

Third Announcement
First World Congress of International Consortium on
Geo-disaster Reduction
(1st ICGdR World Congress)

August 9–12, 2026

Hong Kong, China



International Consortium
on Geo-disaster Reduction



Theme

Geo-disaster Reduction in the Era of Climate Change and Artificial Intelligence

Organizers

- International Consortium on Geo-disaster Reduction (ICGdR)

Hosted by:

- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Tongji University

Co-hosted by:

- Institute of One Health Science at Ningbo University, China

Endorsed by:

- *Geoenvironmental Disasters*
- *Geohazards & Remediation*

Introduction

The International Consortium on Geo-disaster Reduction (ICGdR) is delighted to announce the first ICGdR World Congress will be held in Hong Kong, China, from August 9 to 12, 2026. As a flagship international event of ICGdR and UNESCO Chair on Geoenvironmental Disaster Reduction, the World Congress will be convened every four years, providing a premier platform for global experts, researchers, and practitioners to exchange knowledge and advance the field of geo-disaster reduction. The theme of the First ICGdR World Congress, “Geo-disaster Reduction in the Era of Climate Change and Artificial Intelligence”, reflects the urgent need to address the increasing challenges posed by climate change, while leveraging the transformative potential of artificial intelligence in disaster risk reduction. The Congress is committed to upholding the highest standards of scientific quality, fostering global participation, and promoting inclusivity and sustainability. The 2026 Congress will feature 14 parallel sessions, mainly organized by ICGdR technical committees, each focusing on a distinct topic within the broad field of geo-disaster reduction, along with 1 student session and 1 poster session. We warmly invite active researchers and leading engineers to join us in Hong Kong for this landmark event, to share your insights, collaborate with international peers, and contribute to building a safer and more resilient world.

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Program

The Congress will span four days and include a board meeting, keynote lectures, parallel technical sessions and delegate presentations. Coffee breaks will be provided as well as a welcome reception and a banquet. The official language of the Congress is English.

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM (Venue)
Aug. 9th Sunday	8:45- 18:00	Registration of Conference Participants (2 nd floor of Block Z, PolyU)
	14:00- 17:00	Board Meeting (M1603, PolyU)
	18:00- 20:30	Dinner (Ju Yin House Seafood Restaurant)
Aug. 10th Monday	08:45- 09:00	Opening Ceremony (Z209, PolyU)
	09:00- 09:10	Group Photo (Z209, PolyU)

	09:10-10:20	Plenary Keynotes (Z209, PolyU)
	10:20-10:35	Coffee Break (2 nd floor of Block Z, PolyU)
	10:35-11:45	Plenary Keynotes (Z209, PolyU)
	11:45-14:00	Lunch (Staff Club Restaurant - U.Green & Ju Yin House Seafood Restaurant, PolyU)
	14:00-15:55	Parallel sessions (Z405–Z414, Z503–Z506, PolyU)
	15:55-16:25	Coffee Break & Poster Session (2 nd floor of Block Z, PolyU)
	16:25-17:40	Parallel sessions (Z405–Z414, Z503–Z506, PolyU)
	17:40-20:00	Icebreaker Dinner (Ju Yin House Seafood Restaurant)
Aug. 11th Tuesday	9:00-10:10	Plenary Keynotes (Z209, PolyU)
	10:10-10:40	Coffee Break & Poster Session (2 nd floor of Block Z, PolyU)
	10:40-11:50	Parallel sessions (Z405–Z414, Z503–Z506, PolyU)
	11:50-14:00	Lunch (Staff Club Restaurant - U.Green & Ju Yin House Seafood Restaurant, PolyU)
	14:00-16:00	Parallel sessions and student sessions
	18:00-20:00	Banquet & Awards (Ju Yin House Seafood Restaurant, PolyU)
Aug. 12th Wednesday	9:00-10:10	Plenary Keynotes (Z209, PolyU)
	10:10-10:40	Coffee Break & Poster Session (2 nd floor of Block Z, PolyU)
	10:40-12:00	Lab visit

