

# **International Seminar on the Use of Big Data for Official Statistics**

## **Information Note**

*United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)  
National Bureau of Statistics of China (NBS)*

16-18 October 2019 Hangzhou, China

### **I. Introduction**

This information note is to assist you in the preparation for your trip to Hangzhou, China to participate in the International Seminar on the Use of Big Data for Official Statistics, which will be held from 16 to 18 October 2019.

The Seminar is organized jointly by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the National Bureau of Statistics of China (NBS).

### **II. Working Language**

The working language of the Seminar will be English.

### **III. Visa**

Participants from most countries are required to apply for visa to enter China. For detailed visa policies, please consult your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country.

When you fill out the attached registration form, please indicate if you need the official invitation letter from the NBS as one of the additional supporting documentation for the purpose of visa application.

Upon receipt of the registration form, NBS will provide the letter to those who need it.

#### IV. Meeting and Accommodation



The participants are recommended to stay at The Dragon Hotel, Hangzhou, which is also the venue of the Seminar.

The Dragon Hotel Hangzhou is on the doorstep of the stunning Baoshi (Jewel) Mountain, close to the historic and picturesque West Lake, with 30km away from the Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport.

As one of the Best Business Hotels by the Golden Pillow in 2010, The Dragon Hotel is the best choice for visitors from China and around the world. The hotel cooperates with IBM to constantly seek out new technologies and breakthroughs to design entire system, providing marvelous intelligent hotel solutions. Guests can enjoy various international delicacies in cozy places such as D’Cafe self-service restaurant, Grand Dragon Chinese Restaurant, Cantina wine cellar, D’Baker, Laurel Lobby Lounge, Executive lounge and Cigar Bar, all of which will bring you memorable experiences.

Please be noted that group reservations have been made at preferential rates with The Dragon Hotel for different room types.

<b>Room Type</b>	<b>Room Rate</b>
Superior room with king-size bed	RMB 900
Deluxe room with King-size bed	RMB 1,100

All rates are inclusive of 15% service charge, including one breakfast and non-commissionable. Extra breakfast charges RMB100/person.

Room reservation can be made by participants through the hotel’s online reservation system.

Step 1: Access the hotel reservation page at <http://www.dragon-hotel.com/EN>.

Step 2: Type in the arrival and departure date. Corporate/Promotion Code: NBS.

Step 3: Check room availability and make reservation.

The participants are also recommended to mark their preferred room type in the Registration Form in case encountered problems in online reservation. NBS staff will assist you with room reservation at The Dragon Hotel on request.

## **V. Registration**

Registration for the Seminar will start at 10:00 on 15 October 2019 at the registration desk in the lobby of The Dragon Hotel. Participants are requested to register and obtain meeting badges at the registration.

Participants not register on 15 October are requested to register and get the meeting badges at the entrance of the Diamond Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Hotel from 08:15 to 08:50 in the morning of 16 October 2019.

## **VI. Points of Contact**

For returning registration form and getting official invitation letter for visa application, please kindly contact the following NBS officers:

Mr. Li Yichen      Email: liycstats@foxmail.com

Ms. Zhang Liyun      Email: zhangliyunstatsgov@163.com

## **VII. Local Information**

### **A. Transportation from Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport to The Dragon Hotel**

- By shuttle bus. Participants could take Airport Shuttle bus from the Airport to The Dragon Hotel, Hangzhou. Departure time from airport: 09:40/11:00/14:00/15:30/18:20/19:40
- By taxi. Estimated cost of taxi fare from the Airport to The Dragon Hotel, Hangzhou is around RMB 120 (about 30 kilometers).

### **B. Transportation from Hangzhou East Railway Station to The Dragon Hotel**

- By subway. Participants could take Line 1 from the East Railway Station to Wulin Square, then take bus at line 28, and The Dragon Hotel is close to the bus stop “Song Mu Chang”
- By taxi. Estimated cost of taxi fare from the East Railway Station to The Dragon Hotel, Hangzhou is around RMB 35 (about 10 kilometers).

For more information about traffic at Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, please visit: <http://www.hzairport.com/en/zbjt.aspx>.

For more information about Hangzhou's subway system, please visit: <https://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/zhejiang/hangzhou/subway/map.htm>.

### **C. Currency Exchange**

Exchange rate as of 11 September 2019: 1 USD = 710.44 RMB (Bank of China).

For service information of currency exchange at Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, please visit: [http://www.hzairport.com/en/fbss\\_wbdh.aspx](http://www.hzairport.com/en/fbss_wbdh.aspx).

### **D. Weather in Hangzhou**

In mid-October, on average, temperature reaches 25 °C during the day, and at night drops to 15°C.

**E. For convenience, participants are recommended to show the Hotel's address in Chinese to your taxi driver:**

Please drive me to **The Dragon Hotel**.

Address: No.120 Shuguang Road, Xihu District, Hangzhou China.

Tel: (86-571) 8799 8833.

请把我送到杭州黄龙饭店

地址：杭州市西湖区曙光路 120 号

电话：8799 8833