43rd WUWM Conference

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE HANDBOOK

国际参会手册

World Vision · Local Practice

A Global Dialogue on Sustainable Development
of Agricultural Wholesale Markets

4-6 November 2026 | Tianjin, China

Essential Information

Welcome to Tianjin. This handbook brings together the conference programme, venues, meals, visits and practical travel information for international delegates attending the 43rd WUWM Conference on 4–6 November 2026.

Delegate badge Wear your own badge to enter all conference venues and attend activities. Collect it at registration. For corrections or a lost badge, visit the registration and information desk.

Meals Conference meals require a meal voucher. Please dine at the venue indicated on your meal voucher and bring the voucher for that meal.

Interpretation Scan the conference interpretation QR code with your phone, select a language channel and listen through earphones. Disposable earphones are included in the delegate pack; you may also bring and use your own.

Technical visit On 6 November, buses (No. 1 and No. 2) leave Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel at 06:00 for HIGREEN Tianjin Market. Advance registration is required. Bring your badge and follow the on-site boarding instructions. Please be on board on time as the bus will not wait.

Hotel charges Personal room charges and incidental expenses are your responsibility. Please check and settle your own hotel bill before departure.

Getting help For conference inquiries, visit the registration and information desk in the lobby of Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel. For your room or hotel charges, contact your hotel reception.

Hotel	Address and telephone
Conference venue Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel 万丽天津宾馆	16 Bin Shui Road, He Xi District, Tianjin 天津市河西区宾水道 16 号 +86 22 5822 3388
Crystal Palace Hotel Tianjin 天津水晶宫饭店	28 You Yi Road, He Xi District, Tianjin 天津市河西区友谊路 28 号 +86 22 2835 6888 About 10 minutes on foot to the conference hotel

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Conference Information

Item	Details
Conference	43rd World Union of Wholesale Markets Conference
Theme	World Vision · Local Practice A Global Dialogue on Sustainable Development of Agricultural Wholesale Markets
Dates and venue	4–6 November 2026 Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel, Tianjin, China
Institutional Partner	World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM)
Hosts	China Agricultural Wholesale Markets Association (CAWA) Shenzhen Agricultural Power Group Co., Ltd.
Supporting Organizations	China General Chamber of Commerce China Association of Rural Development
Implementing Organization	Tianjin Higreen Agricultural Products Logistics Co., Ltd.

World Union of Wholesale Markets

The World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM) connects fresh-food wholesale and retail markets and related organizations worldwide. Its membership comprises 200 organizations in 50 countries. Through professional exchange, international cooperation and regional working groups, WUWM supports safer, more accessible and sustainable food systems. Its work addresses market modernization, food-waste reduction and supply-chain resilience.

China Agricultural Wholesale Markets Association

Founded in 1986, the China Agricultural Wholesale Markets Association (CAWA) is a national industry association in China’s agricultural distribution sector. Its network brings together wholesale and retail markets, related enterprises, research bodies and industry experts. Members include more than 300 agricultural wholesale markets with annual transactions exceeding RMB 100 million and more than 100 branded, large-scale agricultural retail markets. It provides a platform for exchange across the agricultural distribution industry.

Shenzhen Agricultural Power Group

Founded in 1989, Shenzhen Agricultural Power Group Co., Ltd. (SZAP; stock code 000061) is controlled by Shenzhen Agriculture & Food Investment Holdings Group Co., Ltd., a Shenzhen municipal state-owned enterprise. It was the first listed state-controlled company in China's agricultural product distribution industry and has total assets exceeding RMB 20 billion. It is a standing council member of the China Association of Rural Development, a WUWM member and a leading enterprise in agricultural product distribution.

SZAP specialises in agricultural product distribution and holds a 13.2% share of China's agricultural wholesale markets above the designated size threshold. It operates 36 wholesale markets and online trading platforms, with average annual trading volumes exceeding 36 million tonnes and transaction values over RMB 280 billion, serving more than 300 million people. Its nationwide market network extends to Italy, France, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Malaysia. Its core businesses are investment in and operation of wholesale markets, urban distribution supply chains, and imports and exports of agricultural products and food. Cultivation to Hong Kong supply standards, cold-chain storage, smart distribution, agricultural product branding, agricultural big data management and applications, and smart equipment underpin its integrated trading services across the agricultural supply chain.

