



***Announcement
9th Meeting of the***

***INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR TUNA AND
TUNA-LIKE SPECIES IN THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN***

**Ambassador Hotel
Kaohsiung, Taiwan**

8 - 20 July 2009

Information Packet and Agenda

The Fishery Agency of Taiwan extends an invitation to ISC members and cooperating scientists to attend the 9th Meeting of the Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC), July 15-20, 2009, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Prior to this Plenary meeting, ISC working groups will be meeting starting on July 8. All meetings will be held in the Ambassador Hotel in the heart of Kaohsiung. The Fishery Agency of Taiwan is the principal host of the meetings. Participants are requested to register early and to comply with deadline dates for hotel registration and other meeting matters.

Enclosed in this packet is information on the meeting schedule, advanced registration, hotel accommodations meeting agenda and other useful travel advice.

Meeting Schedule

8-9	July	Albacore Working Group
10-11	July	Pacific Bluefin Tuna Working Group
12-13 (AM)	July	Statistics Working Group
13 (PM)	July	Biological Research Task Group Meeting
14 (AM)	July	Head of Delegations meeting (closed session)
14 (PM)	July	Seminar
15-20	July	Plenary Session

There will be a number of events during the working group and plenary meetings, including an educational tour during the weekend of 18-19 July, to which all participants will be invited. There may be a fee for participants taking the tour. Details will be provided at registration in Kaohsiung.

Registration

Early registration is requested, even for those with tentative plans to attend. Attached to this document is a registration form (Annex II). Please complete this form and e-mail it to Mr. Wei-Yang Liu weiyang@ofdc.org.tw with a cc to Rose Sanford roszella.sanford@noaa.gov

Hotel Accommodations

- Ambassador Hotel Kaohsiung - meeting site and recommended hotel. (<http://kaohsiung.ambassadorhotel.com.tw/en/kaohsiung/index.aspx>.)
- Hotel Holiday Garden Kaohsiung (<http://enhotelhg.hopeson.com.tw/>)
- Grand Hi-Lai Hotel (<http://www.grand-hilai.com.tw/english/index.htm>)
- Howard Plaza Hotel-Kaohsiung (<http://www.howard-hotels.com/?Lsn=2&Psn=3782>)
- The Splendor, Kaohsiung (<http://www.thesplendor-khh.com/eng/index.html>)
- Han-Hsien International Hotel (http://www.han-hsien.com.tw/en/index_main.php)
- The Lees Hotel (http://www.theleeshotel.com/RL_en/html/index.htm)

Ambassador Hotel

Participants are responsible for reserving their own accommodations. The host has arranged special ISC9 rates with the Ambassador Hotel (see below).

The World Games 2009 (<http://www.worldgames2009.tw/wg2009/eng/index.php>) will occur in Kaohsiung from 16 to 26 July 2009 and many tourists are expected. Reservations must be made at the Ambassador by **5 June** (or sooner) to ensure the special rates, which include a daily buffet breakfast. Use the attached Hotel Reservation Form (Annex I) and return it by e-mail or fax to:

Attention: Ms. Yoshiko Lin
Address: No.202, MingSheng 2nd Road, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.
Telephone: (886) 7-2115211
Fax: (886) 7-2010348
E-mail: yoshiko@mskh.ambhotel.com.tw

Ambassador rates from 8 to 15 July:

Standard Single	NT\$ 2,000 (Approximately US\$ 60)
Executive Double	NT\$ 2,700 (Approximately US\$ 80)
Standard Twin	NT\$ 3,000 (Approximately US\$ 90)

Ambassador rates from 16 to 20 July:

Standard Single	NT\$ 3,300 (Approximately US\$ 100)
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Executive Double	NT\$ 3,900 (Approximately US\$ 120)
Standard Twin	NT\$ 4,200 (Approximately US\$ 130)

*rates do not include a 10% additional tax.

Other Hotels

Participants wishing to consider other hotels in Kaohsiung must communicate directly with the hotels for rates and reservations. Please note that some of the hotels are not located within walking distance of the meeting venue (Ambassador Hotel). Participants will need to check the hotel location and make arrangement for commuting between the preferred hotel and the Ambassador Hotel.

Additional Travel Information

Kaohsiung

Kaohsiung is the second largest city in Taiwan and is located in the southwestern region on a long narrow stretch of land. Its total area consists of 154 square kilometers. Chianan and Pingtung plains are located on the north and east sides respectively. The Taiwan Straits is located to the west and the Bashi Channel to the south.

Kaohsiung is a prosperous city owing to its location. The large harbor and easy trade routes have contributed to Kaohsiung as an important trade and commerce stop along the Northeast Asia / South Pacific passageway.

Travelers who do not speak Chinese or read traditional Chinese characters can get around easily in Kaohsiung because many of the signs are in English. Kaohsiung City is divided into four different areas, Downtown, West River, Old Town and Harbor. There are many famous scenic spots in Kaohsiung, such as the True Love harbor, Urban Spotlight, Lover River, Sizihwan Bay, Lotus Pond, National Museum of Science & Technology, Chiang Kai-shek Cultural Center, Liouhe Tourist Night Market, Kaohsiung Rose Basilica, Wind-power Park, Cijin Beach, etc. For information on Kaohsiung, check the website of Kaohsiung Travel Online (<http://khh.travel/en/>).

