



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

6th Global Partnership Meeting Beijing, China 10-11 April 2008

Meeting Venue and Dates

The meeting will be held at the Wangfujing Hotel, Wangfujing Avenue, Beijing, China 100006 in the Ball Room, 2nd floor on the 10th and 11th of April, 2008. The hotel has a 5 Star Level status and a map of its location is enclosed. The hotel contact address is as follows:

Address: Wangfujing Avenue, Beijing, China 100006
Tele: 86 (10) 65221188
Fax: 86 (10) 65223816
Website: <http://www.wangfujinghotel.com/>

Welcome Dinner Reception

On the evening of the 10th, a dinner reception will be hosted by the China State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA). The reception banquet will start at 19:00 at Lao She's Teahouse to be followed by Chinese traditional performances till about 21:30. See enclosed summary brief of this Traditional Tea House.

A sightseeing trip by bus will be organized after the meeting of the first day before dinner, and after dinner during the trip back to the hotel. Please contact Ms. Susu, susu@vecc-sepa.org.cn, to confirm your attendance of this unique experience.

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms for participants have been reserved at favourable rates at the Wangfujing Hotel. Please contact Ms. Susu, susu@vecc-sepa.org.cn, to reserve your room. This consists of a deluxe room with king size bed at a cost of 800RMB (USD 112) per night. Breakfast and service fee is included in the cost of the deluxe room. Internet is available for free.

Please note that you will be responsible for the hotel cost and any services used.

Airport Transfers for participants

Approximate travel time from Beijing Capital International Airport to the hotel is 45-60 minutes by taxi with the distance of 35km (22miles). Approximate cost (subject to change without notice) is 100-150RMB (US\$14-20). **Instructions:** Because not all taxi drivers speak English, it is advisable to provide them with a copy of the hotel's address written in Chinese characters ([see below](#));

王府井大饭店，王府井大街57号

For those requiring airport transfers, please forward your flight arrival and departure details to Ms. Susu, susu@vecc-sepa.org.cn, and she will arrange your pick-up and drop-off at the airport using the hotel shuttle.

Flights & Travel Agent

Participants are requested to arrange their own flights to Beijing, China. For assistance on additional travel while in China, contact Ms. Susu, susu@vecc-sepa.org.cn.

Official Languages at the Meeting

The official language of the meeting will be English. We are reviewing possibilities for Chinese translation.

Registration of Participants

The meeting will begin promptly at 09:00 on the 10th of April. Please see the meeting agenda for presentations and schedule.

Visas

Visa requirements differ for every country. Please contact the local Chinese consulate/embassy to find out the visa requirements for your particular country. If you need an official invitation letter for visa or other purposes please contact Mary M'Mukindia Email: mary.mmukindia@unep.org, Tel: +254-20-762 5035.

Assistance on visa, where required, can be addressed to the SEPA logistical contact Ms Susu, susu@vecc-sepa.org.cn.

Time zone

China Standard Time (UCT/GMT +8)

Weather

April falls within spring and most days are usually warm and sunny with average temperatures of 20⁰C during the day and 7⁰C at night.

Electricity

220 volts and 50 cycles AC is used. Wall sockets will have two round prongs or three flat prongs.

Health

Upon arrival in Beijing, you will be required to fill in a Health Declaration Form. Those coming from areas with epidemics yellow fever must show their valid certificates of inoculation against this disease.

Currency

China's currency is the Renminbi (RMB). 1.00 Chinese Yuan (RMB) = 0.14 US dollars at the current March 2008 Exchange rate. Foreign currency can only be exchanged at Bank of China or the banks' cash centers at major airports and hotels.

Lunch

Lunch will be provided on the days of the meeting.

