue.

In case there is communication problem, please show the attached picture (WorkshopVenue.jpg) to the taxi driver. It shows the name of the Workshop Venue in both Chinese and English. Similarly, if your destination is Hyatt hotel, you may show another attached picture (HyattHotel.jpg).

Via Hong Kong to Macau

Hong Kong has many facilities for Macau-bound travelers. The pier and heliport are located in Shun Tak Centre, on the waterfront West of Central District on Hong Kong Island. It is above Sheung Wan MTR station (Mass Transit Railway) and next to a terminus for buses and minibuses from many parts of Hong Kong, including the A2 Airbus from the airport. The terminal has passenger wharves and helipad, booking offices for current and advance sailings and flights, reservation offices of Macau hotels and travel agents, a branch of China Travel Service, and a Macau Government Tourist Office Information Counter.

The following public transportation from Hong Kong Chek Lap Kok International Airport to Macau-Hong Kong Ferry Terminal is available:

Airport Express

First, take the Airport Express to the Hong Kong Station in Central.

Fare: HK\$100 (Single Trip)

Frequency: Every 10 minutes

Journey Time: 23 minutes

Operating Hours: 5:50 AM - 00:48 AM

Then, take a taxi to the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal at Sheung Wan.

Fare: HK\$15-20

Journey Time: 10-15 minutes

Public Bus No. A11 (air-conditioned)

Passenger should get off at the third stop after departing the airport, press the bell when "Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal" is announced.

Fare: HK\$40

Operating Hours: 05:00 AM - 00:48 AM

Frequency: Every 15 minutes

Journey Time: 30-40 minutes

Taxi

Fare: HK\$350-400

Journey Time: 30 minutes

Direct jetfoil from Hong Kong Chek Lap Kok Airport to Macau Ferry Terminal

Time-schedule:

Macau Ferry to Airport -- 09:40, 12:50, 15:40, 19:00

Airport to Macau -- 11:15, 14:30, 17:20, 20:30

After arrival to HK, the passengers must not leave the restricted area in order to take this jetfoil. Once they leave the restricted area, they need to use the Airport Express and go back to Sheung Wan Terminal to use the normal jetfoil.

The China Ferry Terminal is located on the Tsimshatsui waterfront alongside Harbour City, on the Kowloon side of the harbour. It is used for Catamaran sailings to and from Macau, and is convenient for visitors staying in Tsimshatsui hotels. There are booking offices for current and advance sailings.

The Macau Ferry Terminal and heliport is situated in the Outer Harbour, close to the New Yaohan Department Store. It contains booking offices for sailings and flights to Hong Kong, travel agencies, restaurants and duty-free shops selling alcohol and cigarettes which are cheaper than in Hong Kong, as well as local cookies and other delicacies.

Passengers are advised to be at the terminal at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time, in order to complete immigration formalities.

After you arrived at Macau Ferry Terminal, you may go to the Workshop Venue or the Hyatt Hotel by Taxi. It takes around 20-30 mins to arrive either of them. In case there is communication problem, you may show the attached picture (WorkshopVenue.jpg) to the taxi driver. It shows the name of the Workshop Venue in both Chinese and English. Similarly, if your destination is Hyatt hotel, you may shows another attached picture (HyattHotel.jpg).

E. Currency

The Pataca (MOP\$) is divided into 100 avos and it is Macau's official currency. There are banknotes and coins in the following denominations:

Coins: 10, 20 and 50 avos; 1, 2, 5 and 10 Patacas.

Banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000 Patacas.

The Macau Government decides that the Pataca is linked to the Hong Kong dollar (HK\$) which is accepted as currency in Macau. The exchange rate is MOP\$103.20 = HK\$100.00. There is an acceptable variation up to 10%. Roughly 8 Patacas is equivalent to 1 US Dollar.

Foreign currency or travellers' cheques can be changed in hotels, banks and authorized exchange dealers located all around the city. If the visitor needs to change money outside the usual banking hours, there are 24 hours exchange counters operating in the Macau International Airport (Taipa Island) and in the Hotel Lisboa (Macau). Banks open normally from 09:00 to 17:00. Major credit cards like Visa and Master accepted in many hotels, shops and restaurants.

There are no restrictions on the amount of currency, which can be brought in or taken out.

F. Emergency Call:

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G. More information:

<http://hk.macautourism.gov.mo/index.html>