



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

The East Asian Seas Congress 2024 will be held at the Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel from 6-8 November in Xiamen, PR China.

As we approach the EAS Congress 2024 in Xiamen, please take note of the following important reminders and updates to ensure your smooth attendance and participation in the Congress activities.

The EAS Congress 2024 features:

- Joint Opening Ceremony with the World Ocean Week in Xiamen
- 8<sup>th</sup> EAS Ministerial Forum (by invitation only)
- EASC Exhibition
- International Conference
- Partnership Night
- Field Visits

## KEY CONGRESS ACTIVITIES

We highly encourage all session participants to join us in the main activities and social events of the EAS Congress.

Event	Date and Time	Venue
<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>	November 6, 2024 0830 - 1000 <u>*Note: Please be inside the venue by 8:15 am.</u>	Xiamen Grand Ballroom
<b>8<sup>th</sup> EAS Ministerial Forum</b>	November 6, 2024 0830 - 1700	1G Egret Hall (by invitation only)
<b>EASC24 AND WOW EXHIBITION</b>	November 6 : 1030 - 1800 November 7- 8: 0900 - 1800	1F Foyer Area
<b>INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSIONS</b>	November 6: 1300 - 1400 November 7: 0900-1000 and 1300 - 1400	Xiamen Grand Ballroom

<b>INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>	November 6: 1430 - 1730 November 7: 1000-1200 and 1430 - 1730	
<b>WELCOME BANQUET</b>	November 6: 1800 - 2100	Xiamen Grand Ballroom
<b>PARTNERSHIP NIGHT</b>	November 7: 1800 - 2030	Xiamen Grand Ballroom
<b>FIELD TRIP</b>	November 8: 1400 - 1700	1. Wuyuan Bay 2. Beautiful Bay in the Southeast Sea Area Of Xiamen

In the interest of smooth running of the forum, please attend the forums and other events on time. Please turn off or switch your mobile phone to mute mode during sessions.

### UPDATED PROGRAMME

The updated Programme at a Glance and International Conference Session programs are now available at: <https://eascongress2024.pemsea.org/program/>

We highly encourage participants to take note of the schedules of sessions they are interested to participate in and register, if necessary.

### ONLINE REGISTRATION

The online registration is now closed. Please make sure that you have received your respective invitations, and submitted the correct photos required for the access badge. Due to security and logistical constraints, the **local organizers are can no longer entertain additional participants and changes in delegates.**

### ONSITE REGISTRATION (CLAIMING OF ACCESS BADGE)

Registration Center: 2nd Floor, Lobby of Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel

During the East Asian Seas Congress 2024 and World Ocean Week in Xiamen, a guest badge or delegate badge will be issued upon registration. The badge grants you access to the forums and other related events so please keep it well with you. In case of a badge loss, please contact our staff at Registration Center to apply for a new one.

All delegates shall register at the Registration Center and pick up their delegate badges and conference kit first. ID badges will be issued upon registration on 5 November and participants should be able to get their ID badges before 8:30 AM on 6 November to ensure full access to Congress activities.

The registration center also serves as an information center for the conference. Delegates may ask questions, and get up-to-date information on conference sessions, field visit and etc.

Participants who have not been able to pay their registration fee online may settle their payments at the registration desk. Should you have not received an official receipt (OR) of your payment from PEMSEA, please make sure to bring your proof of payment upon registration.

Session conveners with sponsored participants, who have also not received an OR must also bring their proof of payment to be validated at the registration desk.

### **Opening hours: Nov. 5th - 8th (08:00-22:00)**

Contact Person:

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Mr. Tony Loo Tel: 134 5901 5420

Ms. Elsie Merina Tel: +63 977 700 4717

## **OPENING CEREMONY**

The Opening Ceremony will start at 8:30 AM on 6 November 2024 at the Xiamen Grand Ballroom, 2/F, Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel (XICC). Participants are requested to be seated by 8:15 AM. All participants must wear their Access badges for easier assistance in identifying their designated seats.

## **EASC EXHIBITION**

The Exhibit will open on 6 November 2024 with a launching ceremony from 10:00-10:30 AM, exclusive to select participants of the 8<sup>th</sup> EAS Ministerial Forum. The Exhibit will be open to all participants beginning 10:30 AM of November 6 and will run until November 8, 2024. There will be a total of 50 booths featuring innovative ocean initiatives of various stakeholders in the region.

