16th International Geography Olympiad

Hong Kong

31 July - 5 August 2019

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. Welcome to Hong Kong iGeo-2019

We are looking forward to hosting iGeo-2019 participants in Hong Kong, one of the most fascinating cities in the world. Hong Kong is a melting pot of eastern and western cultures and histories, where you could also find amazing natural landscape in just a short distance away from the city. With the well-planned transportation, you could experience Hong Kong in different dimensions.

The climate in Hong Kong can provide a wide range of habitats to support a rich variety of species. We can also find unique landscape over Hong Kong. It is definitely an ideal place for geographers to enjoy and appreciate.

The Olympiad is held under the auspices of the International Geographical Union (IGU) and organised by the IGU Olympiad Task Force. The Local Organiser of the 16th International Geography Olympiad is the Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK), supported by the Hong Kong Geographical Association as a co-organiser.

2. Venue Information

The venue of the 16th International Geography Olympiad is the Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) located in Tai Po of the New Territories. EdUHK is the youngest public-funded university in Hong Kong dedicated to the advancement of teaching and learning, through a diverse offering of academic and research programmes on teacher education and complementary social sciences and humanities disciplines.

Accommodations, meals, and exam venues for iGeo participants will all be within walking distance on campus. The campus has all basic services, including a bank, ATM, convenience store, catering services, coffee shop, a post box and laundry facilities in hostel. There are public transport routes connecting to a large shopping mall and restaurants in Tai Po.

The opening ceremony will take place in the morning of 31 July at EdUHK, and the closing ceremony and prize presentation will also be held at EdUHK, in the afternoon of 5th August.
3. General information on iGeo

The International Geography Olympiad (iGeo) is an annual competition for the best 16 to 19 year old geography students from all over the world. Students chosen to represent their countries are the very best, chosen from thousands of students who participate enthusiastically in their own National Geography Olympiads. The iGeo consists of three parts: a written test, a multimedia test and a substantial fieldwork exercise requiring observation, leading to cartographic representation and geographical analysis. The programme also includes poster presentations by teams, cultural exchanges, and time for students to get to know their fellow students and explore Hong Kong and the surroundings.

The aims of the Olympiad are to:

- stimulate active interest in geographical and environmental studies among young people;
- contribute positively to debate about the importance of geography as a senior secondary school subject by drawing attention to the quality of geographical knowledge, skills and interests among young people;
- facilitate social contacts between young people from different countries and in doing so, contribute to the understanding between nations.

The International Geography Olympiad began in 1996, and continued biannually until 2012. After that point, it became an annual event, with a significant increase in numbers of teams competing. The iGeo-2019 in Hong Kong is the 16th event. In 2018 the Olympiad took place in Québec, Canada. The next iGeo in 2020 will be hosted in Istanbul, Turkey.
4. iGeo-2019 organiser

4.1 Contact information

Local Organising Committee, iGeo-2019
Website: https://www.eduhk.hk/igeo2019/
Please check the website frequently for updates of information and the program
Email: igeo2019@eduhk.hk
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/iGeo2019
Twitter: https://twitter.com/iGeo2019
Padlet (for instant updates / reminders during iGeo period):
https://padlet.com/igeo2019
(A notice board will also set up on campus to display updates / reminders)

4.2 Task Force 2019

Co-chair: Mrs Susan Lomas OBE, DL (United Kingdom)
Co-chair: Dr. Su-Min Shen (China-Taipei)
Steering committee member: Dr. Alexey Naumov (Russia)
Steering committee member: Mr. Tomasz Sawicki (Poland)
Steering committee member: Dr. Dubravka Spevec (Croatia)
Steering committee member: Ms. Li Ling Tan (Singapore)
Current local organiser: Dr. Alice S.Y. Chow (Hong Kong, 2019)
Past local organiser: Prof. Lynn Moorman (Canada, 2018)
Future local organiser: Prof. Dr. Barbaros Gönençgil (Turkey, 2020)

