

# General Information

## Harbin

Harbin, lying on eastern of Songnen plain, the bank of Songhua River, is center of politics, economy and culture and traffic hub in Heilongjiang Province. The special historical course and geographical position make it become an exoticism and beautiful city. It is not only gather the north of the historical and cultural minorities, and the integration of Chinese and foreign cultures. China's famous historical and cultural cities and tourist city, known as the "Jiangcheng", "ice city", "pearl under the Swan," and the "Oriental Moscow", and so on. "Harbin ice and snow Festival" is world-renowned winter tourism. Located at latitude 45 ° 20 ' ~ 46 ° 20' north, longitude 126 ° 15 ' ~ 127 ° 30'.

The total square of Harbin is 56579 square kilometer, Harbin includes 8 districts and 12 counties, such as Nan Gang district, DaoLi district, Dongli district, XiangFang district, SongBei district, HuLan district, DaoWai district, PingFang district, A Cheng, Shang Zhi, Shuang Cheng county, Bin county, FangZheng county, YiLan county, BaYan county, WuChang county, MuLan county, YanShou county, TongHe county. The population of Harbin is 9,353,200.

HARBIN (Ha'erbin) is the capital of Heilongjiang Province and probably the most northernmost location that most tourists visit. A city of distinctive character, Harbin is a good place to visit for its winter atmosphere. Boulevards are lined with European-style buildings and white doves flutter their wings in the skyline of the St. Sofia church.

Even though the weather can be very cold, the annual ice lantern festival brings many tourists each year, and the outside influence on this city make it a fascinating place to visit. The nature scene of Harbin is charming and gentle, clearly four seasons. The Sun island, Siberia Tiger Park, Stalin park near Songhua River, SongFeng Mountain, ErLong Mountain, YuQuan hunting ground and YaBuli are famous scenic spot. Harbin is one of world ice culture cradlelands. YaBuli alp skeep, ZhaoLin park ice Lanterns garden party, winter swimming in SongHua river, snow carving, ice and snow traveling are famous at home and abroad, concert in summer harbin and China Harbin economy commerce Symposium. Major venues include Zhaolin Gonyuan on Shangzhi Jie for ice sculpture; Taiyang Dao Gongyuan (Sun Island Park), across the river for snow sculptures; and the Ice and Snow Palace (Bingxue Gong), a collection of buildings constructed entirely of ice and snow on the banks of the Songhua Jiang. Located on the Songhuajiang River, Harbin became a major trading outpost for domestic trade and international trade with Russia. This Russian influence can be seen in many of the buildings and churches around the town, and there are many Russian speakers in Harbin.

## Attractions

- **Sun Island**

Harbin's Sun Island Scenic Spot locates on the north bank of the Songhua River, covering an area of 4 million square meters. It is a famous summer resort for traveling and relaxing. In early 1920's, it was a white Russian's resort. After many times of reconstructions and renovations, it has become a place for sanatorium, leisure and amusement. On the island there are many kinds of villas reflecting different architectural features, the dense forest 、 the soft and tiny sand and the fragrant of grass and flowers can offer you endless enjoyment. In spring ice and snow begin to melt. Viewing ice rafts floating on the river and smelling the fragrant of earth, you will really realize the beginning of the year. In summer all kinds of flowers blossom and densely wooded. People enjoy the beautiful and harmonious nature. They go boating on the clear wave or go swimming in the river. In autumn you can see different colors of flowers and leaves. Gusts of gentle breeze make you feel pleasant and cool. In winter the scenic spot is a world of ice and snow, everything is dressed in white skirt and silver coat. All embody the unique styles of northeast China.



- **Saint Sophie Church**

Saint Sophie Church belongs to First Class Preserved Building. Being put into construction in September 1923 and completed on November 25th, 1932. It locates at No.95 Toulong Street Dao Li District. The church reflects Byzantine architectural features with 721 square meters in area and 53.35 meters in height. It is the largest Orthodox Eastern church in Harbin. Russian style domes. Rome style arch high windows and many combinations of different architectural arts all embody the special fascination of the church. Now the church has become a bright spot in the architectural art sceneries of Harbin. In 1996 it was designated as Harbin Architectural Art Gallery.



