

# General Information

## Changchun

Changchun is the capital of Jilin province and although Changchun has been more than 200 years old, it is still a young city comparing other historical cities in China, like Xian. It is located the central part of Songliao Plain, covering a total area of 20,571 square kilometers (about 8,012 square miles). Being the capital city of Jilin Province with a population of more than 6 million, it is one of the major cities in Northeast China and is the largest center for China's automotive industry. If territory of China is in a shape of rooster, therefore Changchun is one eye of this huge rooster. You can imagine its important position. Changchun has long, cold winters with the temperature dropping as low as -30 °C; there is little snow, but the city is very windy and the air is dry. The present Changchun is charming city with several fine names which can give you a general impression of this big city.

Spring City of Northland: Changchun is of monsoon climate, locating in the transitional belt from wet area to sub-dry area. The four seasons varies a lot and the climate is rather pleasant, therefore Changchun is honored Spring City of Northland

Forest City: Woods, forest, people, city interweave together to show you a distinctive characteristic of Changchun. 39% of Changchun ground has been clothed with greenage, which makes Changchun one of top cities in this aspect. Green plants in and around Changchun make the city become a big oxygen bar, providing people to enjoy real fresh air.

Barn: Spring is dry and windy; summer is wet and rainy; autumn is sunny and cool; winter is cold. Generally speaking rain and heat come in the same season. Besides, favorable climate and enough sunshine provide very good condition for the growth of crops. Changchun teems with corn and soybean; therefore, it is praised as barn.

City of Automobiles: Changchun is the cradle of Chinese automobile industry, a famous auto city in China. On July 13, 1956, a truck branded with Jiefang was produced, which opened a new age for Chinese auto industry. This truck was the first automobile entirely made by Chinese. Famous and Changchun International Automobile Fair makes Changchun a real City of Automobiles.

City of Films: Changchun Film Studio was the first one after the found of People's Republic of China. It is praised as the cradle of Chinese film industry. For dozens of years, a great many excellent domestic films and dubbed films were produced here which gained a good fame for Changchun Film Studio both at home and abroad. As a calling card of Changchun, ceremonious Changchun Film Festival has enhanced its honor.

