

# Information Note

# Meeting of the Communities of Ocean Action From Commitments to Action: Implementing SDG14

https://oceanconference.un.org/incheonCOAs2019

30 – 31 May 2019 Incheon, Republic of Korea

# Venue

The Meeting will take place at the East Tower of the Grand Hyatt Incheon, Incheon, Republic of Korea. The Hotel has East and West tower and all the meeting related activities will take place at the East Tower (Note breakfast venue is at ground floor of West Tower which can be reached through the bridge on second floor of the East Tower).

Three minutes from Incheon International Airport, Grand Hyatt Incheon is surrounded by local attractions such as the Wangsan and Eurwang-ri beaches. The Incheon International Airport Expressway makes Seoul easily accessible, while the Incheon Bridge offers easy access to the Song-do International Business District and downtown Incheon.



Address: Grand Hyatt Incheon (East Tower) 208 Yeongjonghaeannam-ro, 321 Beon-gil, Jung-gu Incheon, South Korea, 22382

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\*Please see the map <u>here</u>. More information on transportation to the venue is available below.

# Accommodation

<u>Grand Hyatt Incheon</u> is providing rooms at a special rate for the meeting participants at the East Tower. The special room rate of bed and breakfast is *KRW 165,000* (inclusive of VAT) per night.

This special rate can only be applied through the online reservation link <u>below</u>: <u>https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/south-korea/grand-hyatt-incheon/inche?corp\_id=G-</u>UNNS

Any enquiries regarding room reservations should be addressed <u>directly</u> to the hotel. (Note the hotel will enquire credit card information for guarantee at check-in: @US\$100 per night. Please have cash ready for those who do not have credit cards).

Dining:



Grand Hyatt Incheon offers five unique drinking and dining options <u>click here</u>. The shopping malls (Emart and Fun City) next to Grand Hyatt Incheon also have food courts. Ask hotel concierge for further information.

# **Transportation**

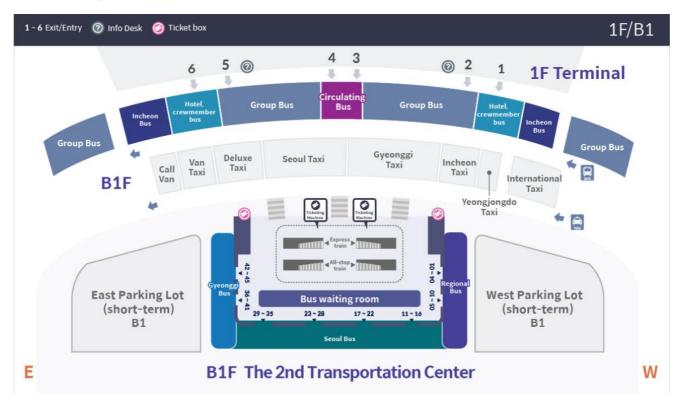
## From Incheon International Airport to Grand Hyatt Incheon

Note that UNOSD is <u>**not**</u> providing transfer from and to <u>Incheon International Airport</u>. Transfer is easy and straightforward:

- ► **By taxi**: about KRW 4,000 (≈ USD \$4), 5 min. travel time \*Show the above Korean address to the driver.
  - Incheon International Airport Terminal 1:
    Between Gates 4 and 5, Desk No. 23 on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (Arrival Level)
  - Incheon International Airport **Terminal 2**: The International Taxi counter on the right side of the Gate A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (Arrival Level)
- By shuttle bus: Grand Hyatt Incheon Shuttle Bus, free of charge, 5 min. travel time Departure Point:
  - Incheon International Airport Terminal 1: Gate No. 3C on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (Arrival Level) Every 30 min. between 5.30 AM and 10 PM



Incheon International Airport Terminal 2:
 Gate No. 2A on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (Arrival Level)
 Every 30 min. between 5.30 AM and 10 PM



Arrival Point: Grand Hyatt Incheon (그랜드 하얏트 인천)

# **From Seoul Station**

► **By taxi**: about KRW 53,000 (≈ USD \$53), around 1 hour travel time \*Show the above Korean address to the driver.

► **By Subway**: about KRW 4,150 (≈ USD \$4), around 1.5 hour travel time \**Please see the Seoul Metro Map <u>here</u>.* 

- Take the Airport Line from Seoul Station to Incheon International Airport
- Get off at Incheon International Airport Terminal 1 metro stop
- Go to the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of Terminal 1 (Arrival Level)
- Take the free shuttle bus to Grand Hyatt Incheon (see description above)

# Arrival Point: Grand Hyatt Incheon (그랜드 하얏트 인천)

# **Tourism Information**

Please find further information on tourist attractions, restaurants, shopping and more on the following websites:

- Korea Tourism Organization
- Incheon Tourism Organization
- Incheon iTour



# **Visa Requirements**

Obtaining a visa is the responsibility of each participant. Please check the visa requirements for your nationality <u>here</u>.

Visa support letters can be issued by UNOSD upon request. In such case, please contact <u>sangjun.jung@un.org</u> as soon as possible.

# Health Travel Insurance

All participants are strongly encouraged to buy health travel insurance before travelling. Emergency and hospital claims will <u>not</u> be covered by UNOSD or the public Korean health system if any emergency situations occur. Please contact your usual insurance provider or travel agency.

# **Local Information**

#### Language

The official language of the event and all documentation will be in English.

However, English is not an official language in Korea. Therefore, while airport and hotel employees may be conversational in English, taxi drivers and workers at smaller stores and restaurants may not (with the exception of downtown Seoul tourist areas).

### **Time Zone**

Korean Standard Time is nine hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC+9). South Korea does not observe DST.

#### Currency

South Korea's official monetary unit is Won (KRW or #). 1 USD is about KRW 1,180, with normal market fluctuations (as of April 30, 2019).

\*A list of available currency exchange locations of Incheon International Ariport are <u>here</u>. Please select Terminal 1 or 2 and search for "currency exchange" in Airport Facilities Search box.

#### **Cash Advance Service**

You can withdraw cash from the ATMs, for a reasonable fee. If you are using a foreign bank card, you should look for an ATM that says "Global ATM".

Click on 'Foreign card' or 'English' (often at the bottom right-hand side of the screen) and insert your card to proceed.





#### **Debit and Credit Cards**

American Express, Diners Club, Master Card, and Visa are widely accepted at stores and restaurants in Korea.

#### How to Purchase Subway Ticket

Single journey tickets can be purchased from vending machines in subway stations (left picture). When using the machines, start by pressing "English" and follow the instructions. Once you select your destination, the total amount will show (transfer fee + deposit).



Once you arrive at your destination station, you can get refunded for your deposit by inserting the ticket (plastic card) into the deposit refund machine (right picture).



If you plan to travel around the city, you can also purchase a transportation card called "T money", which can be used on public buses and subways in several different metropolitan cities and locations throughout Korea. With this card, you don't have to buy a single journey ticket every time and you can enjoy discounts on rides during transfers from bus to subway or vice versa (within a transfer time limit).

T-Money cards can be purchased from most convenience stores (CU, GS25, Familymart).

#### Weather

Korea has four distinct seasons. Spring is very pleasant with mild temperatures. May temperatures in Incheon range between a low of 15°C and a high of 25°C. \*Please find more information about weather in Korea here.

#### Internet

Wi-Fi internet access will be available throughout the meeting. Free Wi-Fi is also common in many cafés and airports.

#### Electricity

The standard voltage in Korea is 220 volts. The outlet is 220V/ 60 Hz on following outlets:



#### **Meeting Contacts**

For further administrative information about the meeting in Incheon, please contact:

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