4.3 Local Organising Committee

Co-Chair:
Prof. LEE Chi-kin John, JP (Vice President (Academic), UNESCO Chair in Regional Education Development and Lifelong Learning)
Dr. CHOW Sin Yin Alice (Department of Social Sciences, Assistant Professor)

Committee Member:
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Dr. CHENG Nga Yee Irene (Department of Science and Environmental Studies, Assistant Professor; Chairperson, Hong Kong Geographical Association)
Dr. Lincoln FOK (Department of Science and Environmental Studies, Associate Professor)
Dr. PEI Qing (Department of Social Sciences, Assistant Professor)
Dr. WONG Kwan Lam Gwendolyn (Department of Social Sciences, Lecturer)
Mr. LEUNG Wing Kin Tony (Hong Kong Geographical Association; PLK Laws Foundation College)

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Dr. FOK Lincoln
Mr. LEUNG Wing Kin Tony
Mr. YEUNG Kam Chuen Anthony (Caritas Chan Chun Ha Field Studies Center; Hong Kong Geographical Association)
Mr. YEUNG Pui Ki Victor (Hong Kong Geographical Association)

Event Secretariat:
Miss. HUNG Pui Lam Kuma
Miss. LO Kai Lai Kelly
Mr. WOO Ka Chung Kolo

4.4 iGeo-2019 supporters
The Local Organising Committee is grateful to all supporters, without whom this event could not take place. We extend our sincere gratitude to the following institutions which have declared their support to iGeo-2019:

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Education Bureau
The Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong
Support on excursions in Hong Kong
UNESCO Global Geopark

Caritas Chan Chun Ha Field Studies Centre
https://caritasfsc.edu.hk/en/

Bauhaus
https://www.bauhaus.com.hk/
Sponsor

The Organiser also likes to extend sincere thanks to the following organisations (in alphabetical order):

- Cyberport (https://www.cyberport.hk)
- Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (http://www.lsgi.polyu.edu.hk)
- Smart City Consortium (https://smartcity.org.hk)
5. iGeo 2019 participants

5.1 Students

Each participating country, as defined by IGU Statute II A, can send a team of four students.

They must be students of secondary schools (general or technical), or ex-students who finished school in the year of the Olympiad and have not yet commenced regular education at university level.

- Their ages must be between 16 and 19 years old (inclusive) on 30 June of the year that the Olympiad takes place.

- Students must be able to answer test questions in the official language of the Olympiad (English). Non-native English speakers get extra facilities such as the use of a language dictionary, and extra time for long written tests.

- Students must be selected through a national geography competition. Students selected through this national competition must be enrolled in the school system of the country they represent. They do not necessarily have to be citizens of that country.

- Students who participate more than once must gain selection each time through their national competition. A student may participate no more than twice.

- Students must answer the test questions independently, except for any collaboration specified as allowed in the Fieldwork Test. Violation of this provision shall result in disqualification of the student from the Olympiad.

5.2 Team leaders and International Board

In addition to the students, two adult team leaders are invited.

- They must be involved in geography teaching or geography in education in their country.

- Each of them must be able to speak and write the official language of the Olympiad (English) and one of them must be able to mark students' test papers in English.

- One leader has membership of the International Board. S/he shall maintain absolute security about the contents of any test until after that particular test has
taken place. S/he is eligible to participate on one of the jury panels, vote on the Statutes, review marking guidelines, translate geographic terms, etc.

- The other leader is the person responsible for the students. S/he may also assist in supervision of the tests and other activities related to the Olympiad.

- Both of them have equal rights at the event evaluation meeting of team leaders, which takes place at the end of the Olympiad.