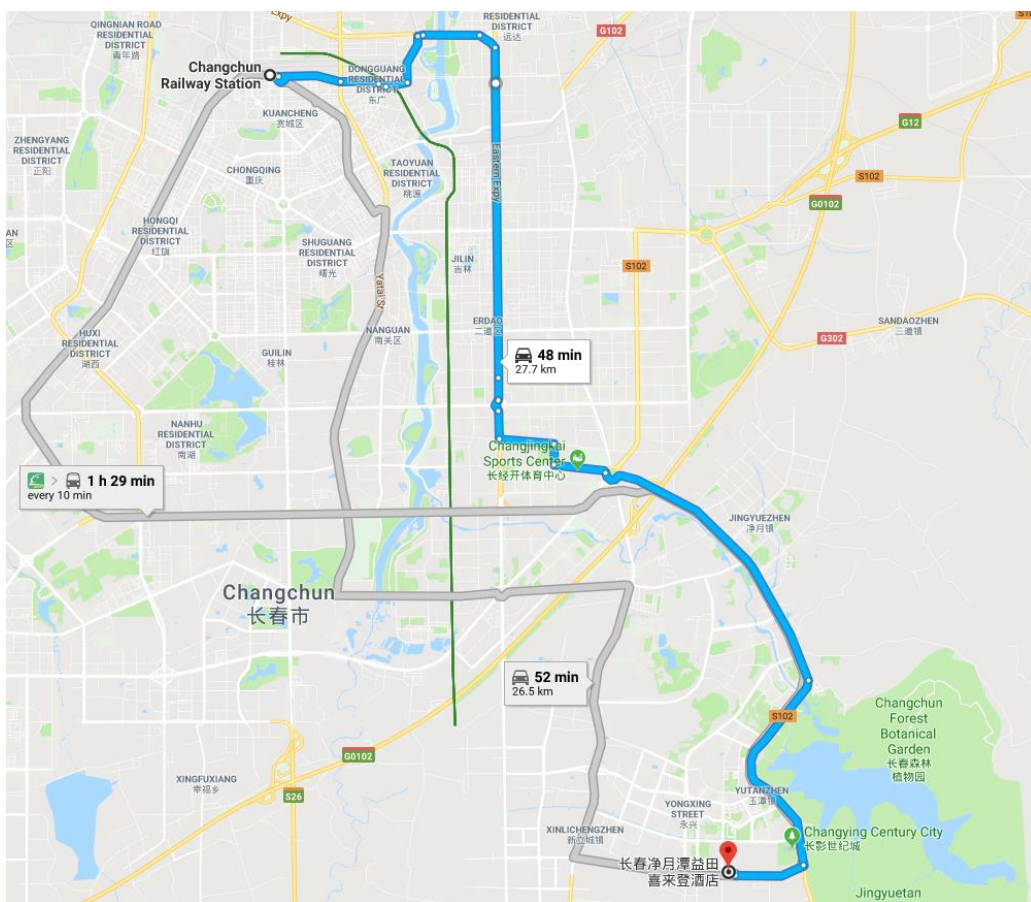
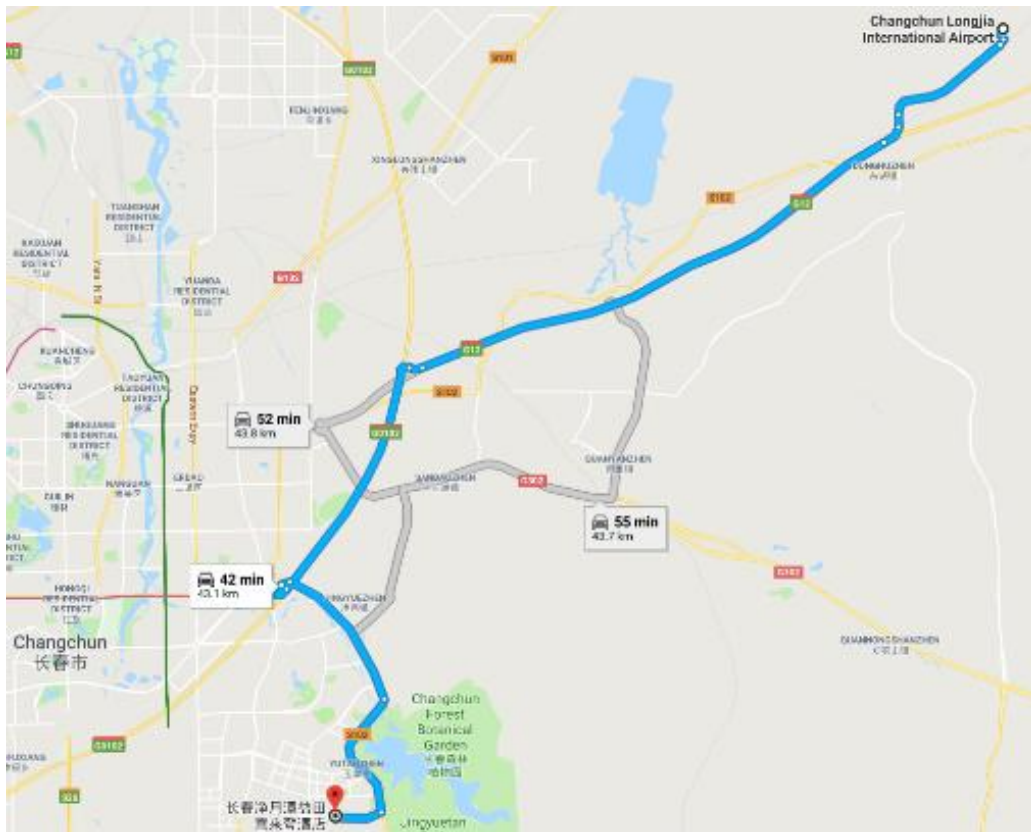
## Hotel Information

- **Sheraton Changchun Jingyuetan Hotel as the IEEE ICMA 2018 official hotel**

The Sheraton Changchun Jingyuetan Hotel is located at the intersection of Wu Tong Street and Ding Er Shi Er Road in the Jingyuetan Tourism Economic Development Zone. Easily accessible via metro, Sheraton Changchun Jingyuetan Hotel is just 18 kilometers from the city center and 19 kilometers from the Changchun Railway Station. Additionally, Changchun Longjia International Airport (CGQ) is 37 kilometers away.



