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## **IOC Circular Letter No 3019**

(Available in English and Spanish)

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- To : ICG/PTWS Tsunami National Contacts (TNC) ICG/PTWS National Tsunami Warning Centres (NTWCs) ICG/PTWS Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFP) ICG/PTWS Chair and Vice-Chairs
- C.c. : Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with IOC Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO and National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC ICG/PTWS Directors of UNESCO and IOC Regional Offices in Asia/Pacific Region Permanent Observers to ICG/PTWS Regional Organizations cooperating with UNESCO-IOC Director, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) Director, International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC) Director North West Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC) Director South China Sea Tsunami Advisory Center (SCSTAC)

## Subject: Invitation to the Thirty-first Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS-XXXI), Beijing, China, 7–11 April 2025

The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System was first established by the IOC in 1965 as a cooperation mechanism for countries in the Pacific whose coastal areas are threatened by tsunamis. Through the ICG, Member States have designed and developed the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System and work together to improve and sustain it.

I am pleased to invite you to nominate a delegation to ICG/PTWS-XXXI by communicating the names, positions and contact details of your representatives directly on the website at <u>https://oceanexpert.org/event/4627 no later than 7 February 2025</u>. For queries about registration please contact <u>a.haidar@unesco.org</u>.

As now customary, IOC and the IUGG Joint Tsunami Commission will host a Tsunami Workshop on the first day of the session (7 April 2025) at the same venue. The title of the workshop is "60th Anniversary of the ICG/PTWS – Past and Future". Additional information about the workshop will become available soon on the session webpage.

#### Chairperson

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#### **Executive Secretary**

Mr Vidar HELGESEN Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission — UNESCO 7 Place de Fontenoy 75352 Paris Cedex 07 SP FRANCE I wish to remind you that, according to IOC Resolution EC-XXXIX.8 (2006), membership of the ICG/PTWS consists of:

- Member States of the IOC within and bordering the Pacific Ocean and adjacent seas
- Observers from other IOC Member States
- Invited observers from organizations (including NGOs), programmes and projects, in accordance with the IOC rules and procedures.

The meeting agenda is technical in nature and delegates should be prepared to participate in the technical discussions. Let me also recommend to all recipients of this letter to give a thought about gender balance of your national delegation. A copy of the tentative agenda is appended to this letter as Annex 1. The working languages of the session are English and Spanish.

During this session, the ICG/PTWS will elect one Chairperson and three Vice-chairpersons who will be on duty until end of the 32<sup>nd</sup> session in 2027. The election procedure and nomination forms are appended to this invitation (Annex 2). Nominations for the elections should be sent to me or handed over to my representative at the session until the third day of the ICG session, i.e. at the close of business on 10 April 2025. In accordance with the <u>Priority Gender Equality of UNESCO</u>, Member States are especially encouraged to nominate female candidates. The current Officers of the ICG/PTWS below are eligible for one additional period:

• Vice-Chair: Dr Dakui Wang (China) – elected in September 2023 (1<sup>st</sup> term)

The deadline for submitting national reports to the ICG/PTWS Technical Secretary, Dr Öcal Necmioğlu (<u>o.necmioglu@unesco.org</u>), preferably in writing, is <u>7 February</u> at the latest. A template for national reports is attached hereafter as Annex 3. In this national report, please also specify how national plans and efforts towards improving tsunami resilience will contribute to the objectives of the <u>UN Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme</u>.

An information note including suggested accommodation, airport transfers to the venue of the meeting and local information is appended to this letter as Annex 4. The general documentation and information for the meeting will be posted and updated on the session webpage as they become available. As is customary for intergovernmental meetings, participants are required to secure their own financial support to attend the session.

Member States' contributions and commitment in the intergovernmental work are also essential to sustain and further develop the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System with the ultimate goal of saving lives across the Pacific Ocean and ensuring that no one is left behind.

