

RCAP 2018 Newsletter

Introduction

We are eagerly looking forward to warmly receiving you in second RoboCup Asia-Pacific Competition and Symposium to be held in Kish Island, Iran 5-10 December, 2018 (www.robocupap2018.org). Kish Island is located in Persian Gulf off the southern coast of Iran, with numerous facilities, shopping centers, tourist attractions, and resort hotels.

This five-day event will be organized by the RoboCup Asia-Pacific (RCAP), Iranian RoboCup Regional Committee and Qazvin Azad University in cooperation with Islamic Azad University's vice-presidency for Research and Kish Free Zone Organization. Four Iranian banks and eight companies are the sponsors of this event which will be held on the following dates:

December 5-6: Setup

December 7-9: Competitions

December 9: Finals and Closing Ceremony

December 10: Symposium



RoboCup 2018 Symposium

The 9th joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Robotics and the 2nd RoboCup Asia-Pacific International Symposium will be held in conjunction with RoboCup Asia-Pacific Competitions on December 10, 2018 in International Exhibition of Kish, Kish Island, Iran.

The topics of interest include, but not limited to the following:

- *Artificial Intelligence*
- *Robot Hardware & Software*
- *Sensory Processing & Control*
- *Human-Robot Interaction*
- *Multi-Agent & Multi-Robot Systems*
- *Robotics & Automation Applications*

For more information on the symposium visit <http://symp.qiau.ac.ir>

Visa Information

All tourists, except citizens of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Canada, Colombia, India, Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan, Somalia, the UK, and the US, can stay in Kish Island for 14 days or less without obtaining any visa.

*At Kish International Airport, the officials will take your photograph, fingerprints, allowing you to stay up to 14 days on the Island. **It is worth mentioning that your passport will not be stamped on arrival.** You may be asked about the purpose of your visit. Make sure you bring all verification paperwork including hotel reservations with phone numbers, etc.*

Flight Information

<i>Airline</i>	<i>Flight</i>	<i>Flight Days</i>
<i>Kish Airlines</i>	<i>Dubai To Kish Island</i>	<i>The days of the Week (Time:11am)</i>
<i>Kish Airlines</i>	<i>Muscat to Kish Island</i>	<i>Saturdays</i>

All foreign teams will be sent a form and will need to provide the details of their teams' members. Based on the information provided in the forms, we will get the tickets booked for them. The price of ticket (round trip) is 699 AED (~\$190).

For more information on the details of the flights, you can call 0097 142720006 at Dubai or you can visit www.kishairlines.ir.

Safety

Iran is generally a very safe place to travel, so much so that many travelers describe it as the 'safest country I've ever been to', or 'much safer than travelling in Europe' (www.lonelyplanet.com). Iran has 21 places on the world cultural heritages list and lots of cultural tourist come to visit Iran to visit these places each year. The number of international arrivals has been steadily increasing, up from 2.2 million people in 2009 to 6 million in 2017.

Accommodation

Five Hotels in Kish Island have agreed to provide accommodation to foreign teams at reduced prices. The foreign teams will be sent a form and will need to provide the details of the members who will be staying in Kish Island. Based on the details provided in the form we will take care of the booking.

The price of hotels ranges from \$20 to \$60 per night.



Maryam Hotel



Sadaf Hotel



Vida Hotel



Iran Hotel



Kish International Hotel

Iranian Cuisine

Typical Iranian main dishes are combinations of rice with meat, vegetables, and nuts.

*Typical Iranian cuisine includes a wide variety of dishes, including several forms of kebab, stew, soup, and **pilaf** dishes, as well as various salads, desserts, pastries, and drinks.*

Khoresh is an Iranian form of stew, which is usually accompanied by a plate of white rice. A khoresh typically consists of herbs, fruits, and meat pieces, flavored with tomato paste, saffron, and pomegranate juice. Other non-khoresh types of stew such as dizi are accompanied by bread instead of rice.



Kababkoobideh: Barbecued ground lamb or beef, mixed with parsley and onion



Juje kabab: Grilled chunks of chicken; one of the most common dishes in Iran



Kabab barg: Barbecued and marinated lamb, chicken or beef.



Khoresh e qeyme: Stew with split peas, French fries, and dried lime

Electricity in Iran

In Iran the standard voltage is 220 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. You can use your electric appliances in Iran, if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa). Manufacturers take these small deviations into account. If the standard voltage in your country is in the range of 100V - 127V (as is in the US, Canada and most South American countries), you need a voltage converter in Iran. You can also consider a combined power plug adapter voltage converter.



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