Guided by "Committed to a Better Life" and its responsibility to link rural and urban communities, SZAP promotes standardisation and digitalisation in agricultural distribution. It develops demonstration projects comprising "one base, one park and one centre", separates trading from delivery, and advances the "Digital Vegetable Basket". Its HIGREEN certification system, brand portfolio and agricultural price index apply technology to food distribution and support better everyday food experiences.

HIGREEN Tianjin

Tianjin Higreen Agricultural Products Logistics Co., Ltd. (HIGREEN Tianjin), established on 8 July 2010, is controlled by SZAP and falls under the Shenzhen State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission. The park's total planned area is 3,000 mu (about 200 hectares). Phase I, covering 1,500 mu (about 100 hectares), is operational, with approximately 600,000 square metres of floor area and cumulative investment of about RMB 3 billion.

Drawing on Tianjin Port and coordinated development in the Beijing–Tianjin–Hebei region, the project is building an international hub for agricultural logistics, trading and supply chain development. As SZAP's northern strategic hub, it serves the region and reaches Northeast Asia and Northwest China. Guided by "Committed to a Better Life" and its mission to connect rural and urban communities, it promotes standardisation and digitalisation. The park handles vegetables, fruit, meat, aquatic products, dried foods and condiments, and develops imports and exports, supply chain services and livestream e-commerce. It holds Beijing–Tianjin–Hebei (Tianjin) inspection and quarantine pilot-zone status and designated supervision-site approval for imported meat. Green channels enable imported fruit to be collected directly at the port or alongside vessels.

Annual trading volume is 5 million tonnes, with transactions exceeding RMB 30 billion. The park supplies more than 80% of Tianjin's fruit and vegetables and serves over 60 million people within a 300-kilometre radius. It is Tianjin's largest first-tier agricultural wholesale market.

Programme at a Glance

All times are local time in Tianjin (UTC+8). Hotel venues below are at Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel unless stated otherwise.

Date	Daytime programme	Evening programme
4 Nov Wed	10:00–20:00 Conference registration · Lobby, Level 1 12:00–14:00 WUWM Board Lunch 14:30–17:30 WUWM Board Meeting Council lunch and meeting: 117 Garden Villa, 117 Kunming Road. Board members only.	18:30 Warming up 19:00–21:00 Welcome Cocktail Haihe Hall, Level 2
5 Nov Thu	08:00–09:00 Late Registration · Lobby 09:00–09:50 Opening Ceremony 09:50–10:00 Tianjin Business Environment Promotion 10:00–11:50 Panel 1 12:00–13:00 Buffet lunch 13:00–14:50 Panel 2 14:50–15:10 Coffee break 15:10–17:00 Panel 3 17:00–17:10 Closing remarks by WUWM Chairman 17:10–17:40 Tianjin Cold-Chain Industry Promotion Grand Ballroom, Level 1. Buffet Lunch: Fire House / BLD Cafe, Level 1. Please follow your meal voucher.	18:00–19:30 Networking Dinner & Matchmaking Haihe Hall, Level 2
6 Nov Fri	06:00–10:00 HIGREEN technical visit; Buses leave Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel at 06:00; visit approx. 07:00–09:00; return departs at 09:00. 10:00–11:00 Regional Working Group Meeting · Lakeside Hall, Level 1 / Meeting Rooms 1+2, 6 and 7+8, Level 2 11:00–12:30 WUWM General Assembly · Grand Ballroom, Level 1. WUWM members only. 12:30–13:30 Buffet lunch · BLD Cafe, Level 1; Please follow your meal voucher 14:00–17:00 Tianjin Cultural Tour · Haihe River and Ancient Culture Street. Buses leave Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel at 14:00.	18:30 Warming-up 19:00–22:30 Gala Dinner Grand Ballroom, Level 1

Kindly note that conference badge and meal vouchers are required to access to all the abov conference programmed events and meals. Please bring your badge and meal vouchers with you at all time.

Opening Ceremony

5 November 09:00–09:50 | Grand Ballroom, Level 1

Order	Speaker and address
1	Welcome address by Mr Stephan Layani, WUWM Chairman
2	Video address by Dr Qu Dongyu, FAO Director-General
3	Remarks by Mr Max Monot, Agricultural Counsellor, Embassy of the French Republic in P.R. China
4	Remarks by a representative of the Ministry of Commerce, P.R. China
5	Remarks by a representative of the Tianjin Municipal Government
6	Remarks by Mr Ma Zengjun, Chairman, China Agricultural Wholesale Markets Association （CAWA）
7	Remarks by Mr Zhang Lei, President, Shenzhen Agriculture Power Group

Tianjin Business Environment Promotion

09:50–10:00 | Grand Ballroom, Level 1

All three panels on 5 November take place in the Grand Ballroom. Speakers are listed in order of appearance. Photographs and professional biographies are in Appendix 1.