The International Board consists of one adult representative of each country participating in the present or last Olympiad. The chair of the Task Force chairs the meetings of the International Board. Decisions of the International Board are passed by a majority vote. The chair has a casting vote. Members of the Task Force have the right to attend meetings of the International Board but, apart from the chair’s casting vote, only have a vote if they are a country’s representative. The decisions of the International Board are final. The International Board has the following responsibilities:

- help the Task Force and local organiser to conduct the Olympiad according to the Statutes;
- maintain and preserve confidentiality concerning the assignments and tasks and offer no assistance to any participants;
- mark the students' test assignments, this task to be carried out by subsets of the International Board acting as juries;
- ensure correct and just classification of the prize winners;
- summarize the results of the Olympiad;
- select the country to organise the next Olympiad.

5.3 Observers

The organisers of the next Olympiads may each send an observer. A country planning to participate in the next Olympiad for the first time may send an observer. Observers may be present at meetings of the International Board, but may not vote. Requests to send observers must be made through the Task Force and approved before registering.
6. iGeo Activities

6.1 Tests

For information on the tests, what skills are needed, and where to find past questions, please visit:

A student’s final score is calculated by allocating 40% for the written response test score, 40% for the fieldwork score and 20% for the multimedia quiz score.

For the written response test, students are required to have stationery items such as a pen, lead pencil, coloured pencils, eraser and ruler, as well as a calculator and a language dictionary if needed. The language dictionary (to and from the student’s native language and English) must be a paper book and not electronic. The calculator must be a simple calculator. Phones, tablets and other multifunction electronic devices are strictly prohibited during all tests at iGeo. It is important to bring all materials for tests in your hand luggage as tests will not be rescheduled due to luggage loss.

Writing and drawing materials are also required for the fieldwork test. This includes items such as coloured pencils, a ruler and thick felt-tip pens or markers in several colours.

Students cannot communicate amongst themselves during the tests. Any attempt to violate this rule will result in the disqualification of the participant.

Members of the International Board shall not reveal any information about the contents of any test before it is conducted.

This year, the tests are arranged on 31 July, 1 August and 3 August. Please note the schedule is subject to changes due to adverse weather conditions.

6.2 Poster presentation

This year, the theme of poster presentation is “Smart Cities and Sustainability”. Specifically, student teams are invited to prepare a poster on the following principal theme:

An urban vision that embraces new technologies and innovative ideas to promote economic prosperity, ecological integrity and social equity, for the well-being of its citizens.
Posters must be created digitally, using PowerPoint, or other graphic design software. Please note that the organiser only accepts high-resolution PDF file for printing. We will print the posters for all teams and have them available at the beginning of the iGeo.

- Poster dimensions are 762 mm (W) x 1016 mm (H) (30" wide by 40" high / Quad Crown), portrait view only
- Ensure that posters have 1.5 cm (1/2") bleeding area when submitting for printing
- Suggested resolution for printing is 350 dpi or above
- Suggested colour tone for printing is CMYK
- Posters must be submitted in the Portable Document Format (.pdf)

Please note that the deadline for submission is Tuesday, 9 July 2019.

Posters have to be prepared and presented by the students taking part in the iGeo. Using a poster prepared by someone else is unacceptable.

The poster presentation is not counted as part of a student’s final score in the iGeo. However, outstanding poster awards will be given to the team whose poster is voted the best.

6.3 HongKongese Cultural Events

This year the participants will be immersed in learning about their host country’s culture, similar to the design of iGeo held in Canada last year. The students will spend the afternoon of 3 August (Saturday) in activities geared to help them learn local culture and customs, including history, music, food and more!

After the local cultural experience, students will be given some preparation time to prepare their performance in the evening, showing participants how much they understand the local culture they learnt. Several teams of students from different countries will be grouped together to perform on stage. Students are encouraged to use their creativity and talents to make the cultural night fun and enjoyable for everyone! Our Student Affairs Office and iGeo Ambassadors will assist student groups to prepare the cultural night.

Participants are welcome to bring and wear clothing and small souvenirs that reflects their culture and may have other opportunities to share their cultural traditions during the iGeo period. However, no specific time on stage for each individual team (we have 45 teams in total) will be arranged in the official programme.
6.4 Missing Map - Mapathon

The Missing Map - Mapathon will be one of the activities in iGeo-2019, co-organised with Médecins Sans Frontières Hong Kong (MSF / Doctors Without Borders). A Mapathon is an amazing opportunity for volunteers to digitally connect and map the most vulnerable places in the developing world so that locals and international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) can use these maps and data to better respond to crises affecting these areas.

