

**Asia Pacific Regional Meeting in preparation for the third session of  
the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to  
contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste  
and to prevent pollution**

20 – 21 May 2024  
Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China,

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**1. General information**

The Asia Pacific Regional Meeting in preparation for the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution (SPP OEKG-3) is scheduled to be held on 20–21 May 2024 at 09:00–18:00 GMT+8 in Hangzhou, China. The meeting venue is: **White Horse Lake Jianguo Hotel**



Address: No.336 Changjiang South Road, Binjiang District, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China

Hotel Tel: +86-20-86007566

Website: <http://whitehorselake.cn>

**2. On-site registration**

Participants attending the regional meeting are expected to arrive on 19 May 2024, the day before the opening. On-site registration will be available from 4 pm to 6 pm on Sunday, 19 May 2024, and

in the morning before the opening of the meeting on 20 May 2024. Attendance of the meeting is limited to pre-registered participants.

### **3. Transportation**

Hangzhou is served by the Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, which provides direct service to many international destinations such as Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Qatar, etc. It has an extensive domestic route network within China and is consistently ranked top 10 in passenger traffic among Chinese airports.

For the airlines not direct arriving in Hangzhou, there are several transfer options within China. The nearby international airports include Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport and Nanjing Lukou International Airport. BCRC China can provide further guidance on travel options from nearby cities to Hangzhou, upon request. Please contact: [mea-chemicals@tsinghua.edu.cn](mailto:mea-chemicals@tsinghua.edu.cn).

#### ● **The way to Hangzhou**

From Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station to Hangzhou East Railway Station:

- ⑩ Travel time: around 1 hour
- ⑩ Train fare: 73 RMB for second class seats

From Nanjing South Railway Station to Hangzhou East Railway Station:

- ⑩ Travel time: around 70 mins to 90 mins
- ⑩ Train fare: around 100 RMB to 140 RMB for second class seats

#### ● **The way to hotel**

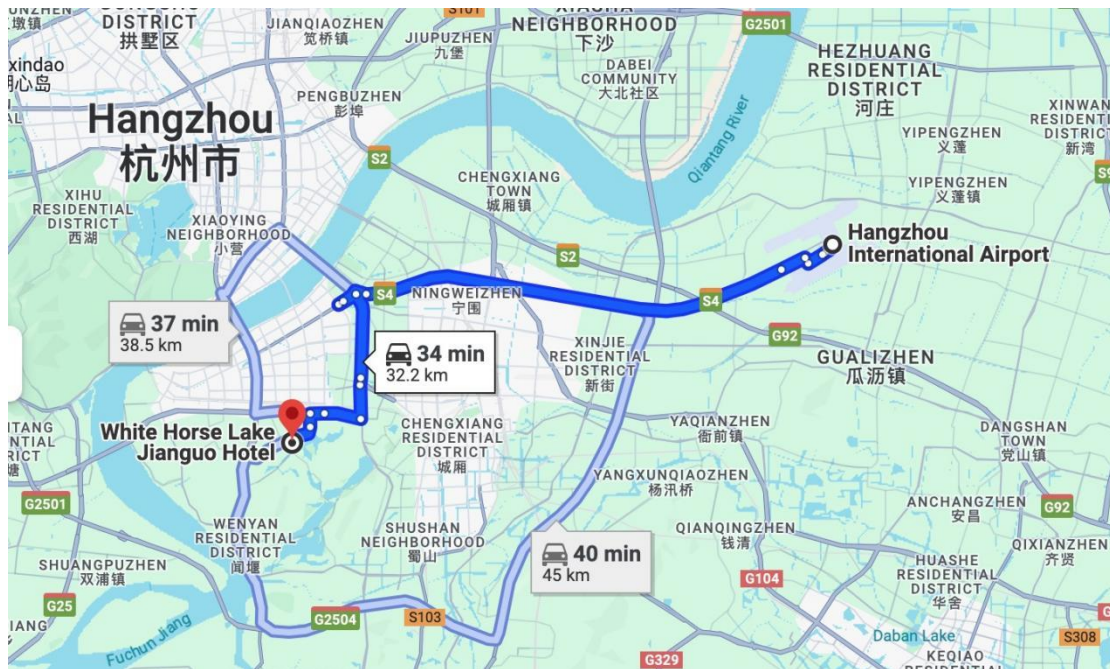
Transportation from Airport or Railway Station to White Horse Lake Jianguo Hotel is as follows:

From Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport to White Horse Lake Jianguo Hotel:

- ⑩ Distance: 29 km
- ⑩ Travel time by taxi: Around 35 minutes
- ⑩ Taxi fee: Approximately 100 RMB, including the highway toll.

