







Empowering Sustainability and Prosperity in Asia: Innovative Financial Solutions for Connectivity and Transition Second CASI In-person Capacity-building Event

LEE SHAU KEE Lecture Centre, Centennial Campus, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong,

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Administrative Circular

This administrative circular provides logistical and other general information for this event.









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Second CASI In-person Capacity-building Event

June 24th - 28th, 2024 | Hong Kong - Huzhou

Building on the success of CASI's inaugural in-person event in Brazil, which attracted over 200 participants from across Latin America, we are now gearing up for our next endeavor in the vibrant city of Hong Kong, extending our reach across Asia. Themed "Empowering Sustainability and Prosperity in Asia," this event aims to spotlight solutions and enhance the capacity for connectivity and low-carbon transitions in the region, with a special focus on Southeast, Central, and East Asia.

Co-hosted by the Institute of Finance and Sustainability, HKMA IFFO, and the University of Hong Kong, this in-person capacity-building event is scheduled for June 24-28, 2024. It is part of the initiative of the Capacity-building Alliance of Sustainable Investment (CASI), an international platform dedicated to delivering high-quality and impactful capacity-building services in sustainable finance for EMDEs.

Over the course of five days, the event will comprise two parts. The first leg will consist of two days of in-house workshops in Hong Kong, featuring six thematic sessions covering topics like Market Updates and Policy Frameworks for Sustainable Finance, Sustainability Disclosure, Financing Green and Low-carbon Transition in Asia, Sustainable Projects Needed to Enhance Connectivity and Prosperity in Asia, the Role of Blended Finance in Decarbonizing Infrastructure Projects, and Biodiversity Conservation and Blue Finance. From interactive panel discussions to expert keynote speeches, participants can anticipate a dynamic and immersive experience designed to inspire, educate, and empower.

Furthermore, participants will have the opportunity to visit Huzhou, Zhejiang Province in mainland China from June 27-28. As a leading hub for green finance pilot projects in China, Huzhou offers a chance to witness innovative projects and investment practices driving sustainable progress. A crucial element is to showcase how small and medium-sized enterprises in Huzhou are actively engaged in the local green finance system. The visit may also generate some business opportunities. Participants traveling to Huzhou will need to transit via high-speed train on June 26th.

With a target of attracting up to 300 participants from across Asia, including the opportunity for up to 100 attendees to visit Huzhou, this event offers free admission. However, participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.









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Attention: Please ensure you have the necessary visa(s) for both Hong Kong and Mainland China, if applicable to your nationality. Please kindly apply for the visa either personally or through your company's or organization's Chinese branch.









Agenda for the Event

CASI In-person Capacity-building Event

Date: June 24th - 25th

Location: LEE SHAU KEE Lecture Centre, Centennial Campus, University of Hong Kong

DAY 1: Sustainable Finance in

Asia: Markets, Policy

Frameworks and Other Priorities

Date: June 24th

Networking Cocktail

Time: 18:30 – 19:30 pm, June 24th

Location: LEE SHAU KEE Lecture Centre, Centennial

Campus, University of Hong Kong

DAY 2: Financing Support for More Sustainable and Bankable Projects

Date: June 25th

DAY 3: Transit to Huzhou from HK

Time: 11:36 – 18:35 pm, June 26th

High speed train: G100

DAY 4: CASI Huzhou Capacity-building Event

Date: June 27th

Location: Huzhou Dongwu New Century Grand Hotel

DAY 5: Site Visit to sustainable project

Date: June 28th

Handbook for visit will be distributed later

Venue for Event in Hong Kong

Location:

LEE SHAU KEE Lecture Centre, Centennial Campus, University of Hong Kong, Pok Fu Lam, Hong Kong

- 34.2 km from Hong Kong International Airport
- 6.3 km from Hong Kong West Kowloon Railway Station
- 47 km from Luohu Export





