

General Information

Heilongjiang

Heilongjiang Province which we call Hei for short is named for the Black Dragon River that separates Dongbei from Siberia, Heilongjiang represents China's northern limits. Heilongjiang Province was liberated at 1946 and it was the first liberated province of northeast in China. In the early years after the People's Republic of China was established, there are two provinces in this area, one is Songjiang Province which has Harbin as its capital, the other one is Heilongjiang Province which has Qiqihar as its capital. Harbin was promoted from a province capital to a municipality directly under the central government in 1953. In 1954, Songjiang Province was abolished and incorporated with Heilongjiang Province to establish a new Heilongjiang Province that we know now. Since then, Harbin became capital of Heilongjiang Province.

The acreage of Heilongjiang Province reaches 46000 kilo square. Now it has eleven cities and two popedoms. According a population census in 2001, there are total more than 37 million people in this province.

In the Heilongjiang province, besides Han race, there are 51 minorities such as man, Chaoxian, Menggu, Hezhi and so on, the total population of which is five point two percent to the population in province. The biggest population of minority is Manzu, 1184490; Chaoxianzu, 452398; Huizu, 139078; and Dahanerzu, 42300, all of which have been living in province of Heilongjiang for all of their generations. Besides, the smallest population is Xibozu, 9181; Hezhezu, 3747; Elunchunzu, 5588; Ewenkezu, 2751.

The autonomy county of Duerbotemengguzu is the only region which governed by the minorities in the Heilongjiang province. There are fifty one counties which population of minorities is more than ten thousand. The minorities live all the county and most minorities have living here for generations and generations.

Harbin

Harbin is the capital of Heilongjiang Province. It lies in the eastern of Songnen plain, located at latitude 45 ° 20 '~ 46 ° 20' north and longitude 126 ° 15 '~ 127 ° 30. The total square of Harbin is 56579 square kilometer and it includes 8 districts and 12 counties and the population is 9353200.

Harbin has become a major trading outpost for domestic trade and international trade with Russia. This Russian influence can be seen in many of the buildings and churches around the town, and there are many Russian speakers in Harbin.

The special historical course and geographical position make it become an exoticism and beautiful city. It is not only gather the north of the historical and cultural minorities, and the integration of Chinese

and foreign cultures. China's famous historical and cultural cities and tourist city, known as the "Jiangcheng", "ice city", "pearl under the Swan", and the "Oriental Moscow", and so on. "Harbin ice and snow Festival" is world-renowned winter tourism.

The nature scene of Harbin is charming and gentle, clearly four seasons. The Sun island, Siberia Tiger Park, Stalin park near Songhua River, Songfeng Mountain, Erlong Mountain, Yuquan hunting ground and Yabuli are famous scenic spots. Harbin is one of world ice culture cradlelands. Yabuli alp skee, Zhaolin park Ice Lanterns Garden Party, winter swimming in Songhua River, snow carving, ice and snow traveling are famous at home and abroad, concert in summer Harbin and China Harbin economy commerce Symposium. Major venues include Zhaolin Park on Shangzhi Street for ice sculpture; Sun Island Park, across the river for snow sculptures; and the Ice and Snow Palace, a collection of buildings constructed entirely of ice and snow on the banks of the Songhua River.

Hotel Information

- **Sinoway Hotel, Harbin**

As an international 5 star hotel, Sinoway Hotel, Harbin is located in the center of the prosperous business district of Harbin. It is very near to the railway station and 40Km away from Harbin Taiping International Airport. Adopting modern architecture design, Sinoway Hotel, Harbin is luxurious and elegant which is a best choice to conduct business and tour for foreigners all over the world.

Sinoway Hotel, Harbin has 274 luxurious appointed rooms. The equipments such as broad band internet access, personal electronic coffer, hair-dryer and satellite TV are self-contained and convenient. Century Exhibition Hall with more than 900 square meters is a luxurious exhibition center, which can hold some business activities such as exhibition and propagandism conference. High-tech designed Sinoway Theater with the capacity of 700 guests is an international standard conference center, which equipped a simultaneous interpretation system between six kinds of languages. It can provide a perfect service for your business and tour activities.