	12:00-14:00	Lunch (Staff Club Restaurant - U.Green & Ju Yin House Seafood Restaurant, PolyU)
	14:00-18:00	Field Geological Survey Dragon's Back (Shek O Country Park)

Conference Plenary speakers (In alphabetical order by surname)

- Location: Z209, Block Z, PolyU; Time: August 10-12

Plenary Talk 01: Monitoring, modelling, and early-warning of geo-disasters: AI-supported methods



Filippo Catani

Full Professor
the University of Padova, Italy

Prof. Filippo Catani is Full Professor of Engineering Geology at the University of Padova, where is Director of the Machine Intelligence & Slope Stability Laboratory, and President of the BSc Programme in Earth and Climate Dynamics. He holds appointment as Chair Associate of the UNESCO Chair on the Sustainable Management of Geo-hydrological Risks, and serves on the Executive Committee of the Italian Branch of IAEG. Ranked among the world's top 1% most influential scientists, his research focuses on geohazards, landslide forecasting, remote sensing, and artificial intelligence for Earth system monitoring, modelling, and analysis.

Plenary Talk 02: Prospects for Forecasting Rates, Magnitude and Impacts of Fluid-Injection Induced Seismicity



Derek Elsworth

Distinguished Professor
Pennsylvania State University, USA

Derek Elsworth is G. Albert Shoemaker Chair, Professor of Energy and Mineral Engineering and Geosciences and co-director of the Center for Geomechanics, Geofluids, and Geohazards at Penn State. His interests are in the areas of computational mechanics, rock mechanics, and in the mechanical and transport characteristics of fractured rocks, with application to geothermal energy, the deep geological sequestration of radioactive wastes and of CO₂, unconventional hydrocarbons including coal-gas, tight-gas-shales and hydrates, and instability and eruption dynamics of volcanoes.

Plenary Talk 03: TBD



Xuanmei Fan

Full Professor

Chengdu University of Technology, China

Prof. Xuanmei Fan is Director of the State Key Laboratory of Geohazard Prevention and Geoenvironment Protection at Chengdu University of Technology and a recipient of the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars of China. Her research focuses on earthquake-induced geohazards and disaster risk reduction. She has published more than 150 papers in leading journals, including Nature Geoscience and Science Advances, with over 11,800 citations, and has been recognized among the World's Top 2% Scientists. She Also serves as Vice President of the International Consortium on Landslides (ICL), Chair of the Smart International Multi-hazard Reduction Alliance (SIMR), and Secretary of the International Research Association on Large Landslides (iRALL).

Plenary Talk 04: AI-Driven Safety Resilience Enhancement of Highway Lifeline Engineering



Manchao He

Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences

China University of Mining and Technology (Beijing), China

Prof. Manchao He has been a Professor at CUMTB, Beijing since 1993 and Director of the State Key Laboratory of Tunnel Engineering since 2008. He is an Academician of CAS and ANI. His research covers rock mechanics, including landslide prediction, mining technologies, and rockburst control.

He developed a Newton force monitoring system that measures slip-surface force variation, successfully applied in many projects for landslide prediction and control in China. He proposed the 110/N00 mining method, which has led the third revolution of mining science in China, and invented the energy-absorbing NPR bolt (known as the “HE-bolt”), featuring large elongation, high working resistance, and ideal elastic-plastic behavior.

He has consulted on over 200 projects, authored over 300 papers, and received four National Awards, two Chinese Outstanding Patented Inventions, and the ISRM Technological Innovation Award. He served as ISRM Vice President and Chairman of its Education Fund Committee (2015–2019), and is now an ISRM Fellow. He has been President of CSRME since 2016 and Vice President of ICGdR since 2022.

Plenary Talk 05: Challenges in Landslide Prediction: Insights from Recent Events in a Changing Climate and Society



Michel Jaboyedoff

Full Professor

University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Michel Jaboyedoff is a geologist with a degree in physics and a PhD in clay mineralogy. He started doing research on natural hazards in 1994. Since 2005, he has been a full professor at the University of Lausanne, focusing his research on natural hazards and related risks and integrated risk analysis. He worked in several risk management projects around the world (Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Italy, Nepal, Norway, Switzerland, USA ...). His main research topics are related to the development of tools based on remote sensing and simple modelling techniques applied to landslides and rockfall hazard and risk analysis.

