

Logistical information for the 2011 GEOTRACES SSC Meeting

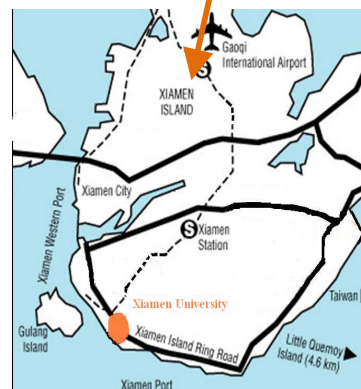
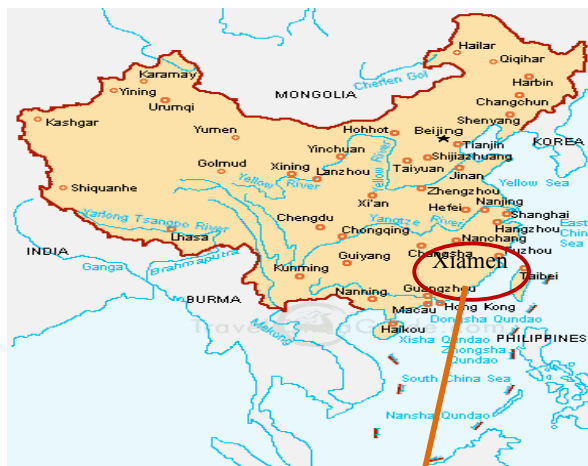
Meeting Venue

The meeting will take place at the State Key Laboratory of Marine Environmental Science, the **Zeng Cheng Kui Building (Ocean Building)** off the campus of Xiamen University.

Xiamen University is a 90-year-old university located in the picturesque setting between the sea and a scenic mountain, with the campus over 150 hectares and all buildings and facilities within walking distance.

Xiamen Island is located on the southeast coastland of China, which is well known as the “Garden on the Sea” with its unique culture and beautiful scenery, excellent weather all year round.

Xiamen is a port city and a transportation hub, easily accessible by air, sea or land. The Gaoqi International Airport is on the north-eastern tip of the island, 25 km away from Xiamen University.



Accommodation

Local accommodation will be covered by the State Key Lab of Marine Environmental Science, Xiamen University. Rooms are reserved at the Yifu Hotel on the campus of Xiamen University for the meeting participants from September 5th to 10th, 2011. Breakfast is included and internet is served for free. The hotel is enjoying nice lake view and is within 10 minutes walking distance to the meeting venue.

Please, let us know your arrival and departure *day and time* so that we can confirm the hotel rooms. Please send the information to the GEOTRACES IPO (ipo@geotraces.org) no later than 15 July 2011.



Zeng Cheng Kui Building



Jiannan Building



Yanwu Bridge

Air Travel

Please contact Ed Urban (ed.urban@scor-int.org) for approval of your air travel plans and airfares.

Members traveling from or through U.S. airports must use U.S. air carriers.

The Xiamen's largest event, the China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) will be held around the 8 September, so the flights may be very busy. For this reason, we strongly recommend you to book the flight at your earliest convenience.

Visa Application

Visitors to China, without exception, must have a passport valid for at least six months AND most nationalities need an entry visa.

Early application is highly recommended. In some countries, the visa approval process is rather complicated, and can take up to three months.

Participants should apply for visas from their nearest Embassy or Consulate of the People's Republic of China, prior to departure for China.

List of Chinese Embassies or Consulates: <http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/wjb/zwjg/default.htm>

Letter of invitation

A formal letter of invitation is a likely prerequisite for visa application. The GEOTRACES IPO will provide a letter of invitation issued by the Xiamen University for those SSC members and accompanying persons who require it. It takes about 2 weeks to obtain a letter from Xiamen University. **We strongly recommend you to give us complete visa application information* at your earliest convenience and no later than 24 June 2011.**

*The information includes:

- *your name on passport,*
- *passport number,*
- *nationality,*
- *issue place and date of the passport,*
- *date and place of birth,*
- *title and gender,*
- *the intended date of entry and stay period,*
- *the nearest Chinese consulate to your resident, and*
- *your brief CV*

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