Please don't forget to check out the EASC Centerpiece, which features the region's efforts in advancing sustainable ocean and coastal development and leave a message in the Mangrove diorama.

## PLENARIES

Plenary Sessions, which feature key speakers and experts from across the region will be conducted as part of the International Conference. Plenary session schedules are as follows:

**Plenary Session 1: Ocean Innovations and Financing, 13:00 - 14:00, November 6**

**Plenary Session 2: Ocean Science, Policy and Practice, 09:00 - 10:00, November 7**

**Plenary Session 3: Global Challenges, Local Solutions, 13:00 - 14:00, November 7**

## MEETING LANGUAGE

Please note that the EAS Congress activities will be conducted mainly in English and Chinese.

Audio translation devices will be provided for international participants for activities conducted in Chinese.

## DRESS CODE

Presenters: Male: Dark-color Suit and Tie; Female: Business Formal

Attendees: Business Formal

## INTERNET ACCESS

### Free WIFI

WIFI account for hotel rooms: ICCHOTEL; Password: Please enter the room number and your surname according to the prompt. If the room number is three digits, you need to +0 in front of the room number.

WIFI account in other public areas: ICCHOTEL; Password: Please follow the prompts and enter your mobile phone number.

## **Internet restrictions**

Please note that there are internet restrictions in China, including limited access to some international websites and social media services (such as Google, Facebook, X, and certain news sites). Please secure a VPN or use data roaming, if necessary.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Free in-room WIFI is available, local calls are free of charge. Please note that domestic and international calls are subject to payment. If you need to activate domestic or international calls in your room, please make a deposit at the hotel's reception desk.

The area code for Xiamen City is 0592. To make an room to room phone call, please dial 8 before the room number (If the room number is less than three digits, please add 0 before the room number).

To make a local call in Xiamen, please dial 9 before the telephone number. As for domestic or international calls: please dial 90 + area code + phone number.

## **WECHAT**

For easier communication in China, we recommend downloading the latest version of WeChat from the official app store before arriving in China. For those using Android devices, the app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store, and for iOS devices, it can be downloaded from the Apple App Store.

### **How to Use WeChat**

1. Download WeChat: Get the WeChat app on your phone.
2. Register with a Phone Number: Open the app and choose to sign up with your mobile number. Select  
your country and enter your number.
3. Get a Verification Code: WeChat will send you a verification code via SMS. Enter this code in the app.
4. Set Up Your Account: After verification, set your nickname and password.
5. Complete the Registration: Follow any remaining on-screen instructions to finish setting up your WeChat  
account.

## ACCOMMODATION

A range of accommodation from 5 star deluxe to budget hotels in Xiamen can be booked via the congress website :

<https://eascongress2024.pemsea.org/logistics/accommodation-information/>

or by contacting [eas.congress@pemsea.org](mailto:eas.congress@pemsea.org) . Delegates are recommended to book their accommodation early in order to avoid disappointment.

### Designated Hotels

#### **1. XiamenXiamen International Conference Hotel (5-star)**

#### **Conference Official Hotel**

Distance from the venue: 0 km

Contact Person: Ms. Jessie Qiu

Email: [rsvn@icchotel.com](mailto:rsvn@icchotel.com)

Tel: (86) 0592-5958888 (6008)

**2. Inter Continental, Xiamen (5-star)**

Distance from the venue: 0.2 km

Contact Person: Ms. Elaina Lin

Email: [Elaina.lin@icxiamen.com](mailto:Elaina.lin@icxiamen.com)

Tel: (86) 0592-3309999

**3. Xiamen Software Park Fliport Hotel (5-star)**

Distance from the venue: 4.0 km

Contact Person: Mr. Leo Lin

Email: [songyueying@iport.com.cn](mailto:songyueying@iport.com.cn)

Tel: (86)0592-6307888

**4. Xiamen Mingfa International Hotel (4-star)**

Distance from the venue: 2.0 km

Contact Person: Mr. Liangde Wang and Ms. Suhua Zheng

Email: [wld@mfxm-hotel.com](mailto:wld@mfxm-hotel.com)

Tel: 13306055512 and 15980947385

**5. Xiamen Xin'an YIHO Hotel (4-star)**

Distance from the venue: 10 km

Contact Person: Ms. Lifang Xu

Tel: 13959270079

Email: [535266708@qq.com](mailto:535266708@qq.com)**MEALS AND OTHER INCIDENTALS**

EASC 2024 Accredited hotels will include breakfast. Please find below the meal arrangements during the EAS Congress. Coffee and tea stations will be set up in designated areas of the XICC, near parallel session venues.