- **Northeast China tiger**

Living mainly in the forest depths in Heilongjiang and Jilin Provinces, the Northeast China tiger, which is one of the species on the brink of extinction, is the animal falling in the category of first-grade animals protected by our country. In order to exhibit and cultivate the famous beast, tiger gardens were established simultaneously in Harbin and Mudanjiang. And now in the tiger garden in Harbin, there are 400 tigers and other rarities like snow tiger and so on.



## Weather

Harbin is infamous for its very cold winters - it is at the same latitude as Montreal, and winter temperatures as low as  $-38.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  have been recorded. Bring more clothes than you will think you will need so that you can layer. Average daytime summer temperatures are in the mid 20s ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) with a few weeks reaching low 30s, while the coldest part of winter averages a chilly  $-17^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The winter can become dreary if you are a longterm resident, as the entire city uses coal for heat the air quality rapidly decreases during these months. Harbin can be a great place to visit in the summer. The weather is cool and it seems to be perpetually breezy, and most of Harbin's streets are lined with trees. Because the city is so cold all winter, life almost explodes and people crowd the streets until late at night eating kabobs, playing poker, and drinking Hapi (Harbin Beer). This is a great escape from the heat of Harbin. A trip up to the border regions this time of year would be nice as well.

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Daily	-13	-8	1	12	21	25	29	27	20	12	0	-10
Nightly	-25	-22	-11	0	7	14	18	18	9	0	-11	-21

## Transportation

All the registrants should make their own local transportation in the city. Travel by taxi is the most convenient and fastest option for the journey. Harbin is not only famous for charming natural scenery

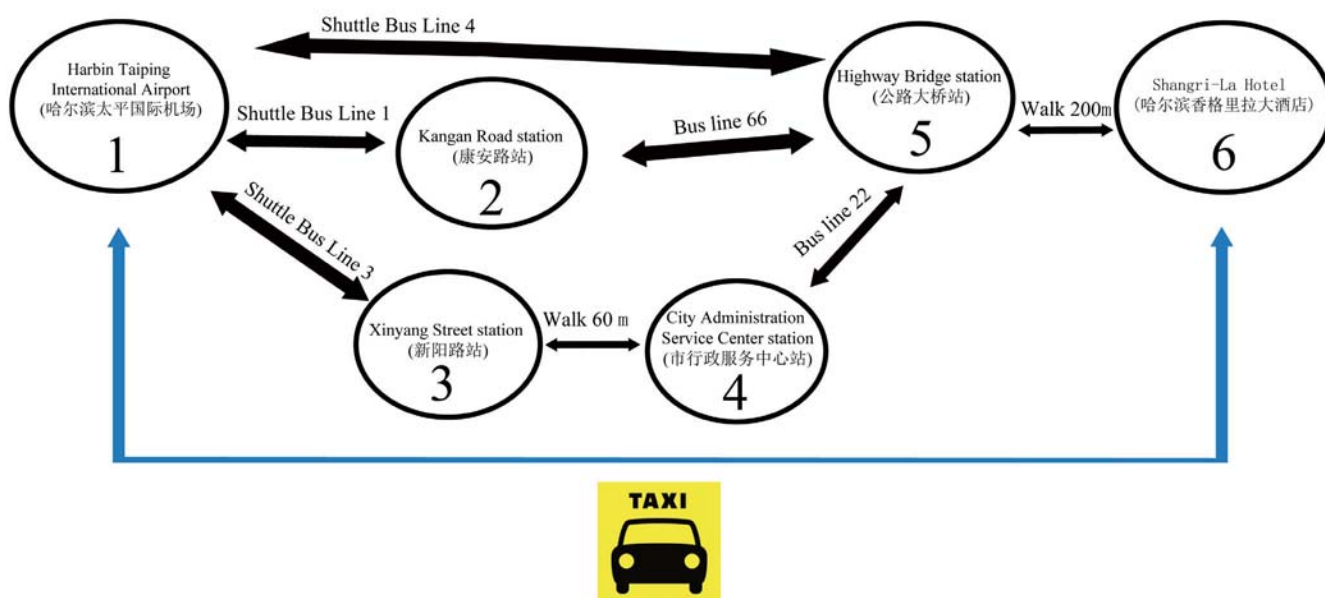
but also for large numbers of taxis and the cheapest taxi cost: RMB2.00 per km with base price RMB8.00! Please prepare some changes in advance for taxi fee or city bus cost in the staying in Harbin.