Panel 1

AI and Wholesale Markets
Transformative Impacts and Future Applications

5 November 10:00–11:50 | Grand Ballroom, Level 1

Speaker and country	Organisation and position	Role
Han Yijun China	Leading Professor, China Agricultural University; Director, National Digital Agricultural Product Circulation Innovation Center	Keynote speaker and moderator
Simon Bussy France	Founder and CEO, Califrais	Panellist
Martha Montoya United States	CEO, AGTOOLS	Panellist
Yin Shijun China	Vice President, Shenzhen Agricultural Power Group	Panellist
Luca Lanini Italy	Co-founder and Partner, CibuSalus srl	Panellist
Giulietta Magagnoli Italy	Director, CAL Parma	Panellist
Ioannis Triantafyllis Greece	Vice Chairman, WUWM; General Manager, Central Markets & Fishery Organization S.A.	Panellist

Panel 2

Innovation-Driven Sustainable Development of Agricultural Wholesale Markets

5 November 13:00–14:50 | Grand Ballroom, Level 1

Speaker and country	Organisation and position	Role
Eliane Steinmeyer Germany	WUWM Board Member; Managing Director, Grossmarkt Hamburg	Keynote speaker and moderator
Pau López Rojo Spain	Director of Strategy, Innovation & Digital Transformation, Mercabarna	Panellist
Frédérique Wagon France	Executive Director of Engagement & Public Affairs, Rungis International Market; Secretary-General, French Federation of Wholesale Markets	Panellist

Ye Canjiang China	Founder, Guangzhou Jiangnan Fruit & Vegetable Wholesale Market; Chairman, Guangzhou Jiangnan Agriculture Group	Panellist
Jens Michel United Arab Emirates	CEO, Abu Dhabi Food Hub	Panellist
Phindile Shabalala South Africa	Chief Risk Officer, Joburg Market	Panellist
Roman Fedyshyn Ukraine	Founder and Head of the Supervisory Board, Shuvar Wholesale Market, Lviv	Panellist

Panel 3

Global Collaboration to Build a New Ecosystem of Agricultural Wholesale-Market Partnerships

5 November 15:10–17:00 | Grand Ballroom, Level 1

Speaker and country	Organisation and position	Role
Benoît Mathieu France	Vice Chairman, French Federation of Wholesale Markets; Chairman, Cavaillon Wholesale Market (MIN de Cavaillon)	Keynote speaker and moderator
Thierry Febvay France	Executive Director for Development, Rungis International Market (SEMMARIS)	Panellist
Ben Milligan United Kingdom	Director of Wholesale Markets, City of London Corporation	Panellist
Natasa Putnik Serbia	WUWM Council Member; Strategic Development Coordinator, Belgrade Wholesale Market	Panellist
Xue Tong China	Vice President, Shenzhen Agricultural Power Group	Panellist
Bin Liu China	Nutrition and Food Systems Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome	Panellist
Youngah Lim Republic of Korea	Chief Representative, Beijing Representative Office; Senior Research Fellow, Korea Rural Economic Institute	Panellist

Closing Remarks by the WUWM Chairman

5 November 17:00–17:10 | Grand Ballroom, Level 1

Other WUWM Meetings and Closing Ceremony

Board Lunch & Meeting

4 November 12:00–17:30 | 117 Garden Villa, 117 Kunming Road, Tianjin
For Board members only.

Regional Working Group meetings

6 November 10:00–11:00 |
Lakeside Hall, Level 1, and Meeting Rooms 1+2, 6 and 7+8, Level 2. Check the on-site signs for the room assigned to your group.

General Assembly

6 November 11:00–12:30 | Grand Ballroom, Level 1

General Assembly Agenda

No.	Agenda item
1	Welcoming words by the WUWM Chairman
2	Adoption of the previous General Assembly minutes (7 November 2025) (vote)
3	Adoption of the 2025 Annual Report (vote)
4	Budget and Finance a. Adoption of the 2025 financial report (vote) b. Update on 2026 financial c. Presentation of the 2027 membership fees and provisional budget
5	Regional and working group reports
6	Review of WUWM activities
7	WUWM Awards 2026 and special acknowledgments
8	Closing remarks and host handover

Tianjin HIGREEN Market Technical Visit

6 November 06:00–10:00 | HIGREEN Tianjin International Agricultural Products Logistics Park

Buses depart at 06:00 sharp and will not wait; late arrivals have to manage reaching the market on their own. Bring your delegate badge and follow your assigned bus group and the on-site boarding instructions.

