

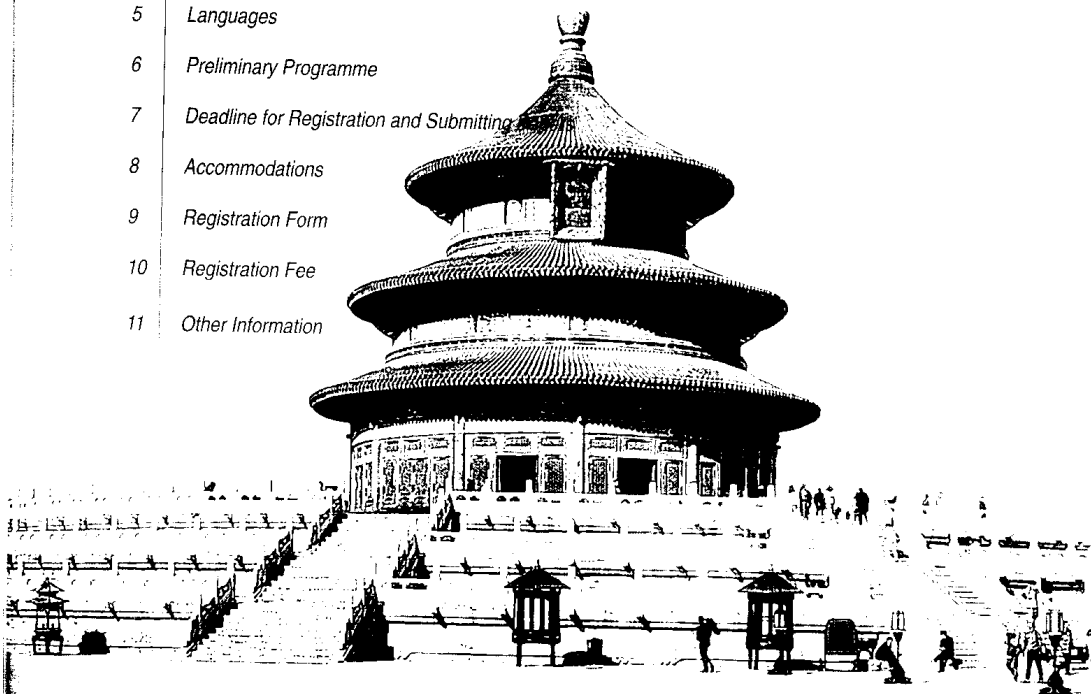
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
WTO AND LEGAL SERVICES

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Minister of Justice, People's
Republic of China

Mr. Zhang Fusen

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends,

The International Symposium on WTO and Legal Services will be held in Beijing this September. It is an honor for me, on behalf of the Ministry of Justice and in my personal name, to express our warm welcome to the delegates from international organizations, governmental agencies, distinguished law firms, and experts and academics from home and abroad. As the host of the conference, we will prepare it with best of our efforts to ensure the success of the event and your enjoyable stay in Beijing.

Accession to the WTO is the greatest strategic policy decision made by the Chinese government. It is a major event of historic significance during the Chinese reform and opening-up process, which has now entered a new stage. Accession to the WTO will not only improve Chinese economic reform and development in the new century, but will also have a great and deep effect on China's legislation, law enforcement, judicial administration and legal services.

The theme of the conference is "WTO and Legal Services". We will jointly discuss issues of exchanges and cooperation between Chinese and foreign legal services with China's accession to the WTO. At the same time, there are several special topics, such as: the WTO and the modernization of the legal system; the WTO and the internationalization of legal services, the function of legal services in WTO dispute settlement; the service trade and legal service market; the WTO and the training of foreign related legal talents; the perfection of the legal aid system; the reform of the mediation system beyond litigation; the WTO special regulations for the protection of developing countries; the WTO and the protection of intellectual property rights. I am sure that cooperation and exchanges will be raised to a new level after our discussion of the WTO's regulations.

Autumn is the best season of Beijing. Hospitality is the tradition of the Chinese nation. My colleagues and I are eagerly awaiting your visit to China.



President of All China Lawyers'
Association

Mr. Gao Zongze

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends,

The International Symposium on WTO and Legal Services will be held in Beijing, China, this September. On behalf of All China Lawyers' Association and 110,000 Chinese lawyers, I sincerely invite you to this great event.