Plenary Talk 06: TBD



Eckart Meiburg

Distinguished Professor

University of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Professor Meiburg's research interests lie in the general area of fluid dynamics and transport phenomena. His group primarily employs the tools of computational fluid dynamics (CFD), in particular highly resolved direct numerical simulations, in order to obtain insight into the physical mechanisms that govern the spatio-temporal evolution of a wide variety of geophysical, porous media and multiphase flow fields. Occasionally, his group extends their analyses to address issues of linear stability as well. Frequently, they collaborate closely with corresponding experimental investigations. Some current interests focus on gravity and turbidity currents, Hele-Shaw displacements, double-diffusive phenomena in particle laden flows, and internal bores. Prof. Meiburg is also investigating the flow and transport processes that govern the formation of 'salt giants,' by focusing on the example of the Dead Sea (Meiburg and Lensky 2024, submitted).

Plenary Talk 07: Enhanced B-spline-based Material Point Methods for Solid Dynamics and Geohazard Simulations



Kenjiro Terada

Professor

Tohoku University, Japan

Dr. Terada is a Full Professor at Tohoku University, specializing in computational mechanics and CAE. He has published over 300 refereed papers in domestic and international journals alongside four Japanese textbooks. His high-quality contributions are widely recognized, earning him the prestigious IACM Fellows Award in 2014 and numerous invitations as a plenary and semi-plenary speaker. While his primary research focuses on computational homogenization and mathematical modeling for heterogeneous materials, his recent interests extend to hypercomplex disaster simulations for risk estimation and expanding multiscale finite element analysis methods into practical applications for daily industrial CAE operations

Plenary Talk 08: Development of a Ground Reinforcement Method Using Cross Laminated Timber



Masaho Yoshida

Professor

National Institute of Technology, Fukui College, Japan

Masaho Yoshida is a Professor at the National Institute of Technology, Fukui College, Japan, and President of the International Consortium on Geo-disaster Reduction. He received his Doctor of Engineering from Kanazawa University and was a visiting scholar at the University of California, San Diego. His research has advanced the fields of geotechnical and earthquake engineering, particularly in soil liquefaction, ground improvement, and timber-based technologies, contributing to global disaster risk reduction and climate change mitigation

Parallel Sessions

Session 1. Seismic Assessment and Design for Resilient Slopes	
(Location: Z405, Block Z; Time: 16:15–17:40, August 10; 9:00–11:15, August 11)	
Chair: Yu Huang, Tongji University, China	
Secretary: Wuwei Mao, Tongji University, China	
Keynote 1	Chih-Wei Lu, National Kaohsiung University of Science and

	Technology, Taiwan, China
Keynote 2	Yu Huang, Tongji University, China
Session 2. Remote Sensing of Geoenvironmental Disasters	
(Location: Z406, Block Z; Time: 16:15–17:40, August 10; 9:00–11:15, August 11)	
Chairs: Ping Lu, Tongji University, China; Chun Liu, Tongji University, China	
Secretary: Ping Lu, Tongji University, China	
Keynote 1	Filippo Catani, University of Padova, Italy
Keynote 2	Yong Nie, Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment, CAS, China
Session 3. One Health for Disaster-Resilient and Healthy Environments	
(Location: Z409, Block Z; Time: 16:15–17:40, August 10; 9:00–11:15, August 11)	
Chairs: Bin He, Ningbo University, China; Jiahai Lu, Wenzhou Medical University, China; Pingping Luo, Chang'an University, China; Zhiyuan Yao, Ningbo University, China; Khai Lin Chong, Universiti Utara Malaysia, China	
Secretary: Zhao Ma, Ningbo University, China	
Keynote 1	Bin He, Ningbo University, China
Keynote 2	Jiahai Lu, Wenzhou Medical University, China
Session 4. Marine Geo-disaster and Geo-environment	
(Location: Z410, Block Z; Time: 16:15–17:40, August 10; 9:00–11:15, August 11)	
Chairs: Xiaolei Liu, Ocean University of China, China; Hong Zhang, Ocean University of China, China; Lu Jing, Tsinghua University, China; Dawei Wang, Xingsen Guo, Ocean University of China, China	
Secretary: Hong Zhang, Ocean University of China, China	
Keynote 1	Kenjiro Terada, Tohoku University, Japan
Keynote 2	Mitsuteru Asai, Kyushu University, Japan
Session 5. Geo-risk Assessment and Mitigation	
(Location: Z411, Block Z; Time: 16:15–17:40, August 10; 9:00–11:15, August 11)	
Chairs: Honghu Zhu, Nanjing University, China; Jie Zhang, Tongji University, China;	

