



**Regional Workshop on:**  
**Increasing Market Access and Facilitating Trade in GMS Agrifood Products**  
**Pingxiang, Guangxi, People's Republic of China**  
**26-27 March 2018**

## INFORMATION NOTE

### **Meeting Venue**

**Pingxiang Jinhua International Hotel**  
No.18 Jinxiang Road, Pingxiang City, Guangxi;  
Tel: +86-771-8568888

### **Hotel Accommodation**

A king-bed room is reserved for ADB-sponsored participants at Pingxiang Jinhua International Hotel. Please note that ADB will only pay for the room accommodation per agreed period with individual participants. Incidental charges (e.g. local and long-distance telephone calls, business centre use, laundry, mini-bar items, restaurant and bar services, etc.) and extra nights will be charged to the guest's personal account.

The hotel can only accept payment in RMB cash or by credit card. Internet is free in the room. Password is 8888 8888. Early check-in and late check-out will be communicated to the hotel upon request and is subject to room availability.

### **Travel Arrangements and Claims for ADB-funded Participants**

The WGA Secretariat will arrange reservation/purchase of the most direct, economy class round-trip air ticket from your country of origin to Nanning, Guangxi, People's Republic of China. **Once air tickets are issued, participants will cover the costs associated with changes in flight schedules or cancellations.**

ADB-funded participants must provide copies of their **passport page and boarding pass(es) to Ms. Juraporn Sinlapharojanapanich (Oui)** during the event in order to claim your daily subsistence allowance and miscellaneous travel expense (for international flights).

Any subsequent changes in the flight schedule and itinerary should be communicated to the WGA Secretariat as soon as possible. Kindly contact:

**Ms. Juraporn Sinlapharojanapanich**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**Email:** Juraporn.s@gms-casp.org

### **Airport-Hotel Transfers**

Pingxiang Jinhua International Hotel is about 2 hours by car from Nanning Wuxu International Airport. The WGA Secretariat will arrange airport transfer for your convenience. Kindly note that due to travel distance and flight availability, participants may have to wait for other groups of participants at the airport and travel together to the hotel.

### **Currency Exchange Rate**

One dollar is approximately equivalent to 6.30 CNY. Please exchange sufficient Yuan to cover your meals on the day of arrival and 1<sup>st</sup> day of the meeting.

Most of the internationally recognized currencies and travelers' checks may be exchanged easily at commercial banks and at the international airports in China. The business hours of banks is from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. Some branches may be open in the weekend. Passports are required when cashing travelers' check. Refund of unspent RMB into foreign currency can only be done before departure at the banks' business offices at the airport.

Major international credit cards such as American Express, Visa, and Master Card are accepted in most hotels, shops, and department stores. Some of the credit cards can also be used at the ATM machines of the Bank of China.

### **Visa Requirements**

All ordinary passport holders need to apply visa to PRC. Official passport holders from GMS countries are exempted from visa to PRC.

### **Weather**

In Pingxiang, March is considered 'relatively' cool. The highest temperature is around 24°C and lowest temperature is 14°C, warm clothing would be appropriate. The meeting rooms are air-conditioned and the temperature is maintained in the range of 23-25°C.

### **Communications**

For inquiries, clarifications, and/or changes in meeting-related arrangements, you may contact:  
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Asian Development Bank  
23rd Floor, The Offices at Central World  
999/9 Rama 1 Rd., Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330  
Tel. No.: +66 2 207 4422  
Fax: +66 2 207 4400

### **Registration of Participants and Badge Distribution**

The workshop proper will begin after lunch. Participants attending the workshop are required to register and obtain meeting badges. Registration will start from 13.30 -14.00 on 26 March and 08.30-09.00 on 27 March in front of the meeting room. Badges should be worn visibly at all times during meetings and social functions.

### **Electricity**

The voltage in China is 220 volts 50 Hz AC with 2 prongs. Since there are at least three different types of plugs as shown here (two pin, three pin), it is advisable to bring a universal adapter.



### **Local Transportation and Shopping**

Local taxi drivers in Pingxiang normally refuse to use the metre. They request for a payment of 20 yuan for any route downtown, and about 30 yuan to Youyiguan Pass for sightseeing.

Appointment for taxis can be made in the hotel reception.

“请帮我预订一辆出租车去汽车站/友谊关” (Please help call a taxi for me to the bus station/Youyiguan pass)

The main street of Pingxiang is about 300 metres to the west of the hotel. You can find eateries, banks, farm product markets and supermarkets on the street.

### **Hotel map**

