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The 156<sup>th</sup> MPEG meeting will take place on 2026/10/17 – 2026/10/23

at Hangzhou Blossom Water Museum Hotel, No. 118 Shuibo Road, Xiaoshan District, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China

**Meeting host, organizer and registration**

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Facilities fees apply. Access to the meeting will not be refused to those who do not pay the facilities fee.

The facilities fee includes:

- meeting rooms with wireless Internet access, A/V equipment and power plugs
- a dedicated, staffed registration and information desk, as well as assistance to A/V equipment

To register for the meeting, and to see the Cancellation Policy please visit

<https://sc29agswgsmeeting.trjn.net.cn/registration> .

**Meeting Venue**

Hangzhou Blossom Water Museum Hotel

Address: No.118 Shuibo Road

Xiaoshan District, Hangzhou, Zhejiang,

China

Website: <https://sc29agswgsmeeting.trjn.net.cn/conference-location>

Located on the banks of the Qiantang River within the campus of the China Water Conservancy Museum, Hangzhou Blossom Water Museum Hotel is a part of China International Water City and in the district's 1010 Tourism Project. It has a unique courtyard style, mixing traditional details like pedestals, dougong, and large roofs, using modern ways to show diverse charm. The hotel is built to five-star conference and vacation standards. The venue is conveniently accessible from Xiaoshan

Airport, Hangzhou East Railway Station, Hangzhou South Railway Station, Hangzhou City Railway Station, the center of Hangzhou City and the West Lake.

### **Passport and Visas Information**

Currently, China is implementing 240-Hour Visa-Free Transit Policy for nationals of 55 countries. Nationals of these countries, who need to transit through China to third countries or regions, may enter visa-free through any of the designated 65 open exit-entry ports in 24 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the Central Government and stay in the permitted areas for no more than 10 days, provided that they hold valid international travel documents and onward tickets with confirmed seats and departure dates.

Visit <https://en.nia.gov.cn/n147418/n147463/c183412/content.html> to find out whether you need a visa or not.

\* For the most accurate and up-to-date information, it is advisable to check the official website and consult your embassy or consulate.

Delegates needing an invitation letter for visa purposes should register first online on the meeting registration website. You can access the link directly:

<https://sc29agswgsmeeting.trjn.net.cn/registration> .

During the registration, you are asked to provide all information needed for the letter.

If you need another kind of delivery, please let us know. An additional fee will be charged.

### **Coming to Hangzhou Blossom Water Museum Hotel:**

Reaching the conference location from Xiaoshan Airport or Hangzhou East Railway Station is straightforward and convenient, making your journey to the event smooth and stress-free.

The conference venue is 16.5 kilometers from the airport, with a variety of transportation options available to accommodate different travel preferences:

- By car or taxi: approximately 22 minutes.
- Public transit: Take Metro Line 19 from Hangzhou International Airport Station to Gengwen Road Station; the journey takes around 25 minutes.

Daily morning and afternoon shuttle services between the venue and the metro station will be provided throughout the conference for all delegates not staying at the conference hotel during 17 October and 23 October.

If you take an international flight arriving in Shanghai, please take a high-speed rail from Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station to Hangzhou East Railway Station, followed by a taxi ride to the venue hotel, which takes roughly 22 minutes.

### **Social Event**

Time: on the evening of 21 October (UTC + 8).

Venue: Hangzhou Blossom Water Museum Hotel.

### **Bank Card and Payment**

The 'Guide to Payment in China' is a document issued by the People's Bank of China on May 25, 2024. The Guide primarily introduces five types of payment services: bank cards, mobile payments, cash, accounts, and digital RMB. Individuals in China can choose the payment method that best suits their habits and preferences.

The predominant method of payment is mobile payment in China, and Alipay and WeChat Pay are the largest mobile payment platforms in China. both Alipay and WeChat Pay support the binding of foreign bank cards. Visit <https://sc29agswgsmeeting.trjn.net.cn/travel-information-payment> to see details.

**Visa Card** is accepted at large supermarkets, hotels, and chain stores. However, some small restaurants, cafes, and bubble tea shops may not have POS machines and therefore cannot support bank card payments.

**Climate**

In October, Hangzhou enjoys mild and pleasant weather, with the rainy season already over, making it suitable for travel.

Average temperature is 15°C to 24°C (59 F to 75 F).

**Time Zone:** China Standard Time (CST) UTC+8.

**Electricity**

The standard voltage in China is 220 volts, 50 Hz AC with flat two-pin and three-pin plugs (Chinese national standard). The sockets are of type A and type I.

**Emergency Numbers:**

In case the worst should happen, here are the most important telephone numbers:

- Fire brigade: 119
- Police: 110
- Rescue/ambulance: 120