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## **1. Opening**

The Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Partnership Meeting will be held from 3 to 4 October 2014 at Mayfield Hotel & Resort, Seoul, Republic of Korea. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 3 October and registration will take place from 9:30 a.m. at the venue.

## **2. Venue**

The meeting will be held at:

### **MAYFIELD HOTEL & RESORT**

IRIS Hall

94 Bangwhadae-ro, Gangseo-gu

Seoul, Republic of Korea

Tel: +82 (0)2 2660 9000

Fax +82 (0)2 2660 9001

E-mail: [maymaster@mayfield.co.kr](mailto:maymaster@mayfield.co.kr)

Web site: <http://www.mayfield.co.kr>

(Please refer to the hotel website for more information).

A map of the area is available in Annex A below.

## **3. Working language of the meeting**

The meeting will be conducted in English.

## **4. Documents**

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Pre-session documents will be available on the Secretariat's web site at:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SOIOM-2014-01>

## **5. General information on access to Seoul, Republic of Korea**

There are two airports servicing Seoul, the Incheon International Airport (ICN/RKSI) (about 49 km from the city centre) and the Gimpo International Airport (SEL/RKSS) (about 17 km from city centre).

### **From Incheon:**

Taxis are available for a flat rate depending on vehicle selected (range KRW 55,000-100,000) and buses are available at the arrivals level at the airport (information provided below). The journey to the hotel takes approximately 50 minutes.

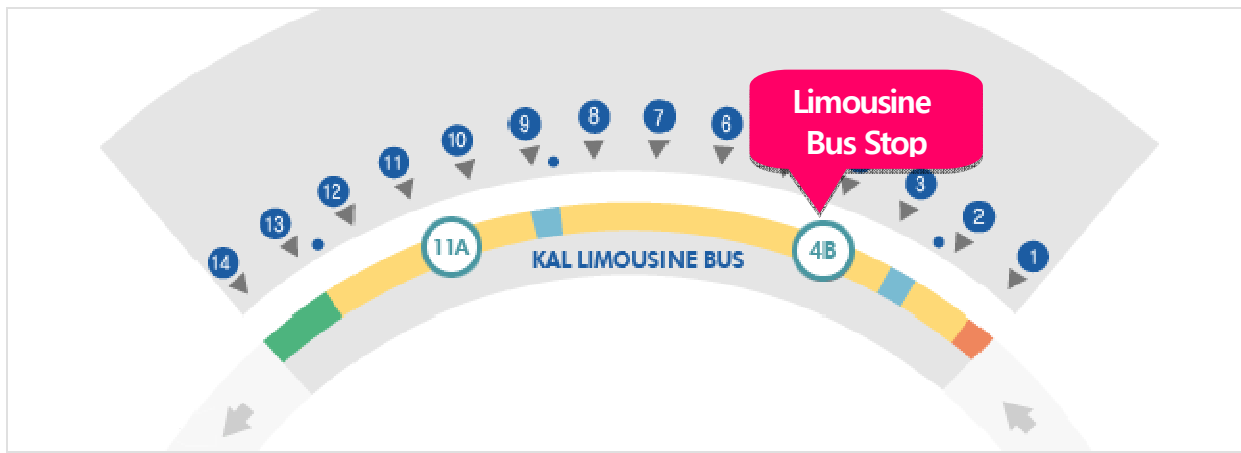
### **Public Transportation (Limousine Bus) from Incheon International Airport**

From Incheon International Airport you may take the limousine bus located on the 1st floor of the Passenger Terminal. Take bus No. 6707A(4B, 11A Gate), schedule is listed below, get off at the Mayfield Hotel, **however you should say that you get off at the Mayfield hotel to the bus driver when you get on the bus.**

## Limousine Bus information

<b>Bus type</b>	Korean Air Limousine Bus 6707A(Incheon Airport – Gimpo Airport)
<b>Ticket Booth</b>	Korean Air Limousine Counter on 1F, Passenger Terminal or Bus Stop
<b>Fare (cost)</b>	KRW 7,500 per adult (about US \$7) Tickets will be available from the guide at the bus stop or the KAL Limousine counter located in the arrival hall between exit #4 and #5. And you can also purchase round trip tickets.
<b>Travelling Time</b>	Approximately 50 minutes