- **Harbin Post Hotel**

For students and budget travelers, IEEE/ICME CME 2011 has arranged accommodation at Harbin Post Hotel with very affordable rates. Within walking distance to the Sinoway Hotel, Harbin, Post Hotel is clean but its facilities are relatively primitive, so we recommend this hotel only to domestic students CME 2011 participants.

Attractions

- **Sun Island**

Harbin's Sun Island Scenic Spot locates on the north bank of the Songhua River, covering an area of 4 million square meters. It is a famous summer resort for traveling and relaxing. In early 1920's, it was a white Russian's resort. After many times of reconstructions and renovations, it has become a place for sanatorium, leisure and amusement. On the island there are many kinds of villas reflecting different architectural features, the dense forest 、 the soft and tiny sand and the fragrant of grass and flowers can offer you endless enjoyment. In spring ice and snow begin to melt. Viewing ice rafts flouting on the river and smelling the fragrant of earth, you will really realize the beginning of the year. In summer all kinds of flowers blossom and densely wooded. People enjoy the beautiful and harmonious nature. They go boating on the clear wave or go swimming in the river. In autumn you can see different colors of flowers and leaves. Gusts of gentle breeze make you feel pleasant and cool. In winter the scenic spot is a world of ice and snow, everything is dressed in white skirt and silver coat. All embody the unique styles of northeast China.



- **Saint Sophie Church**

Saint Sophie Church belongs to First Class Preserved Building. Being put into construction in September 1923 and completed on November 25th.1932. It locates at No.95 Toulong Street Dao Li District. The church reflects Byzantine architectural features with 721 square meters in area and 53.35 meters in height. It is the largest Orthodox Eastern church in Harbin. Russian style domes. Rome style arch high windows and many combinations of different architectural arts all embody the special fascination of the church. Now the church has become a bright spot in the architectural art sceneries of Harbin. In 1996 it was designated as Harbin Architectural Art Gallery.



- **Northeast China tiger**

Living mainly in the forest depths in Heilongjiang and Jilin Provinces, the Northeast China tiger, which is one of the species on the brink of extinction, is the animal falling in the category of first-grade animals protected by our country. In order to exhibit and cultivate the famous beast, tiger gardens were established simultaneously in Harbin and Mudanjiang. And now in the tiger garden in Harbin, there are 400 tigers and other rarities like snow tiger and so on.



Weather

Harbin is infamous for its very cold winters - it is at the same latitude as Montreal, and winter temperatures as low as -38.1°C have been recorded. Bring more clothes than you will think you will need so that you can layer. Average daytime summer temperatures are in the mid 20s ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) with a few weeks reaching low 30s, while the coldest part of winter averages a chilly -17°C .

The winter can become dreary if you are a long term resident, as the entire city uses coal for heat the air quality rapidly decreases during these months.

Harbin can be a great place to visit in the summer. The weather is cool and it seems to be perpetually breezy, and most of Harbin's streets are lined with trees. Because the city is so cold all winter, life almost explodes and people crowd the streets until late at night eating kabobs, playing poker, and drinking Hapi (Harbin Beer). This is a great escape from the heat of Beijing. A trip up to the border regions this time of year would be nice as well.

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Daily	-13	-8	1	12	21	25	29	27	20	12	0	-10
Nightly	-25	-22	-11	0	7	14	18	18	9	0	-11	-21

Transportation

➤ Harbin Taiping International Airport

Harbin Taiping International Airport, formerly named Harbin Yanjiagang Airport, is 50km southwest of the town, was built in 1979 and began serving as an International airport in 1984. Having expanded during 1994-1997, the airport is equipped under the 4E standards and capable of handling 6,000,000 passengers every year. More than 50 air routes connect it to over 40 Domestic and International cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Seoul and Los Angeles. It takes more than one hour from Harbin Taiping International Airport to Sinoway Hotel for under US\$15, depending upon the traffic.

➤ Public Transport

For getting around the city, the most useful **bus** is #103, which runs between Zhongshan Lu and Zhaolin Park just each of Zhongyang Dajie. **Taxis** around the city begin at RMB 8 and charge RMB 1.9 per kilometer. Harbin has lots of one-way streets, so don't panic if it seems your driver is lapping the block. In summer there are small boats (RMB10–30) across the Songhua River, or you can take the ferry (RMB 5).