Time	Arrangement
06:00	Buses leave Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel and Crystal Palace Hotel for HIGREEN Tianjin
Approx. 06:50–07:00	Arrival; journey approximately 50 minutes
Approx. 07:00–09:00	Market visit (Simple hot drinks, cookies,etc.will be provided on site)
09:00	Buses depart to the conference hotel
Approx. 10:00	Return to the hotels before the Regional Working Group meetings

Buses 1 and 2 are for international delegates. Check the on-site notice for your boarding point and bus assignment. Follow the latest conference notice if the visit route or travel arrangements change. Early-morning breakfast will be provide by conference hotel at breakfast canteen.Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a warm outer layer. Watch for trading vehicles and wet surfaces in the market, and stay out of operating areas unless accompanied.

Welcome Cocktail

4 November 19:00–21:00 | Haihe Hall, Level 2

For all registered delegates. Pre-event programme begins at 18:30.

Time	Programme
18:30–19:00	Warming up
19:00–19:10	Opening
19:10–19:30	Guest speeches
19:30–20:15	Induction ceremony of the Commanderie des Gastronomes Ambassadeurs de Rungis
20:15–21:00	Networking

Please follow the final conference notice if the programme changes.

Gala Dinner

6 November 19:00–22:30 | Grand Ballroom, Level 1

For all registered delegates. Warming-up begins at 18:30.

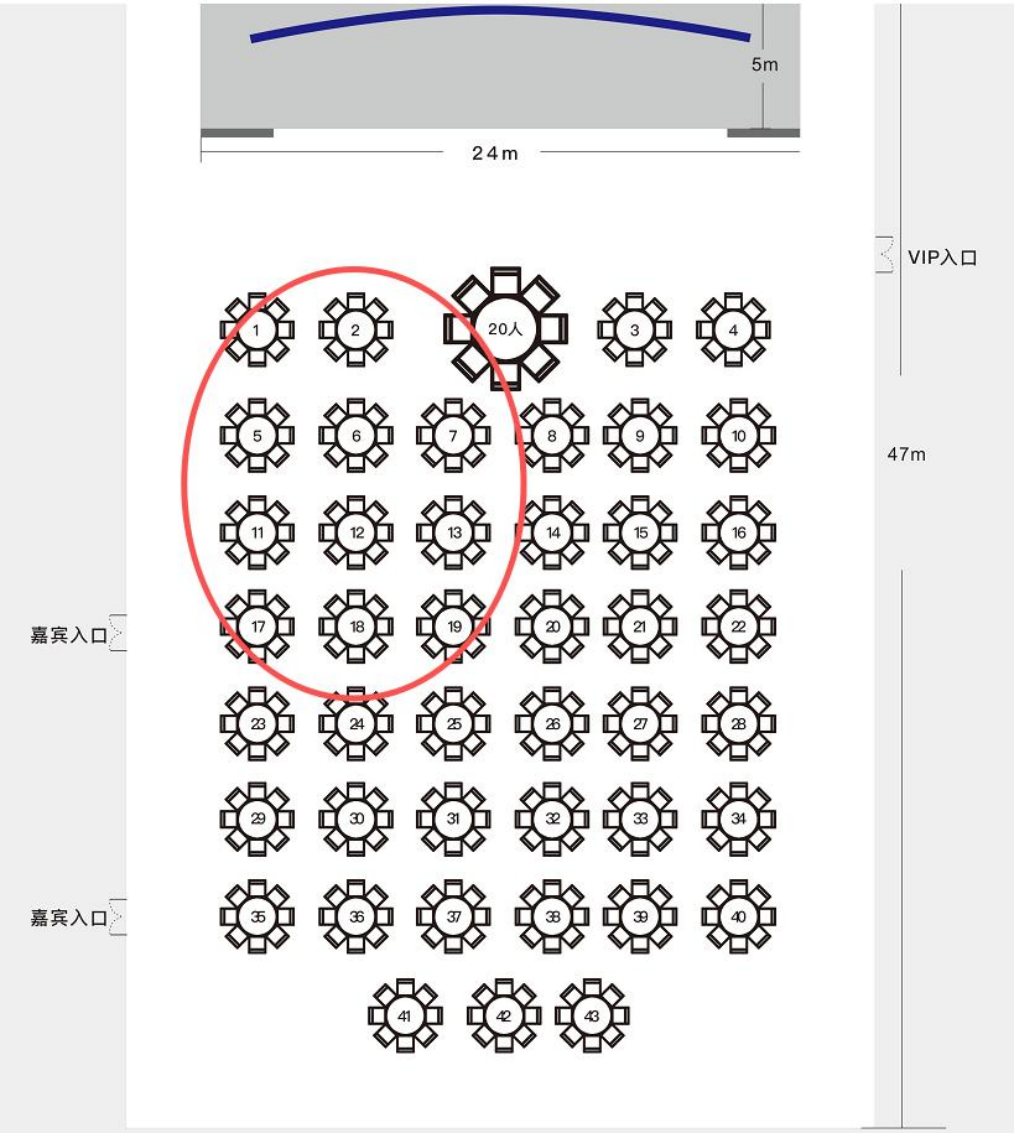
Time	Programme
18:30–19:00	Admission and Warming-up
19:00–19:05	Laser opening show
19:05–19:10	MC Opening remarks
19:10–19:30	Guest addresses
19:35–19:40	Traditional Instrumental performance
20:00–20:05	Sichuan opera face-changing performance
20:35–20:40	Dance performance : The Charm of the Sea and River

