

Codex Committee on Food Additives

Forty-ninth Session
Macao SAR, P.R. China
20 – 24 March, 2017

Information for Participants

1. VENUE

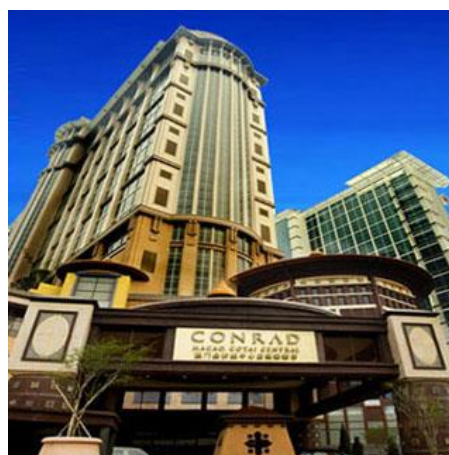
**Conrad Macao, Cotai Central
Level 4, Grand ballroom Dunhuang
and Turfan**

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Macao SAR, P.R. China

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Website: www.conradmacao.com

Annex 1 is a location map of Conrad
Macao and the meeting venue.



2. REGISTRATION

The participants of the meeting should provide the relevant information through the online registration system (<http://www.codexalimentarius.org/login>). The login and password for the online registration have been provided to all Codex Contact Point and Contact Point of Observers Organizations. If the login and password have not been received, please contact: codex@fao.org.

The participants will have to complete the mandatory second part of the registration procedure at the registration desk. The registration desk will be located outside the meeting venue. Participants will be expected to finish this procedure on ***Friday 17 March and Saturday 18 March from 08:00 to 16:00 and from 08:00 on Monday 20 March 2017.***

Only conference room documents will be available on spot. Participants should bring their own documentation to the meeting, and the documentation is available in English, French and Spanish on: www.codexalimentarius.org.

3. ACCOMMODATION

Participants are reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation arrangements. It is highly recommended that you make a hotel reservation as soon as possible. Reservations must be made with the hotels directly (Hotel list in **Annex 2**).

a) There are four hotels of different international renowned hotel brand that can be found in Cotai Central. Among them are the four-star Holiday Inn Macao and Conrad Macao, where the meeting venue is situated. Holiday Inn Macao is the CCFA Official Hotel.

b) A limited number of rooms in Holiday Inn are blocked at special discounted rates for the participants of Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA). The special discounted rates will only apply to those reservations made before **10 February, 2017** (Friday) on a first come, first served basis.

c) If you would like to make a reservation with those hotels listed on **Annex 2**, please use the respective hotel reservation form (Annex 3-7).

Hotel	Reservation form (By fax or email)
➤ Holiday Inn Macao, Cotai Central (Official Hotel for CCFA)	Annex 3
➤ Conrad Macao, Cotai Central	<i>(Online booking)</i>
➤ Grandview Hotel Macau	Annex 4
➤ Hotel Taipa Square	Annex 5
➤ Royal Infante Harbour View Hotel	Annex 6
➤ Inn Hotel, Macau	Annex 7

d) Cancellation policies vary from hotel to hotel. Please enquire with the hotel of your choice.

e) The hotels will have the right of final decision on interpretation of conditions for accommodation.

4. LUNCH AND DINNER ARRANGEMENTS

Participants should make their own arrangements for all meals except for the official reception dinner on **20 March 2017**, which will be held in Conrad Macao.

Many different restaurants are available throughout Cotai Central with different cuisines available including Chinese, Italian and Japanese etc.

5. GETTING TO THE MEETING VENUE (CONRAD MACAO)

A. By Sands Cotai Central Shuttle Buses

Sands Cotai Central provides free shuttle bus service from different transport hubs to Conrad Macao, details as follows:

➤ Macao International Airport

Sands Cotai Central Shuttle Buses depart every 15 to 20 minutes from Macao International Airport to Sands Cotai Central, from 10:00 to 22:30. Walk toward the north exit of the airport and walk out into the parking lot.

➤ Macao Ferry Terminal

Sands Cotai Central Shuttle Buses depart every 10 to 20 minutes from Macao Ferry Terminal to Sands Cotai Central, where the meeting venue is located, from 9:00 to 00:00.