From Hangzhou East Railway Station to White Horse Lake Jianguo Hotel:

- ⑩ Distance: 18 km
- ⑩ Travel time by taxi: 40 minutes
- ⑩ Taxi fee: Approximately 40 RMB.



Please note that the travel times and taxi fees provided are approximate and may vary depending on traffic conditions and other factors. You need to pay in the local currency as taxi drivers do not accept other currencies. More detailed information about the airports may be found at <http://www.hzairport.com/en>.

#### 4. Hotel accommodation

Delegates are responsible for making their own arrangements for accommodation. They are recommended to stay in the White Horse Lake Jianguo Hotel. A standard room is available at a special rate for the meeting participants, costing approximately 430 RMB per day (please indicate your participation in the regional meeting when booking and during check-in).

#### 5. Sponsored participants

Financial assistance includes a return air ticket using the most economical fare as approved by the United Nations, to be issued by the travel agency working with the United Nations, and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for Hangzhou by means of a debit card. DSA in Hangzhou is \$214 per day, as of March 2024. In order to facilitate the payment of DSA, eligible participants are requested to present their passport and boarding pass(es) to the OEWG secretariat.

For the necessary travel arrangements to comply with the United Nations rules and regulations, nominations or replacements of delegates received after the deadline cannot be guaranteed consideration for funding support. Final decisions on travel requests will be subject to available financial resources.

Please note that the organizers do not book hotels on behalf of participants, and it is the responsibility of the participants to make their own private arrangements.

## 6. Visa application

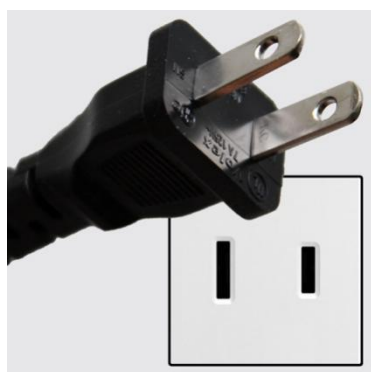
It is the responsibility of each participant to apply for the required visa. The passport categories eligible for visa-free entry to China for countries in the Asia-Pacific region can be found in Annex 1. It is crucial for the participants who need to apply for visa to contact BCRC China in order to obtain a Visa Letter via email. These participants should send an email to [mea-chemicals@tsinghua.edu.cn](mailto:mea-chemicals@tsinghua.edu.cn), forwarding the email confirming their approved registration along with a scan of their passport. If necessary, please consult the responsible Chinese Embassy for more visa and entry information.

## 7. Meeting documents

The meeting will be held in English and meeting documents will be in English. Documentation will be available at the [SPP OEWG regional meeting website](#). Please note that the meeting will be a paper smart meeting and participants are kindly advised to bring their own laptop, as hard copies of meeting documents will not be printed or distributed.

## 8. Electricity

The electric power in Hangzhou is 220V running at 50Hz and the power sockets are of type A and I. Delegates are strongly encouraged to carry their own adapters for use with laptops and other electrical appliances.



Type A



Type I

## 9. Currency and time zone

The Chinese currency is U.S. \$ 1.00 = CNY 7.23 of April 1, 2024.

China's standard time zone is GMT + 8 hours.

## 10. About Hangzhou

Hangzhou is the capital city of Zhejiang Province in China. Situated in the southeastern coastal region of China, Hangzhou is bordered by the East China Sea and is adjacent to Shanghai. It is

approximately 1200 km far from Beijing, and about 200 km far from Shanghai. It is an important center in the Yangtze River Delta and a major transportation hub in southeastern China. Hangzhou is known for its rich cultural heritage, with numerous historical sites and landmarks. Representative of its cultural significance are the West Lake culture, silk culture, tea culture and Yue opera. Renowned for its scenic beauty, Hangzhou is often referred to as a "heaven on earth." For more information about Hangzhou, please visit:

<https://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/hangzhou.htm>



Note: the location of Hangzhou is marked with ♥, and the potential airline transfer cities in China are marked with ●.