It takes about 40 minutes by taxi from Harbin Taiping International Airport to Shangri-La Hotel for under US\$20-25, depending upon the traffic. Whenever you arrive at the airport, there are always many taxis waiting at the airport to pick up passengers. We suggest you wait for taxi at the airport designated taxi station. Please ask for a receipt with the taxi.

**Ps:** Traffic information about the Harbin Taiping International Airport (哈尔滨太平国际机场) to Shangri-La Hotel (哈尔滨香格里拉大酒店) can refer Appendix.

#### Transportations from/to Airport

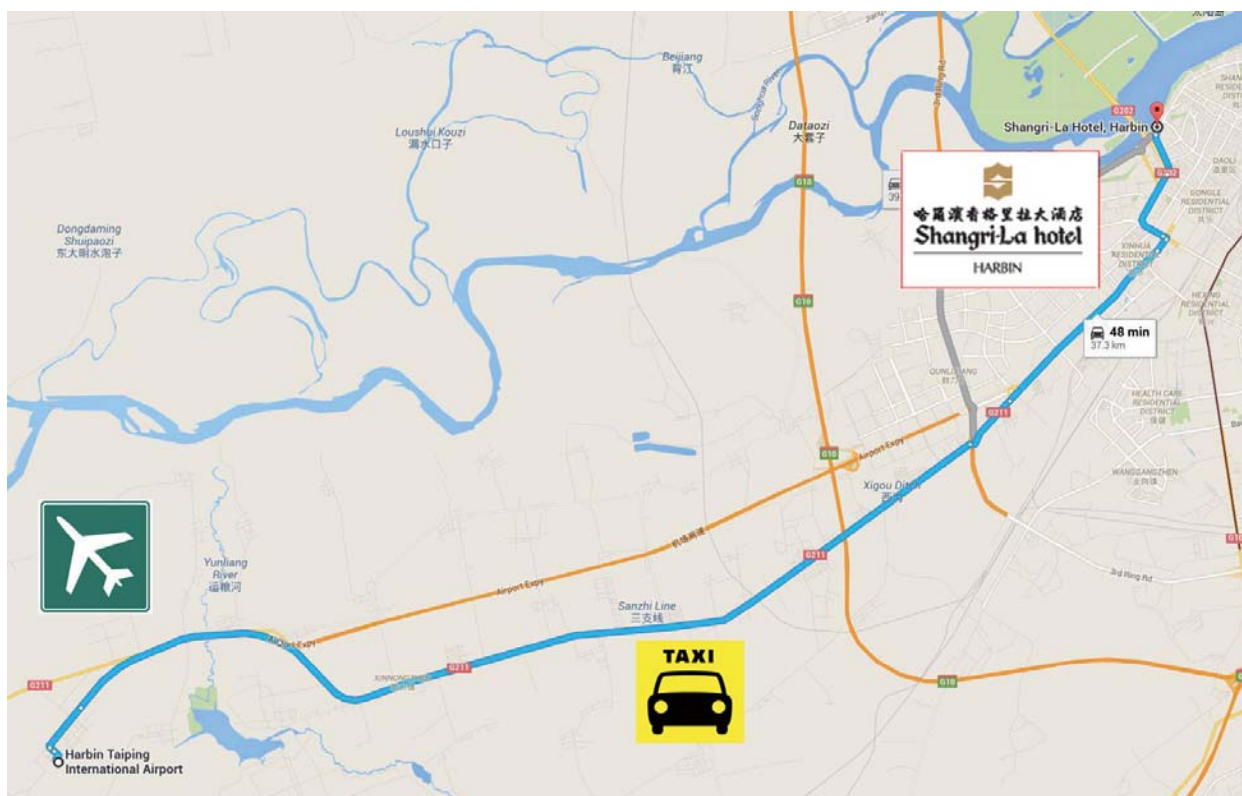
- From/to Harbin Taiping International Airport (哈尔滨太平国际机场) to/from Shangri-La Hotel (哈尔滨香格里拉大酒店).