With the assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signature]

Vidar Helgesen Executive Secretary

Enclosures (4): Annex 1: Provisional Agenda and Timetable Annex 2: Election Procedure and Nomination Forms Annex 3: Template for National Reports Annex 4: Host Country Information Note for Participants

# Thirty-first Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS-XXXI)

Beijing, China

7–11 April 2025

# **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. WELCOME AND OPENING OF SESSION

# 2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

- 2.1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- 2.2. DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR
- 2.3. CONDUCT OF THE SESSION, TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION

# 3. REPORT ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 3.1. CHAIRPERSON REPORT
- 3.2. SECRETARIAT REPORT
- 3.3. REPORT OF THE 9TH ICG/PTWS-JOINT WORKSHOP
- 3.4. TOWS-WG REPORT
- 3.5. TSUNAMI SERVICES PROVIDERS REPORT

3.5.1.1. PTWC 3.5.1.2. NWPTAC 3.5.1.3. SCSTAC

- 3.6. ITIC'S REPORT
- 3.7. NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS
- 3.8. WORKING GROUPS AND TASK TEAM REPORTS
- 3.9. STATUS OF PROGRESS IN OTHER ICGs
- 3.10. REPORTS FROM UN AND NON-UN ORGANISATIONS

# 4. POLICY MATTERS

- 4.1. PTWS STATUS REPORT
- 4.2. TSUNAMI READY RECOGNITION PROGRAMME
- 4.3. MINIMUM COMPETENCIES FOR NATIONAL TSUNAMI WARNING CENTRES
- 4.4. TIERED USE OF PTHA RESULTS IN ASSESSMENTS

- 4.5. INTEGRATION OF PTWS SENSORS NETWORKS FOR TSUNAMI DETECTION AND CHARACTERISATION
- 4.6. TSUNAMI SERVICE PROVISION CONSIDERATIONS FOR EVENTS OUTSIDE PTWS EARTHQUAKE SOURCE ZONE
- 4.7. PROVISION FOR TSUNAMI INFORMATION SERVICES FOR THE MARITIME COMMUNITY
- 4.8. REVISED USER'S MANUALS AND SERVICES OVERVIEW DOCUMENT
- 4.9. PACIFIC WAVE EXERCISE
  - 4.9.1. REPORT ON THE PACIFIC WAVE 2024
  - 4.9.2. PLANNING FOR THE PACIFIC WAVE 2026
- 4.10. CENTRAL AMERICA TSUNAMI ADVISORY CENTER (CATAC)
- 4.11. TSUNAMI GENERATED BY VOLCANOES
- 4.12. GLOBAL TSUNAMI PERFORMANCE MONITORING FRAMEWORK
- 4.13. OCEAN DECADE TSUNAMI PROGRAMME (ODTP)
- 4.14. PTWS TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS CAPACITY ASSESSMENT (ESCAP PHASE II)
- 5. PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2024–2025 IMPLEMENTATION
- 6. NEXT SESSION
- 6.1. CONFIRMATION OF DATE AND PLACE OF ICG/PTWS-XXXII
- 6.2. TARGET DATE FOR ICG/PTWS-XXXIII
- 7. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS
- 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 9. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
- 10. CLOSURE

# Thirty-first Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System

(ICG/PTWS-XXXI) Beijing, China 7, 8–11 April 2025 PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

