Welcomes to the 5th IEEE International Conference on Cognitive Informatics (ICCI’06)!

The conference venue will be in the Institute of Automation of Chinese Academy of Sciences’ (CASIA). The nearby Jade Palace Hotel (CuiGong Fandian, 5 star) is for the accommodation.

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Local Transport
1) From the Beijing Capital Airport to the Hotel
Beijing Capital Airport is approx. 40 km away from the hotel. The most convenience way from airport to the hotel is by taxi. It costs approximately RMB 100.00 (US$1 ≈ RMB8.00).

NOTE: The taxis in Beijing do not accept credit cards. You should prepare necessary amount of cash. The best way to reach your destination without mistake is to show the address to the taxi driver, who will have pleasure to help you.

2) From Beijing Railway Station to the Hotel
   - By Subway and Bus
     Take the loop line of the subway from Beijing Railway Station and get off at CheGongZhuang station. Take 712 bus and get off at BaiTaAn station (CuiGong Fandian). The tickets price is RMB4.00.

   - By Taxi
     To get Jade Palace Hotel (CuiGong Fandian) by taxi from Beijing Railway Station is about 20 Km and will cost approximately RMB40.00.

3) From Beijing West Railway Station to the Hotel
   - By Bus
     Take 319 bus or 827 bus from Beijing West Railway Station and get off at BaiTaAn Station (CuiGong Fandian). The ticket price is RMB 2.00.

   - By Taxi
     To get Jade Palace Hotel (CuiGong Fandian) by taxi from Beijing West Railway Station is about 15 Km and will cost approximately RMB 30.00.

Travel Documents
All foreign visitors entering China must have a valid passport. Visa is needed. If invitation letter is needed, please contact ICCI’06 secretariat.

Conference Venues
The meeting will commence at 8:30AM on July 17 at meeting room in the CASIA. The meeting venue is about 5 minutes by walk from the hotels. The address is:

13th floor
Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Sciences
No. 95 Zhongguancun East Road
Haidian District, Beijing, China
Meeting hours will be from 08:30 to 12:30 and from 13:30 to 17:30. Lunch and coffee or tea breaks will be served. Social event will be scheduled on Monday evening.

Accommodation

Jade Palace Hotel
76 Zhichun Road, Haidian District
Beijing, China
Telephone: +86-10-62628888
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URL: http://www.jadepalace.com.cn/index.htm

Jade Palace Hotel (CuiGong Fandian) is one of the particular building in Beijing. The whole architecture combines with nature and graceful palace top and succinct modern building.

The room rate is RMB600.00/night for a single room (single bed or twin bed), and RMB 800.00/night for a Deluxe Suite, including breakfast and service fee, health club, and swimming. The ADSL connection fee is RMB80.00/day.

The above special rate rooms for ICCI’06 should be reserved via the conference secretariat. Rooms will not be guaranteed after Jun 15 2006.

General Information

- Credit Cards
American Express, Diner’s Club, Master Card and Visa are accepted in hotels.

- Currency
The official currency is RMB (¥, Read Yuan). Current exchange rate is: US$1 ≈ RMB8.00.

- Bank
Most banks open during 09:00 - 17:00.

- Languages
Chinese is the official languages in China, but many young people speak English.

- Local time
The local time in China is GMT+8.
- Climate and clothing
In July the weather can be very hot. The average temperature is +26 degrees Celsius, and the temperature varying little during the day and night. You should also be prepared for raining.

- Transportation
Taxi prices are set by the government, the starting fare is RMB 10.00, and the meter ticks are at RMB 1.60 to 2.00/km.

- Electric appliances
The electricity system in China is 220V, 50Hz.

- Mobile phone technology
GSM, GPRS

Useful Links
For Tour: http://www.ebeijing.gov.cn/Tour/default.htm
For Shopping: http://www.beijingtrip.com/shop/index.htm
For Food: http://www.beijingtrip.com/dining/index.htm
For Local Attractions: http://www.beijingtrip.com/attractions/index.htm

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