- The way to IEEE ICMA 2018 Conference site



➤ It takes about one hour by taxi from Changchun Railway Station and Changchun Longjia International Airport to IEEE ICMA 2018 Conference site.



## Attractions

### ● Changbai Mountains

The Changbai Mountains Nature Reserve in east Jilin Province should be the first natural scenery of Jilin Province. Because there are a lot of white pumices and snow on the chief mountain-"Bai Tou Shan", it got its name "Changbai Shan". To the people of north China, Changbai Mountains is a "Mother Mountain", because it is not only the origin of Manchu, but also the cradle of Songhua, Tumen and Yalu rivers. It is the supporting living environment of diverse northeast generations. Now, this "Holy Mountain" has been a protection screen for the eco- environment of some northeast areas. The Tianchi Lake is the most famous spot of Changbai Mountains which was formed by the volcano. Because of its high elevation (height above sea level 2194 meters), people called it "Lake of Heaven".



### ● Xiang Hai

Another nature preserve in Jilin is Xianghai on the edge of the Songliao Plain and in Tongyu County in eastern Horqin Grassland. This preserve contains more than 100 swamps of varying sizes, a wide variety of fish, more than 250 different herbal plants, and a wide variety trees. Xianghai Nature Reserve is the natural habitat for 293 kinds of precious birds, including six breeds of cranes. The idyllic prairie and the local Mongol folklore combine to make this bird watching place a very fascinating place.



### ● Imperial Palace of Puppet Manchurian State

Pu Yi, the last Emperor of the Qing Dynasty, lived in Chang Chun, the capital city of Jilin, in an Imperial Palace for 14 years (1931 - 1945). This luxurious palace, which also was the administrative departments of the 'Puppet Manchurian Government', has hills, gardens, ponds, swimming pools, and various other forms of recreational facilities. The architecture and design of this 12-hectare (30-acre) palace is a worthy site to visit for its beauty and unique historical importance. Photographs of the emperor, his weddings, wives, parents, and English teacher are on display in the museum.



## Weather

The climate of Changchun is in the transition belt between the eastern humid hilly region and the western semiarid flat region, a continental sub humid monsoon climate of medium latitudes.

The east and the south are not far away from the sea, yet Changbai Mountain obstructs and slacks down summer monsoon; the west and the north are the flat Songliao Plain, continental polar airs from Siberia proceed without hindrance and various monsoons have serious effect here.

So the climate characteristics here are: it is very long and extremely cold in winter; it is dry and windy in spring; it is very short and warm in summer; and it is sunny and cloudless but the difference in temperature is very large in autumn. Usually, the maximum temperature 33°C in August and the minimum temperature -29°C in February. Annual temperature changes significantly, with distinctive four seasons.

The best time for traveling is in summer and autumn.

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Daily	-13	-8	1	12	21	25	29	27	20	12	0	-10
Nightly	-25	-22	-11	0	7	14	18	18	9	0	-11	-21

## Transportation

### ● Changchun Longjia International Airport

Changchun Longjia International Airport, is around 35 km east of Changchun's city center. The airport is large and clean, and passengers can find standard amenities such as restaurants, cafes, shops, lounges, credit card acceptance, etc. The major routes throughout the day are to domestic destinations Shanghai (2:20h) and Beijing (1:40h). There are also some international flights to various destinations in Korea (Seoul; ICN - with Asiana) and Japan (Nagoya with CZ).

From the airport there are some regular coach services (RMB 20 each way) available to the center (e.g. People's Square). The travel time takes around 45 minutes. A Taxi to/from the city costs RMB 80-100 including the toll.

### ● Public Bus Service

Changchun has an extensive bus network and most of the buses cost only RMB 1. However, if those who can't read Chinese will find it nearly impossible to use the network as the signage is all in Chinese characters. Most buses go to the bus station outside the train station, and other central areas such as Guilin Lu Chongqing Lu and Hongqi Jie. Be aware that the buses are often extremely crowded and especially uncomfortable during the hot summers as there is no air conditioning.

Taxis are cheaper than most in other Chinese cities and the fare starts at RMB 5 up to 2.5km, then RMB 2 per kilometer respectively. Changchun has lots of one-way streets, so don't panic if it seems your driver is lapping the block.

