

Hong Kong (SAR), China 12 – 14 March 2024

Q&A





# Before you Travel



### How to Register

#### Registration is mandatory for everyone wishing to attend the WCS. No exceptions will be made.

To register for the WCS 2024, please use the link below, complete all the requested fields, and proceed with the payment for your registration to be valid.



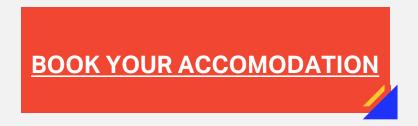
#### **Need help?**

- If you are a delegate, sponsor, exhibitor, or media representative, in case of questions about your registration for the event or your hotel booking, please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:iatawcs@gl-events.com">iatawcs@gl-events.com</a> for further assistance.
- If you are a speaker, you should have received a speaker Kit with all the details to register, as well as information about your presentation, etc. If you are a speaker, please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:IATA-WCS-admin@iata.org">IATA-WCS-admin@iata.org</a> for further assistance.



### How to Book your Hotel

Discover the official IATA's World Cargo Symposium venue in Hong Kong and plan your travel effortlessly.





#### **Hong Kong SKYCITY MARRIOTT**

5-star luxury hotel
Special rate of USD 211

Inclusive of breakfast, Wi-Fi, and taxes.

3-minute walk from the conference venue.

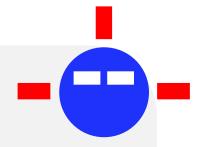
#### **REGALA CITY HOTEL**

5-star luxury hotel
Special rate of USD 165

Inclusive of breakfast, Wi-Fi, and taxes.
5-minute walk from the conference venue



### **Exclusive Offer from Cathay Pacific**



As the host airline of WCS 2024, **Cathay Pacific** is delighted to provide an exclusive offer available to registered delegates only.

Registered delegates can enjoy up to 10% off the standard ticket price for CX flights to Hong Kong.

All the necessary details to take advantage of this exceptional offer will be provided **upon confirmation of your registration.** 



### HKIA Cargo Facility Tour and Sightseeing Excursion



Embark on a remarkable adventure through Hong Kong with these exclusive tours after WCS 2024.

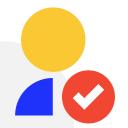
- On 14 Mar (13:45-18:00), the **Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) Cargo Facility Tour** will allow you to get an insider's look into the heart of cargo operations at HKIA and witness the incredible hustle and bustle that keeps the airport city connected to the world.
- On 15 Mar (09:00-13:30), the **Hong Kong Sightseeing Excursion** will take you to hop on the Big Bus and Peak Tram tour or visit the iconic Big Buddha.

You can register for these tours when registering for WCS 2024.

Limited spots are available. Sign up before 18 Feb 2024 for an unforgettable experience!



### Visa Requirements and Invitation Letter



#### Invitation letters for visa requests can be generated automatically when registering to the event.

- If you have answered "Yes" to the visa letter question, you will have entered all the requested details for the letter to be generated. You can then download it simply by going back to your registration (kindly make sure to enter your credentials as per WCS registration confirmation).
- If you have answered "No" to the visa letter question, you can go back to the registration and simply modify the information provided so that you can generate and download the visa letter.

Please note that it is mandatory to be fully registered to the WCS to get a visa invitation letter.

In case of additional questions about your registration to the event or your hotel booking, feel free to contact <a href="mailto:iatawcs@gl-events.com">iatawcs@gl-events.com</a>



### Steps to Apply for an E-Visa

All participants, including speakers and attendees from countries requiring a visa, must contact the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in their respective countries for China visa procedures.



You need to be a national of an e-visa-eligible country. The process will generally take only 3 working days and the fee is USD 43.

You can apply for an e-visa through this link.

#### To apply for an e-visa for China, please make sure that you have:

- A valid passport, expiring more than 6 months after the date of your departure from China.
- A passport-size photo.
- A copy of your return air ticket.
- A travel insurance that covers your stay in China.

If you prefer not to apply for an e-visa or encounter difficulties in doing so, you can contact a travel agency that offers authorized visa services.



### Access the Event's App



#### Download the event app:

- Here for Android
- Here for iOS



### Like, Share, Interact

Help us spread the word about this critical event by using the official hashtag **#IATAWCS**.



Don't forget to **like, share, and interact with our posts**. Let's connect and make the WCS 2024 experience even more memorable together!











## When you Arrive in Hong Kong



### About the Venue

#### The Venue

The event will take place at the **AsiaWorld-Expo**.

It is an exhibition and convention center in Hong Kong, conveniently located close to Hong Kong International Airport, on Lantau Island.

#### **Venue Contact Info**

#### AsiaWorld-Expo

- Address: 1 Airport Expo Blvd, Chek Lap Kok, Hong Kong
- Phone Number: + (852) 3606 8888
- Website

#### **Venue Facilities**

AsiaWorld-Expo features versatile exhibition halls with expansive floor space, modern meeting rooms equipped with advanced audio-visual technology, and a spacious convention center capable of accommodating diverse events.

#### Venue Local Area

Explore the vibrant surroundings of AsiaWorld-Expo with these nearby attractions and discover a perfect blend of cultural richness, scenic beauty, and shopping delights:

- Po Lin Monastery, a serene monastery featuring a majestic Buddha statue.
- The Ngong Ping 360 Scenic Cable Car
- Discovery Bay, a tranquil residential area with a beach and dining.



## **Transportation Options**

### Getting to the venue by car or free shuttle

The venue is 5 min. away by car from Hong Kong International Airport, and 10 min. away by public transport with the Airport Express.

There is also a shuttle service for added convenience. The shuttle service is free, and it departs every 30 min.