**December 6th**

Buffet Lunch	11:30- 13:30	Seafood Cafeteria, 2/F	Meal coupon needed
Welcome Dinner	18:00- 21:00	Xiamen Grand Ballroom 2/F	/

**December 7th**

Buffet Lunch	11:30- 13:30	Seafood Cafeteria,2/F	Meal coupon needed
Partnership Night	18:00- 21:00	Xiamen Grand Ballroom 2/F	/

### December 8th

Buffet Lunch	11:30- 13:30	Seafood Cafeteria,2/F	Meal coupon needed
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## COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

The organizers are pleased to offer complimentary shuttle buses between Xiamen International Airport, recommended hotels, and the Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel. Look for the 'EAS Congress 2024' sign or our Event Staff at the designated pickup area.

### Shuttle Bus Schedule & Routes

1. Airport - Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel (XICC Hotel) - Supporting Hotels Shuttle

Date: November 5th (Registration Day)

Route	Departure Time	Frequency
Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport T3 - XICC Hotel	08:00 - 21:00	Every hour
Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport T4 - XICC Hotel	08:00 - 21:00	Every hour
<b>Route 1:</b> XICC Hotel - Mingfa International Hotel - Software Park Fliport Hotel	09:00 - 22:00	Every hour
<b>Route 2:</b> XICC Hotel - Xin'an YIHO Hotel	09:00 - 22:00	Every hour

2. Supporting Hotels - Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel (XICC Hotel) - Supporting Hotels Shuttle

Date: November 6th - 8th (Conference Period)

Route	Hotels-XICC Hotel	XICC Hotel -Hotels



Mingfa International Hotel - XICC Hotel - Mingfa International Hotel	07:30 / 07:45 / 08:00	18:15 / 18:30 / 18:45 / 20:15 / 20:30 / 20:45
Software Park Fliport Hotel - XICC Hotel - Software Park Fliport Hotel	07:30 / 07:45 / 08:00	18:15 / 18:30 / 18:45 / 20:15 / 20:30 / 20:45
Xin'an YIHO Hotel - XICC Hotel - Xin'an YIHO Hotel	07:20 / 07:30 / 07:40	18:15 / 18:30 / 18:45 / 20:15 / 20:30 / 20:45

3. Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel (XICC Hotel)- Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center(XICEC) Shuttle

Date: November 8th (Exhibition Day)

Route	XICC Hotel → XICEC	XICEC → XICC Hotel	Frequency
XICC Hotel - XICEC	14:00 / 15:00 / 16:00 / 17:00	15:30 / 16:30 / 17:30	Every hour

4. Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel (XICC Hotel)- Wuyuan Bay Yacht Harbor) Shuttle

Date: November 8th (Exhibition Day)

Route	XICC Hotel → Wuyuan Bay Yacht Harbor	Wuyuan Bay Yacht Harbor → XICC Hotel	Frequency
XICC Hotel - Wuyuan Bay Yacht Harbor	14:00 / 15:00 / 16:00 / 17:00	15:40 / 16:40 / 17:40	Every hour

5. Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel (XICC Hotel)- Airport Shuttle

Date: November 8th

Route	XICC Hotel → Airport	Frequency
XICC Hotel - Xiamen Gaoqi	11:00/12:00/13:00/14:00/15:00/16:00/17:00/18:00	Every hour

International Airport T4 - T3		
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## 6. Hotel - Airport Shuttle Shuttle

Date: November 8th

<b>Route</b>	<b>Departure Time</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Mingfa International Hotel - Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport T4 - T3	14:00/16:00/18:00	Every 2 hours
Software Park Fliport Hotel - Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport T4 - T3	14:00/16:00/18:00	Every 2 hours
Intercontinental Xiamen - Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport T4 - T3	14:00/16:00/18:00	Every 2 hours
Xin'an YIHO Hotel - Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport T4 - T3	14:00/16:00/18:00	Every 2 hours

## 7. Hotel - Airport Shuttle Shuttle

Date: November 9th

<b>Route</b>	<b>Departure Time</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel - Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport T4 - T3	07:00 - 18:00	Every hour
Mingfa International Hotel - Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport T4 - T3	07:00 - 18:00	Every hour
Software Park Fliport Hotel - Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport T4 - T3	07:00 - 18:00	Every hour
Intercontinental Xiamen - Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport T4 - T3	07:00 - 18:00	Every hour
Xin'an YIHO Hotel - Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport T4 - T3	07:00 - 18:00	Every hour

### **Remark:**

Seats are limited, on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that there may be adjustments based on the actual situation on site.

