

# 60th General Assembly AGM & technical conference

## October 13th to 16th 2019, Hong Kong



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### BOOKINGS

The special 'early bird' booking rate closes on **Friday August 16th 2019**. The final booking deadline is **Friday October 4th 2019**.

It will not be possible to attend the event without booking in advance. Tickets will not be available on the door. A booking form is sent with this notice: please use one form per delegate.

Delegates from non-member companies will only be confirmed after payment or receipt of credit card details.

### REGISTRATION DESK

The T.I.C. **registration desk** will be open in the hotel lobby from **3 to 6p.m. on Sunday October 13th**. Please come to the desk as early as you can to collect your papers and your badge.

Please wear your badge at all times during any conference event.

### PROGRAMME

The 60th General Assembly of the T.I.C. is generously sponsored by our platinum sponsor: **Guangdong Zhiyuan New Material Co., Ltd**, and our silver sponsors: **A&R Merchants Inc., RC Inspection Group** and **Yanling Jincheng Tantalum & Niobium Co., Ltd**.

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Association will be held at 8.30a.m. on Monday October 14th.

**Technical presentations** will be given on Monday (morning and afternoon) and Tuesday morning. Please do not schedule your side meetings during the technical sessions.



**There will be simultaneous translation (English to Chinese) during the technical presentations.**

On Wednesday, delegates will be given the opportunity to **visit the container port of Hong Kong**, followed by lunch.

The T.I.C. invites all delegates and accompanying persons to a **Welcome Reception** on Sunday evening, from 6 to 8p.m.

On Monday evening, all participants are invited to a **Gala Dinner** at the Conrad Hong Kong hotel.

#### DELEGATES (TECHNICAL MEETING)

##### Delegates of member companies:

The AGM at 8.30a.m. on Monday is restricted to delegates from member companies. All the delegates from a member company may attend, but only one delegate may vote. He or she will be required to sign in on arrival at the AGM on Monday morning so please arrive in time. If you have a vote, it is important that you attend.

##### Delegates of non-member companies:

People from companies which are not T.I.C. members may attend a maximum of two annual conferences as an observer/potential applicant or as a guest of a member company. If non-members are interested in attending more conferences they should apply for membership.

#### ACCOMPANYING PERSONS (SIGHTSEEING)

**Afternoon tea** will be offered on Sunday from 2.30 to 4.30p.m., for accompanying persons to greet old friends and make new ones.

People accompanying the delegates are invited to the **Welcome Reception** on Sunday evening and the **Gala Dinner** on Monday evening. On Wednesday, accompanying persons are invited to join delegates for **lunch** (after the field trip).

**Sightseeing tours** for accompanying persons are also being arranged for Monday and Tuesday. Full details will be provided to those who have booked. For any questions about these tours, please contact [emma.wickens@tanb.org](mailto:emma.wickens@tanb.org). Accompanying persons are asked to book in advance (via the booking form) so that a place can be reserved for them.

**This is a special programme and fee for accompanying persons - persons who are in Hong Kong for tourism only. If you are in Hong Kong for business purposes, you must book as a 'delegate'.**

#### FIELD TRIP TO THE CONTAINER PORT

On Wednesday, delegates are offered the opportunity to take a **guided tour of the container port of Hong Kong**.

Two chartered boats will take the group from Central Piers, round the container port (with detailed explanations) then to a restaurant for lunch. Delegates will return to the Conrad Hong Kong hotel by 4p.m.

Space on the tour is limited and will be allocated to confirmed delegates on a first-come, first-booked basis (kindly advise your choice on the booking form).



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Hong Kong's port is one of the busiest in the world

#### CONRAD HONG KONG HOTEL

All events of the T.I.C. General Assembly except the field trip on Wednesday will be held at the Conrad Hong Kong hotel, where a block booking of bedrooms has also been secured at a special rate for delegates.

##### Exclusive room rates for delegates at the Conrad Hong Kong hotel (subject to change of tax rate):

- **Deluxe Room, single occupancy:** HKD 2400 before tax (currently 10% service charge), so a total cost of **HKD 2640 per night**
- **Deluxe Room, double occupancy:** HKD 2600 before tax (currently 10% service charge), so a total cost of **HKD 2860 per night**.

These bedroom rates include breakfast and internet access. Further information about the Conrad Hong Kong hotel can be found [here](#).

The hotel accommodation is not included in the meeting fee. The bill for your room, together with meals and other services outside the conference programme, must be paid to the hotel on departure.

##### All bedrooms must be booked online via this link:

[https://secure3.hilton.com/en\\_US/ch/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=HKGHCCL&spec\\_plan=GTICA&arrival=20191009&departure=20191019&cid=OM,VVV,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT](https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/ch/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=HKGHCCL&spec_plan=GTICA&arrival=20191009&departure=20191019&cid=OM,VVV,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT)  
(please cut and paste the link if it doesn't automatically work).

This hotel has smoking and non-smoking bedrooms. Choice of smoking or non-smoking, king or twin bed, can be made on the third screen of the reservation process, by clicking on 'Add special requests' then 'Alternate room type preferences'.

Bedrooms may be cancelled without charge until midnight (local time) on September 25th.