Bring your delegate badge and the meal voucher for this event. Follow the seating-zone and table-number signs. Any changes will be announced by the conference team.

Gala Dinner Table/Seat Map

6 November | Grand Ballroom, Level 1

The area outlined in red is reserved for international delegates. Other tables are for domestic delegates. Please follow the table numbers and on-site seating instructions.



Tianjin Activities and Exhibition

Tianjin presentations and dinner on 5 November

The following activities follow the afternoon panels. The timetable below reflects the current programme.

Time	Activity	Venue
17:10–17:40	Tianjin Cold-Chain Industry Policy Promotion	Grand Ballroom, Level 1
18:00–19:30	Networking Buffet Dinner & Matchmaking	Haihe Hall, Level 2

Cultural visit on 6 November

14:00–17:00 | Haihe River and Ancient Culture Street
For all registered delegates.Buses leave Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel at 14:00. Please pay attention to the signs at the scene.

Exhibition

The exhibition outside Grand Ballroom provides opportunities to meet participating markets, organizations and projects during the conference.

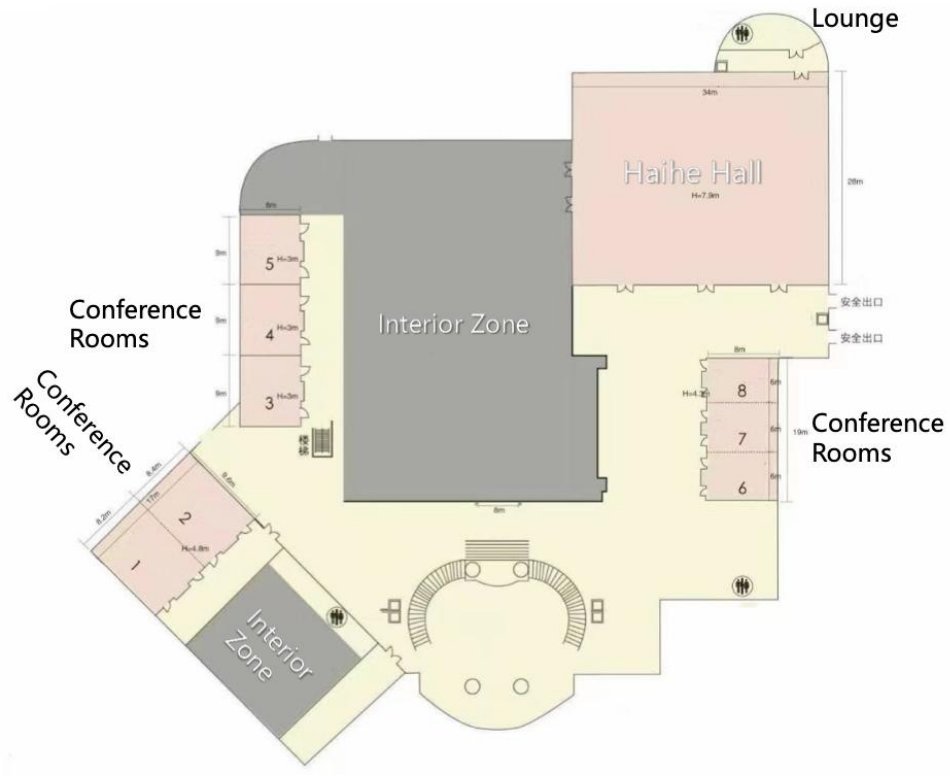
Venue Plans

Level 1



Numbers 1–3 identify sections of the Grand Ballroom. Enter from the foyer outside the ballroom and follow the on-site signs. Chinese room names on the plan match the signs at the venue.

Level 2 and Venue Directory



Numbers 1–8 identify the meeting rooms. Haihe Hall on Level 2 hosts the Welcome cocktail and dinner.

Level	Location	Use
1	Hotel lobby	Registration and information
1	Grand Ballroom	Opening Ceremony, panels, Tianjin Promotions, General Assembly, Gala Dinner
1	Grand Ballroom foyer	Coffee breaks, stands and group photographs, signs, exhibitions
1	Lakeside Hall	Regional Working Group meetings
2	Haihe Hall	Buffet Dinner on 5 Nov.
2	Meeting Rooms 1+2, 6, 7+8	Regional Working Group meetings;

On-site Services

Simultaneous interpretation

Scan the interpretation QR code on the badge or below, or log on the link **https://lm.enewie.com/live/BYLWDAN** with your phone, select the language channel and connect your earphones. Disposable earphones are provided on site; you may use your own. Keep your phone speaker off. If you need help or a receiver, ask the on-site service team.

Information desk and hotel reception

