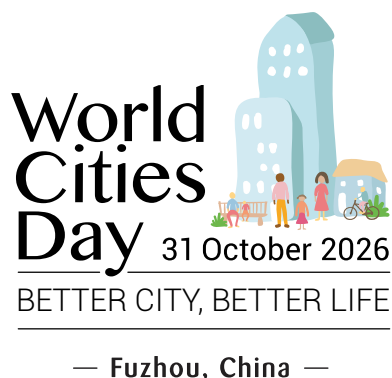




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INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Global Observance of World Cities Day

Date: 31 October – 2 November 2026

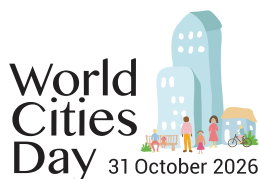
Venue: Fuzhou Strait International Conference and Exhibition Center

This note provides important information on the Global Celebration of World Cities Day (WCD) and is intended to help participants plan their visit and maximize their experience. Participants are requested to read the information carefully, and do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding your attendance.

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VENUE

The conference will be taking place at the “[Fuzhou Strait International Conference and Exhibition Center](#)” located in Fuzhou City, China.



Fuzhou Strait International Conference and Exhibition © Courtesy by Fuzhou City

REGISTRATION AND BADGING

Registration

Participants are encouraged to register for the event through the UN-Habitat Global Events Management System, using the link provided: [UN-Habitat GEMS](#). Badges will be issued upon arrival at the registration desk, which will be located in the event lobby at the WCD entrance. All participants are asked to bring their passport or equivalent national identity card (with photo) to obtain their badge used during online registration.

Participants are asked to wear their badge during the entire meeting, and to show their badge upon request. Please register before 26 October 2026, at 18:00 (UTC +03:00, EAT) prior to your arrival [here](#) if not yet done.

Broadcasting

The Global Observance of World Cities Day will be broadcasted on UN Web TV, and the relevant links will be available on the World Cities Day [webpage](#).

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE AND FACILITIES

Language

The conference related events will be held in Chinese with simultaneous translation into, English, French and Spanish. International Sign Language will be provided.

Conference Facilities

All conference facilities and meeting rooms are equipped with WIFI.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Airport

Fuzhou Changle International Airport serves as the main international gateway to Fuzhou, the capital of Fujian Province in eastern China. Please note that power banks carried on domestic flights in China must bear a clear and intact 3C (CCC) certification mark. Power banks without the 3C mark, with an illegible or damaged mark, or from recalled batches are not permitted. Power banks must be carried in hand luggage only and may not be checked in. They must also meet the applicable rated energy requirements and must not be used during the flight.

Upon arrival, participants will find a World Cities Day information desk where staff will be available to provide guidance and assistance with the arrival process. At port of entry to China, international visitors are required to fill out an arrival card (electronic – use existing tablets where available), please have the hotel details and departure ticket with you as this information is required. Participants are strongly encouraged to book their flights as early as possible to ensure availability.

Baggage

Each participant is responsible for their own luggage at all times. If you arrive from an international flight, and change to a local flight luggage must be picked up, and you need to check in for the domestic flight again. It is recommended that luggage be clearly labelled and closely monitored to avoid loss or confusion. Participants should also ensure that they have collected all personal items before leaving the airport terminal.

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ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS

Important Reminder

Visa policies are subject to change. Participants are advised to check the latest entry requirements with the Chinese embassy or consulate in their country or region as early as possible and apply for a visa to China in a timely manner.

For detailed visa requirements and online visa application, please visit:

<https://consular.mfa.gov.cn/VISA/>

For more information regarding the visa regulations, please visit the website of the Department of Consular Affairs of the People's Republic of China:

<https://cs.mfa.gov.cn/wgrlh/lhqz/>

Required Documents

If an official invitation letter issued by the organizer is required for your visa application, please send the following documents to worldcitiesday2026@163.com. Please note that the approval process for an official invitation letter may take some time. Participants are therefore strongly advised to submit the required documents as early as possible to avoid any delay in attending the event.

- A copy of the bio-data page of the invitee's valid passport, together with the information page of their most recent Chinese visa and the pages showing entry and exit stamps.
- Brief description of the invitee's itinerary in China, arrival and departure dates, and place of visit.
- Official registration documents of the invitee's organization, together with a certificate of employment issued by the organization or a brief personal background/profile demonstrating the invitee's international standing or influence.

Once you have received your visa, kindly complete the [entry declaration form](#) in advance. This will help facilitate a smoother arrival process and reduce the time spent completing the form at the airport. We recommend completing the form before your departure and ensuring that all information provided is accurate and up to date. Please keep a copy of the completed form, either printed or saved on your mobile device, and have it readily available throughout your journey and upon arrival, should it be required by the relevant authorities.

If you encounter any difficulties during the visa application process or require any other assistance, please contact us at the email address above.

Participants who do not receive a formal invitation letter are kindly informed that the accreditation confirmation issued through the UN-Habitat Global Events Management System serves only as confirmation that your registration has been received. Please note that this confirmation alone does not confirm your eligibility to apply for a visa, nor does it confirm your eligibility to participate in person at the event in Fuzhou.

ACCOMMODATION

Sheraton Fuzhou Hotel, Jeurong Hotel, Juchunyuan Exhibition Hotel, and Holiday Inn Fuzhou Exhibition Center are the main designated hotels for the event, offering a comfortable and enjoyable stay, with quality services, essential amenities and convenient access to the venue.