### **11. Weather**

May is springtime in Hangzhou, with gradually warming weather and pleasant temperatures. The maximum temperature is 26-30 °C, while the minimum is 15-20°C. May is the rainy season in Hangzhou. Therefore, when visiting Hangzhou during this month, it is advisable to pack lightweight summer clothing, carry a light jacket or sweater for cooler evenings and bring an umbrella.

### **12. Food**

Several cafes and restaurants are available within the White Horse Lake Jianguo Hotel. Other cafes, restaurants and shops are close by to the hotel. Chinese cuisine offers a wide range of dishes with diverse flavors. From Sichuan's spicy dishes like Kung Pao Chicken, to Cantonese cuisine's light and delicious flavors like roasted meats, and Hunan cuisine's spicy and numbing dishes, there's something for everyone. Other popular styles include Shandong's rich and savory flavors, Fujian's emphasis on seafood, Zhejiang's fresh taste, Jiangsu's delicate dishes, and Anhui's visually appealing creations. Besides these, there are many other regional specialties like Beijing roast duck, Sichuan hot pot, and Shanghai soup dumplings. Chinese cuisine caters to various tastes, with spicy, mild, sour, and savory options to satisfy every palate.

## Annex 1

No.	Country	Passport Categories eligible for visa-free entry to China
1	Afghanistan	Diplomatic passports
2	Bahrain	Diplomatic, special passports
3	Bangladesh	Diplomatic, official passports and ordinary passports marked with “For Government Affairs” or “Free of Charge”
4	Brunei	Diplomatic, official passports
5	Cambodia	Diplomatic, service passports
6	Cyprus	Diplomatic, service passports EU laissez-passer
7	D.P.R. Korea	Diplomatic, service passports Collective passports for public affairs
8	Fiji	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs, ordinary passports
9	Indonesia	Diplomatic, service passports (for temporary visits only)
10	Iran	Diplomatic, service passports
11	Iraq	Diplomatic, special, service passports, passports for public affairs
12	Jordan	Diplomatic, service, special passports
13	Kazakhstan	Diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs Ordinary Passports or Certificates of Return
14	Kuwait	Diplomatic, special passports
15	Kyrgyzstan	Diplomatic, service passports
16	Laos	Diplomatic, service passports and ordinary passports with effective visas for public affairs
17	Lebanon	Diplomatic, service and special passports
18	Malaysia	Diplomatic, official passports
19	Maldives	Diplomatic, service passports, official passports, ordinary passports, Temporary Travel Document or Emergency Travel Documents (Certificate of Identity)
20	Mongolia	Diplomatic, service passports and passports for public affairs
21	Myanmar	Diplomatic, official passports
22	Nepal	Diplomatic, official passports
23	Oman	Diplomatic, service and special passports
24	Pakistan	Diplomatic, official passports Passports for public affairs
25	Papua New Guinea	Diplomatic, service passports
26	Philippines	Diplomatic, official passports (for temporary visits only)
27	Qatar	Diplomatic, service, special and ordinary passports

28	Republic of Korea	Diplomatic, official passports
29	Samoa	Diplomatic, official passports
30	Singapore	Diplomatic, service passports and passports for public affairs, ordinary passports
31	Solomon Islands	Diplomatic, special passports
32	Sri Lanka	Diplomatic, official passports
33	Tajikistan	Diplomatic, service passports and ordinary passports marked with "For Public Affairs"
34	Thailand	Diplomatic, official passports Ordinary passports
35	Timor-Leste	Diplomatic, service passports and passports for public affairs
36	Tonga	Diplomatic, official passports
37	Turkey	Diplomatic, service, special passports
38	Turkmenistan	Diplomatic, service passports and ordinary passports marked with "For Public Affairs" Ordinary passports/international travel documents (when traveling in tour groups organized by authorized travel agencies of both countries)
39	United Arab Emirates	Diplomatic passports Service passports, passports for public affairs Ordinary passports
40	Uzbekistan	Diplomatic passports
41	Vanuatu	Diplomatic, service passports
42	Vietnam	Diplomatic, service passports and passports for public affairs
43	Bhutan	-
44	India	-
45	Kiribati	-
46	Marshall	-
47	Micronesia	-
48	Nauru	-
49	Palau	-
50	Saudi Arabia	-
51	Syrian Arab Republic	-
52	Yemen	-
53	Japan	-
54	Tuvalu	-