➤ Taipa Ferry Terminal

Sands Cotai Central Shuttle Buses depart every 5 to 15 minutes from Taipa Ferry Terminal to Sands Cotai Central. Schedule of shuttle buses as follows:

Taipa Ferry to Sands Cotai Central: 07:30-01:00

Overnight: 01:20-01:40/02:20-02:40

➤ Gongbei-Macao Border Gate

Sands Cotai Central Shuttle Buses depart every 15 to 20 minutes from Gongbei-Macao Border Gate to Sands Cotai Central, from 9:00 to 00:00.

B. By Taxi

Other than going to the meeting venue by Sands Cotai Central Shuttle Buses, you can also reach there by taxi, details as follows:



Routes	Journey Time*	Fare (Approximately)*
From Macao International Airport	around 10 minutes	MOP\$40.00
From Macao Ferry Terminal	around 20 minutes	MOP\$78.00
From Taipa Ferry Terminal	around 10 minutes	MOP\$50.00
From Gongbei-Macao Border Gate	around 20 - 30 minutes	MOP\$120.00

*Information of journey time and fare stated here is for reference only, both depend on the actual traffic.

6. GETTING TO MACAO

A. From Hong Kong International Airport to Macao SAR

Option 1:

An airport route for transferring participants to Macao is provided from Hong Kong International Airport's SkyPier to Macao Peninsula and Taipa (an island of Macao). At Arrivals Level of Terminal 1, transferring participants must purchase the tickets and present baggage tag receipts at the Ferries to Mainland/ Macao Ticketing Counter at Transfer Area E2. No immigration and baggage claim procedures are required. Sailing time is about 70 minutes. Fare is about 254 Hong Kong dollars (HK\$). This service is provided by two ferry operators.



For more information, please visit the following links:

SkyPier Transfer Ferry Service:

<http://www.hongkongairport.com/eng/transport/transport-connection-with-mainland-china/ferry-transfer/service-at-a-glance.html>

TurboJET sailing schedule:

<http://www.turbojet.com.hk/en/routing-sailing-schedule/hk-airport-macau/sailing-schedule-fares.aspx>

Cotai Water Jet sailing schedule:

<http://www.cotaiwaterjet.com/ferry-schedule/hkia-macau-taipa.html>

Option 2:

If the sailing schedule of Hong Kong International Airport's SkyPier Transfer Ferry Service cannot meet your schedule, you can take a ferry from the Hong Kong-Macao Ferry Terminal in Shun Tak Centre. It is located above the Sheung Wan Mass Transit Railway (MTR) station. Ferries depart regularly to Macao Peninsula and Taipa from there, provided by two operators. Sailing time is about 55 minutes. Fares range from HK\$153 to HK\$189.

For more information, please visit the following links:

TurboJET sailing schedule:

<http://www.turbojet.com.hk/en/routing-sailing-schedule/hong-kong-macau/sailing-schedule-fares.aspx>

Cotai Water Jet sailing schedule:

<http://www.cotaiwaterjet.com/ferry-schedule/hongkong-macau-taipa.html>

There are two main options of transportation between Hong Kong International Airport and Shun Tak Centre:

➤ **By The Airport Express**

The Airport Express takes participants from the airport to Central MTR Station in just 24 minutes. It is the fastest link to the city. The Airport Express Customer



Service is immediately after Customs. Trains depart at about 10-minute intervals from 05:54 to 23:28 and approximately 12-minute intervals from 23:28 to 00:48 daily. Fare is about HK\$100.

Taxi and MTR services are available from Central MTR Station to Sheung Wan MTR station. Taxi fare is around HK\$30 and MTR fare is around HK\$5. The journey takes around 7 minutes.

For more details please visit:

http://www.mtr.com.hk/en/customer/services/airport_express_index.html

➤ **By Taxi**

Take a Red Taxi from Hong Kong International Airport to the Hong Kong-Macao Ferry Terminal. Fare is about HK\$300 and takes 30 minutes.



B. From Shenzhen Airport to Macao/ Taipa Ferry

Regular ferry services are available from Shenzhen Airport to Macao Ferry Terminal from 9:00 to 20:00 and to Taipa Ferry Terminal at 8:10, 10:30 and 13:30 (three connections only). Sailing time is approximately 60 minutes. Fare is \$235 Patacas (MOP).