<p>Peiyuan Lin, Sun Yat-sen University, China; Yang Yu, Zhejiang University, China; Lulu Zhang, Shanghai Jiaotong University</p> <p>Secretary: Daoyuan Tan, Nanjing University, China</p>	
Keynote 1	Yu Wang, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, China
Keynote 2	Wanhuan Zhou, Macau University, China
<p>Session 6. Multiscale and Multiphysics Processes in Geosystems and Geohazards</p>	
<p>(Location: Z412, Block Z; Time: 16:15–17:40, August 10; 9:00–11:15, August 11)</p>	
<p>Chairs: Xiaoli Liu, Tsinghua University, China; Yifei Cui, Tsinghua University, China</p> <p>Secretary: Danqing Song, South China University of Technology, China</p>	
Keynote 1	Louis Wong, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China
Keynote 2	Jinhui Li, Harbin Institute of Technology, China
<p>Session 7. Fault Geo-disaster and Induced Seismicity</p>	
<p>(Location: Z414, Block Z; Time: 16:15–17:40, August 10; 9:00–11:15, August 11)</p>	
<p>Chairs: Haitao Yu, Tongji University, China; Ioannis Anastasopoulos, ETH Zurich, Switzerland; Emilio Bilotta, University of Napolil Federico II, Italy; Kyriazis Pitolakis, Aristotle University, Greece</p> <p>Secretary: Xiao Yan, Tongji University, China</p>	
Keynote 1	Emilio Bilotta, University of Napolil Federico II, Italy
Keynote 2	Wei Wu, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
<p>Session 8. Mechanism, Risk, and Resilience for Disaster Chains</p>	
<p>(Location: Z504, Block Z; Time: 16:15–17:40, August 10; 9:00–11:15, August 11)</p>	
<p>Chairs: Jinhui Li, Harbin Institute of Technology (Shenzhen), China; Qian Zou, Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment, CAS China; Wenjun Lu, Harbin Institute of Technology (Shenzhen), China; Ta Yang, Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment, CAS, China.</p>	

Secretary: Wenjun Lu , Harbin Institute of Technology (Shenzhen), China	
Keynote 1	Syed Muhammad Tayyab Shah, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Pakistan
Keynote 2	Jian Ji, Hohai University, China
Session 9. Mine Geological Hazards and Ecological Restoration	
(Location: Z405, Block Z; Time: 14:00–17:40, August 11)	
Chairs: Zizhao Zhang , Xinjiang University, China; Wanghua Sui , China University of Mining and Technology, China	
Secretary: Chang Zhou , Xinjiang University, China	
Keynote 1	Evgeny Abakumov, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia
Keynote 2	Zizhao Zhang, Xinjiang University, China
Session 10. Numerical Applications for Geo-disaster Assessment	
(Location: Z406, Block Z; Time: 14:00–17:40, August 11)	
Chairs: Youkou Dong , China University of Geosciences, China; Wei Shen , Changan University, China; Wenjie Du , Institute of Rock and Soil Mechanics, CAS, China	
Secretary: Wei Shen , Chang'an University, China	
Keynote 1	Jidong Zhao, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, China
Keynote 2	Dongfang Liang, Cambridge University, UK
Session 11. Reservoir Geo-disaster Mechanism and Prevention under Climate Change	
(Location: Z409, Block Z; Time: 14:00–17:40, August 11)	
Chairs: Huafeng Deng , China Three Gorges University, China; Shimei Wang , China Three Gorges University, China; Bolin Huang , China Three Gorges University, China; Guodong Zhang , China Three Gorges University, China; Kun Song , China Three Gorges University, China	

