

Important Notice

After discussion, the Organizing Committee of NDRM international conference made the following important decision:

The NDRM2008 international conference, which is originally arranged at November 20-22, 2008, will be moved to May 24-26, 2009, corresponding the simplified name NDRM2008 is renamed as NDRM2009.

Considering many scientists and guests from all over the world wish to visit both Hong Kong & Sanya of China at the same journey, and the SINOROCK 2009 international conference has been approved as the International Symposium of International Society of Rock Mechanics (ISRM), therefore we decide to make such important change to meet the demand of many members after obtaining the permission from Prof. John A. Hudson, the president of NDRM.

The guests who wish to participate both SINOROCK 2009 international conference (May 19-22, 2009, at Hong Kong) and NDRM2009 international conference (May 24-26, 2009, at Sanya) can enter Hong Kong China at first, then from Hong Kong to Sanya after SINOROCK 2009 conference. (The journey from Hong Kong to Sanya is about 850 kilometers)

The guests who wish to participate NDRM2009 international conference at Sanya only could enjoy the special visa policy of Chinese government for Sanya -a famous tourist city:

1. Foreigners visiting Sanya from Japan, Singapore and Brunei need not a visa to come to Sanya;

2. "Visa-free" policy is applicable for those tourist groups composed of over 5 people from such countries as South Korea, Russia, Malaysia, the United State, Britain, Thailand, Germany, France, Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Holland, Canada, New Zealand, and so on.

3. Foreigners from countries who have diplomatic relations and trade exchanges with China can apply for a visa upon arriving in Sanya. That means: Sanya practices "Arrival Visa" Policy. You can get a visa after arriving Sanya airport.

4. Foreigners can choose to leave China from other Chinese cities.

After NDRM2009 conference, we will be happy to help you to go to Sanya airport, or help you to visit any other Chinese city.

In order to make sure every guest enjoy the scene of this bright pearl city glittering on the South China Sea, we will organize as many as possible activities which could be selected by participants. The main activities are as following:

1. Academic lectures: these lectures will be organized by Prof. P.H.S.W. Kulatilake who is a famous professor from Arizona University of the United States of America. The title of lectures is "Applications of Stereographic Projections, Block Theory and Limit Equilibrium Analyses for Surficial and

Underground Rock Excavations ”

2. Two days tour of Beautiful Sanya
3. One day tour of Asia BOAO Forum

The detailed plan and arrangements about NDRM2009 international conference will be informed at year 2008, please pay close attention to our website: www.ndrm2008.cn

The Organizing Committee and Secretary-General will still work for you, the mailing address and E-mail address for contacting us are not changed, It is still effective for those authors who have already sent their abstracts or papers and registered with us, no need to sent or register once again. Meanwhile, we welcome other authors continuously sent your abstracts to us, or register with us.

We apologize for the inconvenience due to the change of the date of NDRM2008 international conference.

Thanks for your attention.

The Organizing Committee of NDRM 2009

November 25, 2007

Important Dates

The followings are the important dates of NDRM2009 international conference; please pay close attention to them.

The NDRM2009 international conference will be held at **May 24-26, 2009**

Submit Abstract: As soon as possible and must before **September 1, 2008**

Submit Final Manuscript: **November 30, 2008**

Notice of the final acceptance: **March 1, 2009**

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