**Route 1:** You will take taxi. The distance is about 40 km and you need to pay about 140 RMB. ( ① – ⑥ )

**Route 2:** You will take Shuttle Bus Line 4 from/to Harbin Taiping International Airport (哈尔滨太平国际机场) to/from Highway Bridge station (公路大桥站). You can walk to Shangri-La Hotel (哈尔滨香格里拉大酒店). ( ① – ⑤ – ⑥ )

**Ps:** The Shuttle Bus Line 4 runs two shifts every day, departure time: AM 9:00 / PM 1:50. The fee is about 20 RMB.



The Shangri-La Hotel Map

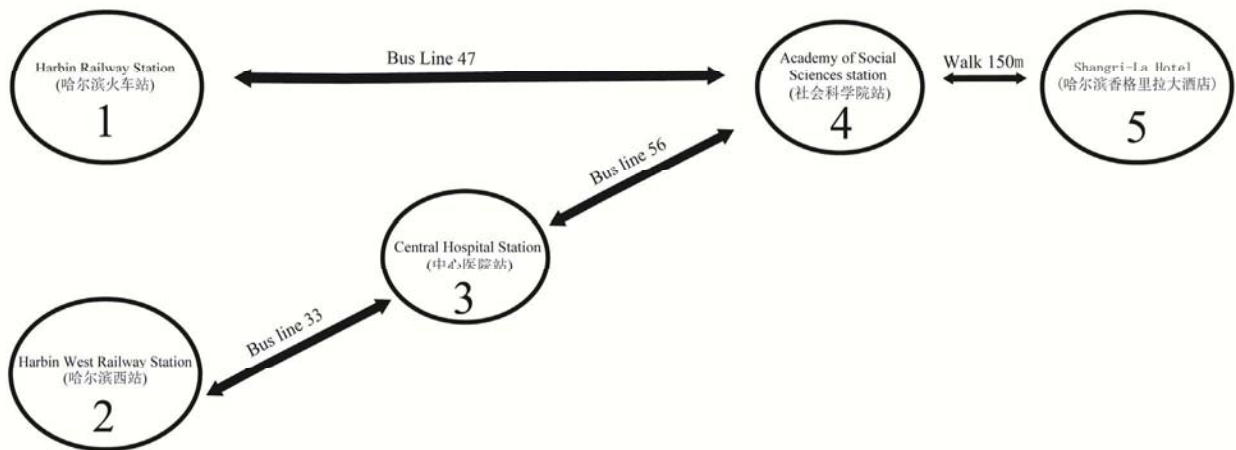
**Route 3:** You will take Shuttle Bus Line 1 from/to Harbin Taiping International Airport (哈尔滨太平国际机场) to/from Kang'an Road station (康安路站). You take Bus line 56 from/to Highway Bridge station (公路大桥站), you can walk to Shangri-La Hotel (哈尔滨香格里拉大酒店). ( ① – ② – ⑤ – ⑥ )

**Ps:** The Shuttle Bus Line 1 runs from AM 6:00 to PM 8:00 with interval of 30 minutes every day .The fee is about 20 RMB. The fee is about 1 RMB. The Bus Line 56 runs from AM 6:00 to PM 8:00 .The fee is about 1 RMB.

**Route 4:** You will take Shuttle Bus Line 3 from/to Harbin Taiping International Airport (哈尔滨太平国际机场) to/from Xinyang Street station (新阳路站). You can walk to City Administration Service Center station (市行政服务中心站). You will take Bus line 22 from/to Highway Bridge station (公路大桥站), you can walk to Shangri-La Hotel (哈尔滨香格里拉大酒店). ( ① – ③ – ④ – ⑤ – ⑥ )

**Ps:** The Shuttle Bus Line 3 runs from AM 6:30 to PM 4:30 with interval of 40 minutes every day .The fee is about 20 RMB. The fee is about 1 RMB. The Bus Line 22 runs from AM 6:00 to PM 8:00 .The fee is about 1 RMB.

- From/to Harbin Railway Station (哈尔滨火车站) to/from Shangri-La Hotel (哈尔滨香格里拉大酒店)



**Route 5:** You will take Bus Line 47 from/to Harbin Railway Station (哈尔滨火车站) to/from Academy of Social Sciences station (社会科学院站). You can walk to Shangri-La Hotel (哈尔滨香格里拉大酒店). ( ① - ④ - ⑤ )

**Ps:** The Bus Line 47 runs from AM 6:00 to PM 9:00 .The fee is about 1 RMB.

- From/to Harbin West Railway Station (哈尔滨西站) to/from Shangri-La Hotel (哈尔滨香格里拉大酒店)

**Route 6:** You will take Bus Line 33 from/to Harbin West Railway Station (哈尔滨西站) to/from Central Hospital Station (中心医院站). You take Bus line 56 from/to Central Hospital Station (中心医院站) to/from Academy of Social Sciences station (社会科学院站), you can walk to Shangri-La Hotel (哈尔滨香格里拉大酒店). ( ② - ③ - ④ - ⑤ )

**Ps:** The Bus Line 33 runs from AM 5:30 to PM 9:00 .The fee is about 1 RMB. The Bus Line 56 runs from AM 6:00 to PM 8:00 .The fee is about 1 RMB.