Secretary: Kun Song , China Three Gorges University, China	
Keynote 1	Chack-Fan Lee, China Three Gorges University, Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering, China
Keynote 2	Jianhua Yin, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, China
Session 12. AI-Enabled Geohazard Risk Reduction	
(Location: Z410, Block Z; Time: 14:00–17:40, August 11)	
<p>Chairs: Jie Dou, China University of Geosciences, China; Zheng Han, Central South University, China; Jianqi Zhuang, Sichuan University, China; Jian Ji, Shaoxing University, China; Ming Peng, Tongji University, China; Xueliang Wang, Institute of Geology and Geophysics, CAS, China</p> <p>Secretary: Aonan Dong, China University of Geosciences, China;</p>	
Keynote 1	Shiva. P. Pudasaini, Technical University of Munich, Germany
Keynote 2	Limin Zhang, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, China
Session 13. Physical Modelling for Geo-disaster Reduction	
(Location: Z411, Block Z; Time: 14:00–17:40, August 11)	
<p>Chairs: Chuhan Deng, Tianjin University, China; Xiaodong Fu, Institute of Rock and Soil Mechanics, CAS, China; Mengchen Sun, University of Emergency Management, China; Ruikun Wang, Tianjin University, China; Suran Wang, University of Shanghai for Science and Technology, China</p> <p>Secretary: Mengchen Sun, University of Emergency Management, China</p>	
Keynote 1	Huayang Lei, Guangxi University, China
Keynote 2	Giovanna Biscontin, U.S. National Science Foundation, USA
Session 14. Landslide Hazard Cascade under the Context of Climate Change	

(Location: Z411, Block Z; Time: 14:00–17:40, August 11)

Chairs: Fawu Wang, Tongji University, China; Aiguo Xing, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

Secretary: Shuai Zhang, Institute of Geomechanic, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences

Submission

Please submit abstracts and full papers to the official email: icgdr.2026hk@polyu.edu.hk or via the website <https://icgdr2026.aconf.org/>, including author names, affiliations, contact details and preference for oral presentation.

Submission deadline: July 9, 2026

Notification of acceptance: July 16, 2026

Registration

Registration includes access to all congress sessions, the welcome reception, refreshments, and conference banquet. Please register at <https://icgdr2026.aconf.org/>.

Category	Early Registration (Before July 9, 2026)	Regular Registration (After July 9, 2026)
Full Registration	\$650 (¥4615)	\$700 (¥4970)
ICGdR Member	\$599 (¥4252.9)	\$650 (¥4615)
Student	\$250 (¥1775)	\$300 (¥2130)
Accompanying Person	\$250 (¥1775)	
Site Visit	\$150 (¥1775)	

A full refund is available for cancellations made before July 31, 2026. No refunds will be issued after this date. Payment methods will be announced later.

The conference invitation letter will be issued after your registration has been completed. The organizer authorizes Wuhan Chytesy Aconf Co., Ltd. to collect registration fees and issue relevant invoices.

Important Dates

- Abstract and full paper submission opens: March 15, 2026
- Abstract and full paper submission deadline: July 9, 2026
- Notification of acceptance: July 16, 2026
- Early registration deadline: July 9, 2026