For conference questions, visit the registration and information desk in the lobby. For room matters and personal hotel charges, contact your hotel reception.

Hotel	Telephone
Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel	+86 22 5822 3388
Crystal Palace Hotel Tianjin	+86 22 2835 6888

Conference live photo gallery

Scan the photo-gallery QR code below to view photographs of the conference.

Travel Information

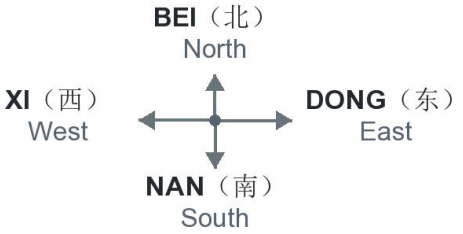
3.1 Hotel Information & Transportation Overview

Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel（万丽天津宾馆）

Local name: Tianjin Hotel（天津宾馆）.

Address: 16 Bin Shui Road, He Xi District, Tianjin（天津市河西区宾水道 16 号）
Telephone: +86 22 5822 3388

Nearest metro: TIANJINBINGUAN（天津宾馆站）
Lines 5 and 6 · Exit C · Walk about 2 minutes (map: 3.3.5).



Common Words on Signs

These words may appear at the end of romanized place names. They mean East, South, West or North.

ZHAN（站） = Station / Stop

How to Get to the Hotel



Arrival point	Recommended journey	Guide
Tianjin Airport (TSN)	Metro or taxi directly to the hotel	3.3.1
Tianjin Railway Station（TIANJIN ZHAN）	Metro or taxi directly to the hotel	3.3.2
Beijing Capital Airport (PEK)	Airport Express + metro → intercity train → metro or taxi	3.3.3 3.3.5
Beijing Daxing Airport (PKX)	Airport Express + metro → intercity train → metro or taxi	3.3.4 3.3.5

Use Section 3.2 for tickets and payment. All times are local (UTC+8). Taxi budgets are per car, one way, before tolls; traffic and night charges may increase the fare. Flight landing windows are planning estimates.

3.2 Essential Travel Guide for International Visitors

Use these essentials for all routes. Scan the labelled QR codes for official English explanations and illustrated guides.

Taking the Metro

Buy a single journey ticket at a machine or staffed counter.
Beijing（北京）: eligible contactless international bank cards can be tapped at gates.
Tianjin（天津）: buy a ticket or use a locally supported payment method; do not assume overseas bank cards work at gates.

QR guide: Beijing metro contactless card payments

Beijing metro card payments

Getting a Taxi or Ride-hailing Service

Use the licensed taxi queue and show the hotel's Chinese name. For DiDi or another ride-hailing service, confirm the boarding location, licence plate and payment method in the app. Agree the price and tolls before an intercity taxi journey.