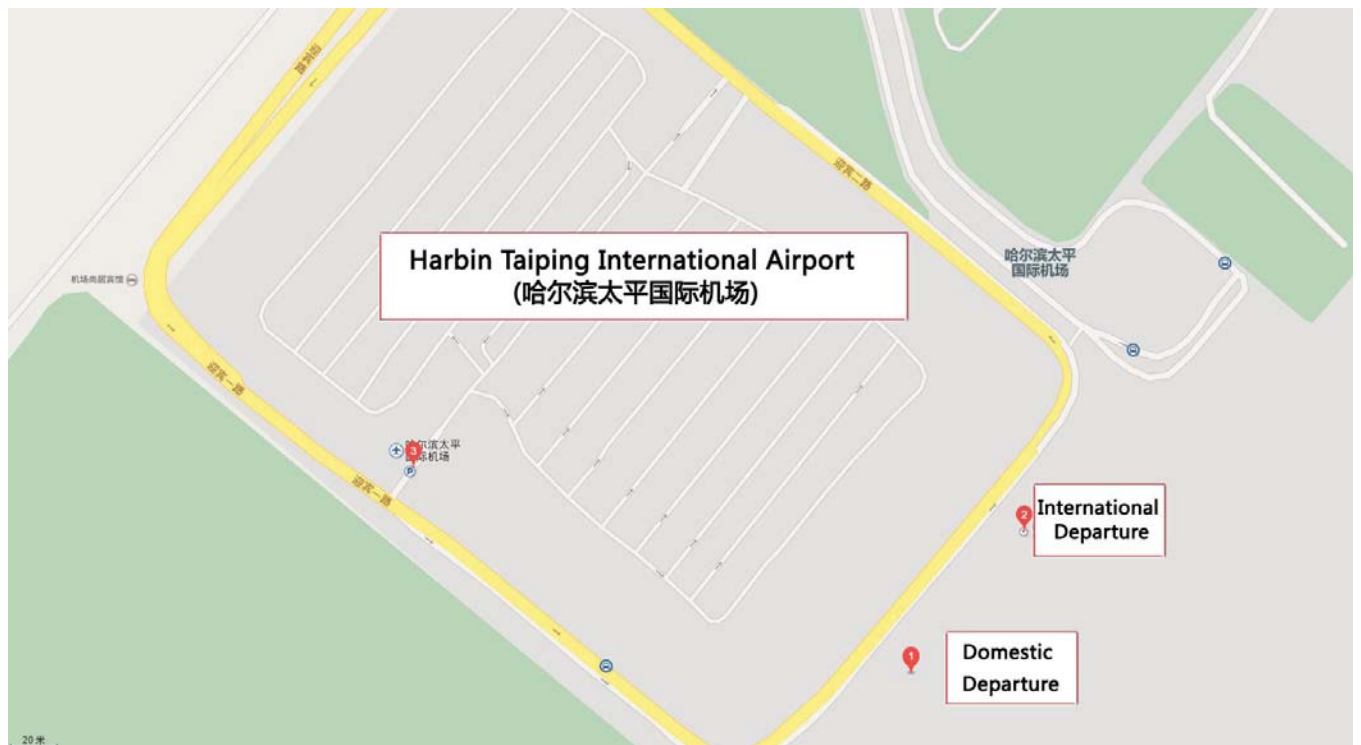


Location of Harbin Shangri-La Hotel Map

Appendix: Harbin Taiping International Airport Terminals



Terminal



Terminal



Location of Harbin Shangri-La Hotel



## Useful Information

- **Language:** Official language is Mandarin and most people also use their local dialect. The standard spoken Chinese is Putonghua. English can be understood by many young people and is used in hotels and big restaurants. In all tourist hotels, staff can speak in English, Japanese and other languages. They can also write down addresses or instructions in Chinese for taxi drivers or others. In addition, roads in major cities are signposted in Pinyin, the official Romanization system of the Chinese characters, which makes it quite easy to get around with the help of a map.
- **Currency:** Renminbi (RMB) is the only currency to be used in China. RMB is also called Chinese Yuan. The unit of Renminbi is yuan and with smaller denominations called jiao and fen. The conversion among the three is: 1 yuan = 10 jiao = 100 fen. Paper notes are issued in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 50 and 100 yuan; 1, 2 and 5 jiao; and 1, 2 and 5 fen. Coins are issued in denominations of 1 yuan; 5 jiao; and 1, 2 and 5 fen.