## Useful Information

- **Language:** Official language is Mandarin and most people also use their local dialect. The standard spoken Chinese is Putonghua. English can be understood by many young people and is used in hotels and big restaurants. In all tourist hotels, staff can speak in English, Japanese and other languages. They can also write down addresses or instructions in Chinese for taxi drivers or others. In addition, roads in major cities are signposted in Pinyin, the official Romanization system of the Chinese characters, which makes it quite easy to get around with the help of a map.
- **Currency:** Renminbi (RMB) is the only currency to be used in China. RMB is also called Chinese Yuan. The unit of Renminbi is yuan and with smaller denominations called jiao and fen. The conversion among the three is: 1 yuan = 10 jiao = 100 fen. Paper notes are issued in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 yuan. Coins are issued in denominations of 1 yuan, 5 jiao and 1 jiao.  
Money exchanges by cash or traveler's cheques can be made at the branches of Bank of China at Changchun Longjia International Airport, hotels and tourist stores. Please remember to keep the receipt to exchange back to foreign currency when leaving China.
- **Credit Cards:** Visa, Master Card and American Express are the most commonly used in China. Cards can be used in most middle to top-range hotels, Friendship and department stores, but they cannot be used to finance your transportation costs.
- **Time:** GMT + 8 hours (the whole of China is set to Beijing time)
- **Electricity:** Electricity is 220 Volts, 50 AC; plugs can be three-pronged angled, three-pronged round, two flat pins or two narrow round pins.
- **Water:** Bottled mineral water can easily be bought in all stores and street kiosks for RMB3. And sometimes hotels provide it free of charge. Furthermore, potable water is only available in a few 4 to 5 star hotels, while water in thermos flasks in rooms is usually non-potable tap water.
- **Measurement:** In Metric system
- **Tipping:** Tipping is not customary outside of the foreign joint-venture hotels and is officially discouraged. But hotel bellboys usually expect RMB 2 – 5 per bag.
- **Attention:** Smoking is prohibited in public places in Changchun, such as hospitals, office buildings, theatres, cinemas, museums, planes, and trains
- **Emergency telephone number:** 110 - Police; 119 – Fire; 120 – Ambulance

# Conference Information

## Conference Venue

IEEE ICMA 2018 will be held in the city of Changchun, at Sheraton Changchun Jingyuetan Hotel, Changchun, which serves as both the official conference hotel and the venue for the technical program.





## ***Location of Sheraton Changchun Jingyuetan Hotel***



## ***Chinese Address Cards***

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### **Sheraton Changchun Jingyuetan Hotel**

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## Conference Registration

A conference registration desk will be set up and opened near the Room 2 of 1<sup>th</sup> Floor of Sheraton Hotel from August 5 (13:30) to August 8 (11:00) as followings.

August 5, 2018: 13:30 ~ 18:30 (near the Room 2 of 1<sup>th</sup> Floor)

August 6, 2018: 07:30 ~ 18:00 (near the Room 2 of 1<sup>th</sup> Floor)

August 7, 2018: 08:00 ~ 18:00 (near the Room 2 of 1<sup>th</sup> Floor)

August 8, 2018: 08:00 ~ 11:00 (near the Room 2 of 1<sup>th</sup> Floor)

## Internet Access

Free internet access will be provided during the conference period, to the IEEE ICMA 2018 participants at the Conference Room on 1<sup>th</sup> floor and -1<sup>th</sup> floor of Sheraton Hotel, Changchun. Broadband internet access services are also provided at the conference hotel for a fee. For the fee information, please contact the hotel you are staying directly.

# Social Events

The social events organized by the IEEE ICMA 2018 include the conference reception, the awards banquet, the conference registration, the farewell party, etc.

## Conference Reception

The Conference Reception will be held from 17:30 to 18:30 on August 5, 2018 in Conference Room 2, 1F of Sheraton Hotel (长春净月潭益田喜来登酒店 1 楼 2 会议室). All the Conference participants are welcomed to join this event.

## Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet will be held from 18:00 to 21:00 on August 7, 2018 in Yitian Convention Center, 1F, **Sheraton Changchun Jingyuetan Hotel** (长春净月潭益田喜来登酒店、1 楼益田会议中心). All the conference participants are welcomed to join this event.

## Farewell Party

The Farewell Party will be held from 12:30 to 13:30 on August 8, 2018 in Conference Room 2, 1F of Sheraton Hotel (长春净月潭益田喜来登酒店 1 楼 2 会议室). All the conference participants are welcomed to join this event.