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INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Part 2: Arriving at Hong Kong

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1. Welcome to Hong Kong iGeo-2019

Welcome to Hong Kong! This document will guide you as you arrive and get ready for the iGeo events!

Please refer to this document for arrival information, transportation to The Education University of Hong Kong, checking into residences, registration, campus orientation, transportation with the city, language and currency information.

The iGeo venue, The Education University of Hong Kong, is located in Tai Po. Tai Po District is one of the 18 districts of Hong Kong, lies to the northwest of the Tolo Harbour. In terms of population, this district is the second largest in Hong Kong, with around 300,000 inhabitants and is small in size - around 148 square kilometres. It is encircled on three sides by the mountain ranges of Pat Sin Range, Cloudy Hill, Tai Mo Shan and Grassy Hill. The valley areas and basins formed by this network of ridgelines provide opportunities for human settlement. The old market town and fishing centre of Tai Po were originally located on the coastal plains at the confluence of Tai Po River and Lam Tsuen River, and with the indented coastlines to the south and north-east respectively. The dramatic coastal setting and mountain ranges provide not only visual relief and recreation opportunities, but also a unique townscape identity. The new town construction in Tai Po started in the late 1970s. Since then, the district has been expanded with population and urban infrastructure.

For the whole Hong Kong, we generally divide the territory into 3 areas: Hong Kong Island, Kowloon Peninsula and the New Territories. The 3 areas are further divided into 18 districts with different characteristics:

<https://www.gohk.gov.hk/eng/welcome/index.html>

2. Arrival in Hong Kong and transportation to EdUHK

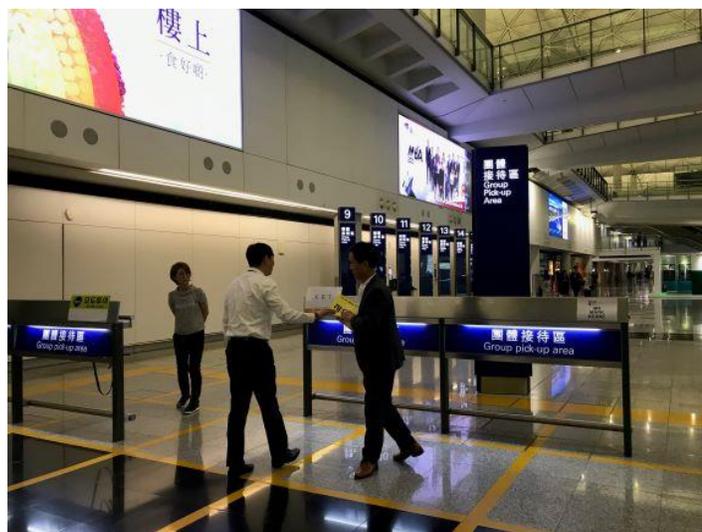
2.1 Arriving at Hong Kong International Airport on 30 July

If you arrive at Hong Kong International Airport on 30 July, the organiser will provide free shuttle for you to travel to our campus (The Education University of Hong Kong, Tai Po).

On 30 July, after getting your luggage and passing through the custom, please look for the iGeo signage at the **Group Pick-up Area at Arrival Hall A or Arrivals Hall B**. You should be able to meet our volunteers wearing iGeo T-shirts there. The volunteers will give you updated information about the free shuttle to our campus.



Arrivals Hall



Group Pick-up Area at arrivals hall A or B

You are suggested to buy an Octopus Card (a value-added smart card for travel throughout Hong Kong) before leaving the airport. Please refer to section 7.3 for more details. You also need the card for self-help laundry services in the hostel.

2.2 Arriving Hong Kong other than on 30 July

If you arrive Hong Kong **before 30 July**, you can use various public transport routes to get to the University, including taxi and bus. Please take note of the following information and read the instructions specific to your situation. Contact information for taxis and the routing information of the bus are as follows.

Please make your way to the iGeo check-in address at the Education University of Hong Kong:

Address:

**The Education University of Hong Kong
10 Lo Ping Road, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong**

Building:

On 30 July - A-G/F-08 (near the main gate of campus)

Prior or after 30 July - D2-G/F-07 (Contacts: Miss Kuma HUNG / Miss Kelly LO)

Rooms and venues on campus is addressed with the following system:

E.g. D2-G/F-07

“D2” is the building name; “G/F” is the floor and “07” is the room number.