### Bus Stop: Incheon International Airport



### Departure Time : Incheon International Airport

04:58	05:30	05:55	06:25	06:49	07:08	07:41
08:11	08:34	08:56	09:10	09:25	09:40	10:05
10:35	11:00	11:20	11:45	11:53	12:05	12:25
12:45	13:05	13:30	13:41	13:55	14:20	14:45
15:05	15:25	15:45	16:10	16:35	17:05	17:30
17:45	18:10	18:35	19:00	19:25	19:45	20:10
20:42	21:10	21:40	22:17			

### Departure Time : Mayfield Hotel

03:46	03:51	04:06	04:16	04:31	04:41	04:56
05:00	05:06	05:11	05:21	05:51	07:31	07:59
08:26	08:51	09:21	09:46	10:06	10:31	10:51
11:11	11:31	11:51	12:16	12:41	13:06	13:31
13:51	14:11	14:31	14:56	15:11	15:51	16:16
16:31	16:56	17:21	17:46	18:11	18:31	18:56
19:26	19:56	20:26	20:56	21:31	21:51	

## From Gimpo:

From the Gimpo International Airport you can take the hotel shuttle bus located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the domestic terminal for free. The journey to the hotel takes approximately 10-15 minutes.

## Shuttle Bus information

<b>Bus type</b>	Hotel shuttle bus (Hotel – Gimpo Airport)
<b>Fare (cost)</b>	Free
<b>Travelling Time</b>	Approximately 10-15 minutes
<b>Bus stop</b>	Hotel : Hotel Main Entrance Gimpo Airport : Dom. Terminal 1F Gate 8 Bus Stop No.7 Subway Line



## 6. Visa information



Participants requiring an entry visa to the Republic of Korea are strongly advised to contact the nearest Korean diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. It should be noted that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea at: [http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/visa/application/index.jsp?menu=m\\_40\\_10](http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/visa/application/index.jsp?menu=m_40_10).

The visa application form can be found at: <http://www.mofat.go.kr/english/visa/images/res/visakorean.pdf>

A list of relevant Korean diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the same web site at: <http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/main/index.jsp>.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue visa assistance letters to be attached to the visa applications.

## **7. Information on hotel accommodations**

All participants are encouraged to stay in the meeting venue hotel (Mayfield Hotel & Resort). The local organizer (Korea Maritime Institute) will provide participants with hotel reservation service in order to ensure the application of a special rate set for participants to this meeting. Breakfast is included in this special room rate. Lunch and dinner will be provided to the meeting participants during the meeting period (3-4 October 2014)

Please contact **Ms. Seulgi Lee** at [soireg2014@gmail.com](mailto:soireg2014@gmail.com) Tel.: +82-2-2105-2924| Fax: +82-2-6332-3699 and provide your arrival date and time to ensure a hotel reservation. Please note that hotel check-in starts at 14:00 hrs.

The local organizer will also provide assistance on local travel arrangements from Seoul to the venue of COP 12 in Pyeongchang.

Further information on Seoul can be found in annex C below and at the following link: <http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.kto>.



## **8. Financial support for travel and local accommodations**

The local organizer (Korea Maritime Institute) will provide some selected participants with air fare as well as hotel accommodations during the meeting period (3-4 October). Separate arrangement will be made based on the indication of the need for such support.

## **9. Official language in the Republic of Korea**

The official language in the Republic of Korea is Korean. English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

## **10. Weather and time zone information**

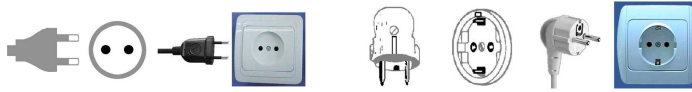


In October, temperatures in Seoul range between a maximum of +20°C in the daytime and a minimum of +11°C at night. Please bring warm clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/095/c00231.htm>.

The standard time zone in the Republic of Korea is GMT / UTC +9 hours.