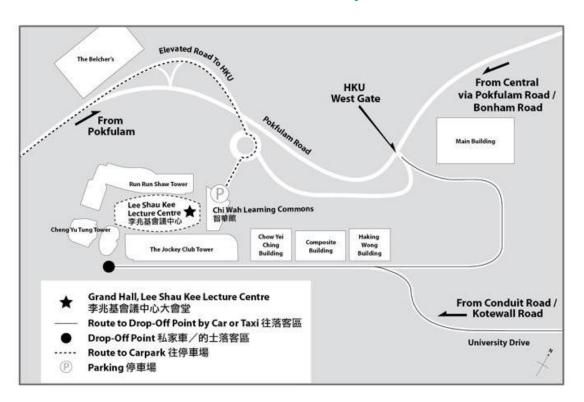




Location Map:



• LEE SHAU KEE Lecture Centre in HK University:











Accommodation in Hong Kong

• Hong Kong: June 24th – 25th

Here are some hotel suggestions within walking distance of the venue. Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and therefore are advised to directly contact the hotel of their choice to make the booking as soon as possible.

Hotel	Contact information	Cost / Night	Website
Hotel Jen	Address: 508 Queen's Rd W, Sai Wan, Hong Kong Phone: (852) 2974 1234	Approximately 120 USD/night	https://www.shangri- la.com/en/hotels/jen/hongkong/westerndistrict
One-Eight-One Hotel	Address: 181 Connaught Rd W, Sai Wan, Hong Kong Phone: (852) 3181 1688	Approximately 160 USD/night	https://www.one-eight-one.com/
Best Western Plus Hotel	Address: 308 Des Voeux Rd W, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong Phone: (852) 3410 3333	Approximately 75 USD/night	https://www.bestwesternplushotelhongkong.com/en/index.html
Courtyard by Marriott Hotel	Address: Connaught Rd W, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong Phone: (852) 3717 8888	Approximately 160 USD/night	https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/hkgcy-courtyard-hong- kong/overview/

Transportation in Hong Kong

• Transportation from Hong Kong International Airport:

- Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel from the airport to their hotel.
- Taxis are usually available at the airport or you may book a taxi/transfer service ahead of time.
- Better to have some cash on hand (at least HKD400-500), in case some HK taxis do not accept credit cards.
- Hotel pickup services may be available and should be arranged with the hotels directly.
- Airport express and Island line (transfer at Hong Kong station) are available and the destination is HKU station.

• Within the city:

The hotel suggestions above are within walking distance of the forum venue. For other travel in the city, taxis, metro, and buses are available.

• Taxi:

It is convenient for all participants to use the Uber to hail a cab. Cab fare starts from HK\$21 and HK\$ 5.5 per km travelled.

• Metro:

It's generally advised to utilize services like metro when navigating within the city. This mode of transportation is not only efficient but also convenient and environmentally friendly.









General Information in Hong Kong

- **Time zone:** Time zone in Hong Kong Standard Time (GMT+8)
- Electricity: 220V / 50Hz



- **Drinking water:** For sustainable purpose, we do not provide bottled water in the venue. We kindly suggest all guests to bring their own bottles.
- Currency: Most local services (restaurants, hotels, bars, etc.) accept international credit cards. For your convenience, please keep some cash for taxis and purchases at small vendors. It is also recommended to exchange at the airport.
- Exchange rate: 1 HKD to 0.12 USD (approximately)
- **Visa information:** Visa information for visitors to Hong Kong are available <u>here</u>. *If you are requesting an assistance for visa application, please don't hesitate to contact < Miss. Ninghui Zhang> zhangnh@ifs.net.cn*
- **Tipping:** Tipping is not a common practice in Hong Kong.
- **Dress Code:** Suit with tie would be preferable.
- **Medical emergencies:** The forum organizers and the hotel will not be responsible for any incident such as death, sickness, injury, or any other liabilities suffered during the participants travel to and from their home country, in Hong Kong and during the event. Participants are therefore encouraged to purchase their own travel insurance.
- **Emergency number:** 999 for emergency services (police, fire, ambulance)
- **Cellphone:** If you do not wish to activate your roaming, telephone operators are available at the airport for purchase of a Hong Kong Sim Card. The international dial code for Hong Kong is "+852".
- Weather Forecast: Hong Kong (June 24-25th, 2024)









The temperatures in Hong Kong during June are extremely high, between 27°C and hot as 31°C, drinking water regularly is advisable. Hong Kong should expect an average of 15 to 22 days of rain, so be sure to bring along a



waterproof jacket to stay dry this month.

