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1. Introduction

RoboCup 2015 will be held in Hefei, China during July 17 to 23, 2015. This is the second time that RoboCup is held in China (after RoboCup 2008, Suzhou). On behalf of the RoboCup 2015 Organization, I would like to welcome all of you to attend the event!

In this first newsletter, we provide information you may need for your participation in the event. We can only enumerate main points of relevant issues here and emphasize some of them in italics, to which we strongly suggest your attention. Please find more and detailed information from the 2015 official website:

<http://www.robocup2015.org/>

2. Features of the Host City - Hefei

Hefei is located in the east of China, about 400 kilometers to Shanghai and 900 kilometers to Beijing. It is the capital city and the economic, political and cultural center of Anhui province. Its population is about 7.52 million. The urban area covers 11,400 square kilometers (containing the Chaohu Lake, one of the top 5 fresh lakes in China).

Hefei and two other cities (Wuhu and Ma'anshan) of Anhui province constitute the 'national robotic industry cluster region of China', which is unique currently throughout the country. Hefei is also a vice-central city of the Yangzi Delta, a most important area of China's economy around Shanghai.

3. Registration

We are using a web-based system, RegOnline, which will be released on March 1, 2015 when the early registration starts. Please note that *no team registration accepted after June 22, 2015 and there will not be on-site registration.*

Please find more information about the dates and fees of registration at <http://www.robocup2015.org/show/article/35.html> for now. There will be more instructions on registration there when RegOnline is released.

4. Visa and Invitation Letter

Participants from some countries do require a visa for China. Please find more information at <http://www.robocup2015.org/show/article/11.html>. However, we strongly suggest *consulting the Chinese embassy or consulate in your area for the exact and detailed specification of visa requirements for you*, since the requirements may be different for different countries/regions or individuals.

The participants from the countries requiring visas may need an invitation letter. The invitation letter will be sent by email to the participants at our very earliest convenience *only after your registration is COMPLETE*. Please wait patiently for the payment to be complete.

5. Accommodation

We have released a list of 14 hotels with their distances to the venue and prices for single and double rooms at <http://www.robocup2015.org/show/article/34.html>. More hotels will be released if needed (the contact information is below).

There will be shuttle buses between these hotels and the venue. However, the venue is located in a commercial and cultural district of the city and thus it is very convenient for participants to stay nearby.

You could book your room(s) in these hotels by yourself or through our service group by contacting:

Mr. Wang

Tel: 0086 -551-62626564

MB: +86-15395194597 (9:00-18:00 Beijing Time)

E-mail: travel@ahtech.com.cn

From the hotel information you may guess that the price level in Hefei is relatively low. Yes, it is the case. *You need to pay less for your accommodation in Hefei than you did in most of previous host cities.*

Please send email for any questions and/or requirements about accommodation in Hefei to travel@ahtech.com.cn or service@robocup2015.org.

6. Travel

You can find information about travel from the RoboCup 2015 official website at <http://www.robocup2015.org/show/article/19.html>. Generally, you will need a transit in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, or other cities. Please note that *typically there is only one flight from Shanghai to Hefei everyday*, since express train between the two cities is much more convenient than airplane. However, *it may not be convenient for*

foreigners to buy a ticket of express train from abroad. There are much more flights between Hefei and Beijing/Guangzhou everyday.

If you need any help for your travel, please contact

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7. Cargo

Anhui Technology Import/Export Co. Ltd is assigned by the 2015 organization to be the unique service provider for transportation of robots and other equipments for participants. Please find more details at

<http://www.robocup2015.org/show/article/33.html>

<http://www.robocup2015.org/show/article/32.html>.

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8. Field Requirements

We are collecting field requirements from all leagues through local organizing chairs of every league (please check <http://www.robocup2015.org/show/article/8.html> for contact information of local organizing chairs). The TC/OC of every league can also contact our site-setup associate chair at site_setup@robocup2015.org.

9. Contact Information

We have appointed staff responsible for organizing issues (Table 1) and will appoint more in near future.

Table 1. Contact Information

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If you have any questions for your participation in the event, please contact responsible person(s) on the list in Table 1.

Best wishes,

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on behalf of the 2015 Organization