East Asian School of Information Theory
EASIT 2014
Hong Kong
Organization

- **Organizing committee**
  - Hong Kong: Sidharth Jaggi, Chandra Nair, (CUHK)
  - Japan: ITSoc/SITA will select a committee member
  - Korea: Sae-Young Chung (KAIST)
  - Singapore: Vincent Tan (I2R), Mehul Motani (NUS)
  - Taiwan: Hsuan-Jung Su (NTU)
  - China: Ning Cai (Xidian University), Wei Kang (SEU)

- **Advisory committee**
  - Gerhard Kramer (TUM, Germany)
  - Raymond Yeung (CUHK, Hong Kong)

- **Suggested dates: Week of 6th to 12th July 2014**
  - (Immediately after ISIT Honolulu, Chinese universities summer break begins in July. NetCod 2014 late June. Concurrent with some other summer schools on IT, maybe? )

- Will use the ITSOC website as a platform.
- Subject to lecturers approval, materials/lectures available online.
Also, potential reason to hold EASIT 2015 in HK as well, immediately before/after ISIT 2015@HK. Modulo funding (to look into Croucher Summer School grant)
CUHK student dormitories

- HKD 150 pp/day (double room, shared, in I-House),
- Lecture room free (university)
  - Made a placeholder reservation in T.Y Wong Hall (seats~150-200).
- No extra charge for projector, sound system
- 2 coffee breaks and lunch – HKD 100 pp / day
- Excursion – 150 HKD
- Total cost/student participant (6 nights, 5 days) – 1550 HKD ~ 200 USD
CUHK Guest House (lecturers)

- 450 HKD pp/day (single), breakfast included
- 530-550 HKD (double), breakfast included
- 650 HKD (“superior”), breakfast included
- 5-minute walk to lecture area

**MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE (RENOVATION TBD)**
- Still, made a placeholder reservation, just in case.
Hyatt@CUHK (lecturers)

- 1300-1400 HKD pp/day (single), breakfast not included
- 15 minute uphill walk/5 minute shuttle bus ride to lecture area

Other slightly cheaper options:
- Royal Park, Sha Tin – 1100 HKD/day (with breakfast)
  - 10 minute train ride to CUHK, then walk/shuttle
- Regal Riverside, City one – 950 HKD/day (with breakfast)
  - Walk 10 minutes, 10 minute train to CUHK, then walk/shuttle.
  - Can maybe arrange for daily pickups/dropoffs.
- Marriot, Sha Tin – 1200 HKD/day (with breakfast)
  - 10 minute train ride to CUHK, then walk/shuttle
Tentative Program (Based on last year)

- 4 hour morning lectures for 5 days (Monday-Friday)
- Student posters/activities in the afternoon
- Wednesday afternoon for sightseeing or activities
- Lecturers?
  - Depending on theme (meeting tomorrow)
    - A local lecturer (Raymond?) would save some money 😊
    - Can invite 1-2 distinguished fellows as speakers to offset some costs if needed.
Estimated Cost (60 students)

- Lodging + Food + Excursion: 93k HKD ~ 12k USD
  - (Can consider a limited number of travel grants)
- Lecturers (assuming all non-local/US/Europe):
  - 14k-35k HKD (lodging) + 20-45k HKD (flight)
  - ~ 1.8k-4.5k USD (lodging) + 2.5k-6k USD (flights)
- Projector + sound system: FREE
- Joint dinner for the participants (not definite)
  - ~ 12k HKD (1.5k USD)
  - (Sponsorship required)
- **TOTAL: 16.3k-22.5k USD (excluding travel grants/dinner)**
- Proposed student cost pp (lodging+meals+excursion)
  FREE
Potential Financial Support

- CUHK graduate school – potentially, TBD Oct/Nov
- UGC grant (will be applying for 50k HKD ~ 6.5k USD to be submitted at least 9 months with at least 2 confirmed speakers – in conjunction with HK IT Soc.)
- United College Conference Sponsorship scheme
  - Apply in November. Amount unclear – tentatively say 20k HKD~3kUSD)
- INC
  - Possibly small amount

Motion: that the ITSoc support the 2013 East Asian School of Information Theory with a grant of $20K USD, to be returned on a pro-rated basis (hopefully much of it)

- Last year the grant was $20K
  - The price per student for all costs, excluding flight, was 450 EUR