Hospital for emergency

Quen Mary Hospital:

Address: Queen Mary Hospital, Queen Mary Hospital Main Block, Pok Fu Lam Rd, Pok Fu Lam, Hong Kong

Hours:24hrs

Tel: +852 2255 3838

Website: https://www8.ha.org.hk/qmh/

Trip Advisor in Hong Kong

Participants can find more information about visiting Hong Kong at the following website:

- https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g294217-Activities-Hong Kong.html
- https://www.lonelyplanet.com/china/hong-kong
- https://www.cntraveler.com/destinations/hong-kong

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^{*}End of document unless you are successfully registered to join site visit to Huzhou, China









Site Visit to Huzhou, China, June 26th-28th

Agenda

Transit to Huzhou from HK

Time: 11:36 - 18:35 pm, June 26th

High speed train: G100

CASI Huzhou Capacity-building Event

Date: June 27th

Location: Huzhou Dongwu New Century Grand Hotel

Site Visit to sustainable project

Date: June 28th

Handbook for visit will be distributed later

Venue & Hotel in Huzhou

- For convenience reason, unless you have other arrangement, all visitors are expected to stay at Huzhou Dongwu New Century Grand Hotel where the conference venue located as well.
- Location: Huzhou Dongwu New Century Grand Hotel
- Address: No.555, Laodong Road, Wuxing, Huzhou, Zhejiang China
- **Phone:** +86 020-86007566
- Website: http://www.dongwunewcentury.cn

Transportation in Huzhou

Transportation from HK to Huzhou

All participants are expected to take a high-speed train from **West Kowloon Station in Hong Kong** to **Hangzhou East Station** in China, for approximately 7 hours on the way. Meals will be provided along the trip.

Upon arrival, there will be shuttle bus service ready to pick everyone up directly from the station to Huzhou. This shuttle service will then transport all attendees to our designated hotel which is not only your accommodation for this event but also the conference venue.









Map



• Within the city

It is recommended to use an app called **DiDi** or **Gaode Map** for cab-hailing. Hailing taxis passing by on the street is another option.

General Information in Huzhou

• **Time zone:** China Standard Time (GMT+8)



- Electricity: 220V / 50Hz
- **Drinking water:** It is not recommended to drink water directly from the tap.
- **Currency:** Most local services (restaurants, hotels, bars, etc.) accept international credit cards. For your convenience, please keep some cash for taxis and purchases at small vendors. It is also recommended to exchange at the airport.
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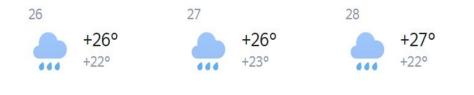








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- **Emergency number:** 110 for emergency.
- **Cellphone:** Please make sure you have opened your roaming service on cellphone within mainland China. The venue, hotel and railway station are all Wifi covered. The international dial code for China is "+86".
- Weather Forecast: Huzhou (June 26-28th, 2024)



Hospital for emergency

Huzhou Central Hospital:

Address: 198 Hongqi Rd, Wuxing District, Huzhou, Zhejiang, China, 313000

Hours: 24hrs

Tel: +86 572 202 3301

Payment for Transport& Accommodation in Huzhou

- For transportation: All visitors to Huzhou will need to register for train tickets on registration page. The price for a second-class seat is approximately *HK\$1000*. Please note that a service charge of *HK\$100* will be applied according to the travel agency. Passport cover page is a must for ticket booking.
- For accommodation: Accommodation expenses shall be paid by visitors themselves and the preferential price is 490RMB/Night for queen-size bed. Passport cover page, immigration stamp page and visa page information are needed according to the hotel. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Departure from Huzhou

- **Airport:** The nearest international airport to the event venue is **Shanghai Pudong International Airport**, located at 18 Xinjinqiao Road, Pudong, Shanghai.
- Shuttle Bus: Shuttle service will be offered at three time slots: 18:30 on 28th June, 08:00 on 29th June, and 13:00 on 29th June. Please note that these times are the departure times of the shuttle bus. We will disseminate the shuttle service registration via email once you successfully registered for Huzhou trip.









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