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents in the Republic of Korea are 220 volts, 60 Hertz as shown in the illustrations below.



## 12. Currency



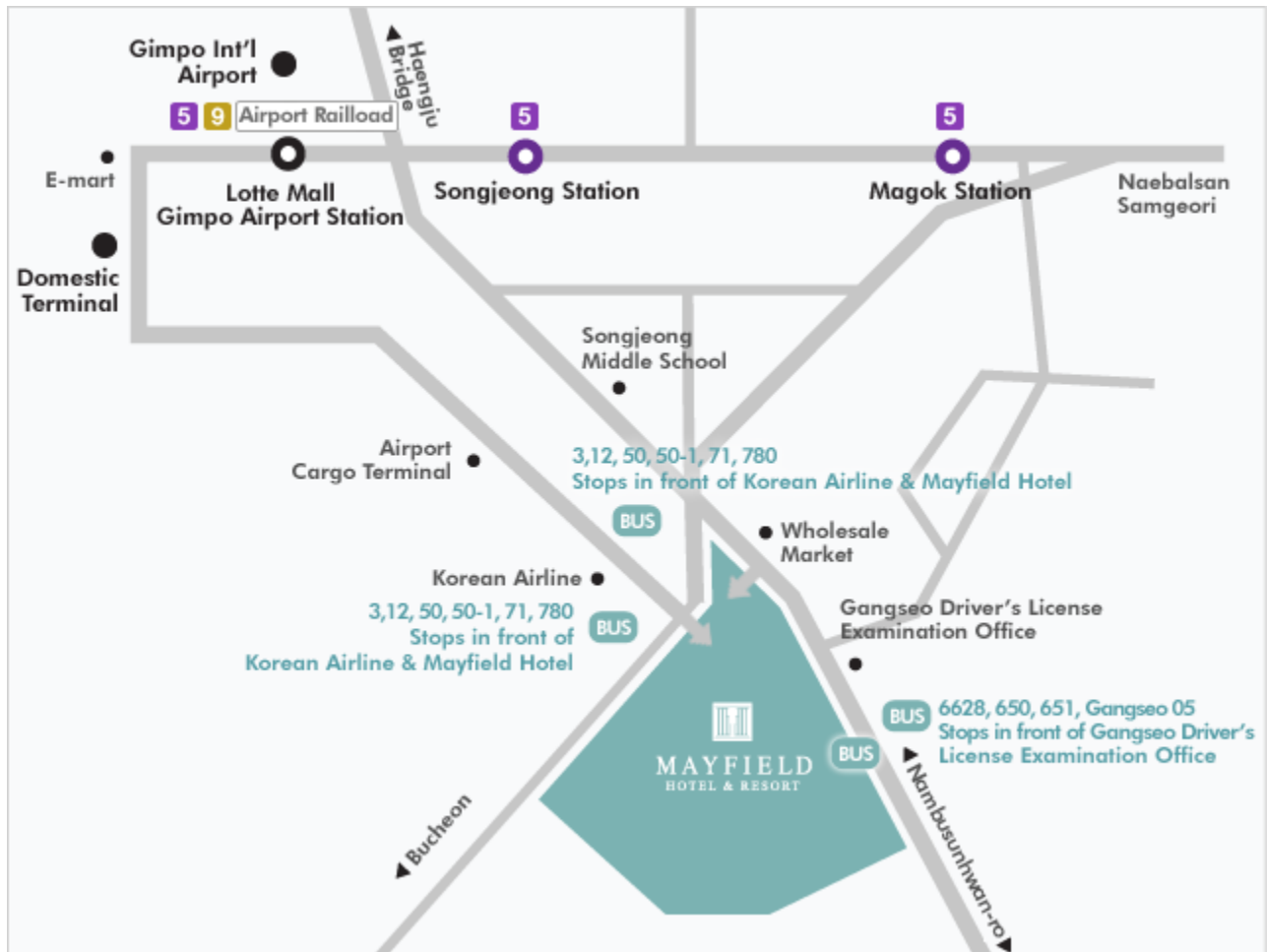
The currency in the Republic of Korea is the South Korean Won (KRW). The current exchange rate as at 28 July 2014 is US \$1 = KRW 1,026.40 and € 1= KRW 1,378 (source: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com))

