FOCUS GROUP ON TECHNOLOGIES FOR NETWORK 2030

Subgroup(s):	N/A	Hong-Kong, China, 19-20 December 2018

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Source:	ITU/TSB
Title:	Second meeting of the ITU-T Focus Group Technologies for Network 2030 (FG NET2030), 19-20 December 2018 Hong-Kong, China.
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1   The second meeting of the ITU-T Focus Group on Technologies for Network 2030 (FG NET2030) is scheduled to take place **from 19 to 20 December 2018 in Hong Kong, China**, kindly hosted by Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

2   Participation in FG NET2030 is open to ITU Member States, Sector Member, Associates and Academia. It is also open to any individual from a country which is a member of ITU and who is willing to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members or representatives of interested standards development organizations.

3   The meeting will open at **09:30** on **19 December 2018** at **Hong Kong Polytechnic University, 11 Yuk Choi Rd, Hung Hom, Hong Kong** (block TU201).

Participants check-in will begin at 08:00 hours. No registration fee is required for participating in this meeting. The discussions will be held in English only.

The meeting will be preceded by **the Second ITU workshop on Network 2030** to take place on **18 December** at the same location. Participation is open to everybody with no fees. More information is available at:https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/20181218/Pages/default.aspx

4   To enable ITU to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the Focus Group meeting, please **register** via the online at

https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Registration.aspx?Event=C-00005373 as soon as possible, but **not later than 10 December 2018**. Please note that registration of participants to the meeting is carried out exclusively online. To easily provide you with any updates concerning the meeting planning, please provide a valid e-mail address.

5   Information related to the meeting and the items for discussion at the meeting will be made available on the Focus Group web page: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/net2030. Please note that an ITU or Guest account is required to access some of the documents. A Guest account can be obtained at https://www.itu.int/en/ties-services/Pages/default.aspx.

6   In preparing documents, please use the basic template for the FG documents available from the Focus Group web page.

Participants shall submit input documents in electronic format to ITU (tsbfgnet2030@itu.int).
In order to permit participants to prepare for the meeting, the proposed **deadline for document submission** for this meeting is **9 December 2018**. Please note that this is a paperless meeting.

7   For practical information please refer to Annex A of this document.

8   We would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in China. The visa must be requested and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing China in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Please be aware that visa approval might take time so kindly make your visa request as soon as possible.

Should you require a personal letter of invitation for your business visa application, please contact Ms. Carmen Au at carmen.au@polyu.edu.hk.

Annex A

**Second meeting of Focus Group on Technologies for Network 2030
(19-20 December 2018) and Second Workshop on Network
2030 (18 December 2018)**

Practical information

1   Workshop and Meeting venue

Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) 香港理工大學

Address: 11 Yuk Choi Rd, Hung Hom Hong Kong

Block: TU201

Website: https://www.polyu.edu.hk/web/en/home/index.html

2   Getting to PolyU

MTR
- Head for Hung Hom Station on the East Rail Line, then take the footbridge at Exit A1 to reach our main campus. (Please refer to MTR for interchange information)

Buses
- For public buses that run through the Cross Harbour Tunnel - get off at the stop at the entrance/exit of the Tunnel on the Kowloon side. (Details of bus routes are available from Kowloon Motor Bus and Citybus and New World FirstBus)

Taxis
- Pick-up and drop-off at the entrance on Cheong Wan Road.

For the campus map with the routing from different entrances to the meeting venue (TU201), please consult Annex B.

3   Local Host Focal Point:

For any questions related to venue and **visa invitation letter**, please contact Ms Carmen Au at carmen.au@polyu.edu.hk.

4   Recommended Hotels near the event Venue

➢ **InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong**
Address: No. 70 Mody Road, Tsimshatsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Website: https://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/us/en/hong-kong/hkghb
➢ **Hotel ICON**
Address: 17 Science Museum Road Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Website: https://www.hotel-icon.com
➢ **Park Hotel Hong Kong**
Address: 61–65 Chatham Road South, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Website: https://www.parkhotelgroup.com/en/hongkong

5   Arrival and transportation

Participants are in charge of their own transportation and booking of accommodation. The airport express shuttle bus goes to Kowloon station. The shuttle bus runs between the Kowloon station and major hotels, including the recommended hotels above.

— Route K3: InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong and Hotel ICON
— Route K4: Park Hotel

Please visit the below website for more details:
http://www.mtr.com.hk/en/customer/services/complom_free_bus.html.

6   Visa formalities for entering Hong Kong

Nationals of about 170 countries and territories may visit Hong Kong without a visa/entry permit for a period ranging from 7 days to 180 days. For more information on visa/entry permit requirements for visitors to the HKSAR, you may refer to the "Visit Visa / Entry Permit Requirements for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" webpage or the pamphlet "Do you need a visa for the HKSAR?" (ID290). More information is available at the Hong Kong Immigration Department at https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit_transit.html.

7   Currency and exchange

The official currency of Hong Kong is HKD, while the official currency of China is CNY.

8   Opening hours

Banks are normally open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on weekdays, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday. The grocery shops are normally open from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm.

9   Recommended Vaccinations

Nil.

10   Climate

It begins to turn to winter in mid-December, with dry and clear weather. Average low and high temperatures are 16 °C (61 °F) and 20 °C (68 °F). You may wish to know more about the local climate at Hong Kong Observatory's homepage.

11   Local time

Hong Kong, GMT +8.

12   Telecommunications

The area code is +852.

13   Voltage

The voltage is 220 V.

14   Internet connectivity

WiFi Internet access will be available to participants during the meeting.

15   Information about the city

Top 10 attractions in Hong Kong: http://www.discoverhongkong.com/uk/see-do/highlight-attractions/top-10/index.jsp

Annex B

Campus map with the routing from different entrances to the meeting venue (TU201)

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