Congress Venue

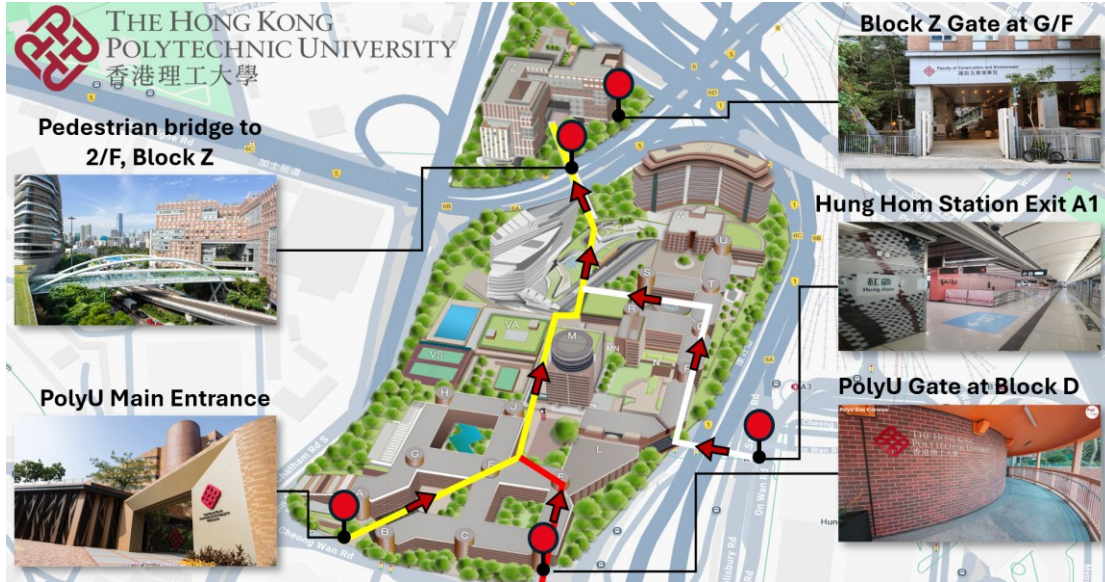
The Congress will be held at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, 11 Yuk Choi Road, Yau Tsim Mong District, Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR, China.

Lunches, dinners, as well as the banquet will be provided exclusively for registered

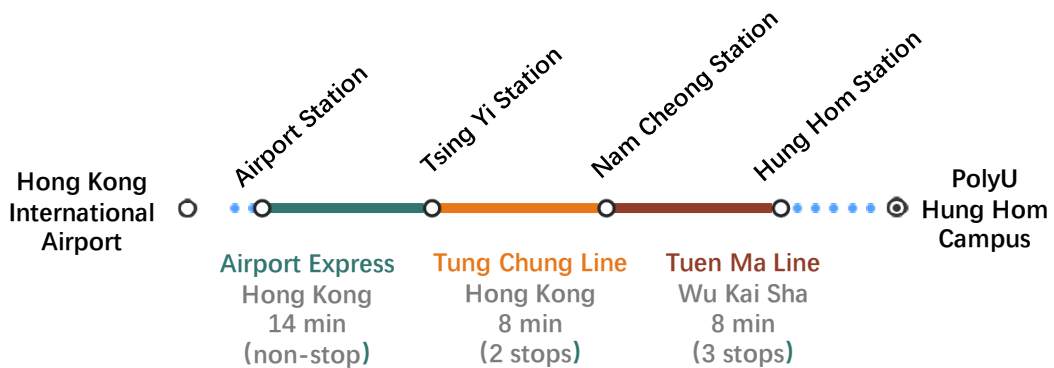
participants at Ju Yin House Seafood Restaurant, which is situated on the 4th floor of the Communal Building.

Campus map (<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/campus-map/>)