### Getting from the airport to the city center by train

Outside the arrival terminal of the Hong Kong International Airport, you can take the Airport Express.

The MTR Airport Express train reaches Hong Kong Island in 24 minutes. It's the fastest way to get from the airport to the city center.

Visit the <u>Airport Express</u> website for more details.

### Getting from the airport to the city center by taxi

They are readily available from the station opposite the airport arrivals hall.

If you are traveling to Hong Kong Island or Kowloon, you should take a red cab. If you're heading for the New Territories, you'll need a green cab, and those heading for Lantau Island will need a blue cab.

Rides cost a minimum of HKD 24\* (USD 3), plus ~HKD 1.50\* (USD 0,19) for every 200 m.

### Getting from the airport to the city center by metro

The metro operates from 6:00 a.m. to midnight.

Tickets can be purchased through vending machines that accept HKD 10 (USD 1,3) and HKD 20 (USD 2,5) bills.

The metro fare costs more than bus and streetcar fares. On average, they cost between HKD 4\* (USD 0,5) and HKD 10\* (USD 1,3) to the city center.



<sup>\*</sup>Please be aware that the prices provided are indicative and serve as a reference. They may vary.

# While in Hong Kong



### On-site Registration Opening Hours



Below you can find the opening hours of the **on-site registration**:

• Monday, 11 March: 8:00 - 20:00

• Tuesday, 12 March: 8:00 - 18:00

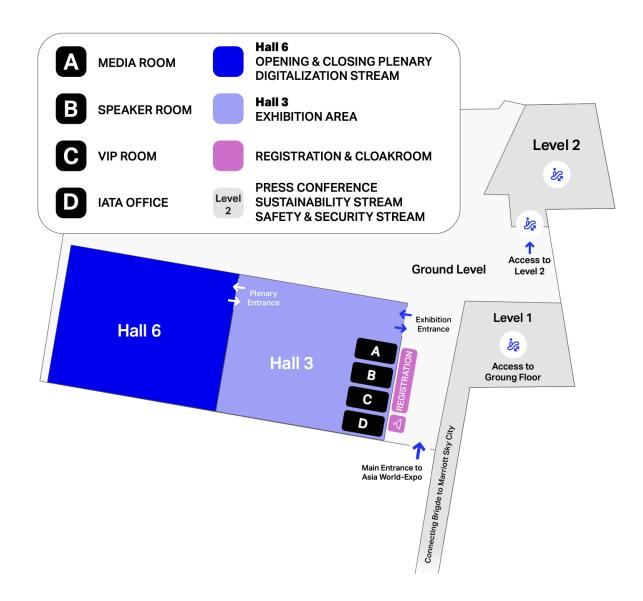
• Wednesday, 13 March: 8:00 - 17:30

• Thursday, 14 March: 8:00 - 14:00



### Event's Floorplan

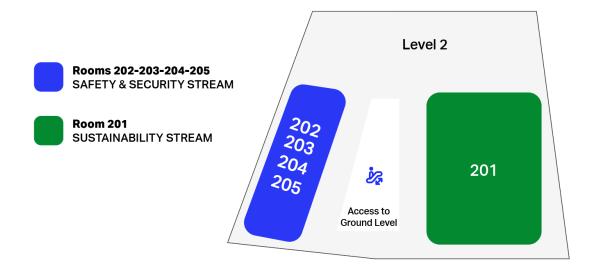
Ground Level **12-14 March** 





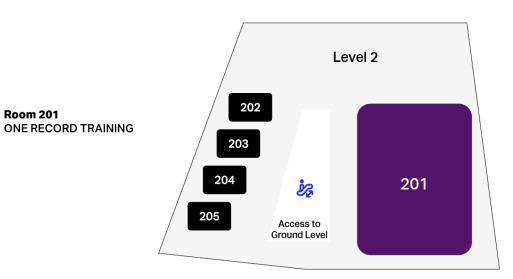
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Level 2 13 March



#### Level 2 14 March

Room 201





### **About Hong Kong**

#### Hong Kong's Currency

The official currency is the Hong Kong Dollar (HKD).

We recommend exchanging your currency at local banks or authorized currency exchange centers for the best rates.

Tipping is not customary in Hong Kong. In restaurants, the bill includes 10% for service, and cab drivers expect the fare to be rounded up to the nearest dollar.

#### **Emergency Contacts**

To contact the **Police, Fire Services Department, or an ambulance, dial 999**.

In case of crimes, you can also contact the police through its hotlines or report rooms.

For international emergencies, contact your embassy or consulate for assistance.

Save their contact information in case of any unforeseen circumstances.

#### The Weather in Hong Kong

Experience Hong Kong in March, transitioning to spring with rising temperatures and humidity.

- Expect around 12 rainy days but enjoy 4-5 clear days.
- Evenings can be cool, with temperatures ranging from 11°C to 26°C.

Visit the official Hong Kong Observatory's website for more information.



### **About Hong Kong**

#### **Electricity & Power**

Hong Kong operates on a 200-220 supply voltage.

Plug types D and G fit most of Hong Kong's electrical outlets. Type D has three round pins, while Type G has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern.





#### Food & Water

In Hong Kong, delegates can look forward to savoring iconic local dishes such as dim sum, roast goose, wonton noodles, and pineapple buns, alongside an array of street food delights like fish balls, egg waffles, and siu mai.

Additionally, tap water in Hong Kong is generally safe to drink. The water quality is monitored regularly, and it meets international standards.

#### Other important tips

Hong Kong is one of the safest cities in the world.

Some cities are very safe, while in some there are areas that are best avoided, but in general, you should be wary of petty theft and look closely after your belongings which will minimize the chances of anything going wrong.