English only

Hour	7 April	Tuesday 8 April	Wednesday 9 April	Thursday 10 April	Friday 11 April
8.00 - 9.00		Registration - Logistics			
9.00 -9.30 9.30 -10.00		1. WELCOME AND OPENING COFFEE BREAK	3.8 Working Groups and Task Team Reports (continued) (10-20 min./WG) 3.9 Status of progress in other ICGs (10 min.	4.12 Global Tsunami Performance Monitoring Framework (15min) 4.13 Ocean Decade Tsunami	REPORT OF
10:00-10:30	shop Future	Group Photo 2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION (30 min.) 3. REPORT ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	for each) 3.10 Reports from UN/non-UN organizations (10min. for each)	4.13 Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme (ODTP) (30 min.) 4.14 PTWS Tsunami Preparedness Capacity Assessment (45 min.)	INTRASESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS
10:30-11.00	Fut Sh	3.1 Chairperson report (20 min.)	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK
11.00 – 13.00	al Work essions	3.2 Secretariat report (10 min.) 3.3 Summary of the Workshop (20	<ul> <li>4. POLICY MATTERS</li> <li>4.1 PTWS Status Report (20 min.)</li> <li>4.2 Tsunami Ready Recognition (20 min.)</li> <li>4.3 Tiered Use of PTHA Results in Assessments (20 min)</li> <li>4.4 Minimum competencies for NTWCs (20 min.)</li> </ul>	INTRASESSIONAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS	5.PROGRAMME & BUDGET 2024-2025 6.NEXT SESSION 7.ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
13.00 – 14.30	, de , S	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
14.30 – 16.00	PTWS- IUG ation with tl	3.7 National Progress Reports (5 min./Member State)	<ul> <li>4.5 Integration of PTWS sensors networks (20 min.)</li> <li>4.6 Tsunami Service Provision Considerations for Events Outside PTWS Earthquake Source Zone (20 min.)</li> <li>4.7 Provision for Tsunami Services for the Maritime Community (20 min.)</li> <li>4.8 Revised User's Manual and Services Overview Document (20 min.)</li> </ul>	FIELD TRIP	9. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
16:00-16:30	<b>9</b>	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK		COFFEE BREAK
16.30 – 18.00		<ul><li>3.7 National Progress Reports (continued 30 min.)</li><li>3.8 Working Groups and Task Team Reports (10-20 min./WG)</li></ul>	<ul> <li>4.9 Pacific Wave Exercise (40 min.)</li> <li>4.8.1 Report on the Pacific Wave 2024</li> <li>4.8.2 Planning for the Pacific Wave 2026</li> <li>4.10 Central America Tsunami Advisory Center (CATAC) (20min.)</li> <li>4.11Tsunami Generated by Volcanoes (30 min.)</li> </ul>		9. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Cont'd) 10. CLOSURE
		18:30 HOST COUNTRY RECEPTION	18:00 Deadline for nominations of candidates for Officers	21:00 Deadline for Draft Decisions/Recommendations	

## Elections of the Officers of the ICG

The Officers of the ICG/PTWS, namely one Chairperson and two Vice-chairpersons are elected at each session of the ICG for a mandate of two years.

The Chairperson shall declare the opening and closing of each session, direct the discussions and ensure observance of the <u>Rules of Procedure</u> of IOC, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The Chairperson shall rule on points of order and, subject to these Rules, shall control the proceedings, maintain order and strive to work by consensus (Rule 19.2).

The Vice-chairpersons assist the Chairperson in his/her functions and substitute him/her when and where necessary.

The Chairperson and the Vice-chairpersons of a subsidiary body shall not remain in his/her mandate more than two successive terms (Rule 6 and Art. 7.2 of the <u>IOC Statutes</u>).

#### Nominations

Nominations of individuals to either the post of Chairperson or the posts of Vice-chairpersons shall be submitted by Member States through the officially designated Head of Delegation to the ICG/PTWS session or the IOC Focal Point in the Member State or through the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO.

Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the IOC Executive Secretary using **Form A** (Chairperson) or **Form B** (Vice-chairperson) and must reach the Executive Secretary or his representative on the second day of the meeting by close of business.

Each nomination shall contain a declaration from the candidate that he/she is prepared to stand for the post for which he/she has been nominated and is willing to take on the obligations that would devolve upon him/her, should he/she be elected. Each nomination shall also contain a CV with the profile of the candidate (**Form C**).

Each candidate must be seconded by two Member States of the ICG/PTWS other than the nominating Member State.

### Elections

The IOC general practice is working and deciding by consensus (Rule 19.2).

Should voting be necessary, decisions shall be made by a simple majority of the valid votes cast (Technical arrangements 2.20(iv)), by secret ballot.

# Current List of ICG/PTWS Officers and completed mandates

Chair:	Mr Yuji Nishimae (Japan) – elected in December 2021 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Vice-Chair:	Dr Dakui Wang (China) – elected in September 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Vice-Chair:	Dr Wilfried Strauch (Nicaragua) – elected December 2021 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Vice-Chair:	Mr 'Ofa Fa'anunu (Tonga) – elected in September 2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)

## Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS)

## **Biennial Elections**

## Form A – Chairperson

Name of Member State: .....

Name of Nominee: .....

I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Chairperson of the ICG/PTWS and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of it.