Other transportation options include:

Taxis: Readily available at the airport and throughout the city. Ensure the meter is used.

Public Buses: An extensive network covers most areas of Xiamen. Route information is available at bus stops. Please note that Public buses do not have English translation.

Metro: The Xiamen Metro system offers a convenient way to travel across the city. Stations are clearly marked and announcements are made in English.

For any transportation assistance during the congress, please contact the organizing committee or your hotel concierge.

## VISA ARRANGEMENTS

Participants require an entry visa to the People's Republic of China, except for those whose visa requirements may be exempted due to his/her/their passport type as specified in the bilateral agreements or arrangements. Please find out as soon as possible from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China or Diplomation Mission of China nearest to you whether or not you need a visa. **Please ensure that you have a valid visa or visa exempt passport upon entry in Xiamen, and bring a printed copy of your invitation letter as it may be checked during Immigration.**

## SERVICE INFORMATION

### **EAS Congress 2024 Secretariat Office**

EAS Congress 2024 Secretariat is responsible for the coordination of all events held during EAS Congress 2024.

Address: Meeting Room 3, 2nd Floor, Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel

Office Hours: Nov. 5th to 8th (08:00-20:00)

Contact Person:

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**Ms. Francesca Cortez** Tel: +63 962 690 4737

### **WOW Secretariat Office**

The WOW Secretariat Office is responsible for the coordination of all events held during WOW.

**Address:** Meeting Room 2, 2nd Floor, Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel

**Office Hours:** Nov. 5th to 8th (08:00-20:00)

**Contact Person:** Mr. Li Shuyi Tel: +86 152 5929 1228

## Medical Service

The Conference Organizing Committee provides medical service for delegates. Should you need any assistance, please contact the medical staff at the medical center.

**Address:** Room Number: 618/620.

**Office Hours:** Nov. 5th-8th (24 hours )

**Contact Person:** On-site Doctor 8618 / 8620

## FIELD TRIPS

The Local Secretariat has arranged field trips/site visits around Xiamen. Please register to the appropriate field visit plan upon registration in Xiamen.

### Ministerial Field Trip (by invitation only)

**1. Time:** 14:30-16:25, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

**2. Location:** Huli District, Xiamen

**3. Participants:** Ministers and entourages from 11 East Asian Seas countries, and accompanying personnels from PEMSEA, China's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), and Xiamen City (around 70-80)

#### 4. Itinerary:

Time	Activity	Location
14:30	Gathering	Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel
14:30-14:45	Leaving for Wuyuan Bay Wetland Park	Gate of the Hotel Lobby
14:45-16:10	<b>Field research on the ecological restoration and comprehensive development of Wuyuan Bay</b>	<b>No.289, Penang Road, Huli District</b>
16:10-16:25	Back to Hotel	No.289, Penang Road, Huli District

## 5. Others:

Participants are kindly requested to wear wireless interpretation earphones, which will be provided on the day of the event. We will depart from Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel by taking two buses (each with a capacity for 45 passengers). Each vehicle will be accompanied by two English-speaking tour guides who will provide introductions along the way and on-site translation services.

## II. PNLG Participants' Field Trip

**1. Time:** 14:00-17:00, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

**2. Location:** Haicang District, Siming District, Xiamen

**3. Participants:** Participants of PNLG General Assembly (around 100)

### 4. Itinerary:

Time	Activity	Location
14:00	Gathering	Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel
14:00-14:50	Leaving for Hairun Container Terminal	Gate of the Hotel Lobby
14:50-15:30	<b>Field research on Hairun Container Terminal</b>	<b>No. 439, Gangnan Road, Haicang District</b>
15:30-16:10	Gathering and leaving for Yundang Lake	No. 439, Gangnan Road, Haicang District
16:10-16:40	<b>Field research on the management work of Yundang Lake</b>	<b>No. 66, Bailuzhou East Road, Siming District</b>
16:40-17:00	Gathering and back to Hotel	No. 66, Bailuzhou East Road, Siming District

## 5. Others:

Participants are kindly requested to wear wireless interpretation earphones, which will be provided on the day of the event. We will depart from Xiamen

International Conference Center Hotel by taking three buses (each with a capacity for 45 passengers). Each vehicle will be accompanied by one English-speaking tour guide who will provide introductions along the way and on-site translation services.

