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Dear participants,

Finally the analysis school will start within two weeks!
Here are some practical information for you.

* A reminder first --- please register your computing account (if you have not yet done so) to <http://hep1.phys.ntu.edu.tw/cmsdas2012/account.html>
If you have registered, you should already get the account from our system manager Mr. Lin. If not, please let us know as soon as possible!

* If you are one of the facilitators, and will arrive early on Sep/10, you can already come to the physics department in the afternoon of Sep/10 and find most of us. We have booked a meeting room (R312) for preparation works [so call the pre-workshop]. You can stay/work here and go through the exercises again, check out the network connections and so on, or just have a coffee together. For the location of physics department, please see the information below.

* On the first day (Sep/11) we will setup a desk for registration. Please pay your registration fee (and/or banquet ticket) in TWD(= new taiwan dollar, NTD) CASH to our secretaries on the first day. The typical exchange rate is 30 TWD = 1 USD or 40 TWD = 1 Euro, but please exchange them before your arrival.

- The registration fee is 4000 TWD, which covers the cost for lunches, coffee/tea breaks, and the reception on the first day. If you are invited facilitator/speaker, you do not need to pay for the registration fee, we will cover this part for you.

- The Taipei 101 banquet ticket is 2000 TWD. If you have selected this option in your registration you will get a red envelop with an invitation card for the dinner. Since this is the additional social event, everyone has to pay for the ticket.

* The DAS will be held at the physics department & center of condense matter building, at the main campus of National Taiwan University. It's the building #33 on the map given below, left-top corner, just next to the sports center. Actually it's also the tallest building (14 levels) in the campus. You will not miss it.

Map: http://www.ntu.edu.tw/about/document/ntumap_all_img.jpg
Legend: http://www.ntu.edu.tw/about/document/ntumap_all_txt.jpg

Full pdf version (6Mb!) is here:
http://www.ntu.edu.tw/about/document/ntumap_all.pdf

- If you are staying in the Howard international house, it's just cross the street (heading north-west from the physics department).

- The Leader hotel is on campus --- it's the building #22, at the bottom of the map (north of the roundabout, just below the MingChuan elementary school).

- If you booked the on-campus dorm, it's the building #21, north of the Leader hotel and the elementary school.

* How to get here (if you did not arrange a pick up service):

If you arrive Taipei Taoyuan internal airport, which is about 1 hour drive from Taipei city. Here are the possible public transportations:

- Bus --- there are many buses, which will take you to the Taipei main station directly. The fare is around 150 TWD, and will take about 1 hour. You can check this for more details: <http://www.taoyuan-airport.com/english/Publish.jsp?cnid=100150>
Many bus companies have this connection (just follow the direction and buy a ticket from the counter), so almost every 10~15 mins there will be a bus departure from the airport to Taipei main station.

- Taxi --- you can always take the taxi directly from the airport. The fare is around 1200~1500 TWD. More information are available at <http://www.taoyuan-airport.com/english/Publish.jsp?cnid=1218>

- High-speed rail --- although this will be the fastest way, but this is not so recommended if you have a luggage (require 2 transfers). In principle you can take the transfer bus to the high speed rail station (~25 mins), and take the HSR for 15 mins to arrive Taipei main station.

After arriving Taipei main station, you can transfer with the Metro to NTU. You will have to follow the sign for Metro first (which is not too close from the bus stop), and buy a token (20 TWD) from the vending machine at the Metro station. Please take the green line (direction: Xindian) to the Gongguan station directly (which is on the NTU map as well, very close to the Leader hotel and the dorm). The duration from Taipei main station to Gongguan station is about 10 mins.

The Metro route map is available here:
<http://english.trtc.com.tw/ct.asp?xItem=1056373&CtNode=49780&mp=122032>

Remarks: don't stop at the NTU hospital station --- please continue to the Gongguan (NTU main campus) station. The orange line also runs at the same platform, but don't take it.

Surely you can also take the taxi from the Taipei main station to your hotel or NTU directly. The cost should be around 120~180 TWD.

If you arrive Taipei at the SongShan airport (if you are from Korea, China, or HongKong), it will be very easy. Just take the taxi (it's won't cost too much since the SongShan airport is already in the Taipei city), or take the Metro Brown line (direction: Taipei Zoo) to Technology building station. This station is about 20 mins walk from the physics department (but this is not so recommended if you have a luggage).

* Other travel information is available at
<https://indico.cern.ch/internalPage.py?pageld=0&confld=176245>

Look forward to see you soon in Taipei!

Best regards,
Jack