QR guide: DiDi booking and English interface

DiDi ride-hailing guide

Booking Train Tickets

Book through **Railway 12306** using your valid passport details and complete the required identity verification. Carry the **same original passport** when travelling. A staffed railway ticket counter can help if online verification or payment fails.

QR guide: Railway 12306 registration, booking and boarding

12306 train booking guide

Making Payments in China

Alipay and WeChat Pay allow eligible international bank cards to be linked, subject to the app and card issuer. Use an international card where its network is accepted, and carry some RMB cash as a backup. Available methods and charges vary by service.

QR guide: Alipay and WeChat Pay setup and use

Alipay and WeChat Pay guide

3.3 Arrival Routes

3.3.1 From Tianjin Binhai International Airport（天津滨海国际机场） to the Hotel

Taxi: about **30 – 50 minutes** • **CNY 60 – 100**. Use the licensed queue; the final metered fare and any tolls may differ.



Metro planning window: flights landing **06:00 – 20:00**. At night, confirm both legs of the connection;
the last airport train may not connect to the last Line 5 train. Use **Exit C** for the hotel.

3.3.2 From Tianjin Railway Station（TIANJIN ZHAN，天津站） to the Hotel

Taxi: about **15 – 30 minutes** • **CNY 25 – 40**. Follow the licensed taxi queue signs; traffic and night charges can increase the fare.



Use **Exit C**. For a late arrival, confirm the Line 9 and Line 5 connection before entering; use a taxi if the full connection is unavailable. Hotel map: **Section 3.3.5**.

3.3.3 From Beijing Capital International Airport（北京首都国际机场） to Beijing South Railway Station（BEIJING NANZHAN，北京南站）



Airport Express: CNY 25, charged separately from the urban metro. T2 boarding: parking building **B2**; T3 boarding: parking building **Level 2**. At the railway destination, follow **Railway Departures** and continue with **Section 3.3.5**.

Suggested flight landing window: 06:00 – 16:00, subject to immigration, baggage reclaim and an available onward train. **Direct taxi to the hotel:** about **2½ – 3½ hours** • **CNY 700 – 1,000**, before tolls; confirm acceptance and total price in advance.

3.3.4 From Beijing Daxing International Airport（北京大兴国际机场） to Beijing South Railway Station（BEIJING NANZHAN，北京南站）



Airport Express: board at **B1**; standard fare **CNY 35**, charged separately from the urban metro. At the railway destination, follow **Railway Departures** and continue with **Section 3.3.5**.

Suggested flight landing window: 06:00 – 17:00, subject to immigration, baggage reclaim and an available onward train. **Direct taxi to the hotel:** about **2 – 3 hours** • **CNY 500 – 800**, before tolls; confirm acceptance and total price in advance.

3.3.5 From Beijing South Railway Station（BEIJING NANZHAN，北京南站） to Tianjin Railway Station（TIANJIN ZHAN，天津站）

Beijing South Railway Station（BEIJING NANZHAN，北京南站）

↓ **Direct high-speed intercity train**
Continue to the hotel via Section 3.3.2

Tianjin Railway Station（TIANJIN ZHAN，天津站）

Ticket search: departure **Beijingnan（北京南）** → arrival **Tianjin（天津）**. **Do not select Tianjinnan（天津南）**; it is a different station.

Carry the **original passport used for booking**. Allow **45 – 60 minutes at the station before departure** for security and boarding, especially if you need to buy a ticket. Boarding closes before the train departs.

After arrival, use the metro or taxi route in **Section 3.3.2**. The 12306 tutorial QR code is in **Section 3.2**.

Carriage and station photographs for orientation; train interiors may vary.



Second-class carriage



Beijing South Railway Station
（BEIJING NANZHAN，北京南站）



Tianjin Railway Station
（TIANJIN ZHAN，天津站）

Hotel Neighbourhood & Walking Direction



Use **Exit C** at TIANJINBINGUAN（天津宾馆站）. The hotel is about **2 minutes on foot**, according to Marriott. Walking schematic not to scale; the original map above provides local orientation.

Other Practical Information for Your Stay

Hotel check-in and personal expenses

Carry the original passport used for your reservation and present it at hotel check-in. Ask reception about any deposit and the available payment methods. Keep your room key safely and contact reception if it is lost. Personal room charges, minibar purchases and other incidentals are payable by you; settle your bill before departure.

