

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The 1st Senior Officials' Meeting for the 6th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting

9-10 November 2016
Seoul, Republic of Korea

The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea is pleased to invite ASEM partners and stakeholders to the 1st Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1) for the 6th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting (ASEMME6).

Date and Venue

The 1st Senior Officials' Meeting for the 6th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting will be held on **9-10 November 2016**, at Hotel Shilla in Seoul, the Republic of Korea.

Hotel Shilla

249, Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul 100-856, Republic of Korea

Tel : +82-2-2233-3131

Fax : +82-2-2230-3769

Website : <http://www.shilla.net/seoul>

Bilateral Meetings and Working Group Meetings

Meeting rooms for bilateral meetings and working group meetings will be provided for those who want to have bilateral or working group meetings on the sidelines of the SOM1. They are kindly invited to make a reservation by filling in the meeting room request form on the following website:

<http://www.asemme6.kr>

Please take into account that the meeting rooms will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

In case of cancellation of the meeting, the notification should be immediately sent to us by e-mail: asemme6@moe.go.kr

Formal Dinner and Cultural Event

All delegates are cordially invited to join the Formal Dinner at *Yeong Bin Gwan* at Hotel Shilla and the cultural event around Seoul. Transportation will be provided for the tour.



Yeong Bin Gwan

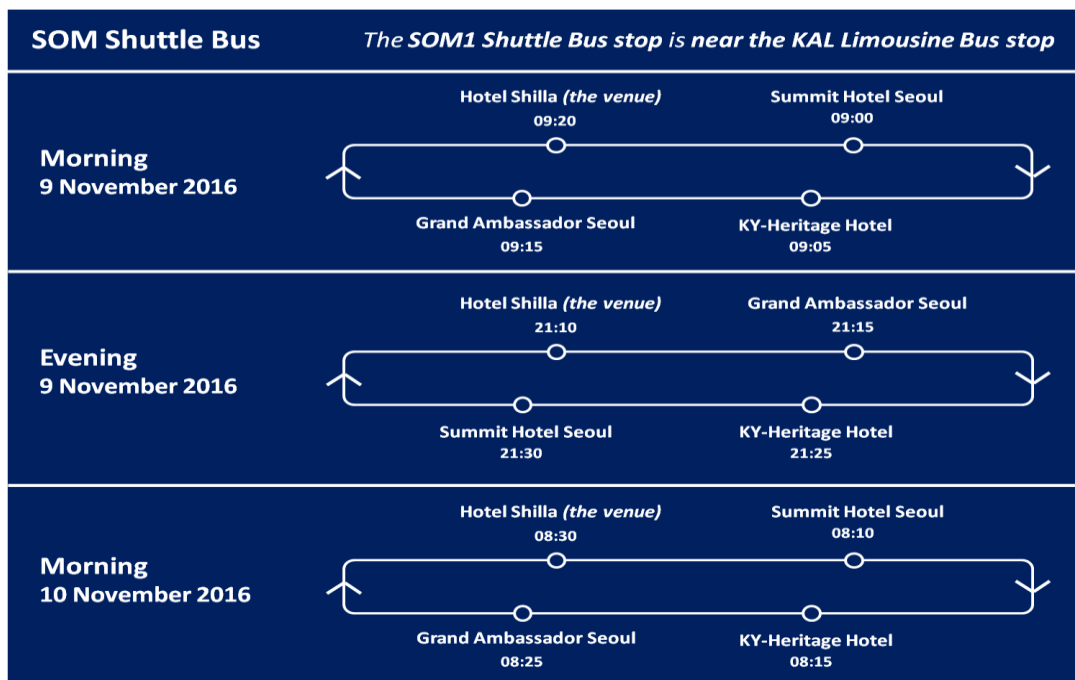
Official Language

The Official language of the meeting is English

Shuttle Bus

Between the Hotels and the Venue

The Shuttle Bus will be provided every morning during SOM1.