### III. Regular Participants' Field Trip

**1. Time:** 14:30-17:00, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

**2. Location:** Huli District, Siming District, Xiamen

**3. Participants:** Participants of EAS Congress

#### 4. Itinerary:

Time	Activity	Location
14:30	Gathering	Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel
14:30-14:45	Leaving for Wuyuan Bay Wetland Park	Gate of the Hotel Lobby
14:45-15:45	<b>Field research on the ecological restoration and comprehensive development of Wuyuan Bay</b>	<b>No.289, Penang Road, Huli District</b>
15:45-16:15	Gathering and leaving for Yefengzhai, a southeast sea area of Xiamen	No.289, Penang Road, Huli District
16:15-16:45	<b>Field research on the development of the beautiful bay in the southeast sea area of Xiamen</b>	<b>Yefengzhai</b>
16:45-17:00	Gathering and back to Hotel	Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel

#### 5. Others:

Participants are kindly requested to wear wireless interpretation earphones, which will be provided on the day of the event. We will leave by bus (The number of the buses will be determined based on the number of registrants, and each with a

capacity for 45 passengers). Each vehicle will be accompanied by one English-speaking tour guide who will provide introductions along the way and on-site translation services.

## ABOUT XIAMEN

Xiamen, a city of Fujian Province, is located at 118°04'04"E and 24°26'46"N. A scenic port city on the southeast coast of China, Xiamen is one of the nation's five special economic zones. The city encompasses 1,699 square kilometers, including 158-square-kilometer Xiamen Island and Gulangyu Islet. By the end of 2024, the city was home to 5.327 million permanent residents. Reputed to be a "garden on the sea", Xiamen is celebrated for its stunning natural beauty, which ranges from verdant mountains and tranquil lakes to boundless seas and sandy beaches. The city is also nicknamed the "Island of Egrets" as Xiamen Island was said to be a habitat of egrets in ancient times.

### **Climate**

With a subtropical climate, Xiamen has an annual average temperature of about 21°C. The city is generally mild and rainy, neither sweltering in summer nor freezing in winter. Each year, typhoons bring ample rainfall.

### **Time**

Xiamen adopts the Beijing Standard Time, which is 8 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight Saving Time is not adopted in China.

### **Currency and ATM Service**

The official currency of China is RMB. Retailers in China generally do not accept other currencies; therefore, it is advisable for visitors to change their foreign currencies into RMB in advance in order to make cash payments. No restrictions are imposed on the amount of foreign currencies, checks or credit cards brought into China. However, non-residents carrying more than USD 5,000 (or its equivalent in another foreign currency) or RMB 20,000 in cash should declare to the Customs.

## **Credit Cards**

Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Diners Club and other major international credit cards are accepted at most establishments or can be used to withdraw cash from ATMs throughout the city, although some small shops and restaurants may only accept cash payments.

## **Electricity and Water Supply**

The power supply in China is 220-240 volt, 50 hertz. Two/three-pronged plugs are used. Please check before using an appliance. Tap water is not drinkable. The delegates are advised to consume bottled water which can be purchased at the hotel or any nearby convenient stores.



## **Postal Service**

Post offices are generally open from 9:00 to 17:00.

## **Tipping**

Tipping in China is not customary for restaurant waiters or taxi drivers.

## **Useful Telephone Numbers**

Police: 110

Fire: 119

Medical Emergencies: 120

Transportation: 122



## **Mobile Phone Information**

Local phone services are reliable. Both GSM and CDMA cellphone systems are in operation. Most cellphones can be set in different roaming modes for different networks. Almost all GSM cellphones used in China support the GSM-900 and GSM-1800 protocols. Long-distance calls from Xiamen can be placed directly by International Direct Dialing (IDD) or with the operator's assistance. Telex and facsimile services are readily available at all major hotels.

## **Smoking**

In Xiamen, smoking is banned in all indoor public space and is also prohibited in open-air space in kindergartens, schools, child welfare institutions, women and children's hospitals, fitness and sports venues, and cultural relic sites that are open to the public, though designated areas are usually provided for smokers.

## **NEED ASSISTANCE?**

Contact the EAS Congress Secretariat:

Email: [eas.congress@pemsea.org](mailto:eas.congress@pemsea.org)

Secretariat Room: Meeting Room 3, 2nd Floor, XICC Hotel

Office Hours: November 5-8 (0800H-2000H)

*We look forward to seeing you in Xiamen!.*