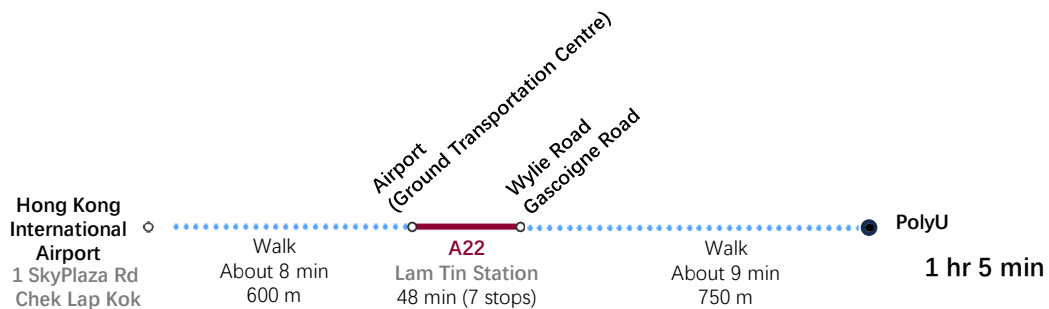
- Directions to the Congress Venue**

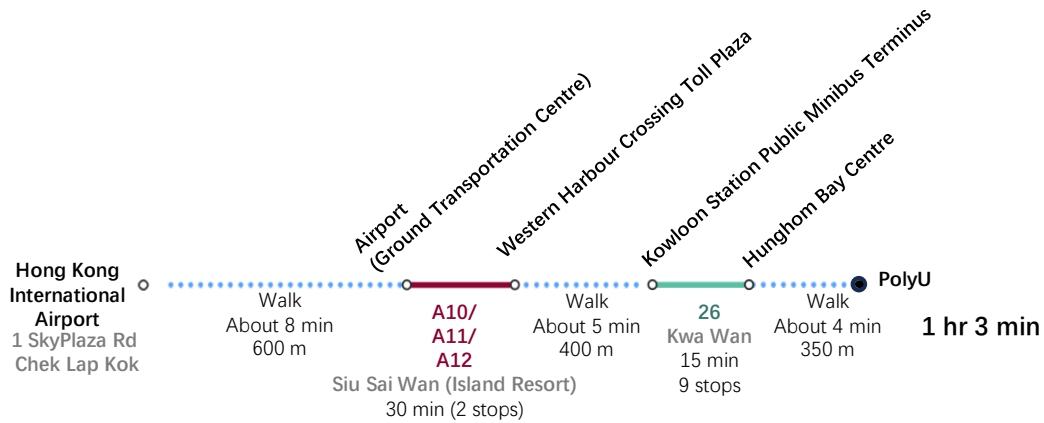


- Transportation from Hong Kong International Airport to the Venue**



By Bus: When taking the bus in Hong Kong, you can use either cash or the Octopus card as a payment method.

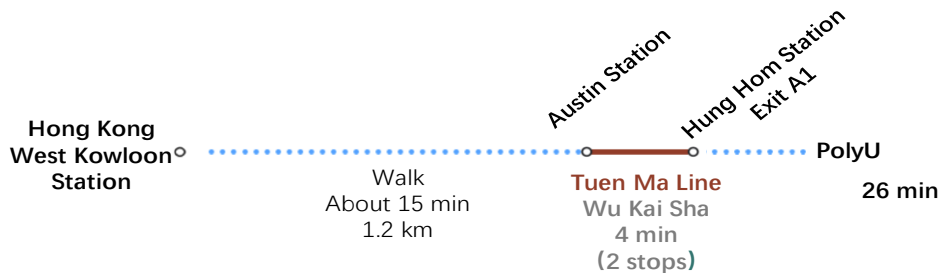




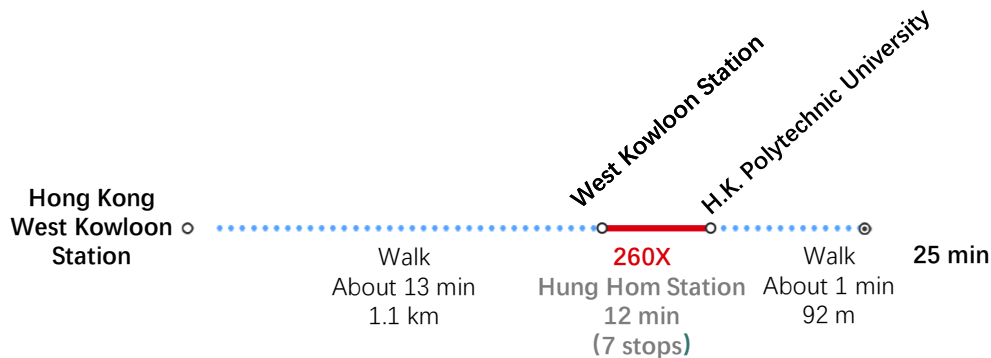
By Taxi: Cash is the preferred payment method, and Octopus is sometimes accepted. One-way fare from the airport to PolyU is approximately 265 HKD.