You will work in partnership with other iGeo team students and Hong Kong students, to produce digital maps using the OpenStreetMap platform.

The Local Organising Committee likes to request each iGeo student to bring their own laptop (notebook computer) and a mouse to Hong Kong for the Mapathon, as far as possible. Free WiFi internet access will be provided by EdUHK. The LoC does not have the resources to offer a laptop for each Mapathon participant. BYOD (Bring your own device) will help the meaningful Mapathon event fruitful and enjoyable. MSF Hong Kong reminds us that tablet or mobile phone cannot perform the required map digitisation tasks on OpenStreetMap. Thank you for your cooperation!
6.5 Programme outline (Student programme)

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<td>Opening Ceremony</td>
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<td>Poster Presentation</td>
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<td>Day 5 3rd August</td>
<td>Multimedia Test and</td>
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Please refer to the iGeo-2019 programme booklet for the detailed rundown and venue. It will be distributed on the day of arrival (30 July).

Team Leaders / International Board members will attend meetings and assessment/marking sessions not shown in the above table. Details will be provided in the programme booklet.
7. Requirements for participation in Hong Kong

7.1 Registration and insurance

Registration links were provided to primary team contacts. If you still require assistance with your registration or payment, please contact igeo2019@eduhk.hk.

Medical and travel insurance must be purchased to cover yourself, your team members and leaders, for the period of their stay in Hong Kong and Post-iGeo excursion. Team leaders are responsible for ensuring all insurance requirements are met and that they carry the policy numbers and contact numbers during the iGeo. The Organiser will not cover medical and travel insurance of individual iGeo participant.

7.2 Visa to enter Hong Kong

All visitors to Hong Kong must have a valid passport that is valid well past their expected departure date. A visa may be required. You may request a personalized letter of invitation for your visa application. You are advised to check with the respective Consulate(s) and/or Embassy(ies) for obtaining required visa, including any transit visa, as soon as possible. For more information, please visit the website of Immigration Department of HKSAR at https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html.
8. Information for your stay

8.1 Climate of Hong Kong

Hong Kong’s climate is sub-tropical. August is hot and humid with occasional showers and thunderstorms, particularly during the mornings. Afternoon temperatures often exceed 31°C whereas at night, temperatures generally remain around 26°C with high humidity.

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July to September are the months during which Hong Kong is most likely to be affected by tropical cyclones, although gales are not unusual at any time between May and November. You could find out more about Hong Kong’s Tropical Cyclone Warning Signals and Rainstorm Warning Signal here (https://www.hko.gov.hk/wservice/warning/details.htm).

iGeo activities may be affected by rain or adverse weather. You are advised to bring a poncho / umbrella for your trip to Hong Kong. Poncho may be better especially during fieldwork and excursions.

Local weather forecast: https://www.hko.gov.hk/wxinfo/currwx/fnd.htm

Almost all indoor places / buildings in Hong Kong are air-conditioned. The difference in temperature between indoors and outdoors may be quite substantial. You are suggested to bring a windbreaker for your trip though it is summer time in Hong Kong.

8.2 What to bring

The following is a guide to what to bring in your carry-on and checked luggage.