## 13. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

## Annex A

### Map of the Area surrounding the Mayfield Hotel



**Annex B – Hotel listing**  
**(Room rates a per person per night)**

**1. Mayfield Hotel & Resort**

94 Banghwadaero, Gangeo-gu, Seoul, Korea

Tel: +82.2.2660.9000

Fax: +82.2.2660.9001

Web site: <http://www.mayfield.co.kr>

**Room rates:**

<b>Superior</b>	KRW 187,550
<b>The above rate includes 10% service charge and breakfast</b>	



## Annex C – Information on Korea

### Attractions in Seoul

#### N Seoul Tower



N Seoul Tower, a landmark of the metropolitan city of Seoul is to be introduced with its new name and look to provide more fun and excitement.

From the highest point, Seoul Tower has been embracing the city for the last 25 years giving memories and stories to people. In 2005, Seoul Tower was reopened as N Seoul Tower. Many citizens and foreign tourists have visited the Tower and were taken by the scenic view of the city while also enjoying the nature of Namsan mountain. Seoul Tower is located on the peak of Namsan in Seoul, a city of 10 million people.

#### Cheonggyecheon



Once a stream that served as the domestic wastewater of Seoul, it has been transformed into one of the most beautiful leisure place in Seoul. The history of Cheonggyecheon begins even before the Joseon dynasty designated Seoul as its capital. Seoul is surrounded by mountains in nature and the stream developed naturally by its natural geographical reasons. Often the stream caused floods, therefore, it needed extensive construction work countless times.

#### Jongmyo



Throughout much of traditional Asian culture, including China and Korea, rite has been highly important, and in modern society preserving rite carries with it the meaning of maintaining basic social order. There are a number of rituals which are considered important forms of rite, and the most significant of these in Korea are the Jongmyo and the Sajik rituals. Jongmyo is the term used for a place where memorial services are performed for deceased kings, and Sajik is the term for a place where services for the Gods of Earth and Crops are performed. These rituals are symbols for nations themselves in that they guarantee order and successful ruling of the nation..

#### Insa-dong



Insa-dong, located in the middle of the city, is an important place where old but precious and traditional goods are on display. There is one main road in Insa-dong with alleys on each side. Within these alleys are galleries, traditional restaurants, traditional teahouses, and cafes. The shops in Insa-dong are very popular among all age groups, because each one is unique. The galleries are the heartbeat of Insa-dong. There are about 100 galleries in the area and you can see every example of traditional Korean fine art from paintings to sculptures.

## Shopping

### **Gimpo Airport Outlet(Lotte Mall)**



Gimpo Airport Outlet located at the Gimpo International Passenger Terminal, boasts an impressive 200 domestic brand name stores totaling 40,000 square meters of shopping space. The mall is easily accessible via public transportation (Subway Lines 5&9 and the Incheon Airport Railway) and is a popular shopping place due to its variety and department store-like ambiance.

Especially the Mayfield hotel shuttle bus operates to the Outlet for free.

### **Myeong-dong**



Myeong-dong is a massive shopping district. Myeong-dong Street is around 1km long and extends from Myeong-dong Subway Station (Seoul Subway Line No. 4) to Lotte Department Store at Euljiro. All kinds of brand name shops and department stores are clustered along the streets and alleyways. You can purchase various products such as clothes, shoes, and accessories. Compared to Namdaemun or Dongdaemun, many good-quality brands are sold in Myeong-dong.

### **Gwangjang Market**



It is first permanent market in Korea.

More than 5,000 stores are open to sell numerous foods, clothes and living goods. It has become a new modern market recently through an environment improvement project.

### **Dongdaemun (Dongdaemun Market)**



Ever since its opening in 1905, Dongdaemun Market has been one of the major markets in Korea. Specializing in wholesale clothing, the market has grown large, having more than 20 shopping malls. A full range of fashion items that cover head to toe, are found in Dongdaemun Market at inexpensive prices. Just name it and you shall find it! No wonder the market is always crowded with retailers, foreigners, customers and tourists.