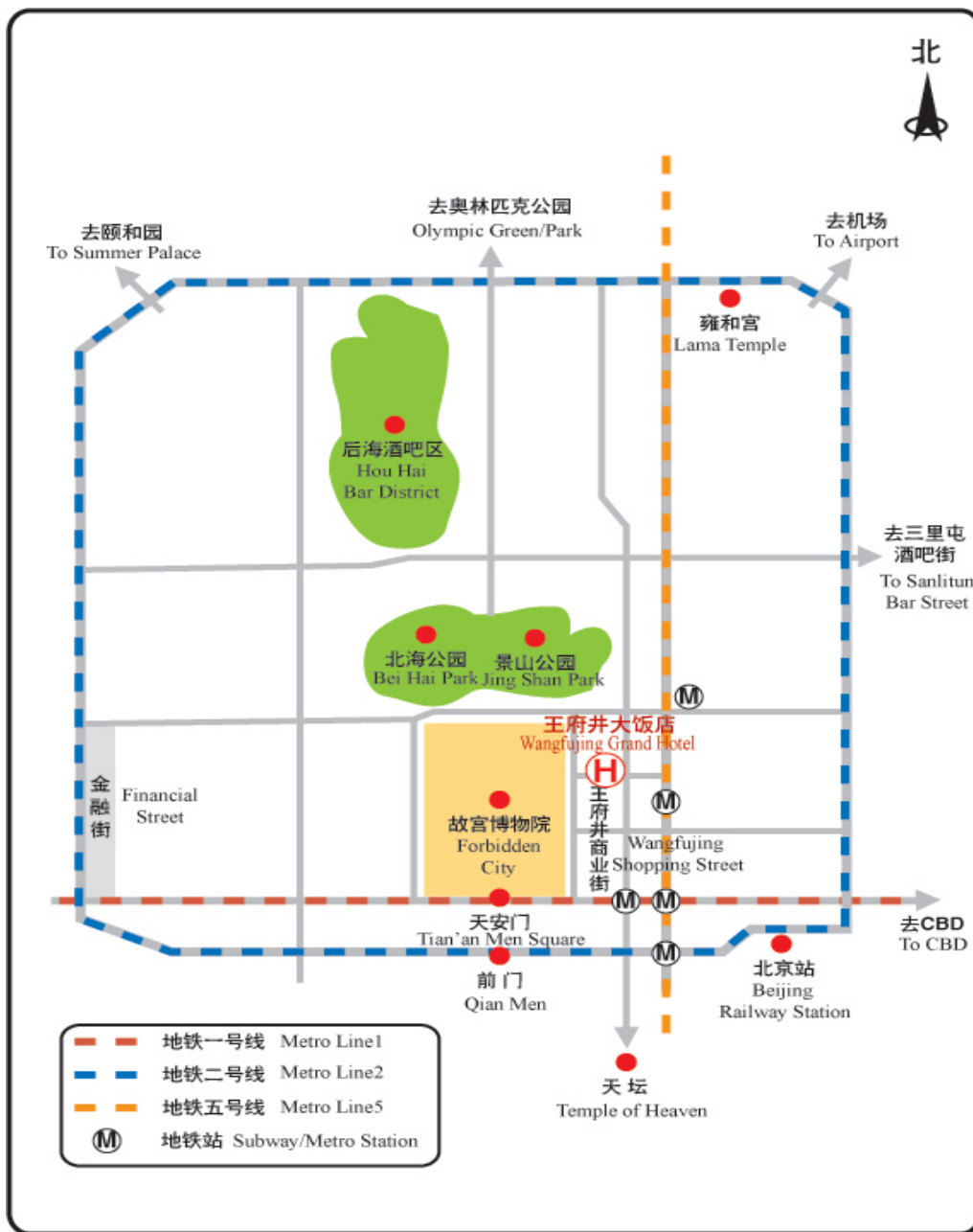
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HOTEL MAP

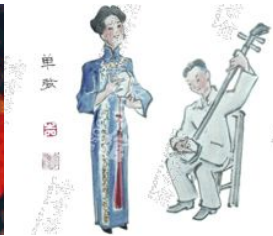


CULTURAL EVENT: LAO SHE'S TEAHOUSE



Lao She's Teahouse is an exciting cultural place named after the drama Teahouse by Chinese author, Lao She. Although an attempt to give a taste of a Beijing tea-house during Lao She's time, it has instead transformed into a wonderful entertainment house with short shows by comedians, singers, musicians, acrobats and opera performers. In short, one can have a kaleidoscopic view of Beijing culture while sipping tea with light refreshment. An adjacent room display paintings, art objects like paper cuttings, figurines, antiques, kites and jade carvings.

Lao She (1899-1966), real name Shu Qingchun, was of Manchurian descent and the famous author of the book called "Camel Xiangzi" also known in the US as "Rickshaw". It was a bestseller in the US where Lao She was a visiting professor. He also taught Chinese at the Oriental School of London University in his earlier days. His drama Teahouse displayed his linguistic talent of the Beijing dialect, depicting the customers with their bird cages and their pipes enjoying tea and gossip. Other famous works are Crescent Moon, City of Cats, The Yellow Storm and the Drum Singers. Unfortunately, despite his great love for China, he was hounded by the Gang of Four to suicide by drowning. He was posthumously rehabilitated in 1979 and his complete works were fully available. His wife, Hu Jieqing (1905-2001) a close friend of Prof. M.L. Pei, was an accomplished painter. The owner of the Lao She Teahouse, Yin Shengxi, is a student of the son of Qi Baishi, one of China's best contemporary painters. Hence, one can see the busts of both Lao She and Qi Baishi at the entrance to the Teahouse.



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