







Asia Pacific People's Conference on Development Justice

Asia Pacific Research Network Biennial Conference 2014
31 August to 3 September 2014
YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village, Hong Kong

Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN), together with its Hong-Kong based members, Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM) and Asia Monitor Resource Centre (AMRC), welcomes you to the Asia Pacific People's Conference on Development Justice: APRN Biennial Conference 2014. This information sheet was prepared as a guide for your trip to Hong Kong. In this document, you will find travel and logistical arrangements and guidelines, general information about Hong Kong and the schedule of events.

Schedule of events

August 31	Arrival and Registration at YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village
Morning	
August 31	Capacity Building Workshop on CSO Engagement and the Post-2015 Process
Afternoon	Pre- Biennial Conference Activity
August 31	APRN Board of Conveners' Meeting
Evening	Exclusive for the members of the Board
September 1 and 2	Asia Pacific People's Conference on Development Justice
	APRN Biennial Conference 2014
September 3	APRN General Council Meeting

Directions

烏溪沙青年新村 (營地服務)

YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village

No.2 On Chun Street, Ma On Shan, Shatin, New Territories, HK

Telephone number: (852) 2642 9420

http://www.wks.ymca.org.hk

You may take the bus going to Youth Village, by following the instructions stated below.

Step-by-step instructions from Hong Kong International Airport to YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village:

- 1. From the airport arrival area, proceed to the airport bus terminal. At the left side, look for bus A41P (bus going to Wu Kai Sha Railway Station). The bus leaves roughly every half hour from 7:05 AM (first trip) to 12:00 MN (last trip). Please prepare the exact fare of HK\$27.70 as no change will be given. (ATMs and foreign currency exchange counters are open 24 hours at the airport). The trip will take around one hour. The view is enjoyable if you take the upper deck of the bus. For more information on the route and schedule of bus A41P, please visit this website: www.kmb.hk/chinese.php
- 2. <u>Get off at Bay shore Towers bus stop</u>, (bus stops are announced in the bus), press the stop button as soon as the bus passed through Fok On Garden bus stop (the next stop is Bayshore Towers).

After getting off the bus, walk through the Bayshore Towers (towards the back and after the parking area) and turn right as soon as you reach the back side (Road) and walk straight. You can see traffic light ahead - cross the road and you can see the YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village main gate.

Information on YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village

YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village is situated at Ma On Shan in Shatin in the New Territories. It can be reached by public transportation from:

- From the airport Bus A41P
- Ma On Sha Centre Bus number 86K, 86 C
- Shatin Town Centre Bus number 86K or mini-bus number 810
- University Station of the KCR (Kowloon-Canton Railway) 287K
- KCR Ma On Shan Station
- Nathan Road-Jordan Road in Kowloon Bus 87D

Lodging Arrangement

Accommodation

Participants are expected to arrive in the morning of August 31, unless coordinated with the Secretariat.

All participants will be accommodated in <u>dormitory-type rooms</u> (with more or less 6 people in one <u>building</u>) at Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village during the whole event. Room assignments will be announced upon the participants' arrival. **Toiletries** and towels are **not provided** at the Youth Village. Please bring your own supplies when you arrive for the Conference. Upon check in, please make sure to get your security sticker/pass in order for you to enter/exit the camp. Also remember to bring your own mosquito repellent.

Check in time is 4:00pm and Check out time is 1:30pm. Smoking inside the camp is strictly prohibited.

All rooms have air-conditioner and hot showers. Within walking distance to the Youth Village, there is a shopping mall where there are eating places, sundry shops and a supermarket. **Wi-Fi** access is available in the hotel. There are also telephones for domestic and international calls.

Meals

Breakfast shall be served at the camp's dining hall. Coffee/ tea breaks and lunch and dinner will be served from September 1 to 3. For special requirements, kindly coordinate with the Secretariat.

Meeting Room for Plenary and Thematic Workshops

Plenary will be held in the Hall-3. Instructions will be given on the day itself. Thematic workshops will be conducted in the classrooms and activity rooms. Signs will be provided in the venue.

Please note that the Youth Village will **close its main gates at 12:00 midnight**. While participants are not encouraged to go out of the Youth Village at night, please be back before the closing time. Swimming pool is also available and free of charge.

About Hong Kong

Money: The currency is Hong Kong Dollar (HKD). Bills are issued in 20, 50, 100, 500, 1000 dollar denominations. Pegged to the US dollars, the exchange rate always hovers close to HK\$ 7.75 to US\$ 1.00. International credit cards are accepted everywhere in HK. Some shops may try to add a surcharge to offset the commission charged by credit companies, which can range from 2.5 % to 7 %.

Language: Cantonese, Putonghua (common language in the form of Mandarin) and English

Weather: Mostly sunny, with chances of showers. Please bring your own umbrella

Time zone: GMT +8
Area code: 852

Electricity: The standard is 220 V. The electric outlets are designed for 3 round prongs or 3 square pins

in the British design.

Some handy phone numbers:

Emergency cases: Dial 999 (Ambulance, Police, Fire Department)

Temperature and time: 18501

International directory assistance: 10013

Local directory assistance: 1081 Reverse charge/collect calls: 10010

Important Reminders

- 1. Spitting and Littering are prohibited all over Hong Kong. A fine of HK\$1,500 is imposed on all offenders.
- 2. Smoking is prohibited in almost all places of Hong Kong i.e. parks, restaurants, enclosed areas etc). Fine is HK\$5,000.
- 3. The whole Youth Village is a smoke-free zone. You may smoke outside the gate.
- 4. Please bring insect repellents if you are sensitive to insect or mosquito bites.
- 5. Custom Duty Free only allows 19 sticks of cigarettes and a bottle of liquor/wine. Please refer to this link for more information on Customs Duty-free concessions | http://www.customs.gov.hk/en/passenger_clearance/duty_free/index.html

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