

ICCA HONG KONG 2024: THE ESSENTIALS



HK Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC)

CONGRESS VENUE

Harbour Road Entrance, Wan Chai

Enter via the Harbour Road Entrance, turn right once inside, and take the escalator to L1. The covered walkway from the Grand Hyatt takes you direct to L1.

Address in Chinese for drivers:

灣仔博覽道1號
香港會議展覽中心(會展)
港灣道入口

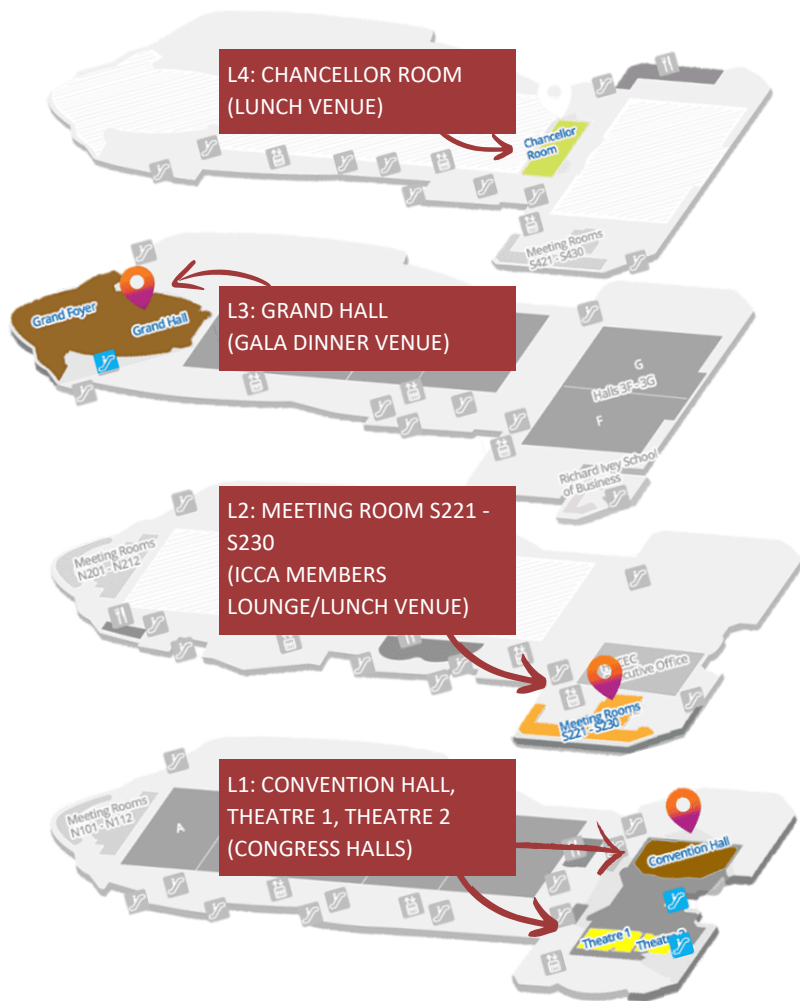
GALA DINNER

Expo Drive Entrance, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai

Enter via the Expo Galleria Entrance Drop-off Zone on Expo Drive, and go up the escalator on the left to L3.

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GRAND HYATT HOTEL

1 Harbour Rd, Wan Chai

Address in Chinese
灣仔港灣道 1 號
香港君悅酒店

The official Congress hotel, the Grand Hyatt is directly connected to the conference venue - HKCEC - by a covered walkway. Small shops, chemists and even a Marks & Spencer can be found in nearby Wan Chai across elevated walkways.

RENAISSANCE HK
HARBOUR VIEW HOTEL
1 Harbour Road, Wan Chai

Address in Chinese
灣仔港灣道1號
香港萬麗海景酒店

Walking to HKCEC will take around 10 minutes. Small convenience stores are close by and it is close to the hustle and bustle of Wan Chai.

ROSEWOOD HOTEL
18 Salisbury Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui

Address in Chinese
尖沙咀梳士巴利道 18 號
香港瑰麗酒店

The venue for the opening ceremony, Rosewood Hong Kong lies across the harbour in Tsim Sha Tsui amidst the K11 luxury mall. Treat yourself to a Star Ferry ride from Central then walk along the harbourside to the venue, or take the MTR to East Tsim Sha Tsui station, Exit J. Taxis work just as well.

