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United Nations Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Week 2024

(GeoNow 2024)

Deqing, China

October 21-24, 2024

LOGISTICAL AND INFORMATION NOTE

Introduction

The United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC) will organize the **United Nations Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Week 2024 (UN GeoNow 2024)** from 21-24 October 2024 in Deqing, China.

Language

The primary languages of the UN GeoNow 2024 will be English and Chinese, with simultaneous interpretation provided.

Registration

Prior registration is required for all participants. All participants are required to complete and return the Participation Form to Ms. Bermet Tashybekova (email: bermet.tashybekova@un.org) with a copy to Ms. Jiafang Pan (email: jiafang_pan@163.com).

Visa

Foreigners from most countries are required to obtain a visa to enter China. For detailed visa policies, please consult your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the nearest Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country. To assist in your visa application, please complete the Visa Application Form and return the form to Ms. PAN Jiafang from Deqing County Foreign Affairs Office (via email: jiafang_pan@163.com).

Venue

The meeting will be held at the Deqing International Conference Centre, located at the Zhejiang Geospatial Information Industrial Park in Deqing, Huzhou, Zhejiang Province, China.

Deqing International Conference Centre

No. 999-1000, South Quyuan Rd., Deqing County, Huzhou Municipality, Zhejiang Province

Accommodation

The host has made accommodation reservations at the Novotel Deqing Moganshan Hotel, which is walking distance to the event venue.





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Novotel Deqing Moganshan Hotel

No.707, South Quyuan Road, Deqing County, Huzhou Municipality, Zhejiang Province

The prices for different hotel rooms are as follows:

- ✓ Standard room: 340 RMB (around 47 USD)
- ✓ King room: 340 RMB (around 47 USD)
- ✓ Suite: 680 RMB (around 95 USD)

Transportation

The three nearest airports to Deqing are Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport, and Shanghai Pudong International Airport. Airport pickup and drop-off services will be provided by the local host. Please provide your flight information at your earliest convenience to facilitate further arrangements.

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 neighboring 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 kilometers. 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.





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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 used in all parts of China is 8 hours ahead of GMT or UTC+8hrs.

Weather

Deqing has four distinct seasons. Late October coincides with autumn and the average temperature ranges from 13°C to 22°C (55°F-72°F). Casual clothing with a coat or sweater is recommended for outdoor activities.

Currency

The Chinese currency is RMB. The current exchange rate is approximately 1 USD: 7.12 RMB. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks, hotels, and airports. Most hotels, restaurants, and shops accept major international credit cards including Visa and MasterCard.

Electricity

China uses 220-volt power supply for standard domestic and business purposes. Hotels generally provide wall sockets accommodating both “straight two-pin plugs,” and “triangular 3-pins plugs.”



Points of Contact

For local arrangements, logistics and information:

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