For more information, please visit the following link:

<https://www.turbojet.com.hk/en/routing-sailing-schedule/macau-shenzhen-airport/sailing-schedule-fares.aspx>

7. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Participants should check with their local Chinese Embassy or Consulate as to whether they need a visa or entry permit to enter Macao SAR. Lists of countries with visa and entry permit (or "Visa-upon-arrival") exemption, as well as those without exemption, can be found on the website of the Public Security Police Force of Macao SAR.

For detailed requirements, please refer to the following link:

http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/psp_top5_2_1.html

For those participants requiring a visa, application forms are available from the following link:

http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/cht/pdf/psp_top6/psp_top6_sim_03_1_cp.pdf

If assistance is needed to facilitate the issuance of a visa, a personal invitation can be provided to support visa applications. For details, please send an email to ccfa@cfsa.net.cn before **14 February, 2017.**

It should be noted that participants who intend to enter Macao SAR via Hong Kong SAR should also check with the Hong Kong Immigration Department as to whether they need to hold a valid visa to Hong Kong for transit purpose.

8. TIME ZONE

GMT+8:00

9. LANGUAGE

Being a former Portuguese territory, Macao SAR has two official languages; Chinese and Portuguese. The Chinese language is more widely spoken and English is generally spoken to some extent.

10.CURRENCY

Macao SAR's currency is the Pataca (MOP) and the exchange rate to US Dollar is around 8 Patacas to 1 US Dollar.

11.WEATHER

During the month of March the average temperature is around 20°C (68°F) while humidity is around 80%.

12.ELECTRICITY

Electricity in Macao SAR is at 230V, 50Hz. The power plugs used are of the three-pin square-shaped.



13.LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Since Macao was founded in the mid-16th century, it had been an entrepot of China's foreign trade over the centuries and a stepping stone of Western Catholicism to set foot in China. Being steeped in history and cultural diversity, the city is as vibrant as ever with its ceaseless mingling and interaction between Oriental and Occidental cultures. On 15 July, 2005, the Historical Centre of Macao that revolves around the city's old town area was inscribed into the World Heritage List to mark Macao's historical and cultural importance. By today, it boasts a multitude of attractions, be it the past or present.

Ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral



The Ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral is the most important landmark of Macao featuring a grand stairway and a magnificently imposing structure richly adorned by elaborated sculptures and exquisite motifs. The intricacy of its history is a fascinating fact that contributes to its fame. It was a church attached to St. Paul's College, the first Western university in the Far East, which had suffered three disastrous fires. All its internal structures were burnt down leaving nothing but its facade that seemed to have the blessings of God for its survival.

Holy House of Mercy

Founded in 1569 by D. Belchior Carneiro, first Bishop of Macao, the Holy House of Mercy is a charitable organization devoted to provision of relief to the impoverished. It used to run a hospital, foundling homes, a leprosarium, elderly homes and orphanages.



The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) Head Office



Located at Senado Square, the head office where the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) is seated nowadays is one of the oldest and most important public buildings of Macao. The building has a long history of more than a few hundred years and was once used as the

Municipal Museum, the Department of Health, the Judicial Courts, post office and prison. As one of the historic buildings of the “Historic Centre of Macao,” it was accepted into the exclusive UNESCO World Heritage List in 2005. The building has undertaken the mission to serve the public of Macao until the present day.

St. Dominic's Church

Located at Largo de São Domingos, the Church is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. It was constructed in haste by the Dominicans in 1587 simply with wooden planks and an erected cross as a small chapel for they were tight on funding and



constrained by time. When more ample funding became available, quality timber were imported to turn it into a decent church. By 1828, Spanish priests proficient in architecture helped out in the church’s reconstruction to shape its present look.