HKIAC
38/F Two Exchange Square
8 Connaught Place, Central

Address in Chinese
中環交易廣場二期38樓
香港國際仲裁中心

Walk through IFC Mall, or taxi from the conference venue and Grand Hyatt. At taxi drop off, go up the escalator directly in front of you, then turn left through the glass sliding doors. Take two more escalators up to reach the lift lobby for Two Exchange Square.

TRANSPORT, MONEY AND ONLINE

GRAB AN OCTOPUS CARD

Octopus is Hong Kong's pre-paid card, similar to Oyster and Opal, accepted on all public transport (though you will still need cash for taxis) and also for payment at many stores and vendors. You can load Octopus into your smartphone wallet to tap and pay, and connect to your credit card to top up on the go.

You can buy a Tourist Octopus at these stores in the Hong Kong International Airport upon arrival:

- 7-Eleven (Unit 5T058, Arrivals Meeters & Greeters Hall, or any 7-Eleven outlet)
- MTR Ticket & Octopus Selling Machine (Airport Station)
- Relay (Arrivals Pre-Immigration, L5, Terminal 1, (Restricted Area))

The Tourist Octopus is also available at convenience stores, such as 7-Eleven or Circle K, and from Ticket & Octopus Selling Machines in the MTR (Hong Kong's subway).

ATMS

ATMs are everywhere and work with international cashcards. Familiar names such as HSBC, Citi and Standard Chartered abound – visit their Hong Kong websites for ATM locator maps. For a real banking treat, visit [HSBC Headquarters](#) on Queen's Road Central and take the escalator up into Norman Foster's iconic building to gather your cash.

TAXIS

Cheap and plentiful, but cash only. Download the Hong Kong Taxi Cards app ([Android](#)/[Apple](#)) to turn any English address into a Chinese card on screen for your driver.

MTR

Frequent, fast and super-safe, MTR is Hong Kong's subway. Pay with Octopus or use ticket machines in stations. Check out the route map and travel planners online at www.mtr.com.

TRAMS

Don't miss the iconic Hong Kong 'ding-dings' if you have time to hop aboard. Just a few blocks back from the conference centre and hotels - maps and timetables at www.hktramways.com.

SIM CARDS

SIM cards can be purchased at convenience stores, such as 7-11 and Circle K. To purchase a SIM Card in Hong Kong, you must provide your full name and confirm with personal ID, such as a passport, to activate the card.

[7-day Tourist SIM Card](#)

[CSL Discover HongKong SIM Card](#)

LOST CREDIT CARD?

Local numbers for reporting and replacements:

Visa: 800 96 7025

Mastercard: 800 96 6677

American Express: 2811 6122



SIGHTS TO SEE, GIFTS TO BUY?

It's impossible to capture everything Hong Kong has to offer, but we've curated a small list of favourites, all close to Central and Wan Chai, for you to consider. [Hong Kong Tourism Board](#) has ideas online, while [Time Out Hong Kong](#) is an up-to-date guide to shops, sports, restaurants and bars.

TAI KWUN

Originally a police station and prison dating from the 1860s, Tai Kwun is now a revitalized cultural complex in Hong Kong's Central district. The centre includes the former Central Magistracy building, which served as HKIAC's first office location 1985. Visit for art galleries, performance spaces and heritage buildings, and stay for its many fine restaurants and bars – a cocktail in the old cells is a must-do.

PMQ

Originally the Hong Kong Police's Married Quarters, now a creative hub within a restored 1950s building. There are small shops and galleries for original and local art, design and gifts, with a sprinkling of bars and restaurants. Located in Hong Kong's Soho, it is close to the bars and restaurants of Staunton and Elgin Streets, and to Hollywood Road, where you can find temples and antiques.

CENTRAL-MID-LEVELS ESCALATOR

Complete your visit to Tai Kwun or PMQ by travelling up the longest outdoor covered escalator system in the world. It runs from Queen's Road Central's shopping district to the residential districts of Conduit Road - and was endorsed by Bruce Wayne in *The Dark Knight*.

STAR FERRY

The most iconic (and cheapest) Hong Kong visitor experience. Travel from Central or Wan Chai piers to Tsim Sha Tsui on these 1950s ferries. Only 10-15 minutes. Timetables below.

[Central to Tsim Sha Tsui](#)

[Wan Chai to Tsim Sha Tsui](#)

AFTERNOON TEA AND BRUNCH

Every major hotel in Hong Kong makes a big deal of these. As well as the conference hotels, both the Mandarin Oriental on Hong Kong side and The Peninsula in Tsim Sha Tsui offer famed spreads. More ideas from Time Out [here](#).