Accommodation at these designated hotels will be arranged by the host city for the confirmed invitees.

Self funded participants can check in at the designated hotels and are responsible for arranging their own accommodation fees with the hotel upon check-in.

Fuzhou organizing team can be contacted by worldcitiesday2026@163.com

TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation

Participants may use various modes of public transportation, including taxis, buses, and trains.

Taxis

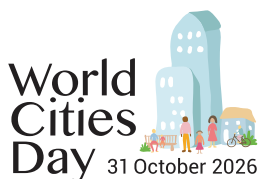
It is recommended to use only officially recognized taxis, which are equipped with meters. Always ensure the meter is used during your journey. If a driver refuses to use the meter, please exit the vehicle and select another taxi.

Car Hire

Only registered car hire services found inside the airport should be used for private transportation.

SECURITY

The safety and security situation in major cities and towns in China, including Fuzhou, is considered calm and stable. Current security arrangements are adequate for participants to reside and conduct their activities. No significant security-related incidents have been reported in recent years involving tourists.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Fuzhou

Fuzhou is the capital of Fujian, with a permanent population of 8.5 million. It is located on the southeast coast of China. It is a nationally renowned historic and cultural city and a hub for the core area of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. The city has received numerous honors, including the First Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities (Shanghai Award), International Wetland City, International Friendship City Award for Outstanding Contribution and National Innovative Pilot City.

Language

Mandarin is the official language and the most widely used across the country.

Climate

Between late October and early November, Fuzhou experiences a transition from summer to autumn, characterized by high temperature and moderate rainfall. Throughout the day temperatures can rise to about 26°C. At night, they generally drop to 18°C.

Participants are advised to bring suitable clothing for rainy and cool conditions.

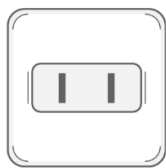
Time zone

China official time is 8 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC +08:00)

Electricity supply

China uses three types of plugs:

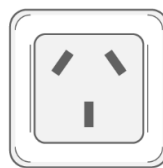
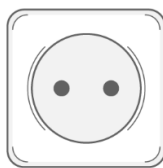
- Type A (two flat parallel pins, ungrounded)
- Type C (two round pins)
- Type I: (Three flat pins in triangular configuration)



Type A



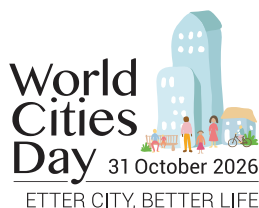
Type C



Type I



It operates on a 220-230V supply voltage and 50Hz. Participants are advised to bring the necessary adapters and converters for their devices. The use of voltage regulators or stabilizers is also recommended, according to the specifications of electronic equipment, to ensure proper functioning.



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Currency Exchange

The official currency of China is referred to as the Chinese yuan (CNY) and renminbi (RMB), which translates to "People's Currency".

Please note that exchange rates are determined on a daily basis and may fluctuate multiple times throughout the day. The current exchange rates are as follows:

USD 1.0 = CNY 6.86

EUR 1.0 = CNY 7.99

Participants are advised to exchange their currency **at the airport upon arrival**, as currency exchange in China are generally conducted at banks. A valid passport is required when exchanging money. Please be advised that there are no independent foreign exchange outlets in mainland China. While ATMs are widely available, some may not accept international cards. It is advised to use Alipay or WeChat to pay.

Mobile Communication and SIM Card Availability

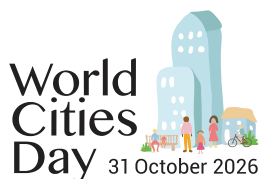
The country code for China is +86.

Participants are advised to activate international roaming for China with their mobile operator before departure or purchase a physical tourist SIM or eSim **upon arrival at Fuzhou Changle International Airport** by presenting their original passport. China offers excellent mobile phone coverage, with 4G and 5G data connections widely available. Public Wi-Fi networks are also available at various locations.

Note: Before travelling, please check with your mobile operator about international roaming rates to avoid unexpected charges.

Social Media and Communication

Please note that most social media platforms and services, including Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and Google services, are blocked in China. You will need to download **'WeChat' before travelling** to China to communicate effectively with your family, friends or colleagues at home who also need download and activate 'WeChat'. Kindly make the necessary preparations in advance.



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HEALTH SERVICES AND INSURANCE

Insurance

The organizers are not responsible for the medical, accident, and travel insurance. Participants attending the event are therefore responsible for arranging their own insurance coverage.

Participants who require regular medication are advised to bring an adequate supply for the duration of their stay, along with the relevant prescription to facilitate purchase at a local pharmacy if necessary. It is also recommended that documentation related to any specific medical condition be kept readily available in case of an emergency.

Hospitals

For any medical needs, participants can be assured that Fuzhou City offers a selection of well-established and reputable hospitals with high standards of care. In the event of illness or medical attention, it is advised to visit esteemed medical institutions due to their effective communication while facilitating a smooth and comfortable healthcare experience.

Emergency contacts

- Police: 110
- Ambulances/Medical emergencies: 120
- Fire Brigade: 119

CONTACT US

For any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us at: unhabitat-wcd@un.org and copying unhabitat-events@un.org

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