Signature of the Nominee:

	Seconder 1	Seconder 2
Member State of the ICG/PTWS		
Name in capitals		
Position		
Signature		
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Date sent to the IOC Secretariat Date and time received by the IOC Secretariat

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## Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS)

## **Biennial Elections**

## Form B – Vice-chairperson

Name of Member State: .....

Name of Nominee: .....

I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Vice-chairperson of the ICG/PTWS and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of it.

Signature of the Nominee: .....

	Seconder 1	Seconder 2
Member State of the ICG/PTWS		
Name in capitals		
Position		
Signature		

Date sent to the IOC Secretariat Date and time received by the IOC Secretariat

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# Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS)

## **Biennial Elections**

# Form C – CV of nominee

# [NAME]

Date of birth:

Languages:

Address:

Phone number:

Fax number:

Email:

CURRENT POSITION

[Please insert text]

EDUCATION

[Please insert text]

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

[Please insert text]

National Reports will be posted to the ICG/PTWS-XXXI website without TWFP contact details

## NATIONAL REPORT

## Submitted by [country name]

### **BASIC INFORMATION**

(FILL IN SECTIONS 1-3 ONLY IF THERE IS A NEED TO COMMUNICATE OFFICIAL UPDATES.)

## 1. ICG/PTWS Tsunami National Contact (TNC)

The person designated by a Member State to an Intergovernmental Coordination Group (ICG) to represent his/her country in the coordination of international tsunami warning and mitigation activities. The person is part of the main stakeholders of the national tsunami warning and mitigation system. The person may be the Tsunami Warning Focal Point, from the national disaster management organization, from a technical or scientific institution, or from another agency with tsunami warning and mitigation responsibilities.

Name: Title: Organization: Postal Address: E-mail Address: Telephone Number: Fax Number: Cellular Telephone Number:

### 2. ICG/PTWS Tsunami Warning Focal Point (TWFP)

A 24 x 7 point of contact (office, operational unit or position, not a person) officially designated by the NTWC or the government to receive and disseminate tsunami information from an ICG Tsunami Service Provider according to established National Standard Operating Procedures. The TWFP may or not be the NTWC.

TWFP Agency name:\_ (*if different from NTWC agency*) TWFP Agency Contact or Officer in Charge (*if different from NTWC Agency*): Name: Position: Telephone Number: Email Address: Postal Address:

TWFP 24x7 point of contact (office, operational unit or position, not a person):

Name of office, operational unit or position: E-mail Address: Telephone Number: Cellular phone number: Fax:

# National Tsunami Warning Centre (if different from the above)

A centre officially designated by the government to monitor and issue tsunami warnings and other related statements within their country according to established National Standard Operating Procedures

NTWC Agency Name: NTWC Agency Contact or Officer in Charge (person): Name: Position: Telephone Number: Email address: Postal Address:

# 3. Tsunami Advisor(s), if applicable

(Person, Committee or Agency managing Tsunami Mitigation in country) Name: Title: Postal Address: E-mail Address: Emergency Telephone Number: Emergency Fax Number: Emergency Cellular Telephone Number:

# 4. Tsunami Standard Operating Procedures for a Local Tsunami (when a local tsunami hazard exists)

# 5. Tsunami Standard Operating Procedures for a Distant Tsunami (when a distant tsunami hazard exists)

For each situation, please provide the following:

- What organization identifies and characterizes tsunamigenic events?
- What is the threshold or criteria for declaring a potential tsunami emergency?
- What organization acts on the information provided by the agency responsible for characterizing the potential tsunami threat?
- How is the tsunami information (warning, public safety action, etc) disseminated within country? Who is it disseminated to?
- How is the emergency situation terminated?
- For Distant Tsunami Procedures: What actions were taken in response to tsunami bulletins issued by PTWC, NWPTAC, and/or SCSTAC during the intersessional period?

# 6. National Sea Level Network

Please include a table with position and description of stations/sensors, and a map.

# 7. Information on Tsunami occurrences

Please include sea level observations, pictures, wave arrival descriptions, public, media, or other responses to warnings, lessons learned, etc.