Money exchanges by cash or traveler's cheques can be made at the branches of Bank of China at Harbin International Airport, hotels and tourist stores. Please remember to keep the receipt to exchange back to foreign currency when leaving China.

- **Credit Cards:** Visa, Master Card and American Express are the most commonly used in China. Cards can be used in most middle to top-range hotels and department stores, but they cannot be used to finance your transportation costs.
- **Time:** GMT + 8 hours (the whole of China is set to Beijing time)
- **Electricity:** Electricity is 220 Volts, 50 AC; plugs can be three-pronged angled, three-pronged round, two flat pins or two narrow round pins.
- **Water:** Bottled mineral water can easily be bought in all stores and street kiosks for RMB 3. And sometimes hotels provide it free of charge. Furthermore, potable water is only available in a few 4 to 5 star hotels, while water in thermos flasks in rooms is usually non-potable tap water.
- **Measurement:** In Metric system
- **Tipping:** Tipping is not customary outside of the foreign joint-venture hotels and is officially discouraged. But hotel bellboys usually expect RMB 5-10 per bag.
- **Attention:** Smoking is prohibited in public places in Harbin, such as hospitals, office buildings, theatres, cinemas, museums, planes, and trains.
- **Hotlines:** 110 - Police    119 – Fire    120 – Ambulance

# Conference Information

## Conference Venue

IEEE ICMA 2016 will be held in the city of Harbin, at Shangri-La Hotel, Harbin, which serves as both the official conference hotel and the venue for the technical program. Being the first and only international 5 star hotel, it sits downtown by the scenic Songhua River and overlooks the Central Business District. Surrounded by spectacular landscape, the Hotel features elegantly-appointed rooms, a 24-hour business Centre, modern meeting facilities and the finest dining in Harbin. Wireless internet access is available throughout function spaces and public areas. This 5-star hotel is a centrally located just minutes from the city's cultural spots, government offices, convention centers, and 40 minutes from Harbin International Airport for under US\$20-25, depending upon the traffic.



## Chinese Address Cards

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### Shangri-La Hotel, Harbin

哈尔滨香格里拉大酒店

地址：中国哈尔滨市道里区友谊路 555 号

Tel: (86-451) 8485 8888

Fax: (86-451) 8462 1771

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Location of Harbin Shangri-La Hotel