A-Má Temple

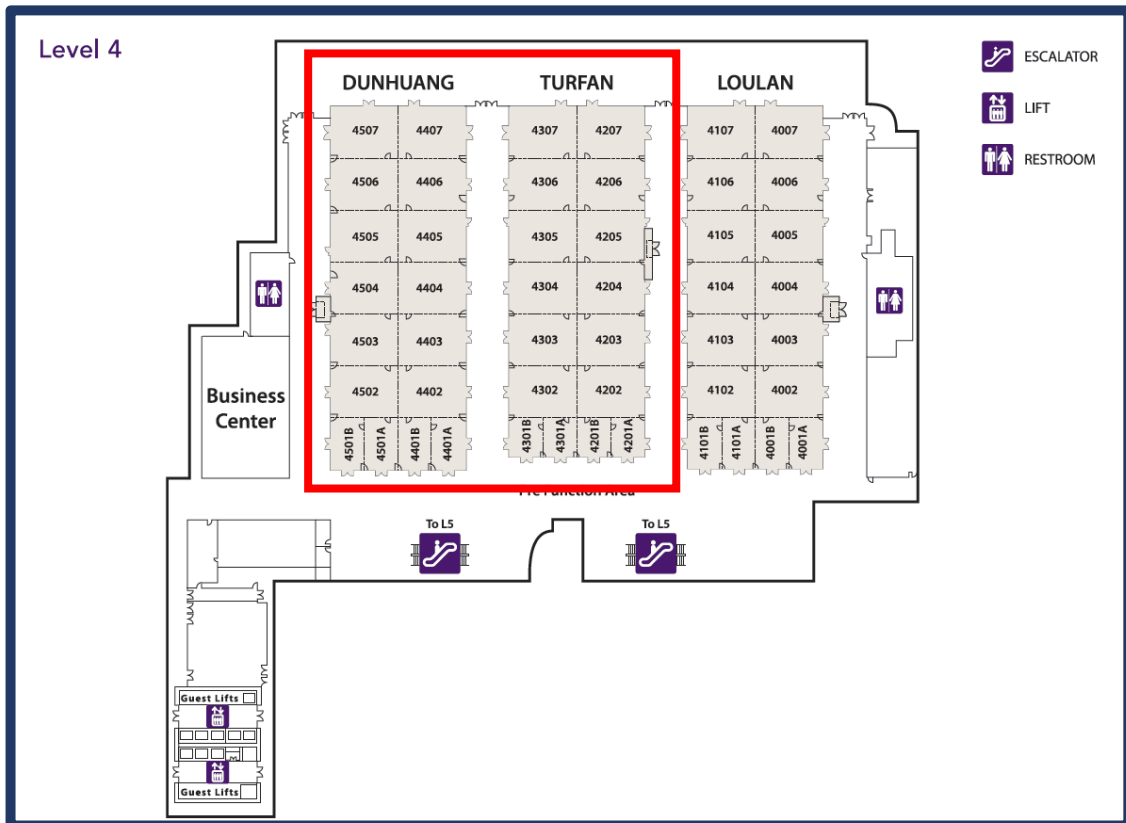
Located at the southwest tip of Macao Peninsula, it is the oldest amongst the three historical temples of Macao. The four main buildings of A-Ma Temple are the Prayer Hall, the Hall of Benevolence, Hall of Kun Iam (Goddess of Mercy) and Zhengjiao Chanlin (a Buddhist pavilion).



Allegedly, the temple was constructed by a merchant of Fujian who was on a boat journey to Macao. A deadly rainstorm struck on the way and Mazu made her power felt to save everyone in the boat. In gratitude to the goddess for saving his life, the merchant built this temple to venerate her presence. He also made a carving of a boat at sea on a huge rock in front of the hall to mark the construction. The flag of the boat bears the Chinese characters, “利涉大川”, to imply smooth sailing.

Annex 1

Map of Macao's Cotai Strip



Annex 2

Hotel List

A. Information of CCFA Official Hotel

No.	Hotel	Room Type	Daily Room Rates	Notes	Access to Venue
1	Holiday Inn Macao, Cotai Central 4-Star Hotel **** Address : Estrada do Istmo. s/n, Cotai, Macao SAR, P.R. China Tel : (853) 8113 9911 Fax : (853) 8113 9913 Email: group.reservations@sands.com.mo Website : http://www.holidayinn.com/macao	King Superior Room	Sunday to Thursday *MOP800+15% Friday *MOP900+15% Saturday *MOP1,500+15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Breakfast for 1 included ➤ Free in-room WiFi 	4 th floor (same building)
		2 Double Superior Room	Sunday to Thursday *MOP1,000+15% Friday *MOP1,100+15% Saturday *MOP1,700+15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Breakfast for 2 included ➤ Free in-room WiFi 	