# 8. Web sites (URLs) of national tsunami-related web sites

# 9. Summary plans of future tsunami warning and mitigation system improvements.

## NATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

## **10. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Please provide a brief statement of no more than one page addressing all items discussed in the Narrative section of the National Report (below)

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# 11. NARRATIVE

Detailed description of innovations or modifications to National tsunami warnings procedures or operations since last National Report, tsunami research projects, tsunami mitigation activities and best practices (especially in preparedness and emergency management), tsunami exercises, as well as public education programmes or other measures taken to heighten awareness of the tsunami hazard and risk.

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Date: ..... Name: .....

## 31<sup>st</sup> SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION GROUP FOR THE PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING & MITIGATION SYSTEM (ICG/PTWS-XXXI) OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC)

Beijing, China

7–11 April 2025

# HOST COUNTRY INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

# 1. MEETING VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The meeting will be held at **Capital Hotel** in Beijing, China from 7 to 11 April 2025. It is a five-star international hotel located in the center of Beijing. The address is 3 Qianmen East Street, Dongcheng District, Beijing, China.

The National Marine Environmental Forecasting Center (NMEFC) of the Ministry of Natural Resources has reserved a batch of rooms with the following types and prices:

Room Type	Price (CNY/night, including 1 breakfast)	
Superior Standard Room	CNY 610	
Luxury Standard Room	CNY 710	

Please make your reservation through email: <u>shijy@nmefc.cn</u>, and carbon copy (CC) to <u>zhanglupub@hotmail.com</u> by latest 7 March. The reservation information includes Guest Name, Employer, Date of birth, Place of birth, Passport No, Check-in Date, Check-out Date and Room Type.

# 2. TRANSPORTATION

## From the Airport to the Hotel

Beijing Capital International Airport: 30 kilometers away from the hotel. It takes about 50 minutes by taxi and the cost is around CNY120 - 150.

Beijing Daxing International Airport: 50 kilometers away from the hotel. It takes about 80 minutes by taxi and the cost is around CNY180 - 220.

## Local Transportation

There are multiple subway stations and bus stops near the hotel, providing convenient transportation. It is close to:

- -Wangfujing Business District (1.5 kilometers, 3 minutes by car / 10 minutes on foot),
- -Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City (1 kilometer, 5 minutes by car / 20 minutes on foot),
- -Central Business District (CBD, 6 kilometers, 20 minutes by car),
- -Beijing Railway Station (4 kilometers, 15 minutes by car),
- -Beijing West Railway Station (9 kilometers, 30 minutes by car),
- -Beijing South Railway Station (7 kilometers, 25 minutes by car).

# 3. VISA AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please check the visa requirements for entering China according to your nationality and ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry. If you need a visa, please contact the Embassy or Consulate of China in your country to apply for it. At the same time, please bring your meeting invitation letter, which can be provided by the UNESCO-IOC Secretariat upon request.

# 4. CURRENCY EXCHANGE

The currency used in China is the Renminbi (CNY). The exchange rate may fluctuate. As of November 26, 2024, it was approximately **7.1910** CNY per US dollar. It is recommended to check the current exchange rate before traveling. You can exchange currency at the airport, banks, or authorized currency exchange centers. Most stores and restaurants accept credit cards (such as Visa, Mastercard, etc.), but it is advisable to carry some cash for small transactions. In addition, mobile payment systems are widely used in China, and you can use popular mobile payment apps such as Alipay or WeChat Pay for convenient payments.

# 5. LOCAL CLIMATE IN NOVEMBER

Beijing has a continental monsoon climate. In April, the average daily temperature range is typically between 10 C to 20 C. However, it can still be quite variable, with cooler mornings and evenings. Please check the weather forecast before your trip and pack accordingly, including light jackets or sweaters for the cooler times and lighter clothing for the warmer parts of the day.

# 6. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Up-to-date information on International Travel and Health can be obtained from the WHO website.

## 7. LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Life/major health insurance for each participant is necessary and is the responsibility of the participant institution or Government. The Local Organizing Committee will not assume any responsibility for life and major health insurance, nor for expenses related to medical treatment or accidents.

## 8. TIME

The time in Beijing, China is 8 hours ahead of UTC.

## 9. ELECTRICITY

The standard voltage throughout China is normally 220 Volt and with a standard frequency of 50 Hz. Please consider bringing a voltage converter if you think necessary. Most power plugs and sockets in China are type A and C as shown below. Please bring an adapter if necessary.