**Travel Documents/Requirements**
- Passports and VISA information (if needed), as well as all policy and contact numbers for insurance and emergencies
- Spending money (Hong Kong Dollar) / Credit card(s)
- Medications
- Phone/camera
• A laptop (notebook computer) and a mouse for Mapathon event on 5 August

Supplies
• All of the necessary materials for the test situations including:
  ○ A clipboard (with plastic cover to protect written information if it is raining)
  ○ Pens/pencils
  ○ Erasers
  ○ Correction fluid pen
  ○ Simple dictionaries
  ○ Calculators
    (Please have these in your carry-on as there may not be time to purchase new supplies before the first exam if your luggage is lost)
• Plug adaptor for Type G outlet
(https://www.worldstandards.eu/%20electricity/plugs-and-sockets/)
• A reusable water bottle (highly recommended because the weather is hot and we practice green policies. We will minimize use of plastic bottled water as much as possible)
• Travel coffee mug (if required)
• Hair dryer
• Personal toiletries and towels
• Sunscreen
• Insect repellant (highly recommended for one-day excursion in GeoPark and/or fieldwork. Organic products preferred. Please also pay attention that someone may be allergic to certain substances)

Clothing
• Clothing for Hong Kong summer weather temperatures
• Clothing for cooler temperatures (indoor environment with air-conditioning), windbreaker / jacket.
• Rain gear (rain poncho is highly recommended)
• Study walking shoes, for the field work exercise and excursions
• Shorts and t-shirts for playing casual sports
• Semi-formal clothing or traditional outfit for the opening and closing ceremonies
• Personal sunglasses
• Hat or cap

Participants are expected to wear comfortable shoes and clothes for most occasions, and semi-formal clothes for official ceremonies (a team uniform is fine). One iGeo official T-shirt and a backpack will be given to each individual on the day of arrival. Summer clothes, including shorts and dresses, are proper during these months.
A hat or cap is recommended for days spent outside in the summer sun. During Fieldwork Exercise, students and team leaders also advised to wear walking shoes. No slippers or sandals during Fieldwork and excursions.

The campus and accommodation buildings are a long way to a shopping mall in Tai Po (a bus ride is needed). The shopping mall have all types of stores, including pharmacy/drug store, souvenirs, electronics and clothing. On campus you will also find a convenience store, bank, cafeteria and coffee shops. However, the business hours may be shorter than normal during summer holiday.

Please check your cell phone package for international communication. Wireless Internal access is available at the Education University of Hong Kong, including hostel. Everyone will have free access to the internet (2 hours per session). You may also bring a LAN cable to make sure you will get faster access of internet while you are in the hostel room.

Please check your bank card and credit card capabilities for international use.

8.3 Arrival and departure information

Teams are expected to arrive on 30 July. For team arriving at Hong Kong International Airport on 30 July, the Organiser will be provided transportation to the campus of the Education University of Hong Kong (Address: 10 Lo Ping Road, Tai Po, The New Territories). You must provide us your arrival and departure times through this online form at your earliest convenience (click here for the online form) so we could arrange the transportation. Organisers do not provide transportation from your country or region to and from Hong Kong.

Similarly, free shuttle from our campus to the airport will be arranged, either on 5 August (after the closing ceremony) or on 6 August, depending your flight departure details. As a result, it is very important to share your flight details with the Organiser at your earliest convenience, through the above online form.

Please check Information for Participants Part 2: Arriving at Hong Kong for more information on what you should do when arriving at the airport.

8.4 Accommodation

All iGeo-2019 participants will be staying on the Education University of Hong Kong campus, in hostel rooms as per your registration details.
All rooms will have bedding, pillows, workspace and free wireless internet access. A LAN cable connection is also available. Hair dryer, shower gels, shampoo, towels are not provided due to the hostel setting. Please bring your own supplies to Hong Kong.

Laundry facilities are available in each building and are accessible 24 hours a day, as are lounges and study areas.

Free internet can be accessed by all participants across the campus.

8.5 Catering

There will be three main meals per day provided in the Cove View, our University largest Cafeteria. Dietary restriction should have been identified in your iGeo registration. The Organiser is trying our best to meet your dietary preferences but please understand sometimes food providers cannot offer what we demand.

For the Fieldwork Exercise and excursions, lunch boxes may be provided.

Vending machines for drinks and snacks are available on campus, and convenience store has food for sale near the Cove View.