*The exchange rate of MOP to HKD is 1:1

B. Information of Recommended Hotels

No.	Hotel	Room Type	Daily Room Rates	Notes	Access to Venue
1	<p>Conrad Macao, Cotai Central 5-Star Hotel ***** Address: Estrada do Istmo. s/n, Cotai, Macao SAR, P.R. China Tel: (853) 2882 9000 FAX: (853) 2882 9001 Email: Macao.Reservations@ConradHotels.com Website: http://www.conradmacao.com</p>	Deluxe Room	For daily room rates and other information, please refer to the hotel website.		4 th floor (same building)
Deluxe Suite					
Premier Suite					
2	<p>Grandview Hotel Macau 4-Star Hotel **** Address: 142, Estrada Governador Albano de Oliveira, Taipa, Macau. Tel: (853) 2883 7788 (ext 1911) FAX: (853) 2883 7736 Email: corporatesales@grandview-hotel.com Website: http://www.grandview-hotel.com/</p>	Premier Room (Single Occupancy)	MOP780 nett Surcharge MOP300 nett on Saturday night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Breakfast included ➤ Free in-room WiFi 	<p>10-15 minutes to and from meeting venue by car ride.</p> <p>Free Shuttle bus at specific time will be provided for in house guest of CCFA participants.</p> <p>(Hotel→Venue →Hotel)</p> <p>All seats based on first come, first served basis, subject to availability and for enquiry, please contact hotel.</p>
Premier Room(Twin / Double Occupancy)	MOP830 nett Surcharge MOP300 nett on Saturday night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Breakfast for 2 included ➤ Free in-room WiFi 			
Premier Deluxe Room(Single Occupancy)	MOP820 nett Surcharge MOP300 nett on Saturday night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Breakfast included ➤ Free in-room WiFi 			
Premier Deluxe Room (Twin / Double Occupancy)	MOP860 nett Surcharge MOP300 nett on Saturday night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Breakfast for 2 included ➤ Free in-room WiFi 			

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3	<p>Hotel Taipa Square 4-Star Hotel **** Address: Rua de Chaves, Taipa, Macau Tel: (853) 8896 0063 FAX:(853) 2884 5196 Email: sales@taipasquare.com.mo Website: http://www.taipasquare.com.mo</p> <p>*The exchange rate of MOP to HKD is 1:1</p>	Standard Room (Single/ Twin)	Sunday to Thursday *MOP600 nett Friday *MOP700 nett Saturday *MOP800 nett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Room only ➤ Daily breakfast at *MOP60 nett per meal per person ➤ Free in-room WiFi 	20 minutes to and from meeting venue by car ride
Deluxe Room (Twin)	Sunday to Thursday *MOP680 nett Friday *MOP780 nett Saturday *MOP880 nett				
4	<p>Royal Infante Harbour View Hotel (Pousada Marina Infante) 4-Star Hotel **** Address: Avenida Marginal Flor de Lotus, Taipa, Macau Tel: (853) 2883 8333 (853) 8895 3223 Fax: (853) 2883 2000 Email: elvis_zhang@pousadamarinainfante.com Website: http://www.pousadamarinainfante.com</p>	Standard Room (Twin/ Double Bed)	MOP680 nett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ City view ➤ Buffet breakfast, in-room WiFi and in-room mini bar set included 	Around 10 minutes to and from meeting venue by car ride
Deluxe Room (Twin/ Double Bed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lake view ➤ Buffet breakfast, in-room WiFi and in-room mini bar set included 				

No.	Hotel	Room Type	Daily Room Rates	Notes	Access to Venue
5	Inn Hotel, Macau 3-Star Hotel *** Address: 822 Estrada Governador Nobre Carvalho, Taipa, Macau Tel: (853) 2882 1666 FAX: (853) 2882 2808 Email: booking-mo@innhotel.com Website: http://www.innhotel.com/	New Superior Room (Twin/ Double Bed)	Sunday to Thursday MOP680 nett Friday MOP780 nett Saturday MOP930 nett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Room only ➤ Daily breakfast at MOP50 nett per meal per person 	Around 10-15 minutes to and from meeting venue by car ride