Campus map: https://www.eduhk.hk/eo/EdUHK_Map.pdf

If you are having any difficulty in communicating the address to anyone including drivers, please show them the below instructions and the address. It simply says “I would like to go to the Education University of Hong Kong”.

**Please take me to the following address:
The Education University of Hong Kong
10 Lo Ping Road, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong
Thank you!**

我想去
香港教育大學 新界大埔露屏路十號
謝謝
(Address of EdUHK in Chinese)

Taxi

Taking taxi is the fastest and easiest way to travel from the airport to the campus. The taxi ride is approximately 50 minutes, costing around HK\$300, including surcharge of toll roads. You may simply queue in the taxi stand in the airport. You should take a **Green Taxi (New Territories Taxi) to Tai Po district**. It is also cheaper than the Red Taxi. You can show the above address tag to the taxi driver. The staff at the airport taxi stand will help you to communicate with taxi drivers if the drivers cannot speak fluent English.

You should pay the taxi fare based on the meter charge. Please note that each luggage would be charged HK\$6 as storage fee. Besides, surcharge on toll tunnel and toll road applies when travelling from the airport and across the Victoria Harbour.

Please note that taxi is usually for 4-5 persons only. If your team has 6 persons with luggage, then 2 taxis have to be hired.



Red taxi (urban taxi), green taxi (New Territories) and blue taxi (Lantau Island only)



Taxi stands at the Hong Kong International Airport

Bus

You may also take bus from the airport to the University:

1. Bus routes A47X + 74K:

Take bus route A47X from Airport (GTC) Bus Terminus to bus stop “**Tai Po Market Station**”. It would cost HK\$27.7 for Bus A47X. Then transfer to bus route 74K to **the Education University** at the same bus terminal, it would cost HK\$4.9 for bus 74K. It would take around 120 minutes for the whole travel journey.

Alternatively, you could take a short taxi trip from the taxi stand near “Tai Po Market Station” to the Education University. It would cost about HK\$50.



Map of Tai Po Market Station Bus Terminal



Tai Po Market Station Bus Terminal

2. Bus routes E41 + 74K:

Take bus route E41 from Airport (GTC) Bus Terminus to the bus stop “**Tai Po Centre**”. It would cost HK\$13.9 for Bus E41. At the same bus terminus, you could find a bus route 74K to **the Education University**. It would cost HK\$4.9. It would take around 140 minutes for the whole travel journey.