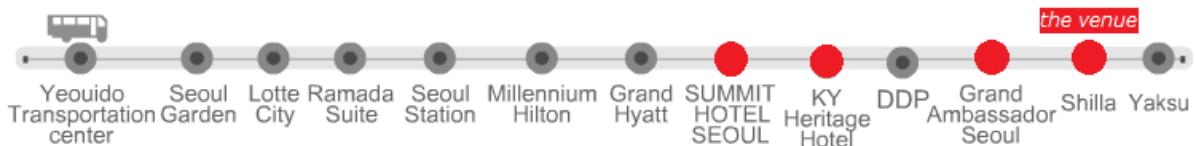
Transportation

From the Venue and Hotels to Incheon International Airport

By KAL Limousine Bus

Using KAL Limousine Bus is the most convenient way to get to Incheon International Airport from the following hotels; Summit Hotel, KY Heritage Hotel, Grand Ambassador Seoul, and Shilla. All the hotels above, including the venue are on the route of KAL Limousine Bus (**No. 6702**). The bus stops vary from hotel to hotel. Please check the exact location of the bus stop and departure time with the hotels. The journey takes about 90 minutes. The Bus fare is **KRW 16,000** per person. Tickets will be available at the hotel reception.

The route of the KAL Limousine Bus (No. 6702, Mt. Namsan Area)



Participants can find more information about KAL Limousine Bus schedule on the website:
http://www.kallimousine.com/eng/schedule_en.asp

By Taxi

Deluxe Taxi : about one hour (approx. KRW 100,000 – toll fees included)

Normal Taxi : about one hour (approx. KRW 70,000 – toll fees included)

General Information

Weather

The climate of the Republic of Korea is characterized by four distinct seasons: spring, summer, autumn, and winter. The SOM1 is in the middle of autumn. During the SOM1, the average day in Seoul varies from about 7°C to 15°C. The night temperature varies from about -2°C to 6°C.

Probability of precipitation is on average 36% during the SOM1, and the most common forms of precipitation are moderate rain and light rain. More information on the weather can be found at the following link:

<http://web.kma.go.kr/eng/index.jsp>

Local time

Standard Time in Korea is 9 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+9)

Mobile Phones Information

CDMA cellular systems are widely used in the Republic of Korea. SK Telecom, KT and LG U+ are providing a SIM card roaming service to allow participants to use their GSM subscription in the Republic of Korea. At the Incheon International Airport, participants can rent a special CDMA cellular phone which accepts your SIM card. For more details, please check the following links:

SK Telecom roaming service: <http://www.sktelecom.com/en/main/index.do>

KT roaming service: <http://roaming.kt.com/renewal/eng/main.asp?channel>

LG U+ roaming service: <http://www.uplus.co.kr/com/main/pemain/Pemain.hpi>

Power Supply



The standard power supply in the Republic of Korea is **220 volts at 60 Hz**. This power socket can be identified by two circular adjacent holes. An adaptor for the round two-pin sockets may be required.

ATMs and Credit Cards

There are many automatic teller machines (ATMs) in Seoul and all major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere. Cards with the Plus and Cirrus logos are the easiest to use ATMs and most widely accepted in Korea.

Foreign Exchange and Banking

There are plenty of places in the Republic of Korea to change currencies, including airports, banks, authorized currency exchanges and major hotels. The monetary unit is the Won (KRW, denoted by ₩). Korean monetary units are 10, 50, 100, and 500 coins, and 1,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 50,000 notes. All major credit cards such as American Express, Visa and Master Card are accepted for payment of hotel bills. Banks are open from 09:00 to 16:00 on weekdays and closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Exchange Rate as of 4 November in 2016	
USD 1	KRW 1,124.97
EUR 1	KRW 1,245.95
JPY 1	KRW 11.12
CNY 1	KRW 160.94

BBB (Before Babel Brigade): Volunteer Interpretation Service

Whenever and wherever you encounter communication problems with Koreans, just call 1588-5644 and press a number for your preferred language. Your call will be quickly connected to a BBB volunteer's mobile phone through an automated switchboard, and you will soon receive interpretation service. The service is available in 19 languages: English, Chinese, Japanese, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, German, Portuguese, Arabic, Polish, Turkish, Swedish, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Mongolian, Hindi and Malaysian. The more information on the service can be found at the website: <http://www.bbbkorea.org>

Useful Information and Emergency

Dial code for the Republic of Korea: **+82**

Area code for Seoul: **02**

Emergency: **call 112 (police), 119 (fire and medical emergency)**

International call: **the international access code (001, 002 or 008) + the country code + area code + the recipient's number**

Useful Websites

Useful information about Seoul: <http://english.visitseoul.net>

Gateway to Korea: <http://www.korea.net>

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