Travel

There are direct international flights to Kaohsiung from several Asian cities. However, Taipei-CKS International Airport in Taipei is the main gateway for international air flights into Taiwan. From Taipei Airport there are about three domestic flights to Kaohsiung (30 minute commute time) per day. An alternative is the High Speed Rail (HSR) from Taipei (Taoyan station) to Kaohsiung (100 minutes commute time).

- **Kaohsiung Airport to Ambassador hotel**

The Ambassador hotel (meeting venue) is about a 30-minute drive from the Kaohsiung

International Airport. Free airport pick-up service will be provided by the Ambassador Hotel for guests staying more than seven days. Please inform the hotel of your arrival date, time and flight number for such service. For participants not staying at the Ambassador Hotel for more than seven days, possible transportation from the airport to the Ambassador Hotel are as follows:

- Taxi: Taxi fee approx NT\$300, and will take about 25 minutes to the Ambassador Hotel.
 - MRT (Subway):
Take Red Route from “Kaohsiung International Airport” station (R4) to ”Central Park” station (R9) and then walk about 15 minutes to the Ambassador Hotel, or take a taxi from “Central Park” station (approximately NT\$100) to the hotel.
 - Ambassador Hotel Transportation Service: One way fare NT\$ 800/per car with seven persons. (Advance Reservation Required). Free for the participants staying longer than seven days.
- **From Taipei-CKS International Airport via HSR to Kaohsiung**

Take the U Bus from the Taipei-CKS International Airport to the High Speed Rail (HSR), Taoyuan station (NT\$30). From Taoyuan station take the HSR to Zuoying station (Kaohsiung), about 100 minutes travel time. From Zuoying station, possible ways to the center of Kaohsiung and hotels are as follows:

- Taxi: Taxi fee approx NT\$250. It will take about 20 minutes to central Kaohsiung hotels and the Ambassador Hotel.
- MRT (subway):
Take Red Route at “Zuoying” station (R16) to “Central Park” station (R9) and then walk, e.g., to the Ambassador Hotel, (about 15 minutes) or take a taxi from “Central Park” station (approximately NT\$100) to the hotel.
- Hotel Transportation Service: One way fare NT\$ 600/per car for three persons and with advance hotel reservation.



Passports and Visas

A valid passport (at least 6 months) is essential for entering Taiwan. Taiwan does not require visas for citizens from 38 countries. Check with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in your home country or go to: <http://www.boca.gov.tw/mp.asp> for a list of countries. When applying for a visa participants are advised to indicate that the purpose of travel is to participate in the ISC9 meetings.

Currency

New Taiwan Dollar (NT\$) is the local currency, and the exchange rate is NT\$ 33 to US\$ 1.00 (as of April 2009). Visa and MasterCard are accepted in many hotels and restaurants. ATM machines are available at many locations.

Power Supply

Power supply is 110 volts 60 Hertz; the two-pin plug (USA type) is used.

Time Zone

Taiwan is 8 hours ahead of GMT. Standard time is used throughout the year.

Language

Mandarin is the official language; however, English is understood in many hotels, restaurants, and shops in and around Kaohsiung. Many public signs are also in English.

Dress and Climate

July is the rainy (typhoon) season in Kaohsiung and temperatures range from 28° to 34° Celsius. Dress for all meetings is business casual. A tie is not required for men.

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AMBASSADOR HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST FORM
RETURN BY 5 JUNE 2009

The special rates are for the period 7 Jul. 2009 to 20 Jul. 2009

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Rooms	Room Type	Bed Size	Room Rate	Remark	
	Standard Single	200cm x 140cm	NT\$2,000+10%	Including one buffet breakfast	
	Executive Double	200cm x 165cm	NT\$2,700+10%	Including one buffet breakfast	
	Standard Twin	200cmx120cmx2	NT\$3,000+10%	Including two buffet breakfast	
<i>Special rate valid from 16 Jul. 2009 to 20 Jul. 2009 :</i>					
	Standard Single	200cm x 140cm	NT\$3,300+10%	Including one buffet breakfast	
	Executive Double	200cm x 165cm	NT\$3,900+10%	Including one buffet breakfast	
	Standard Twin	200cmx120cmx2	NT\$4,200+10%	Including two buffet breakfast	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Free internet access service. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All rates are based on new Taiwan dollar. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check In Time 15:00 p.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Out Time 12:00 Noon.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exclusive Benefits: 1. Free internet access service. (Original price : NT\$200/per day) 2. Welcome fruit basket is provided on guests check in. 3. Daily newspaper. 4. One complimentary mineral water every day. 5. Free use of outdoor swimming pool and gym. 6. Free parking. 7. For the guest staying over one week, two welcome drink coupons, 2 pieces of free daily laundry and complimentary hotel shuttle bus to and from Kaohsiung airport (or HRS Zuoying Station) services upon arrangement one day before.					
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Annex II
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REGISTRATION FORM

FULL NAME:	
DELEGATION:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
EMAIL:	
ARRIVAL DATE:	
DEPARTURE DATE:	
HOTEL IN KAOHSIUNG:	

I will attend the following:

Albacore WG meeting 8-9 July:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Pacific Bluefin Tuna WG meeting 10-11 July:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Statistics WG meeting 12-13 July:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Seminar 14 July:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Plenary Session 15-20 July:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Please return this form by email to Wei-Yang Liu (weiyang@ofdc.org.tw) with a copy to Roszella Sanford (roszella.sanford@noaa.gov) as soon as possible.