# Notes to Participants

#### Pre-registration & Badge Collection

The pre-registration session is arranged at the lobby of Easeland Hotel, on <u>3 December from 15:30 to 17:30.</u> We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to pick up your badge and conference bag before the conference begins. The following items will be included in the conference bag:

- Conference Programme
- Name Badge
- Conference Souvenirs

## **Opening Ceremony at GDUFS**

The opening ceremony and keynote session will take place at the International Conference Centre, 3/F of GDUFS Admin Building (next to the main gate) on 4 December from 09:00 to 12:00. You are required to show the security guards (1) your conference badge, (2) the email invitation or e-badge, or (3) telling your name and purpose of visit, when you enter the campus entrance. A location map (Appendix II) showing the directions to the GDUFS Conference Centre, which is just a 2-minute walk from the hotel, is appended for your reference.

#### **Conference Dinner**

A conference dinner will take place at the Golden Taoyuan Hall, 1/F, Easeland Hotel, on <u>4 December from 18:00 to 20:00</u>. All registered authors and participants are invited to join the conference dinner.

## The Dr Esther Ling-Yee LI Best Paper Awards

The award is established in memory of the late Dr Esther Ling-Yee LI for her contribution to AIB. The results will be announced during the conference dinner on <u>4 December</u>.

#### **Presentation Time**

There are 30 concurrent sessions for paper presentation, and each session lasts for 90 minutes, with the time per session determined by the number of papers in the session. Equal time should be given to each paper, with about 5-10 minutes for "Question & Answer" (Q&A). Presenters will be informed by the Session Chair at the last 5 minutes of their presentation.

Please be punctual for your session and check-in with the Session Chair.

#### Check-in / Check-out Time of Easeland Hotel Guangzhou

The official check-in time is from 14:00, and check-out time is until 12:00. Please contact the hotel directly for options available for early check-in or late check-out, if necessary.

## Transportation to Easeland Hotel Guangzhou (广州逸林假日酒店)

(Address: 2 Baiyun Avenue North, Guangzhou, China 广州市白云区白云大道北 2 号)

#### By Taxi

Baiyun International Airport (CAN) – about 45 minutes Guangzhou North Railway Station – about 45 minutes Guangzhou East Railway Station – about 35 minutes

#### Nearest Metro Station

Xiao-gang Station (Guangzhou Metro Line 2) – about 2 km

(The information above is for reference only and subject to the traffic conditions.)

## **Appendices**

Appendix I: Visa and Travel Information

Appendix II: Directions to GDUFS Conference Centre on 4 December Morning

Appendix III: Guangzhou Metro Map

## Appendix I: Visa and Travel Information

Visa exemption for selected countries: From March 14, 2024 to December 31, 2025, China has decided to implement a unilateral visa-free policy for ordinary passport holders from twelve countries: Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Malaysia, Switzerland, Ireland, Hungary, Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg. Citizens holding ordinary passports from the above countries who come to China for business, tourism, family visit and transit purposes for no more than 15 days can enter China without a visa. People from the above-mentioned countries who do not meet the conditions for visa exemption still need to apply for a visa before entering China.

For further information or consultation on relevant visa exemption policies, please log on to the <u>National Immigration</u> Administration Website.

Immigration Administration Service Hotline

Beijing: 0086-10-12367 Shanghai: 0086-21-12367 Guangdong: 0086-20-12367

Visa-free transit for selected countries: Aside from those countries with visa exemption agreements with China, with the approval of the State Council, Guangdong Province has adopted the 144-hour (6-day) visa-free transit policy for foreigners from May 1, 2024. Foreigners from over 50 countries who have valid international travel documents and a connecting ticket to a third country (region) (including an air, ship, or train ticket, or a bus ticket to Hong Kong or Macao) with a confirmed date and seat within 144 hours may enter through Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport, or Jieyang Chaoshan International Airport, and exit through one of the 32 ports approved by the State Council in Guangdong Province. The visa-free transit area is limited to Guangdong Province.

## 26 European countries in the Schengen area:

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2. Belgium	3. Czech Republic
5. Estonia	6. Finland
8. Germany	9. Greece
11. Iceland	12. Italy
14. Lithuania	15. Luxembourg
17. Croatia	18. Malta
20. Poland	21. Portugal
23. Slovenia	24. Spain
26. Switzerland	
	5. Estonia 8. Germany 11. Iceland 14. Lithuania 17. Croatia 20. Poland 23. Slovenia

#### 15 Other European countries:

1. Russia	2. The United Kingdom	3. Ireland
4. Cyprus	5. Bulgaria	6. Romania
7. Ukraine	8. Serbia	9. Bosnia
10. Herzegovina	11. Montenegro	12. Macedonia
13. Albania	14. Monaco	15. Belarus

### 6 American countries

1. The United States	2. Canada	3. Brazil
4. Mexico	5. Argentina	6. Chile

#### 2 Oceania countries

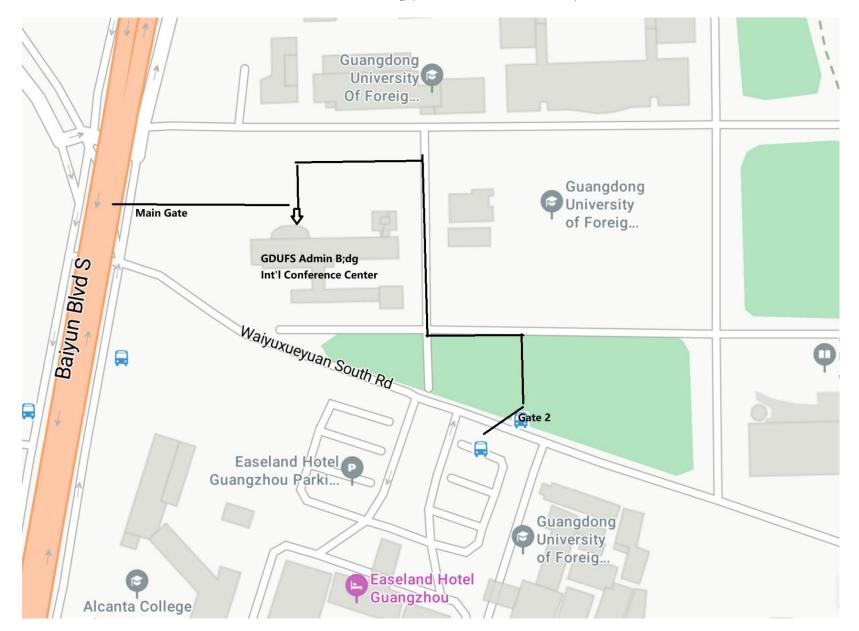
1. Australia	2. New Zealand
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#### 6 Asian countries

1. Republic of Korea	2. Japan	3. Singapore
4. Brunei	5. The United Arab Emirates	6. Qatar

<sup>\*</sup>Updated on 19 Apr 2024. Please check with the Chinese embassy or consulate in your country for details.

Appendix II:
Directions to GDUFS Conference Centre on 4 December Morning (2-mins Walk from the Hotel)



Appendix III: Guangzhou Metro Map