Money and payments

China uses the renminbi (RMB); amounts in this handbook are shown in CNY. Alipay and WeChat Pay can be linked to eligible international bank cards, subject to the app and the card issuer. Complete any required verification before you need to pay. ***Carry some RMB cash as a backup is a must*** and confirm card acceptance before making a purchase. Payment tutorials and QR codes are in Travel Information.

Mobile service and internet

If you need a local SIM card, visit an authorised mobile-network service counter with your passport. Check that your phone is unlocked and compatible before purchasing a plan. Ask your hotel for its Wi-Fi network and login instructions. Save your hotel address, tickets and key contact details offline so that you can access them without mobile data.

Time and electricity

Tianjin uses China Standard Time, UTC+8, throughout the year. Set your phone and calendar to the local time zone. Mains electricity is 220 V at 50 Hz. Bring a suitable plug adapter and check the voltage range printed on your charger; an adapter does not convert voltage.

Health Safety and Everyday Help

Weather and clothing

Tianjin can be cool in November, particularly early in the morning and beside the river. Check the weather forecast before travelling and bring layers, a warm outer garment and comfortable walking shoes. Business or smart-casual dress is suitable for conference sessions. Bring a coat for the 06:00 technical-visit departure.

Documents and personal belongings

Keep your passport, tickets and valuables secure. Retain an accessible copy of important document details separately from the originals. Carry the hotel’s Chinese name and address when travelling. Use the same original passport used to book your train ticket when you travel. Check your departure station carefully: Tianjin, Tianjin West and Tianjin South are different stations.

Medical help and emergencies

Service	Telephone
Ambulance and medical emergency	120
Police	110
Fire service	119
Immigration enquiries	12367

In an emergency, state your name, contact number, exact location and the nature of the problem. At the conference hotel, give the floor and room or hall name. Ask hotel reception or a conference staff member to help explain the location in Chinese if needed. The immigration enquiry hotline 12367 provides multilingual assistance around the clock.

Conference etiquette

Keep your badge visible, put your phone on silent and leave aisles clear. When asking a question, introduce yourself and your organisation. Use earphones for interpretation and keep conversations outside the meeting room. Follow the venue staff’s instructions during any evacuation.

Useful bilingual phrases, a hotel-address reference and speaker preparation notes are provided separately in Appendix 2.

About Tianjin



Tianjin is a major port city in northern China, close to the Bohai Sea. Its development is closely connected with river transport, the Grand Canal, commerce and cultural exchange. A military garrison was established here in 1404, and the city subsequently grew into an important commercial and industrial centre. Traditional streets, waterfront districts and European-influenced architecture offer different perspectives on its history.

Haihe River

The Haihe runs through Tianjin towards the Bohai Sea. Bridges, historic buildings and newer waterfront districts show how the river has shaped the city. The Tianjin Eye, a Ferris wheel built above a bridge, is a recognisable landmark. The conference cultural visit includes the Haihe waterfront.

Ancient Culture Street

Traditional-style buildings, long-established shops, local snacks and folk arts line Ancient Culture Street. Visitors can encounter Clay Figure Zhang sculptures and Yangliuqing New Year prints, which offer an accessible introduction to Tianjin’s craft traditions and everyday culture.

Tianjin Neighbourhoods and Traditions

Five Great Avenues

The Five Great Avenues district retains many garden residences, including buildings from the 1920s and 1930s. Their varied styles reflect the international influences that shaped modern Tianjin. Street layouts, façades and courtyards offer a different view of the city from the traditional districts near the Haihe.

Yangliuqing New Year prints and folk art

Yangliuqing woodblock New Year prints express wishes for happiness and prosperity. Their production combines drawing, block carving, printing, colouring and mounting. Bright colours and lively figures convey traditional festival customs. Clay Figure Zhang is another well-known Tianjin craft, using painted clay to portray people, stories and daily life. Both remain part of the city's cultural identity.

Italian Style Town

Near the Haihe, the former Italian concession adds another perspective to Tianjin's architectural history. Historic buildings and streets now accommodate restaurants, cafés and cultural venues. Its European-influenced setting complements the Chinese folk traditions represented in Ancient Culture Street.

Local food

Tianjin specialities include Goubuli steamed buns, Eighteenth Street fried dough twists and Erduoyan fried cakes. Jianbing guozi, a savoury breakfast pancake, is widely associated with the city. The Xibeijiao area is also known for local breakfast foods.