Strengthening the study and discussion of legal services under the WTO framework is urgently necessary for improving co-operation and exchanges in international legal services. The theme of this international symposium is "WTO and Legal Services", which is of great significance. I sincerely hope that through this conference, we can further increase our mutual understanding and friendship, learn from each other and promote international co-operation and exchanges in legal services.

The Chinese legal profession has made a significant improvement since the start of China's reform and opening-up process. The number of lawyers has been growing rapidly and the overall quality of lawyers has been improving quickly; their number of clients are increasing and their areas of legal practice are expanding. Especially in recent years, the co-operation and exchanges between the legal profession of China and other countries have been increasing. Up to now, 104 foreign law firms have set up their representative offices in China, and 28 Hong Kong law firms have established their representative offices on the mainland. Accordingly, 19 Chinese law firms have established their representative offices abroad. The multi-and-bilateral lawyer's training programs, such as the one with EU, have been working well. With China's entry into the WTO, we will enjoy the WTO membership rights, and at same time will honor our commitments and perform our duties. The Chinese legal profession is stepping into a new stage. We are seizing this opportunity of accession to the WTO to deepen the reform of the legal system, to improve the overall quality of our lawyers (in order to adapt to the trend of internationalization of legal services), and to develop China's modern legal system.

The world is developing and China is changing. The young Chinese legal profession has plenty of energy and vigor. We sincerely hope to improve understanding and strengthen co-operation among our colleagues in the legal profession. As the co-host of this conference, All China Lawyers' Association will make great efforts to provide you with qualified service and warm hospitality to make your trip to Beijing a profound and pleasant experience.



THEME OF THE SYMPOSIUM

WTO and Legal Services

TOPICS OF THE SYMPOSIUM

- *The WTO and Modernization of the Legal System*
- *Trade Services and the Legal Services Industry*
- *The WTO and Internationalization of Legal Services*
- *The Function of Legal Services in WTO Dispute Settlement*
- *The WTO and Protection of Intellectual Property Rights*
- *Improvement of the Legal Aid System*
- *Alternative Dispute Resolution*
- *Special Provisions in the WTO for Protecting the Developing Countries*
- *The WTO and the Training of High-Level, Foreign Related Legal Talents*



The Summer Façade

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE SYMPOSIUM TOPICS

1. The WTO and Modernization of the Legal System

With China's accession to the WTO, the speed and scale of legal modernization have reached an unprecedented stage. Guided by the objective of transforming China into a country subject to the rule of law, and based on its practical situation, China will refer to foreign legal resources, gradually arrange the formation of a system of new concepts and rules of life which are adapted to the process of global legal modernization but with its own national features, to integrate the external and internal resources, and gradually modernize its legal system. This symposium will focus on the impact on a country's legal modernization of the entry into the WTO, the directions and objectives of the modernization of legal construction, and ways and means, as well as models for legal modernization.



2. Trade Services and the Legal Services Industry

The General Agreement on Trade Services (GATS) is the latest achievement resulting from the package agreements of the Uruguay Round. It is also the most important progress in a single field under the multilateral trade system. It expands for the first time the world recognized rules and commitments similar to the GATT, to a new international trade area, which is of huge dimension and has been developing quickly. Meanwhile, it should be noted that most of the trade services occur in the course of domestic economic activities, so its standardization from the very beginning will surely have an impact on domestic laws and regulations. Therefore, the General Agreement will surely restrict and influence on the laws and regulations related to commercial services (such as accounting and auditing, taxation services, architectural services, computer and related services, real estate services, advertising services, management consulting services, etc.), telecommunication services, distribution services, educational services, financial services (such as insurance, banking and other financial services), and transportation services. Participants are welcomed to conduct study and discussions on legislation, justice and legal services in the area of trade services.