Map of Tai Po Central Bus Terminal

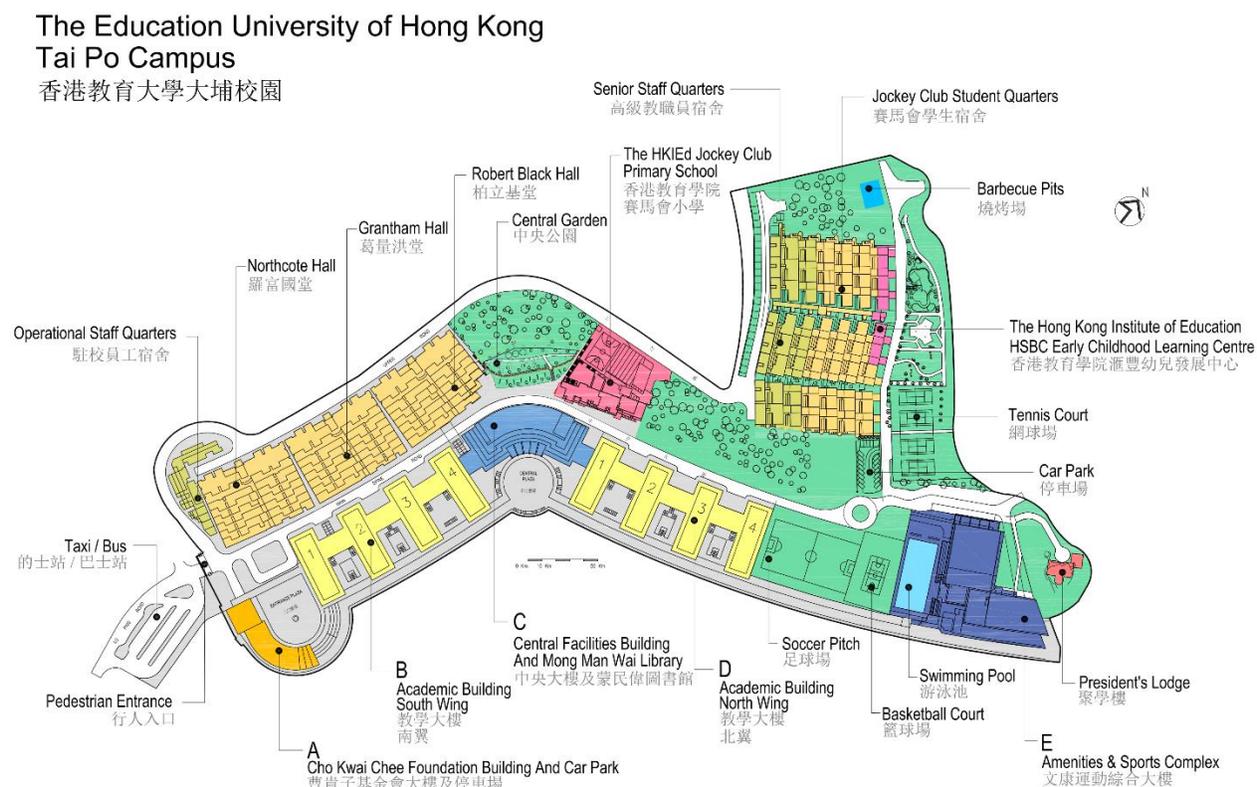


Tai Po Centre Bus Terminus

For participants who travel from other areas of Hong Kong to the University, the easiest way is to take the subway/rail to “Tai Po Market Station” and then take bus route 74K at the bus terminal near the rail station. Alternatively, you may take a short taxi ride from the Tai Po Market Station taxi stand to the University. It is about HK\$50 per trip.

4. The Education University of Hong Kong

4.1 Campus map



https://www.eduhk.hk/eo/EdUHK_Map.pdf

4.2 Campus and local facilities / Shopping

EdUHK has a spacious campus with all necessary amenities. Football and basketball courts are available at the Amenities & Sports Complex; it is a great place for exercising and relaxing.

There are several choices for food in EdUHK, the **Cove View**, **Udeli** as well as **Pacific Coffee**. The Cove View is located on the podium level, it is the biggest canteen of EdUHK, you can also have the “Yum Cha” experience in the chinese restaurant of the Cove View.

Udeli is located on the ground floor, while Pacific Coffee is located on the lower podium level.

It is not too difficult to access other places in Hong Kong from the campus using public transport. You may refer to section 5.3 for the transport information.

To get to the nearest shopping mall, you may take route 74K at the bus station in EdUHK to Tai Po Center Station. A large shopping mall called Tai Po Mega Mall is within walking distance to that bus station.

Larger shopping Malls, such as The New Town Plaza at Shatin and Festival Walk at Kowloon Tong can be reached through taking the East Rail Line. You could take bus 74K from our campus to the Tai Po Market Station and transfer to the East Rail Line. The East Rail Line also take you to different parts of Hong Kong through the rail system.

For more public transport information, please refer to:

MTR (Rail) system - <http://www.mtr.com.hk/en/customer/tourist/index.php>

KMB Bus (Serve the whole HK areas) -
<http://search.kmb.hk/KMBWebSite/index.aspx?lang=en>

NewWorld First Bus (mainly serve HK island and harbour-crossing routes) -
<https://mobile.nwstbus.com.hk/nwp3/?f=0&l=1>

Hong Kong eMobility (a mobile phone application with local travel information) -
<https://www.gov.hk/en/residents/transport/publictransport/hktransport.htm>

5. Hong Kong

5.1 Sights and Sites

Excursions of iGeo-2019 will take you to the following places in Hong Kong:

- A Star Ferry ride at the Victoria Harbour and the Hong Kong Maritime Museum at Central
- Hong Kong UNESCO GeoPark (Lai Chi Wo & Ap Chau)

Besides, you could travel to other interesting places in Hong Kong if you will arrive early or stay behind for more fun!

