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Title: First Call for IRG Meeting #65 (2025-10-13/17, Guangzhou, China)

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This is the First Call for IRG Meeting #65, which will take place in Guangzhou, China, and will be conducted in hybrid fashion, with both in-person and remote attendees.

#### **Meeting Time**

2025-10-13 (Monday) through 2025-10-17 (Friday) from 9AM to 5PM CST (China Standard Time; GMT+8)

#### **Meeting Host & Location**

IRG Meeting #65 will be hosted by Jinan University's College of Chinese Language and Culture (暨南大学华文学院) located in Guangzhou (广州), China. The meeting will take place in the Xiangjiang Tea Room of Jinan University's College of Chinese Language and Culture (暨南大学华文学院香江茶室).

#### **Meeting Logistics**

See document IRG N2754R for additional meeting logistics, such as the on-site contact person, registration form (**Microsoft Excel attachment**), hotel information, transportation information, visa applications, and other useful information. Remote attendees will join the meeting via Webex. **Please confirm attendance—in person or remote—no later than 2025-09-13.** 

### **Meeting Registration**

Please note that foreigners from 54 specific countries seem to be eligible for visa-free transit of up to 240 hours (10 days), and that foreigners from 38 specific countries seem to be eligible for visa-free entry of up to 30 days. In-person meeting attendees who require a visa have the following two options:

The easiest option, as described on pp 1 and 2 of document IRG N2754R, is to request an invitation letter by providing to Ms. HUANG Yu (黄瑜) of Jinan University's College of Chinese Language and Culture the following information **no later than 2025-07-17** (the school is on Summer break after that date):

- 1. Name
- 2. Gender
- 3. Nationality
- 4. Affiliation
- 5. Travel Document Number
- 6. Intended Period of Stay

Another option is to request an invitation letter from China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) by providing to Ms. CHEN Xiaoyan (陈晓研) of CESI (中国电子技术标准化研究院) the following information **no later than 2025-08-29**:

- 1. Name
- 2. Gender
- 3. Nationality
- 4. Affiliation

- 5. Title (Duty)
- 6. Passport Number
- 7. First Time to China (Yes/No)
- 8. Photo of Passport

Please note that invitation letters from MIIT require a centralized application and formal approval process, which may take considerable time. To prevent delays with your visa application, the meeting host strongly recommends that you confirm with your institution and local authorities whether an MIIT letter is strictly required, and that you consider the first option of requesting an invitation letter from the meeting host, Jinan University.

IRG Meeting #65 attendees are encouraged to download and install the latest Webex desktop app. Note that a Webex account is not necessary to join the meeting, but meeting attendees are encouraged to specify their name in Latin script so that they can be identified. A free Webex mobile app can also be found in the Apple and Android app stores.

#### The IRG Meeting #65 registration deadline is 2025-09-13

## Meeting Schedule & Agenda

The IRG Meeting #65 schedule and agenda has been posted as document IRG N2815, which will continue to be updated prior to and during the meeting.

#### **Document Submission Deadline**

The deadline for submitting documents for IRG Meeting #65 is **2025-09-26**, which is two weeks prior to the meeting. Several document numbers have been pre-assigned in the IRG document register. For new documents, please contact the Convenor to request a document number.

That is all