3. The WTO and Internationalization of Legal Services

One of the commitments China made as a condition to WTO entry was to make progress in internationalizing its legal services industry. With the acceleration of China's economy integrating with the world economy, legal services have become more and more important. These have become very significant issues: how to honor the commitments to the WTO, how to develop the domestic legal services industry in the process of internationalization, as well as how the internationalization of the legal services shall better promote international trade and investment. The said topic will also include: opening-up and management of legal services market; its internationalization, specialization and dimension; its related international exchanges and cooperation; the internationalization of the legal services and talents competition in the global market; internationalization of legal services and the survival of the fittest of the legal services industry; the internationalization of legal services and the constitution of the legal services system; the role government plays in promoting and regulating the internationalization of the legal services market; etc.

4. The Function of Legal Services in WTO Dispute Settlement

WTO dispute settlement is an important mechanism for the WTO members to solve trade disputes among them. To study it, to be familiar and positively apply it will be necessary to effectively reduce trade disputes, eliminate trade barriers, and to protect WTO members' trade status and their economic interests. Dis-



cussions of this topic will include: the framework of WTO dispute settlement and its related rules; how legal services can provide efficient and useful assistance to the enterprises in disputes; the status and roles of governmental lawyers, lawyers in society and other legal service providers in the WTO disputes settlement; analysis of notable cases solved under the framework of the WTO dispute settlement, etc.

5. The WTO and Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

The Trade- Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement is the most creative one among the results of the Uruguay Round. Its fundamental purpose is to provide sufficient and efficient protection to intellectual property rights. It includes the total seven component parts of intellectual property rights: copyright and adjoining rights, trademark rights, geographical indications, industrial design, patent rights, wiring diagram designs of integrated circuit, undisclosed secrets (including business secrets). In addition, protection of traditional intellectual property rights, protection of intellectual property rights of bio-diversity and intellectual property rights in the electronic commerce have attracted broad concerns as well. This symposium will introduce the international achievements in the protection of intellectual property rights in the aspect of legislation, law enforcement and justice, and invite joint discussion about how to strengthen legislation, justice and legal services in different countries so as to legally protect the lawful rights and interests of owners of intellectual property rights.

6. Improvement of the Legal Aid System

Legal aid is a system for a state to ensure that the weak and poor citizens have access to judicial resources and equal human rights. It is also an important social security mechanism. It is related to main and significant social matters, such as social justice and the protection of fundamental human rights. With China's accession to the WTO, the legal aid system needs further improvement, and must play its full role---contributing to the protection of legal rights and interests of the public as well as the maintenance of social justice. This symposium will provide you with a good chance to become acquainted with general information concerning the development situation of legal aid systems in various countries, and to discuss and exchange ideas about the opportunities and challenges brought about by accession to the WTO, to the legal aid development in different countries.

7. Alternative Dispute Resolution

In the past 20 or 30 years, in almost every country of the world, there has existed the common situation of too many civil and commercial cases, as well as minor



criminal cases, which has caused the problem of the overloading of cases and expensive litigation costs. Because of this, many countries have established an alternative dispute resolution system. The system in China, including administrative mediation and people's mediation, has played a positive role in practice. With the change of types and reform of judicial systems, there is an urgent need for all the countries to do research and exchange experience in the nature, mandatory procedure, and effectiveness of the agreement reached under the alternative dispute resolution mechanism, so as to learn from each other. During the symposium, participants will express their own ideas and share with each other results of their research.

8. Special Provisions in the WTO for Protecting the Developing Countries

The WTO provides to ensure that its members of developing countries, especially the least developed members can maintain their economic development level suitable to the need of the increase in their international trade amount, and also takes it as its aim. It demonstrates the result of negotiation achieved by the developing countries in the ten years of GATT, and marks the new international economic order that has been developing gradually in a more equal and reasonable direction. While the developing countries enjoy the same rights and share the same duties as the other member countries in the WTO, they have received some special treatment. For example, the protection degree could be a little higher than that of developed countries, and some other exceptional principles in the WTO. Participants are welcomed to express their opinions related to the features of their own countries, so as to make it more scientific and correct.

9. The WTO and the Training of High -Level , Foreign Related Legal Talents

With China's entry into the WTO, there is an urgent demand to train legal experts and lawyers, who are familiar with and can skillfully apply WTO rules to provide the state and enterprises with legal services, and can properly use the WTO disputes settlement rules to solve or avoid legal disputes that could occur at any time with more than 140 members, and guarantee that the protocol of China's accession to the WTO will be fully implemented. The participants will jointly discuss the characteristics and constitution of knowledge, skills and qualities of WTO related legal talents, ways and means to train special talents and their influence on the reform of legal education, strategy and practices for developing countries to train their high-level legal talents domestically, to develop international exchanges and cooperation to provide training and continual education to the high-level legal professionals.