**The group rates given above for bedrooms are guaranteed until September 26th, subject to availability. Beyond this date rates may vary, so PLEASE BOOK EARLY.**

**Check-in** time is 3p.m., **Check-out** time is 12 noon.

**Note: reserving a bedroom does not imply booking for the T.I.C. meeting. It is mandatory to also complete the meeting booking form and return it to [emma.wickens@tanb.org](mailto:emma.wickens@tanb.org).**

There are some **private meeting rooms** available. Please contact the T.I.C. for further information.

## ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

Travel time from Hong Kong International Airport (HKG) to the Conrad Hong Kong hotel is around 40 minutes by taxi. A red 'Urban Taxi' must be selected. The fare will be around HKD 400. The green and blue taxis do not serve the area the hotel is located in.

The Airport Express train departs every ten minutes from around 6a.m. to 1a.m. daily. It connects the airport to the station 'Hong Kong' in 25 minutes and the cost of a ticket is HKD 115. Further details [here](#).

The ticket gives complimentary access to the Airport Express Shuttle Bus. Shuttle route H1 runs every 20 minutes from around 6a.m. till 11p.m. and reaches stop number 5 (Pacific Place, where the hotel is located) in 15 minutes. Further details [here](#).

## VISAS

Nationals of many countries may visit Hong Kong without a visa. Please check [here](#) for your specific situation.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**Dietary requirements:** please inform the T.I.C. at the time of booking if you have special dietary requirements and we will endeavour to accommodate them.

**Currency:** the currency in Hong Kong is the Hong Kong Dollar (HKD). For reference, HKD 100 are currently worth around USD 12.75 or EUR 11.30.

**Weather:** daytime temperatures in October average 28°C (82°F), with overnight temperatures averaging 23°C (73°F). There can be some rain so bring your umbrella.

**Internet:** high speed internet access in the guestrooms is included in the bedroom rates.

**Power supply:** in Hong Kong, power supply is 220V, 50 Hz. Sockets take UK type plugs with three prongs.

**Insurance:** please arrange your own insurance, including travel insurance. The T.I.C. cannot be held responsible for accidents or mishaps.

**Clothes:** for the Gala Dinner the dress code is 'business suit with tie' for men and 'cocktail-style outfits' for ladies.

For the sightseeing tours for accompanying persons, please wear practical clothes and comfortable shoes and bring your umbrella.

Those attending the port visit on Wednesday are requested to wear practical clothes and closed shoes.

## PARTICIPATION FEES

**Technical meeting:** AGM, technical presentations, lunch on Monday/Tuesday, port visit with lunch, Welcome Reception, Gala Dinner:

**Delegate of a member or applicant company:**

- Book by August 16th 'early bird': EUR 1150
- Book by October 4th 'standard': EUR 1350

**Delegate of a non-member company:**

- Book by August 16th 'early bird': EUR 1275
  - Book by October 4th 'standard': EUR 1500
- (Note: non-members must pay to confirm their place)

Delegates from a non-commercial entity (NGO, Government, academia, associations...) should contact the T.I.C. office.

**Accompanying person:** afternoon tea, Welcome Reception, Gala Dinner, two sightseeing tours, lunch on Wednesday:

- Book by October 4th: EUR 475

**The T.I.C. will issue an invoice with payment details.**

## CANCELLATION POLICY

If you are obliged to cancel your meeting booking, please contact [emma.wickens@tanb.org](mailto:emma.wickens@tanb.org) immediately.

Delegates that cancel by September 15th will receive a full refund of the registration fee, less a processing and administration fee of EUR 50. Delegates that cancel between September 16th and September 30th will receive a 50% refund of the registration fee, less a processing and administration fee of EUR 50. After that date, no refunds will be made, although a colleague can be named to take the place. Delegates are responsible for cancelling their travel and hotel bookings.

**We look forward to seeing you at GA60!**



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## TIMETABLE

Please note that the technical programme will be provided separately.

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### Sunday October 13th 2019

- 3p.m. – 6p.m. Registration desk open (all participants must have booked in advance)  
2.30p.m. – 4.30p.m. Tea for accompanying persons  
6p.m. – 8p.m. Welcome Reception

### Monday October 14th 2019

- 8.30a.m. Sixtieth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Tantalum-Niobium International Study Center restricted to delegates of member companies, voting and non-voting  
Voting delegates: please come in time to sign in  
9.30a.m. Coffee break  
Delegates of applicant and non-member companies join the group.  
10a.m. – 12.30p.m. Technical session  
12.30p.m. – 1.30p.m. Buffet lunch  
1.30p.m. – 3p.m. Technical session  
*Full day* *Sightseeing tour for accompanying persons*  
7p.m. Cocktails  
7.30p.m. Gala Dinner

### Tuesday October 15th 2019

- 9a.m. – 1p.m. Technical session, with coffee break  
1p.m. – 2p.m. Buffet lunch  
*Full day* *Sightseeing tour for accompanying persons*

### Wednesday October 16th 2019

- 9a.m. – 4p.m. Field trip (by boat) to visit the container port of Hong Kong, followed by lunch  
*Half day* *Lunch for accompanying persons, joining delegates from the field trip*

If you have any questions about the programme or the meeting, please do contact us, and we shall do our best to help. [emma.wickens@tanb.org](mailto:emma.wickens@tanb.org), Tel: +32 2 649 51 58