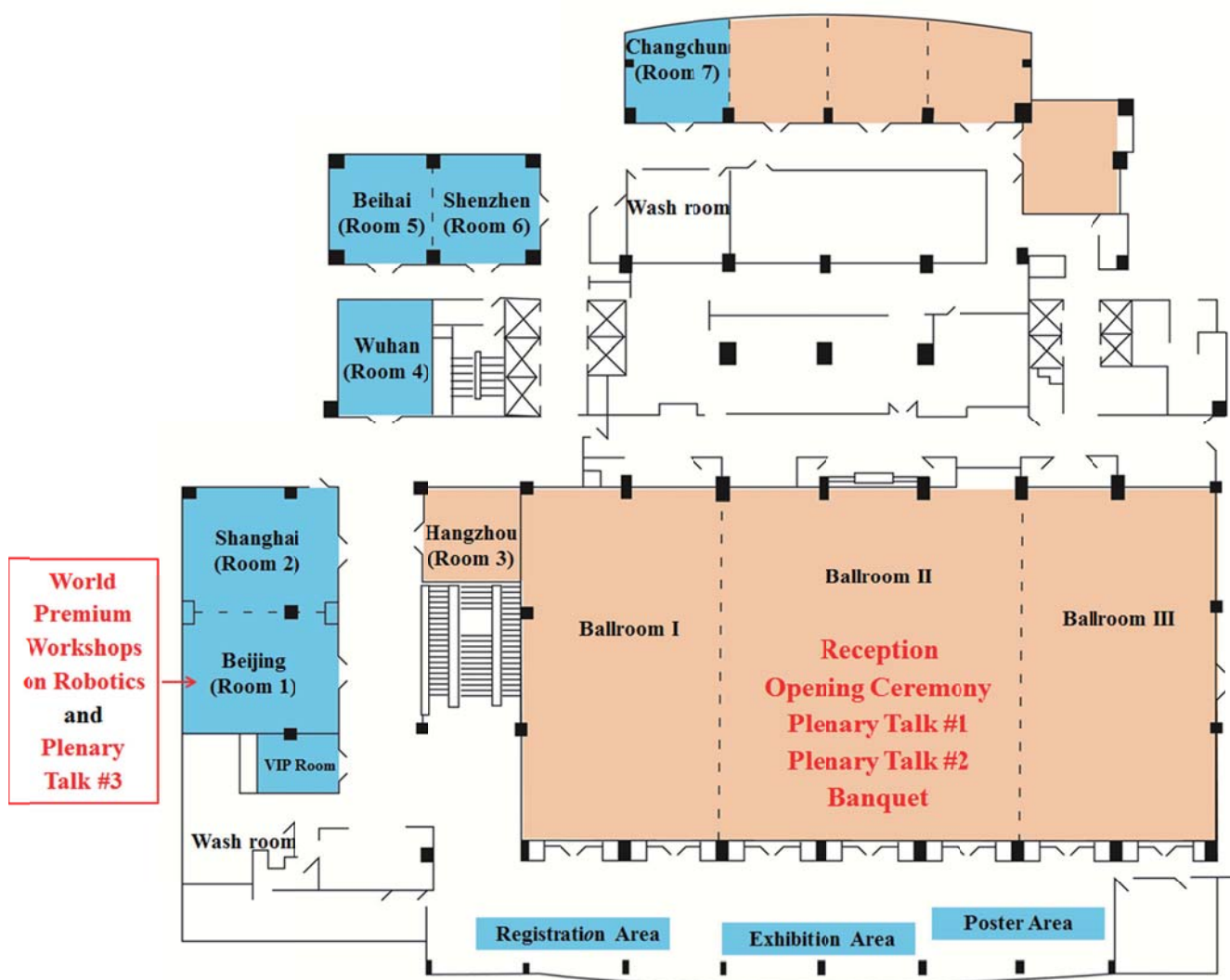
# Conference Registration

A conference registration desk will be set up and opened at the Shangri-La Hotel (哈尔滨香格里拉大酒店) from August 7 (13:00) to August 10 (16:45) as followings.

August 07, 2016: 13:00 ~ 18:30	Registration Area, 2F, Shangri-La Hotel
August 08, 2016: 07:30 ~ 18:00	Registration Area, 2F, Shangri-La Hotel
August 09, 2016: 08:00 ~ 16:45	Registration Area, 2F, Shangri-La Hotel
August 10, 2016: 08:30 ~ 16:45	Registration Area, 2F, Shangri-La Hotel

## Floor Map of Conference Rooms

2F, Shangri-La Hotel, Harbin  
Conference Room 1-7, BallRoom II



2F, Shangri-La Hotel, Harbin, Heilongjiang, China

# Social Events

The social events organized by the IEEE ICMA 2016 include the conference reception, world premium workshops on robotics, the awards banquet, the conference registration, the farewell party, etc.

## Conference Reception

The Conference Reception will be held from 17:30 to 18:30 on August 7, 2016 at Ballroom II, 2F, Shangri-La Hotel, Harbin. All the conference participants are welcome to join this event.

## World Premium Workshops on Robotics

The World Premium Workshops on Robotics will be held from 13:30 to 17:30 on August 7, 2016 at Conference Room 1(Beijing Room), 2F, Shangri-La Hotel, Harbin. All the conference participants are welcome to join this event.

## Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet will be held from 18:30 to 21:00 on August 9, 2016 at Ballroom II, Shangri-La Hotel, Harbin. All the conference participants are welcome to join this event.

## Farewell Party

The Farewell Party will be held from 17:00 to 18:00 on August 10, 2016 at 2F, Shangri-La Hotel, Harbin. All the conference participants are welcome to join this event.

## Lunch Place:

The IEEE ICMA 2016 Lunch will be held on from 12:00 to 13:30 August 8, 9, 10 at Shangri-La Hotel, Harbin. All the conference participants are welcome to join this event.