VENUE FOR THE SYMPOSIUM

Location of the Symposium: Beijing

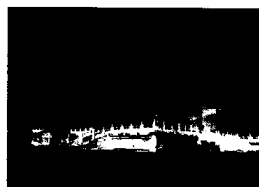
Beijing, the capital of China with a long history and splendid culture, is one of the most famous cultural and historical cities in the world. It was initially built up during the Ming Dynasty in 1421.

Now, around the city, magnificent Chinese architectures, elegant gardens and various former leading figures' residences are in harmony with modern towers, transportations and facilities, which significantly reflects new Beijing's unique, beautiful and grandiose features.

Around the venue for the opening ceremony of the symposium—the Great Hall of the People, you may easily approach the fabulous sightseeing spots such as the Tiananmen Square, the Imperial Palace, the Temple of the Heaven, the Liulichang Ancient Cultural Street, and tremendous commercial streets for shopping malls, such as Xidan and Wangfujing.



The Yuan Ming Yuan Palace



The Imperial Palace

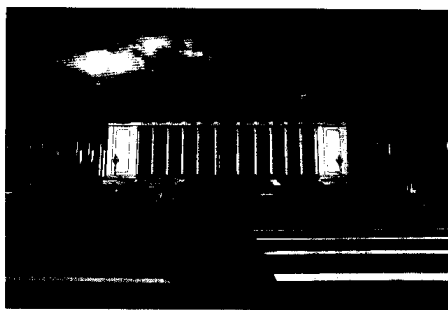


Bei Hai Park



Beijing Orienta Plaza

Venue for the Opening Ceremony: The Great Hall of the People



The Great Hall of the People

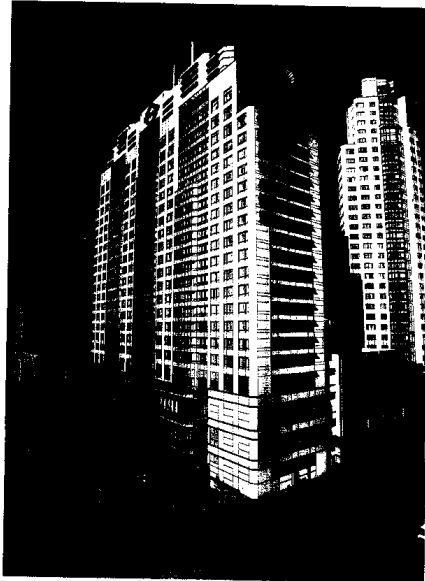
The opening ceremony of the symposium will be held at the Great Hall of the People. The Great Hall of the People, the venue for the National People's Congress (the Parliament) and the location for political and foreign activities of the States' leaders and people of China, is at the west wing of the Tiananmen Square. It has a big hall of conference with 76m in breadth and 60m in depth; a big banquet hall of more than 5000 seats and office building for the NPC are at its north and south wing separately.

There are many halls using names and demonstrating the local features of provinces, municipalities directly under jurisdiction of the Central Government, autonomous regions and special administrative regions of the PRC.



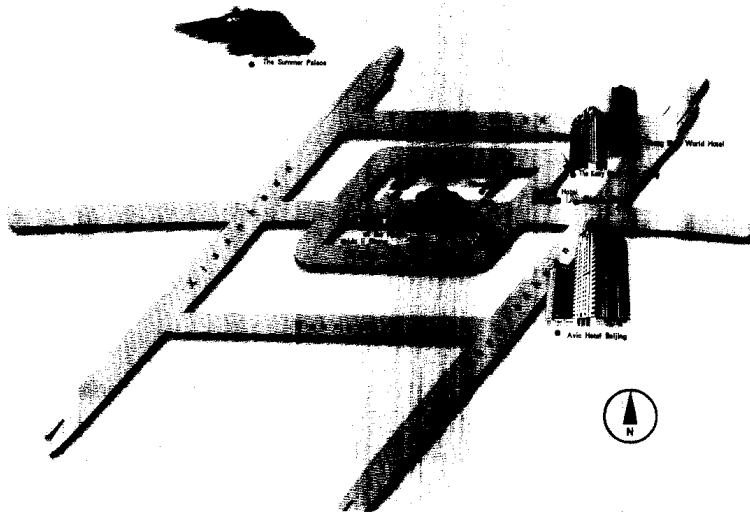
Venue for Workshops: The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing

Workshops will be held in two conference halls, both in the Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing



Conference Hall of the Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing

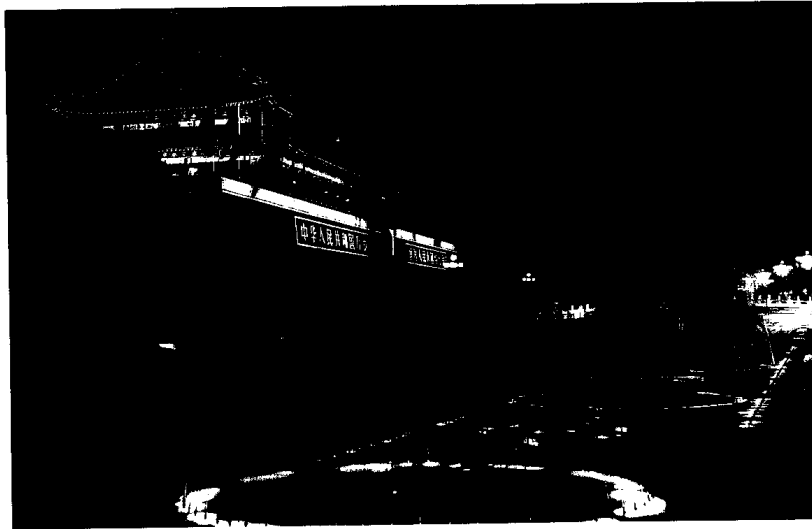
Outside Scene of the Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing





LANGUAGES

Chinese and English are the working languages. Simultaneous translation in Chinese and English will be available during the symposium.



Tiananmen



Overlook of Beijing



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

September 17, 2002, Tuesday

09:00 - 22:00 Registration desk open to delegates
Venue: The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing

September 18, 2002, Wednesday

09:00 - 17:00 Registration desk open to delegates
Venue: The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing

09:15 - 09:45 Opening Ceremony
Venue: The Great Hall of the People

09:45 - 10:00 Coffee Break

10:00 - 12:00 Agenda Item I : The WTO and the Modernization of the Legal System
Venue: The Great Hall of the People

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:20 - 15:40 Agenda Item II : Trade Services and the Legal Services Industry
Venue: Conference Hall No.1, The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing

Agenda Item II : The WTO and the Internationalization of Legal Services
Venue: Conference Hall No. 2, The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing

15:40 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:20 Agenda Items I and II (continued)

19:00 - 21:00 Welcome Banquet

September 19, 2002, Thursday

09:00 - 10:20 Agenda Item IV : The Function of Legal Services in WTO Dispute Resolution
Venue: Conference Hall No.1, The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing

Agenda Item V : The WTO and the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights
Venue: Conference Hall No.2, The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing

10:20 - 10:40 Coffee break

10:40 - 12:00 Agenda Items IV and V (continued)



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- 12:00 - 14:00 Lunch
14:20 - 15:40 Agenda Item VI : Improvement of the Legal Aid System
Venue: Conference Hall No.1, The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing
Agenda Item VII: Alternative Dispute Resolution
Venue: Conference Hall No.2, The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing
15:40 - 16:00 Coffee break
16:00 - 17:20 Agenda Items VI and VII (continued)
Evening Free

September 20, 2002, Friday

- 09:00 - 10:20 Agenda Item VIII : The Special Provisions in the WTO for Protecting the Developing Countries
Venue: Conference Hall No.1, The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing
Agenda Item IX : The WTO and The Training of High-Level Foreign Related Legal Talents
Venue: Conference Hall No.2, The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing
10:20 - 10:40 Coffee break
10:40 - 12:00 Agenda Items VIII and IX (continued)
12:00 - 14:00 Lunch
Afternoon Free
19:00 - 21:00 Farewell Dinner
Venue: The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing

September 21, 2002, Saturday

Departure





DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND SUBMITTING PAPERS

For the smooth organization and arrangement of the conference and in order to ensure its success, those who intend to participate, please register and submit papers before August 15, 2002. Please attach a summary of 1000 words when submitting a paper. A book entitled "International Theories and Practices on WTO and Legal Services" will be published both in Chinese and English after the symposium.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

Standard of the Registration Fee

The registration fee is 400 USD for foreign participants, 100 USD for a foreign accompanying person, 3000 RMB for Chinese participants and 1000 RMB for a Chinese accompanying person. The registration fee includes: the cost of the first-class conference facilities, the invitation to the welcoming and farewell banquets, the free transportation to and from the airport, the free transportation between the venue of the symposium and participants' hotels, the production fee of the symposium credentials, and the conference materials.

Methods of Payment

The registration fee can be paid either during the registration process before the symposium, or when signing in at the symposium. For those who pay the registration fee before the symposium, it is necessary to remit the fee through a bank, whereas for those who pay the registration fee when signing in, please pay in cash. Those who pay the registration fee before the symposium will receive a confirmation from the Secretariat of the symposium.

Cancelling the Registration before the

For those who have registered and submitted the registration fee, there are two circumstances:

For those who cancel the registration before August 30, there will be a refund of the registration fee excluding a 10% administrative charge.

For those who cancel the registration after August 30, there will be no refund.



Account Name for the Symposium

Department of Finance and Equipment of the Ministry of Justice
Please transfer the payment to Beijing City Commercial Bank Liulichang
Branch

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ACCOMODATIONS

The Organizing Committee sincerely recommends the following hotels to all participants for their convenience

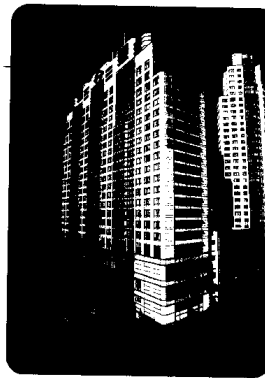
☉ The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing ★★★★★



Standard Room



Administrative Suite



The Kerry Centre Hotel, Beijing

● Jing Guang New World Hotel ★★★★★



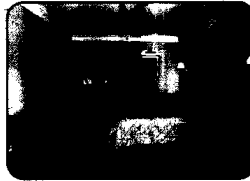
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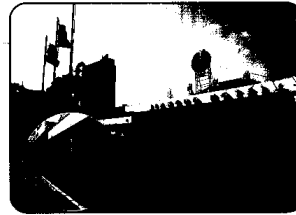
Jing Guang New World Hotel



● Jian Guo Hotel ★★★★★

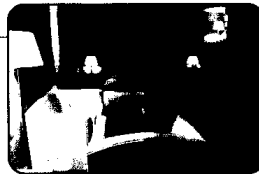


Standard Room



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● Avic Hotel Beijing ★★★★★



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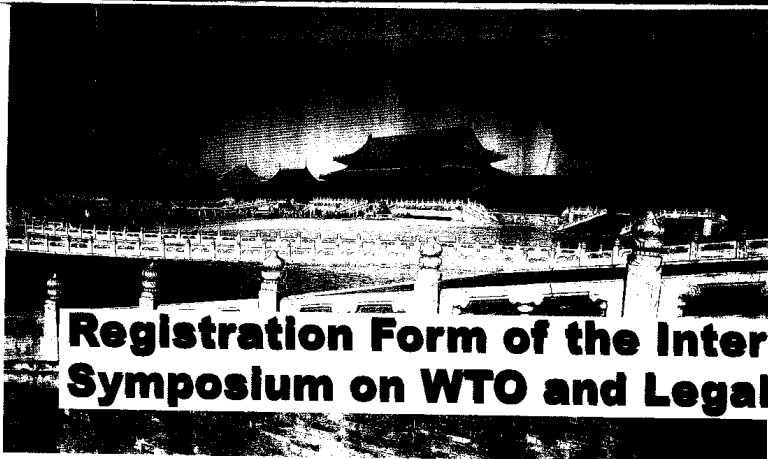


