

DEQING MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON LAND ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Jinling Treasure Island International Hotel

Deqing, Zhejiang Province, China 26 & 29 September 2018

INFORMATION NOTE

Organized by:

Expert Group on Land Administration and Management Secretariat of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management Ministry of Natural Resources, China Zhejiang Provincial Government

INTRODUCTION

The United Nations Expert Group on Land Administration and Management (EG-LAM) and the Secretariat of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) in collaboration with the Government of China through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Zhejiang Provincial Government are jointly convening the Deqing Meeting of the Expert Group on 26 and 29 September 2018 in Deqing, Zhejiang, China. This meeting is held in conjunction with the **Deqing International Seminar on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management** with the theme "Effective Land Administration" from 27 - 28 September 2018 at the same venue.

VENUE

The Deqing Meeting will be held at the Jinling Treasure Island International Hotel, No. 818 Beihu East Street, Wukang Town in Deqing, Zhejiang Province, China. (浙江省德清县金银岛国际大酒店,德清武康镇北湖东街 818 号)

LANGUAGE

The meeting of the Expert Group will be conducted in English.

PARTICIPANTS

The Deqing Meeting of the Expert Group is a closed meeting and by invitation only. All current members of the Expert Group comprising of expert representatives from Member States, United Nations systems, intergovernmental and international organisations, and UN-GGIM thematic networks are invited to participate. The host may also select and nominate national experts to the Deqing Meeting.

Expert representatives of Member States that are not a member of the Expert Group, regional and international experts, and observers from UN-GGIM Academic Network, UN-GGIM: Private Sector Network, UN-GGIM: Geospatial Societies, and relevant stakeholder groups may request to participate in the Deqing Meeting of the Expert Group (please email: <u>frani@un.org</u>).

REGISTRATION

Prior registration is required for all participants. All participants are required to complete and return the registration form to the Ministry of Natural Resources China (via email: liusisi@nasg.gov.cn; or Fax: +86 10 63881645) with a copy to the Secretariat (email: frani@un.org). The information provided on the registration form will also be used for visa purposes, local accommodation and logistical arrangements, and preparations for the Deqing Meeting as well as the Deqing International Seminar. All participants must indicate appropriately, by checking the boxes for "Seminar" and "EG Meeting" in the registration form.

VISA

Foreign participants from almost all countries are required to obtain a visa to enter China. For detailed visa policies, please consult your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country or one that is nearest to you.

When you submit your registration form, please indicate whether you need an official visa document to assist in your visa application. Upon confirmation of your registration, the host will prepare and provide the needed official visa document to those who require it.

It is the responsibility of participants to apply for the Chinese visa in a timely manner, and to comply with all requirements in the application.

HOTELS

The host has made a block reservation for all participants at preferential rates with the Jinling Treasure Island International Hotel. Upon confirmation of your registration, the host will book your room with this hotel according to your choice of accommodation indicated on the registration form. The rates are as follows –

Jinling Treasure Island International Hotel

Room Rates (*inclusive of breakfast*)

Standard Queen Room	Standard Twin Room	Superior Queen Room	Superior Twin Room
RMB490 (~USD72)	RMB580 (~USD85)	RMB600 (~USD88)	RMB620 (~USD90)

Jinling Treasure Island International Hotel

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(金银岛国际大酒店,浙江省德清县武康镇北湖东街 818 号)
Address:
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Wukang Town, Deqing,
Zhejiang, China
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Participants who wish to stay at other hotels are responsible for their own hotel reservation and transportation to and from the Jinling Treasure Island International Hotel.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants will be picked up on arrival at either the Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport or Shanghai Pudong International Airport or Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport and transferred to the Jinling Treasure Island International Hotel in Deqing. Similarly, the host will also provide return transfers to the above mentioned airports from Deqing.

In the event participants miss the transfer to Deqing or choose to make their own way to Deqing, there are transportation options to either Deqing Bus Terminal or Deqing Railway Station, and from there, transfer by taxi to the Jinling Treasure Island International Hotel.

ABOUT DEQING

Deqing County is situated in the northern part of Zhejiang Province, a hinterland of the Yangtze River Delta, Shanghai to the east, and Hangzhou to the south. Deqing's location in the subtropical monsoonal zone ensures a mild climate and four seasons, with the average temperature throughout the year at about 13 - 16°C. It has a land area of 936 km² and population of 430,000.

Deqing is "50% mountains, 10% rivers and 40% farmland", and has the distinction as the "land of fish and rice, home of silk, place with famous mountains, land of bamboo and tea, and county of culture". Deqing has the Mogan Mountain, a national scenic area and one of China's four major summer resorts; the Xiazhu Lake, one of the most beautiful wetlands in China; and the ancient town of Xinshi, known for the thousand-year-old ancient canal and as a hundred-year-old small Shanghai.

ABOUT ZHEJIANG

Zhejiang Province is located in the southern part of Yangtze River Delta of the south-eastern coast of China neighbouring Shanghai. Zhejiang, which literally means a zigzagging river, is named because of Qiantang River, the major river in the province. Hangzhou is the provincial capital. The south-north and east-west distance of the province is approximately 450 kilometres. The land area is 101,800 km², occupying 1.06% of the entire country, and making itself one of China's smallest provinces. The population of the province is 55.9 million.

Zhejiang has fertile lands, with typical south China 'water town' characteristics, and one of the cradles of Chinese ancient civilization. Each part of Zhejiang Province is picturesque and fascinating. Eastern Zhejiang is home to a flourishing Buddhist culture, whereas extraordinary mountainous landscapes can be found in western Zhejiang. Southern Zhejiang has magnificent sceneries, and numerous silk towns are scattered in northern Zhejiang.

TIME ZONE

The standard time for all parts of China is 8 hours ahead of GMT or UTC+8h.

WEATHER

Deqing has four distinct seasons. Late September coincides with early autumn and the average temperature range from 15°C to 25°C (59°F - 77°F). Casual clothing with a coat or sweater is recommended for outdoor activities.

CURRENCY

The Chinese currency is RMB. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks, hotels, and airports. The Jinling Treasure Island International Hotel accepts major international credit cards including Visa and MasterCard, while restaurants and shops in Deqing generally accept cash, in RMB.

ELECTRICITY

220-volt power supply is used in China for standard domestic and business purposes. Hotels generally provide wall sockets accommodating both straight two-pin plugs, and triangular three-pin plugs.



POINTS OF CONTACT

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