## 10. LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS FOR ACCOMMODATION

## Beijing New World Center Tonino Lamborghini Hotels & Resorts (4 stars)

Address: 3 - 18 Chongwenmenwai Avenue Distance from Capital Hotel: Within 1 kilometer Room Rates for April 2025 (Big Bed or Twin Bed Rooms): Approximately CNY 800 - CNY 1200. Reservation Website: <u>Booking.com</u>, <u>Agoda.com</u> Telephone Number: +86 10-86398888

**Hotel Advantages**: It is conveniently located near Qianmen, Temple of Heaven Park, and Chongwenmen. It has convenient transportation and a nice view outside the window, suitable for taking pictures.

## Grand Hyatt Beijing (5 stars)

Address: 1 East Chang'an Avenue, Dongcheng District, Beijing

Distance from Capital Hotel: Within 1 kilometer

Room Rates for April 2025 (Big Bed or Twin Bed Rooms): Approximately CNY 1500 - CNY 2500.

Reservation Website: Booking.com, Agoda.com

Telephone Number: +86 10-85181234

**Hotel Advantages**: Located near Tian'anmen and Wangfujing, about 2.1 kilometers away from the center of Dongcheng District. The front desk service is enthusiastic. The facilities are complete and you can enjoy a charming night view.

## Legendale Hotel Beijing (5 stars)

Address: 92 Jinbao Street, Dongcheng District Distance from Capital Hotel: Within 1 kilometer Room Rates for April 2025 (Big Bed or Twin Bed Rooms): Approximately CNY 1800 - CNY 2800. Reservation Website: <u>Booking.com</u>, <u>Agoda.com</u>

**Telephone Number**: +86 10-85113388

**Hotel Advantages**: Near Tian'anmen and Wangfujing, about 1.5 kilometers from the center of Dongcheng District. It has convenient transportation, is luxurious and offers a swimming pool and butler service.

## Crystal Orange Hotel Beijing Chongwenmen (4 stars)

Address: Block B, New World Center Office Building, Chongwenmen Distance from Capital Hotel: Within 1 kilometer Room Rates for April 2025 (Big Bed or Twin Bed Rooms): Approximately CNY 1000 - CNY 1500.

Reservation Website: Booking.com, Agoda.com

**E-mail**: Refer to the hotel's official website.

**Telephone Number**: +86 10-67081118

**Hotel Advantages**: Located near Qianmen, Temple of Heaven Park, and Chongwenmen, about 3.8 kilometers from the center of Dongcheng District. The surrounding area is convenient and the environment is elegant. It offers butler service and a designer hotel experience.

Here are some more convenient chain hotels. You can book these convenient hotels by visiting popular online travel agencies like Booking.com, Agoda, or directly on the hotel's official website.

**Atour** : Atour Hotels are known for their reasonable prices, cleanliness, and buffet breakfast. They have multiple locations in Beijing and are popular among foreign tourists. For example, Atour Light

Hotel Beijing Temple of Heaven is located in Chongwenmen Business District, close to Temple of Heaven Park and Museum of Chinese National Art Treasures.

**Super 8** : Super 8 is a well-known budget hotel chain in China. Some of its branches in Beijing accept foreign guests. For instance, Super 8 Beijing Qianmen Dashilan Street Branch is located at 56 West Dashilan Street, Qianmen, Beijing, which is less than 0.1 miles away from Capital Hotel Beijing.

**Hanting** : Hanting Hotel is popular for its clean and comfortable rooms with reasonable prices. Many of its branches in Beijing welcome foreign visitors. Hanting Hi Inn Beijing Qian Men Branch is situated at No. 25 Da Shi Lan Street, Beijing, about 0.3 miles from Capital Hotel Beijing.

**Home Inn** : Home Inn provides cozy accommodation with convenient locations and also accepts foreign guests. Home Inn Beijing Qianmen at 61 Liang Shi Street, Xuanwu District, Beijing, is around 3 miles from Capital Hotel Beijing. Another one is Home Inn Guang Qu Men Second located at No. 41, Guang Qu Men Avenue, Chaoyang District, Beijing, which is about 5 miles from Renaissance Beijing Capital Hotel.