For more tourist attractions, please “Visit Hong Kong” page:

<https://www.visithongkong.gov.hk/main/landing?language=EN>

5.2 Getting around

5.2.1 Taxis

Taking taxi is a quick way to travel around the city and are available all hours. You may hail a taxi on the street, or call for one. If you book a taxi, please ensure you know the exact address of where you will be picked up. If you are on campus and want to travel to other parts of Hong Kong, you may make use of the taxi station next to the bus stop.

Cash is the most common way for you to pay for a taxi ride, not all the taxis have the device of credit card payment, please make sure you have enough cash for a taxi ride.

Useful phrases:

我想去...(目的地)..... (pronunciation: ngo5 soeng2 heoi3....(a destination).....)
(means “I would like to go to ... (a destination)...”)

5.2.2 Local Bus

It is easy to go around in Hong Kong using the bus system. There is a bus station at the entrance of EdUHK, you can take 74K to the Tai Po Central Bus Terminus for interchange to different parts of Hong Kong. Bus route 74K would cost HK\$4.9 for each ride.

You can also download a mobile phone App “App1933 - KMB . LWB”. You can use this app for checking the arrival time of the bus and the cost of each ride as well.



App1933 - KMB . LWB

You can pay the fee for the bus either by cash or Octopus card (we suggest you buy one before leaving the Hong Kong International airport (You also need the card for laundry in hostel). If you are paying in cash, please tender the exact fare as there will be no change in the bus.

5.2.3 Mass Transit Railway (MTR)

MTR has covered most of the districts in Hong Kong. If you would like to take MTR, you can also take but route 74K from EdUHK to the Tai Po Market Station for interchanging with the MTR. It would cost HK\$4.9 for the bus ride.

6. Language

The official language of Hong Kong is Chinese and English. For speaking, most Hong Kong people speak Cantonese and many of them speak English.

Here are some basic Cantonese phrases that may be helpful:

English	Cantonese pronunciation (in written form)
Yes	hai6 (係)
No	m4 hai6 (唔係)
Hello	nei5 hou2 (你好)
Good morning	jou2 san4 (早晨)
Good-bye	zoi3 gin3 (再見)
Please	m5 goi1 (唔該)
Thank you	do1 je6 (多謝)
I'm sorry	deui3 m4 jyu6 (對唔住)
Do you speak English?	nei5 sik1 m4 sik1 gong2 ying1 man4? (你識唔識講英文?)
I don't speak Cantonese	ngo5 m4 sik1 gong2 gwong2 dung1 wa6 (我唔識講廣東話)
My name is "____"	ngo5 giu3 " <u>your name</u> " (我叫____)
Where is the restroom?	bin1 dou6 jau5 sai2 sau2 gaan1? (邊度有洗手間?)
How much is it?	ne1 go3 gei2 do1 cin2? (呢個幾多錢?)
I would like to go to...	ngo5 soeng2 heoi3...(我想去...)

7. Currency, Credit cards and Octopus cards

7.1 Cash

In Hong Kong you can pay cash for most products and services. The currency is the Hong Kong Dollar (\$). For small purchases you might be using \$5, \$10 and \$20.



7.2 Credit cards

You can use credit card to purchase products and services. The most commonly used credit cards are VISA and Mastercard. There may be Paywave system for swiping your card for payment. Please check with your credit card company to ensure you can use your credit card here and to let them know that you will be travelling. You can also withdraw cash with a credit card at ATM.

7.3 Octopus cards

You can use Octopus card in public transports and purchase products in some shops. It is convenient when you are taking bus or MTR, just swipe your card to pay the fee. You can purchase your Tourist Octopus cards at the airport or some convenient stores for HK\$39 each. You have to add value for at least HK\$50 each time, and the remaining value can be refunded when the Octopus cards are being deactivated.

Sold Tourist Octopus:

<https://www.octopus.com.hk/en/consumer/octopus-cards/products/sold-tourist/index.html>

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