Avic Hotel Beijing

Room Rate:

Name of Hotel	Room Type	Room Rate	Discount Rate
The Kerry Center Hotel Beijing ★★★★★	Standard	Single: US\$ 240 Double: US\$ 260	Single: US\$ 170 Double: US\$ 180
Jing Guang New World Hotel ★★★★★	Standard	Single: US\$ 180 Double: US\$ 180	Single: US\$ 140 Double: US\$ 140
Jian Guo Hotel ★★★★★	Standard	Single: US\$ 220 Double: US\$ 230	Single: US\$ 98 Double: US\$ 108
Avic Hotel Beijing ★★★★★	Standard	Single: US\$ 140 Double: US\$ 140	Single: US\$ 85 Double: US\$ 85

- ※ The charge listed in the form is the fee per night, including breakfast and service charge.
- ※ Please indicate in the registration form: the hotel you wish to stay at, the types and numbers of the room and the dates of your stay.
- ※ All the above recommended hotels have agreements with the Organizing Committee and undertake to provide the most preferential prices to all participants. September is the peak season of the tourism industry in Beijing. We advise you to notify us of your room reservation information before August 15, so we can ensure that you will stay at the hotel of your choice and at a preferential price. The preferential price guarantee will not be available if the room reservation information is submitted after August 15.
- ※ The Organizing Committee will devote all its efforts to assign all participants to the hotels and types of rooms that they request, according to the chronological order of registration. It is possible that one hotel or one type of room will be fully reserved. If so, the Organizing Committee will make appropriate changes to your reservation and assign you to the most similar hotel or type of room available. The Organizing Committee will notify you of any changes in a letter for your information.



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- ◆ This registration form can be duplicated. Each participant should have his own form.
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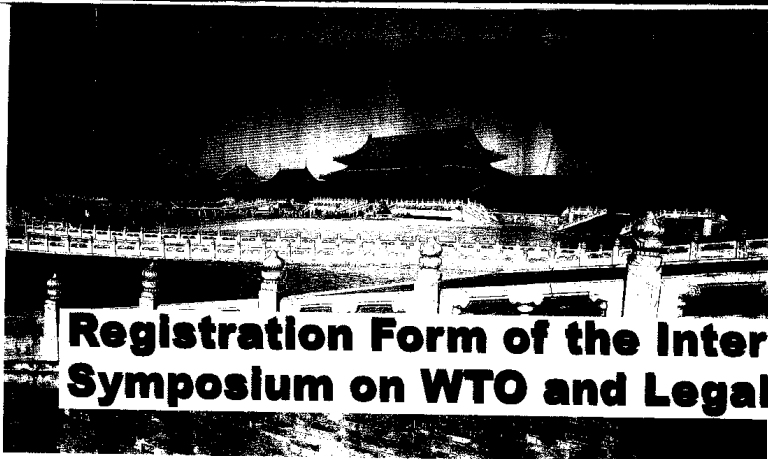
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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Receiving and Sending-off of Participants:

There will be a conference reception centre at Beijing Capital International Airport. The Organizing Committee will send the participants who arrive on September 16 and 17 to the hotels, and participants who depart on September 21 to the airport, free of charge.

Conference Registration:

A registration desk will be available in the Grand Century Hotel, Beijing, where participants will register and be provided with conference materials, and where participants and accompanying persons will receive conference credentials.

Entry Visa:

All those who have registered for the Conference will receive an invitation letter, with which you can get your entry visa from the Chinese embassy or consulate in your normal residence.

Currency and Exchange Rate:

The currency that is in use in China is the Renminbi (RMB), which is known as "yuan." Traveller's check can be exchanged for yuan at the airport, your hotel, and branches of Bank of China all over the world. The current exchange rate of 1 USD against RMB is around 8.27.

Credit Card

Credit cards are widely accepted in China. The major credit cards in use in the world are accepted at your hotel.

Weather:

Beijing enjoys its fine Autumn in September, with clear, crisp weather and an average temperature of 20 degrees Centigrade.

Electricity:

The standard voltage of electricity in China is 220V, frequency 50HZ, and current intensity 10A. Both three-pin and two-pin plugs are appropriate.

Time:

Beijing time is 8 hours ahead of the Greenwich Mean Time.

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