Useful Information

- **Language:** Official language is Mandarin and most people also use their local dialect. The standard spoken Chinese is Putonghua. English can be understood by many young people and is used in hotels and big restaurants. In all tourist hotels, staff can speak in English, Japanese and other languages. They can also write down addresses or instructions in Chinese for taxi drivers or others. In addition, roads in major cities are signposted in Pinyin, the official Romanization system of the Chinese characters, which makes it quite easy to get around with the help of a map.
- **Currency:** Renminbi (RMB) is the only currency to be used in China. RMB is also called Chinese Yuan. The unit of Renminbi is yuan and with smaller denominations called jiao and fen. The conversion among the three is: 1 yuan = 10 jiao = 100 fen. Paper notes are issued in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 50 and 100 yuan; 1, 2 and 5 jiao; and 1, 2 and 5 fen. Coins are issued in denominations of 1 yuan; 5 jiao; and 1, 2 and 5 fen.

Money exchanges by cash or traveler's cheques can be made at the branches of Bank of China at Harbin International Airport, hotels and tourist stores. Please remember to keep the receipt to exchange back to foreign currency when leaving China.

- **Credit Cards:** Visa, Master Card and American Express are the most commonly used in China. Cards can be used in most middle to top-range hotels, Friendship and department stores, but they cannot be used to finance your transportation costs.
- **Time:** GMT + 8 hours (the whole of China is set to Beijing time)
- **Electricity:** Electricity is 220 Volts, 50 AC; plugs can be three-pronged angled, three-pronged round, two flat pins or two narrow round pins.
- **Water:** Bottled mineral water can easily be bought in all stores and street kiosks for RMB3. And sometimes hotels provide it free of charge. Furthermore, potable water is only available in a few 4 to 5 star hotels, while water in thermos flasks in rooms is usually non-potable tap water.
- **Measurement:** In Metric system
- **Tipping:** Tipping is not customary outside of the foreign joint-venture hotels and is officially discouraged. But hotel bellboys usually expect RMB 2 – 5 per bag.
- **Attention:** Smoking is prohibited in public places in Harbin, such as hospitals, office buildings, theatres, cinemas, museums, planes, and trains
- **Hotlines:** 110 - Police 119 – Fire 120 – Ambulance

Conference Information

Venues

IEEE/ICME CME 2011 will be held in the city of Harbin, at Sinoway Hotel, Harbin, which serves as both the official conference hotel and the venue for the technical program. IEEE/ICME CME 2011, at a special CME 2011 rate, can be reserved only through the conference.

Sinoway Hotel, Harbin is an international 5-star luxury hotel. The hotel sits at Yiyuan Street, No. 2 of Harbin Nangang District. It can provide a perfect service for your business and tour activities.





Chinese Address Cards

Sinoway Hotel, Harbin

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Conference Registration

A conference registration desk will be set up and opened at the Pre-Function Area of Sinoway Hotel during the following hour:

May 22, 2011: 15:00 ~ 18:30

May 23, 2011: 07:30 ~ 18:00

May 24, 2011: 07:30 ~ 18:00

May 25, 2011: 07:30 ~ 11:00

Internet Access

Free Internet access will be provided during the conference period, to the IEEE/ICME CME 2011 participants at the Conference Room on 6th floor of the Sinoway Hotel. Broadband Internet access services are also provided at the conference hotels for a fee. For the fee information, please contact the hotel you are staying directly.

Special and Social Events

The social events organized by the IEEE/ICME CME 2011 include the conference reception, the awards banquet, the conference registration, the farewell party, etc.

Conference Reception

The Conference Reception will be held from 17:30 to 18:30 on May 22, 2011 at the Tianyi Western Restaurant, 2nd floor of Sinoway Hotel. All the conference participants are welcome to join this event.

Welcome Party

The Welcome Party (Hosted by HEU) will be held from 18:30 to 20:30 on May 23, 2011 in Harbin Engineering University. All the conference participants are welcome to join this event.

Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet will be held from 18:30 to 21:00 on May 24, 2011 at Century Hall, 6th floor of Sinoway Hotel. All the conference participants are welcome to join this event.

Farewell Party

The Farewell Party will be held from 12:00 to 13:00 on May 25, 2011 at the Tianyi Western Restaurant, 2nd floor of Sinoway Hotel. All the conference participants are welcome to join this event.