8.6 Money, banks, tax and tipping

Commonly accepted credit cards include Visa and MasterCard. Credit cards can be used for purchases and also for withdrawing money if the card is shown on the automatic teller machine (ATM). Different banks have different limits on the sum that can be withdrawn each time from the ATM. Please note bank may charge a fee for overseas cash withdrawal through ATM.

The official currency is Hong Kong Dollar. Exchange rate vary; for exact rate please refer to currency convertor sources on the internet. It is quite easy to exchange money in Hong Kong but the rate will vary. We recommend to exchange sufficient amount in your country before leaving. Mostly people will go to banks or currency exchange stores for exchange service. Remember to take your passport, which may need to be presented when converting currency.

Tipping is expected for some services in Hong Kong, The tipping is usually 10% of the actual cost of the service. This includes restaurants, personal care appointments (massage), and the tips might already included in your bill as “service charge”. For other tipping etiquette, you may refer to this article:
8.7 Other useful information

Chinese and English are the official languages of Hong Kong. We write in Chinese and speak in Cantonese. Many locals can speak English and Putonghua / Mandarin.

Hong Kong is in Hong Kong Time (HKT), UTC/GMT + 08:00 hours.

The country code for phone calls is +852, followed by an eight digit phone number, usually start with a number “2”, “9” (most common), “3”, “5” or “6”. Hong Kong had 18.2 million mobile subscribers in a population of about 7.3 million as of 2018, or over two mobile devices per person. If you need a telephone card, you could purchase at the airport or at some convenience stores.

Electricity supply in Hong Kong is 220V, 50Hz, and G style plugs/ adaptors are required. Please bring plug adaptors and voltage converters for your electrical equipment if necessary.

9. Health and safety

9.1 Road safety

In Hong Kong we drive on the right. Please remember this and be careful while crossing streets. Remember that even using pedestrian crossing facilities, you need to pay attention when crossing the roads. Heavy traffic and congestion are common throughout the city and along highways. It is illegal for cyclists to ride on pedestrian pavements in Hong Kong. You may have to be careful when crossing roads, boarding / alighting public transport in the crowded urban areas.

9.2 Hospital

Hong Kong has world-class hospitals. Visitors requiring accident and emergency services can seek treatment in the city’s public hospitals for a fee, and will always be treated even if they cannot pay immediately. For less urgent medical services, you may visit nearby clinics / medical centers. All medical practitioners in Hong Kong can speak English.

9.3 Water

Hong Kong tap water is soft in character and conforms to the World Health Organisation’s recommended guidelines for drinking-water quality. However, locals will not drink tap water directly unless a good quality filter is installed to the tap. It is easy to find a drinking fountain on campus, parks, sport grounds and shopping malls in Hong Kong. You can
drink the water from these fountains and are encouraged to make good use of your refillable water bottle.

9.4 Smoking, alcohol and drug restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places in Hong Kong, including restaurants, bars, malls and karaoke venues. The smoking ban is also implemented on public transport carriers, within public transport facilities, and in both the indoor and outdoor areas of some premises, including public beaches and swimming pools. Our University is a smoke-free campus. Any person smoking or carrying a lighted cigarette, cigar, or pipe in a designated no-smoking area will be liable to a fixed penalty of $1500.

**Drinking and purchasing alcohol is illegal for people under 18. Alcohol is prohibited on campus, hostels and all university premises.**

Using dangerous drugs, or illicitly importing to and exporting from Hong Kong, procuring, supplying, manufacturing, or dealing in or with dangerous drugs, constitutes a criminal offence in Hong Kong. In addition to dangerous drugs, cannabis is illegal and banned in Hong Kong. At present in Hong Kong, no registered pharmaceutical product contains Cannabidiol (CBD).

You are advised to note the differences between laws of Hong Kong and of your home country regarding smoking, alcohol consumption and drugs including cannabis.
9.5 Useful numbers

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

The emergency number for Fire/ Police/ Ambulance in Hong Kong: 999

On campus 24-hour emergency contact (security office): +852-2948 8000

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