- **Transportation from Hong Kong West Kowloon Station**

By Metro (MTR): Cash, Octopus, and Alipay can be used for MTR



By Bus: Cash or Octopus is needed for taking the bus



By Taxi: Cash is the preferred payment method, and Octopus is sometimes accepted. One-way fare from the HK West Kowloon Station to PolyU is approximately 35 HKD.

Presentations: Time and Equipment

All papers are to be presented and discussed in English, which is the official language of the Congress. The time allocation per presenter is:

- 20 minutes per Session keynote (15 min. presentation plus 5 min. discussion)
- 15 minutes per Invited presentation (10 min. presentation plus 5 min. discussion)
- 15 minutes per Regular presentation (10 min. presentation plus 5 min. discussion)

A Windows PC (running PowerPoint) connected to a projector will be present for the presenter to use. PDFs are also acceptable. Please provide all presentations to the session assistant prior to the beginning of each session. Please test your presentation before the session starts.

To show courtesy to speakers, please turn off your cell phones or set the tone to be silent before entering presentation sessions.

Publication

All accepted abstracts and full papers will be published in the Congress proceedings. Selected high-quality papers will be recommended for publication in the official journal of ICGdR, *Geoenvironmental Disasters* (5-Year IF: 5.2) and special issue of journal *Geohazards & Remediation*.

Post-Congress Field Excursion

Dragon's Back is one of Hong Kong's best-known hiking trails, running along the undulating ridge between Wan Cham Shan and Shek O Peak in Shek O Country Park on southeastern Hong Kong Island. Named for its resemblance to the spine of a dragon, the trail offers panoramic views of the South China Sea, Shek O, Big Wave Bay and the surrounding hills. The area also has an interesting geological history. The wider Shek O–D'Aguilar peninsula contains Cretaceous Po Toi Granite, which meets older fine-ash volcanic tuff along its northern margin. Long-term weathering and erosion, together with large-scale joints in the granite, have helped create the area's smooth, rounded slopes, exposed rock surfaces and rugged coastal scenery. Combining open landscapes, refreshing sea breezes and visible geological features, Dragon's Back provides a peaceful escape from the city and an excellent introduction to Hong Kong's natural and geological heritage.



- Located on the southeastern side of Hong Kong Island, Dragon's Back follows the ridge of D'Aguilar Peak in Shek O Country Park (photos from the Hong Kong Tourism Board)

Accommodation

To help you find the best accommodation, we recommend the following hotels,

which are close to the congress venue. Please kindly reserve by yourself.

1 [Metropark Hotel Kowloon](#)

- Price (for reference): 500-700 HKD
- Distance to the venue: 1.8 km (about 30 minutes by public transportation and walking)

2 [Regal Oriental Hotel](#)

- Price (for reference): 800-900 HKD
- Distance to the venue: 3.5 km (about 30 minutes by public transportation and walking)

3 [Empire Hotel Hong Kong Wan Chai](#)

- Price (for reference): 700-900 HKD
- Distance to the venue: 4.0 km (about 30 minutes by public transportation and walking)

4 [Empire Hotel Hong Kong Tsim Sha Tsui](#)

- Price (for reference): 1000-1200 HKD
- Distance to the venue: 0.8 km (about 15 minutes by walking)

5 [Stanford Hillview Hotel Hong Kong](#)

- Price (for reference): 700-900 HKD
- Distance to the venue: 0.8 km (about 15 minutes by walking)

6 [The Bauhinia Hotel Tsim Sha Tsui](#)

- Price (for reference): 800-1100 HKD
- Distance to the venue: 0.8 km (about 15 minutes by walking)

7 [Harbour Plaza Metropolis](#)

- Price (for reference): ~1200 HKD
- Distance to the venue: 1.2 km (about 20 minutes by walking)

8 [Eaton Hotel Hong Kong](#)

- Price (for reference): 800-1000 HKD
- Distance to the venue: 0.8 km (about 15 minutes by walking)

9 [Hotel Icon Hong Kong](#)

- Price (for reference): 1800-2100 HKD
- Distance to the venue: 0.8 km (about 15 minutes by public transportation and walking)

VISA

Letter invitation for Visa application can be asked to the Conference Secretariat.

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