**Ibis** : Ibis is a famous international budget hotel brand. Ibis Beijing Jianguomen at No. 6 South Jianhua Road, Tower 1, Chaoyang District, Beijing, is near Gotel Capital Hotel. It has about 148 rooms and was built in 2011.

**Jinjiang Inn** : Jinjiang Inn is one of the largest hotel chains in China, with many branches in Beijing that allow foreign guests to check in. It offers a variety of room types and basic facilities to meet the different needs of guests.

**7 Days Inn** : Some 7 Days Inn branches in Beijing state that they accept foreigners. However, it is recommended to call and confirm in advance, as policies may vary by location.

**Holiday Inn Express** : This is an international hotel brand under InterContinental Hotels Group. Holiday Inn Express Beijing Temple of Heaven is located near the Temple of Heaven, providing convenient access to many scenic spots in Beijing. It offers comfortable rooms and free breakfast, which is very suitable for foreign tourists on vacation or business trips.

## **11. SCENIC SPOTS IN BEIJING**

## The Forbidden City

### **Distance from the meeting hotel**: Approximately 2.06 kilometers.

Taxi fare: Around 20 CNY.

**Public transportation**: Walk to Chongwenmen Subway Station, take Subway Line 5, get off at Dongsi Station, transfer to Subway Line 6, and get off at Nanluoguxiang Station. Then transfer to Subway Line 8 and get off at Jinyu Hutong Station. Exit from C and walk about 1 kilometer to reach the Forbidden City. The subway fare is generally 3-7 CNY depending on the mileage. **Ticket price**: The peak season ticket is 60 CNY, and the off-season ticket is 40 CNY. There are additional charges for some special exhibitions.

### Tian'anmen Square

Distance from the meeting hotel: About 1.07 kilometers.

Taxi fare: Approximately 15 CNY.

**Public transportation**: Walk to Chongwenmen Subway Station and take Subway Line 2. Get off at Qianmen Station and exit from A. Then walk about 1 kilometer to reach Tian'anmen Square. The subway fare is 3 CNY.

**Ticket price**: Free of charge. It is necessary to make an advance reservation through the official mini-program [Tian'anmen Square Reservation Visit].

## Wangfujing Street

Distance from the meeting hotel: Roughly 960 meters.

Taxi fare: Around 10 CNY.

**Public transportation**: Walk to Chongwenmen Subway Station, take Subway Line 5, and get off at Dengshikou Station. Exit from A and walk about 800 meters to reach Wangfujing Street. The subway fare is 3 CNY.

Ticket price: Free. You only need to pay for the items you purchase in the shops on the street.

## **Temple of Heaven**

**Distance from the meeting hotel**: Approximately 2.03 kilometers.

Taxi fare: Around 20 CNY.

**Public transportation**: Walk to Chongwenmen Subway Station, take Subway Line 5, and get off at Tiantan East Station. Exit from A2 and walk about 500 meters to reach the Temple of Heaven. The subway fare is 3 CNY.

**Ticket price**: The combined ticket for the peak season is 35 CNY, and for the off-season is 30 CNY.

## National Museum of China

Distance from the meeting hotel: Only 751 meters away

Taxi fare: About 10 CNY.

**Public transportation**: Walk to Chongwenmen Subway Station, take Subway Line 2, and get off at Qianmen Station. Then walk for about 10 minutes to reach the museum. The subway fare is 3 CNY.

**Ticket price**: Free, but reservation is required in advance.

### **Badaling Great Wall**

Distance from the meeting hotel: It is about 70 kilometers away

Taxi fare: Usually around 300-500 CNY.

**Public transportation**: You can take buses such as No. 23 or No. 57 at the bus stop near the hotel to Qianmen Station. Then, take the Badaling Great Wall tourist shuttle at Beijing Tourism Distribution Center, southwest of Qianmen Arrow Tower. The ticket price is about 20 CNY. Or, walk to Chongwenmen Subway Station, take Subway Line 2 to Jishuitan Station, exit from A or B, and walk to the rear of Deshengmen to take Bus No. 877 directly to Badaling Great Wall. The ticket price is 12 CNY.

**Ticket price**: The peak season ticket is 45 CNY, and the off-season ticket is 35 CNY. Free for children under 1.2 meters and half-price tickets for students with valid student IDs.

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