Information for Participants in the 2018 CAP Workshop in Hong Kong

The 2018 Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Implementation Workshop, 31 October - 1 November, will be held in Hong Kong, hosted by <u>Hong Kong</u> <u>Observatory (HKO)</u>. A CAP Training Session will be all day on 30 October and a Filtered Alert Hub Workshop will be all day on 2 November. Both the CAP Implementation Workshop and CAP Training Session will be at the Tsim Sha Tsui Community at <u>2/F</u>, <u>136A Nathan Rd</u>, <u>Tsim Sha Tsui</u>, <u>Hong Kong</u>, which is next to the main entrance of the HKO Headquarters

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at <u>134A Nathan Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong</u>. The Filtered Alert Hub Workshop will be held in the HKO Headquarters. Anyone interested in emergency alerting is welcome and there is no charge.

Hong Kong Entry Requirements

Hong Kong has a visa-free period for visitors, depending on their country, as described in the table on <u>this webpage</u>. If a Hong Kong entry visa is required in your case, you can request by e-mail an invitation letter to facilitate your visa application. Send your request to <u>cityforecast@hko.gov.hk</u> with Subject: **Request for Invitation Letter to Attend CAP Implementation Workshop 2018**. In your e-mail note, provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (as printed on your passport/travel document)
- 2. Institute/Organization name and address
- 3. Job position title
- 4. Planned arrival and departure dates to/from Hong Kong

Lodging Convenient to HKO Facility

There are many lodging options convenient to the workshop venue at Tsim Sha Tsui. In addition to a broad range of hotels, convenient lodging includes inexpensive hostels and many bed & breakfast offerings. Details of lodging options could be found <u>here</u>.

Transportation to Workshop Venue

HKO provides a <u>web page</u> describing how to go to the venue from Hong Kong International Airport.

Money, Electricity, and Internet Access

Currency in Hong Kong is the Hong Kong dollar. Hong Kong electrical sockets are 220 volt, 50 Hz, and use the type G plug. Wireless Internet access is available in HKO facilities.

Participants Must Inform the Program Committee

All who intend to attend the events must inform the Program Committee by e-mail to <u>Eliot.J.Christian@GMail.com</u>. A Provisional List of Participants will be maintained at the <u>workshop</u> <u>website</u> and the final List of Participants will be posted there when the Workshop concludes.

Technical Meeting in English without Interpretation, Credentials Not Required

The CAP Workshop events are technical meetings conducted in English without interpretation. They are meetings among experts who participate by virtue of their expertise and interest, rather than as official delegates. Accordingly, credentials are not required, although to facilitate discussions participants are asked to identify their organizational affiliations.

Presentations and Topics of Discussion

An <u>information flyer</u> provides a current overview of the events, including likely presentations and discussion topics. The CAP Implementation Workshop agenda is organized by the Program Committee members, representing the host and the five co-sponsors: IAEM (Beth Armstrong), IFRC (Omar Abou-Samr), OASIS (Elysa Jones), ITU (Cosmas Zavazava), and WMO (Miriam Andrioli). Anyone interested in making a presentation (not to exceed 20 minutes) must contact the Program Committee by e-mail to <u>Eliot.J.Christian@GMail.com</u>. Materials for the Workshop will be posted on the <u>workshop website</u> as they become available.

